

Sandwatch First Regional Workshop – May 2001

Teachers from 18 Caribbean countries took part in the three-day workshop in St. Lucia from 31st May to 2nd June 2001 and were joined by students from seven St. Lucian Secondary Schools. The main purpose of the workshop was to train the teachers in various beach monitoring methods to determine levels in parameters such as erosion and accretion, wave action, water quality and human beach activities. A manual was prepared prior to the workshop and was distributed to the participants. Classroom and beach sessions were integrated to demonstrate the various techniques.

Equipment kits were also distributed to the participating countries, so that at least three schools from each country could be involved in the monitoring activities. A project implementation plan was also prepared, which included proposals for a second workshop in Dominica in 2003 to share the results of the monitoring.



Measuring sand grain size, shape and sorting



Using the water quality kits



Reading the compass



Recording observations on the beach



Putting fluorescent dye in the water to measure the currents