

Focus Group Introductory Questions

Tonight we have invited you here to talk about your recreational activities on the coral reefs of Puerto Rico and the attributes of the coral reefs that are important to you when doing your activities on the coral reefs.

We have a couple of questions we would like to ask you before we begin our discussion.

{hand out questions and give 10 minutes to complete}

1. What recreational activities do you do on Puerto Rico’s coral reefs?

(Please check all that apply)

snorkeling SCUBA Diving fishing glass-bottom boat rides

Other (Specify) _____

2. What attributes of coral reefs in Puerto Rico are important to you when doing your recreational activities? (For each attribute, please check each activity for which the attribute is important to you)

Snorkeling	SCUBA Diving	Fishing	Glass-bottom Boat Rides	
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_____	_____	_____	_____	Coral cover – percent of sea floor covered by coral
_____	_____	_____	_____	Coral and fish diversity – number of different kinds of coral and fish
_____	_____	_____	_____	Fish abundance – amount of fish on the reefs
_____	_____	_____	_____	Water clarity/visibility – the distance you can see clearly
_____	_____	_____	_____	Opportunity to view Major Predators/Large Fauna (sharks, rays, sea turtles, manatees)
_____	_____	_____	_____	Water Quality – pollutants in water that might cause ear infections

Snorkeling SCUBA Fishing Glass-bottom
Diving Boat Rides

_____ _____ _____ _____ Coast development – percentage of coastal development on coastline near where coral reefs are located

_____ _____ _____ _____ Marine Protected Areas – where you can to snorkeling, SCUBA diving and glass-bottom boat rides, but cannot fish or take things

_____ _____ _____ _____ Waters ports Zoning – exclusion of personal watercraft (jet skis and wave runners) from coral reef areas

_____ _____ _____ _____ Number of other users on the coral reefs

_____ _____ _____ _____ Opportunity to view Major Predators/Large Fauna (sharks, rays, sea turtles, manatees)

_____ _____ _____ _____ Water Quality – pollutants in water that might cause ear infections