Principles of Marine Resource Management
SFS 3740

Syllabus

The School for Field Studies (SFS)
Center for Marine Resource Studies (CMRS)
South Caicos, Turks & Caicos Islands

This syllabus may develop or change over time based on local conditions, learning opportunities, and faculty expertise. Course content may vary from semester to semester.

COURSE CONTENT SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Please note that this is a copy of a recent syllabus. A final syllabus will be provided to students on the first day of academic programming.

SFS programs are different from other travel or study abroad programs. Each iteration of a program is unique and often cannot be implemented exactly as planned for a variety of reasons. There are factors which, although monitored closely, are beyond our control. For example:

- Changes in access to or expiration or change in terms of permits to the highly regulated and sensitive environments in which we work;

- Changes in social/political conditions or tenuous weather situations/natural disasters may require changes to sites or plans, often with little notice;

- Some aspects of programs depend on the current faculty team as well as the goodwill and generosity of individuals, communities, and institutions which lend support.

Please be advised that these or other variables may require changes before or during the program. Part of the SFS experience is adapting to changing conditions and overcoming the obstacles that they may present. In other words, the elephants are not always where we want them to be, so be flexible!

Course Overview

"Principles of Marine Resource Management" is intended to introduce the disciplines and tools required to understand and manage marine resources. This component of the academic program at the Center for Marine Resources Studies (CMRS) makes the link between Marine Ecology and Environmental Policy. Topical areas include: fisheries management, marine conservation, fisheries enforcement, marine protected areas, coastal zone management and strategies for sustainable development.

Learning Objectives

Following this course, students should:

1. Understand the basic concepts of resource management and be able to apply that understanding to marine resources, particularly those important to the TCI
2. Have a working knowledge of the tools available for assessing the status of marine resources
3. Understand how MPAs can serve as a valuable management tool for integrated coastal management
4. Have an appreciation for the complex integration of ecological processes, socioeconomic value, and policy issues that makes managing coastal marine resources a challenge.

CMRS Research Direction

During the semester, we will use two case studies to frame our analysis and discussions, each of which addresses specific local issues. An understanding of marine ecology and resource management will be critical in framing our resource policy discussions and analysis, and will help focus our research. The two case studies are:

Case Study 1: What is the status of the marine resources that are currently considered important to the ecological and socioeconomic well-being of the TCI?

Case Study 2: Management strategies that assist in maintaining or improving the status of the marine resources in the TCI and contribute to economic development and diversification.

The focus of **case study 1** is on developing an understanding of the fundamental principles of resource assessment. This section includes fisheries biology, stock assessment, invasive species assessment, and integrated approaches to coastal management, with special emphasis on small island states such as the Turks & Caicos Islands. In **case study 2,** we focus on management strategies, with a particular focus on Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). We will investigate how MPAs can aid in the conservation and enhancement of marine resources, and will examine the planning and management of two MPAs near South Caicos.

Assessment

Assessment Item	Value (%)
Case Study I: Resource Assessment	
Stock Assessment	15
Invasive Species Exercise Data	5
Invasive Species Exercise Participation	5
Conch Assessment Paper	15
Case Study I Exam	20
Case Study II: Resource Management	
Zoning Exercise Presentation	15
Case Study II Exam	20
Participation	5
TOTAL	**100**

Stock Assessment Exercise (15%): During this desktop exercise you will be conducting a fisheries assessment (using data provided) to obtain hands-on experience with current data analysis. You will use the knowledge and skills gained from the Excel practical and the stock assessment lectures. You will be working individually on provided data and will receive an individual grade.

Invasive Species Exercise (10%): This field exercise is focused on determining the abundance of an invasive fish species, lionfish, in habitats around South Caicos. We will use visual survey methods, and note lionfish behavior, habitat associations, abundance. We will also count the number of native reef fish species observed along each transect. Fieldwork will be conducted in groups. Each group will then create, and enter their data into, a spreadsheet, which you will compare with long-term lionfish data and submit. You will receive both a group grade (based on spreadsheet) and individual grade (participation).

