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**Purpose:** Stakeholder use information, as related to frequency and areas of use, views on area conditions, and perceptions concerning congestion are needed to determine limits of acceptable change (LAC) in Puerto Rico's Northeastern Marine Corridor (Northeast Reserves and Culebra Island), which can be used to strengthen conservation of the area's coral reef and related ecosystems.

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Visitor survey

Date\_\_\_\_\_

Ferry time: AM PM

Ferry dock: Culebra Vieques

Beach: SSB MMB MB

1. What is your zip code? \_\_\_\_\_ Country?\_\_\_\_\_

2. Gender: M F

3. Which of the following includes your age group?

- a. Less than 18
- b. 18-30
- c. 31-40
- d. 41-50
- e. 51-60
- f. Over 60

4. Number of persons in your group: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Are you a day visitor or overnight visitor in this area? DAY OVERNIGHT

- If overnight, then how many days were you in this location? \_\_\_\_\_
- If overnight, then how many days were/will you be in Puerto Rico? \_\_\_\_\_

6. Is this your first trip to the area in Puerto Rico?

- a. Yes
- b. No
  - i. If No, then when was your last trip (year)? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. I am a resident of Puerto Rico

7. Which of the locations/areas have you visited on this trip apart from this area?

Culebra\_\_\_\_\_

Vieques\_\_\_\_\_

Fajardo, including Icacos, Palomino\_\_\_\_\_

Luquillo\_\_\_\_\_

Other areas, please list: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. In which of the following activities did you participate over your trip? Mark all those that apply.

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|------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Relaxation             | Beaches             | Snorkeling from shore |
| Snorkeling from a boat | Diving from shore   | Diving from a boat    |
| Kayaking               | Culture             | Bio Bays              |
| Fishing from shore     | Fishing from a boat | Spearfishing          |
| Hiking                 | Surfing             | Cruising              |
| Waterskiing            | Jetskiing           | Other                 |

9. What was the TOP reason for your visit? Please only select one.

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10. What is the number of visitors/users you would consider as being a reasonable number (in your immediate area) for the following activities?

Activity	Number of other visitors						
	1-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-30	Over 30
Visiting a beach							
Snorkeling							
Diving							
Kayaking							
Surfing							
Hiking							
Fishing							
Spearfishing							
Visiting the bio bay							

11. Top 3 beaches visited, in terms of total use

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- a. Beach 1 \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Beach 2 \_\_\_\_\_
- c. Beach 3 \_\_\_\_\_

12. Please list the condition of each resource, **from 1 to 5**, where 1 is excellent and 5 is very poor.

Location	Please list the number of visitors seen	Amenities	Cleanliness	Space	Crowding	Condition of natural resources	Lower visitor totals? (YES OR NO)
Beach 1							
Beach 2							
Beach 3							

13. Snorkeling

If you snorkel, would you consider yourself:

- a. Beginner – just started and have limited ability
- b. Intermediate – have snorkeled several times before and feel comfortable using gear
- c. Advanced – have snorkeled many times and are very comfortable using gear

14. Please list the condition of each resource, **from 1 to 5**, where 1 is excellent and 5 is very poor.

Location	Please list the number of snorkelers seen	Water clarity	Number of fish	Types of fish	Size of fish	Coral condition	Crowding	Lower visitor totals? (YES OR NO)
Shoreline (in NMC area)								
Luis Pena								
La Cordillera								

15. Diving

If you dive, would you consider yourself:

- a. Beginner – just got certified for open water and made 1-2 dives
- b. Intermediate – have dived several times but only so often each year
- c. Advanced – have dived often and recently

16. Please list the condition of each resource, **from 1 to 5**, where 1 is excellent and 5 is very poor.

Location	Please list the	Water	Number	Types	Size	Coral	Crowding	Lower
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	number of divers seen	clarity	of fish	of fish	of fish	condition		visitor totals? (YES OR NO)
Shoreline								
Luis Pena								
La Cordillera								

17. Fishing

If you fish would you consider yourself:

- d. Beginner – just go out and throw a hook in the water
- e. Intermediate – know how to fish but do so on occasion
- f. Advanced – avid fisher who fishes frequently and is well versed with gear and bait

18. Please list the condition of each fishing resource, **from 1 to 5**, where 1 is excellent and 5 is very poor.

Location	Please list the number of fishers seen	Number of fish caught	Size of fish caught	Target species caught	Crowding	Lower visitor totals? (YES OR NO)
Shoreline fishing						
Fishing from a boat						
Spearfishing						

19. Please rate your views on the following resources/conditions as these apply.

Resources	Excellent condition	Good condition	Fair condition	Poor condition	Very poor condition
Beaches					
Mangroves					
Sea grasses					
Water clarity					
Plastics on the coast and in the water					
Other trash, such as bottles					

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and cans on beaches and water					
Coral reefs					
Fishes and invertebrates					
Overall resource conditions					

20. Compared to your expectations, how would rate the number of other users/visitors you saw over your trip?

- a. Much more than I expected
- b. More than I expected
- c. About what I expected
- d. Less than I expected
- e. Much less than I expected

21. How likely are you willing to return to this area for another trip in the next 1-5 years?

- a. Very likely
- b. Likely
- c. Not likely
- d. Not likely at all

22. How would the following factors affect your expected likeliness to return for another trip?

Location	Very important	Important	Somewhat important	Not very important	Not important at all
Beach quality					
Condition of marine resources, such as corals, mangroves					
Amount of coastal pollution, such as plastics and garbage					
Crowding conditions, space					
Amount of noise, especially from music					

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Cost of trip, in terms of lodging, activities					
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23. Which of the factors is the single most important that would influence your willingness to return for another trip?

- a. Beach quality
- b. Marine resources conditions
- c. Coastal pollution, such as plastics, garbage, and other solid waste
- d. Crowding conditions
- e. Amount of noise
- f. Cost of trip
- g. Other \_\_\_\_\_