Conch Assessment Exercise (15%): During this field exercise, you will work in groups to employ visual survey methods outlined during the lectures to collect data on the size & age structure of the queen conch (*Lobatus gigas*) population according to habitat type around South Caicos.

You will also analyze data individually and produce an accurate and coherent scientific paper in collaboration with your group. Each group will produce a written report, and each member of the group will be required to write a part of the report. You will receive a group grade and an individual grade. You will be assessed based on your ability to write a scientific report in a coherent and logical way, as well as on data management.

Zoning exercise Presentation (15%): During this desktop exercise you will review the current marine spatial planning in place around South Caicos and suggest a newly designed system, based on the specific objectives of your stakeholder groups (such as Government fisheries Dept., Ecotourism Consultants, mass tourism consultants, Conservation NGO etc.). You will work in groups and will present your proposed plans as a group. You will receive both a group grade and an individual grade based on content, comprehension, and creativity.

Complete details of the graded assignments will be issued in a separate document.

Exams are given after each case study and are based on all aspects of the course – lectures, readings, and field exercises – during that case study.

Grading Scheme

A	95.00 - 100.00%	B+	86.00 - 89.99%	C+	76.00 - 79.99%	D	60.00 - 69.99%
A-	90.00 - 94.99%	B	83.00 - 85.99%	C	73.00 - 75.99%	F	0.00 - 59.99%
		B-	80.00 - 82.99%	C-	70.00 - 72.99%		

General Reminders

Readings: Assigned readings will be available on the student server. It is important that you read all materials before class since the volume of the material in the class requires a brisk pace. Anything contained in the readings is fair game for the exams.

Plagiarism and Cheating: Using ideas and materials of others without giving due credit is cheating and will not be tolerated. A grade of zero will be assigned to anyone caught cheating or aiding another person to cheat, either actively or passively (e.g., allowing someone to look at your exam). All assignments unless specifically stated should be individual pieces of work.

Appropriate use of technology: SFS has worked hard to provide internet access to all its staff and students. Computers and tablets are permitted in class. However, inappropriate use includes messaging, surfing, gaming or other uses not directly involved in course activities; these activities will result in the loss of this privilege.

Deadlines: Deadlines for written and oral assignments are instated for several reasons:
1. Deadlines are a part of working and academic life to which students need to become accustomed.
2. Deadlines promote equity among students.
3. Deadlines allow faculty ample time to review and return assignments before others are due.

As such, deadlines are *firm* and extensions will only be considered under the most extreme circumstances. Late assignments will incur a 10% penalty for every day that they are late. No assignments will be accepted after three days late. Assignments will be handed back to students after a one-week grading period.

Emailing assignments:
1. Word and/or Excel documents should be saved and emailed as .doc, .docx or xls. files, and must be PC compatible.
2. Word documents and excel documents for all individual assignments, exams, reports should be saved as:
   > **FirstName_LastName_Assignment**
   > E.g. John_Smith_Literature Review

   > Group assignments should be named…
   > **Group#_Assignment**
   > E.g.   Group1_DataAnalysis

3. The subject of your email should be the same as these file names.

Participation - Participation in all components of the program is mandatory, as there will be no spare time to catch up on any missed classes. Missing even one lecture or discussion can significantly affect the experience you and your classmates have while at CMRS. Within our teaching environment, there is no reason to miss classes. You will get as much out of this course as you put into it, so please dive in.
In all circumstances, we expect you to respect yourself and your fellow students.

Course Content

Type- **L:** Lecture, **FL:** Field Lecture, **FEX:** Field Exercise, **DEX:** Desk Exercise, **P:** Student Presentation, **W**: Workshop, **D**: Discussion, **GL**: Guest Lecture, **E**: Exam

Note: Dates and details, due to weather, etc., are subject to change.

No	Topics	Type	Time (hrs)	Required Readings
RM.01	**Introduction to Resource Management** -Introduction to the course -Defining resource management -Marine resources	L	1	
RM.02	**Marine Resource Use Overview and History** -History of fishing & humanity's association with the sea	L	1	**Halpern**, B. S., et al. 2008. 948–952
RM.03	**Ecosystems, Populations, & Stocks** -What does it mean to harvest sustainably? -What are fisheries populations and stocks? -Absolute & Relative abundance -Stratified sampling	L	1	Milner-Gulland, E. J., and J. M. Rowcliffe. 2007. (book pgs 2-11 Secor, D. H. 2014. Chapter Two
RM.04	**Population Dynamics: Age and Growth I** -Why does age matter -Determining age -Growth patterns	L	1	**Khan and Khan**. 2014.
RM.05	**Population Dynamics: Age and Growth II** -Why do growth data matter -Growth patterns -Growth models	L	1	**King, M. G**. 2007. Chapter 4 section 4.3 (pg. 189-211).
RM.06	**TCI Conch Fishery** -Conch fisheries overview -Conch fisheries regulations -Conch management strategies	L	1	**Lockhart et al**. (2007). 67-72.
RM.07	**TCI Lobster Fishery** -Lobster fisheries overview -Lobster fishery regulations -Lobster management strategies	L	1	
RM.08	**Population Dynamics: Reproduction** -Reproductive effort -Maturity	L	1	**King, M. G. 2007**. 2nd ed. Chapter 4 sec. 4.3.5 (pg. 211-219).
RM.09	**Population Dynamics: Recruitment & Survival** -Recruitment curves -Estimating mortality -Factors affecting recruitment & survival	L	1	**King, M. G. 2007**. 2nd ed. Chapter 4 section 4.3.6-4.4 (pg. 219-234). **Kough, A. et al.** (2013). Pg1-11.
RM.10	**Population dynamics calculations and stock production intro** -Review of population dynamics calculations -Stock-recruitment relationships -Production and surplus production	L	1	
RM.11	**Surplus Production and Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY)**	L	1	

No	Topics	Type	Time (hrs)	Required Readings
	-Stock assessment -Maximum sustainable yield -Overfishing			
RM.12	**Discussion of MSY and Sustainable Harvesting** -Discussion of the concept of MSY as a management tool -Ecosystem Based Management discussion -Consideration of other schemes of harvest and management	L	1	NOTE: Read these articles to understand pros/cons/challenges of MSY approaches. Do not need to memorize all details of articles. **Roberts** CM. 2007. **Kolding**, J., and P. A. M. van Zwieten. 2011. 267–297
RM.13	**Fishing and sampling gears, and stock identification** -Fishing and fish survey gears -Stock identification techniques: morphological, markers, tagging	L	1	**Watson**, **R., C. Revenga, and Y. Kura**. 2006. 97–102. **Begg, G. & J. Waldman**. (1999). 35-44.
RM.14	**Stock Assessment Briefing** -Explanation of exercise and applications used in resource management	L	1	
RM.15	**Stock Assessment Exercise** -Practical application of the techniques covered in stock assessment discussions	DEX	1	
RM.16	**Invasive Species I** -Ecological and economic effects of invasives -Assessment and management of invasive species	L	1	**Lodge**, D. M. et al. 2016. 453–488.
RM.17	**Global fisheries overview and data-limited fisheries assessment** -Review of fisheries issues and trends around the world -Discussion of assessing data-limited fisheries -Assessment and management of rare and endangered species	L	2	**Worm** B, Hilborn H. et al. 2009. 578-585.
RM.18	**Invasive Species II – FEX preparation** -Lionfish invasion -Effects of lionfish invasion -Assessment and management lionfish -Preparation for lionfish field exercise	L	1	**Green**, S. J., et al. Côté. 2012. **Smith**, N. S., et al. 2017. 2385–2399. Benkwitt, C. E., et al. 2017. 1255–1261.
RM.19	**Invasive Species Exercise** -Survey of lionfish abundance in habitats around South Caicos	FEX	4	
RM.20	**Ocean Pollution Management** -Causes of pollution	L	1	**Law**, K. L., and R. C. Thompson. 2014. 144–145.

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	-Concepts and strategies to manage pollution -International and regional agreements			**Wang**, J., et al. 2016. 7–17.
RM.24	**Case Study I Review: Assessing resources**	L	1	Cooper, A.B. 2006. Chapters 3-4.
RM.25	**Case Study I Exam**	E	2	
RM.21	**Introduction to Conch Field Exercise** -Introduction to methods for conch abundance estimation -Collection and analysis of conch abundance data from South Caicos waters -Interpretation and presentation of abundance data with regard to MPA effectiveness	L	1	**Medley** PAH, Ninnes CH (1999) 399-406
RM.22	**Conch Field Exercise practice run** -In-water trial of survey skills necessary to collect and record accurate data during the conch field exercise	FEX	1	
RM.23	**Conch Field Exercise** -Data collection in water of Protected Area verse Non-protected area	FEX	8	
RM.26	**Conch Exercise –Write Up** -Data analysis -Reporting findings	DEX	6	
RM.27	**Case Study I Exam Debriefing**	L	1	
RM.28	**Fisheries management introduction and simulations game** -Discussion of fisheries management -Demo: EDF catch shares game	DEX	2	
RM.29	**Aquaculture** -General concepts of aquaculture -Effects of aquaculture -Caribbean aquaculture	L	1	**Alvarez-Lajonchere**, L. and Ibarra-Castro, L. (2013) 20-29.
RM.30	**Introduction to Marine Protected Areas & Effects on Fisheries** -Defining MPAs -Protected Areas as tools for coastal resource management -Consideration of pros and cons of MPAs for fisheries	L	1	**Edgar**, G. et al. (2014). 216-220. **Cinner**, J. E., et al. 2018. E6116–E6125. Gell FR, Roberts CM. 2003. Angulo-Valdés, J. A., and B. G. Hatcher. 2010. 635–644.
RM.32	**MPA Planning & Management** -Selecting protected areas -MPA planning and management options -Data, surveillance and enforcement requirements for MPAs	L	1	**Roberts** C. et al. 2003. 215-228.

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	-Regulations pertaining to use -Baseline survey methods -Determining the success of MPAs			
RM.33	**Coastal & Marine Zoning** -Integrated Coastal Zone Management -Maintaining and improving the status of marine resources -Marine Spatial Planning -Putting MPA planning and management into practice -Discussion of Large Marine Ecosystem Management	L	1	**David**, G., et al. 2010. 323-334. Halpern, B. S., et al. 2010. 18312–18317. Heck, N., A. et al. 2017. 64–71.
RM.34	**What the Department of Environment and Coastal Resources does** -Guest presentation by DECR staff, followed by discussion	GL	1	
RM.35	**Fisheries Regulations Enforcement in the TCI (Guest presentation and discussion)** -A day in the life of an fisheries enforcement officer	GL	1	
RM.36	**Enforcement Field Exercise** -Students participate as Conservation Officers of DECR, TCI Government to enforce local regulations	FEX	2	
RM.37	**Climate Change effects on Fisheries**	L	1	**Sumaila**, U. R., et al. 2011. 449–456.
RM.38	**Zoning Exercise** -Designing plans for management of marine resources in TCI to reflect the interests of various stakeholder groups	DEX	4	
RM.39	**Natural disaster and fisheries: Hurricanes** -Fisheries sustainability as affected by natural disasters -Hurricane effects on fisheries	L	1	**Solís**, D., L. Perruso, J. del Corral, B. Stoffle, and D. Letson. 2013. 271–289. NOTE: You do not need to understand the details of the model described in this Solís paper. **Pomeroy**, R. S., B. D. Ratner, S. J. Hall, J. Pimoljinda, and V. Vivekanandan. 2006. 786–793.
RM.40	**Zoning Exercise Presentations** -Present new plans for management of marine resources in TCI based on stakeholder groups	P	2	
RM.41	**Resource Management Case Study II Review**	L	1	

No	Topics	Type	Time (hrs)	Required Readings
RM.42	**Case Study II Exam**	E	2	
RM.43	**Case Study II Exam Debriefing**	L	1	
	Total hours	66		

Reading List

*Readings in **Bold** are required.

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