

# Implementation of Waste Management Systems at the Abrolhos Islands Reserve



**Project Number:** 05N117-03

**Project Start Date:** 1/11/2006

**Project Completion Date:** 30/06/2009

## Project Description

The project will continue to address waste management issues at the Abrolhos Islands based on recommendations of the Abrolhos Islands Waste Management Strategy (WMS). The project principle investigator has sought new direction and support from the director of the Abrolhos Islands Council group and fishers with a view to overseeing and implementing the entire project schedule for 2008/9.

An ongoing education program will be in place at local coastal towns schools and tafe colleges. Best practice fridge magnets have been printed and will be distributed prior to the season commencing on March 15 2009. A best practice brochure is also in the process of being constructed with the assistance the Abrolhos Island Council group. Off season updates from the principle investigator will be provided to fisherman at their pre-season PFA (Professional fisherman's association) meetings. Fisherman Incinerator trials will be continued, along with a continuation of the waste removal program. This will be supported by an education program, a best practice brochure and a recycling program. Hydrocarbons will be addressed, with the purchase of additional numbers of spill kits and the implementation of a hydrocarbon management plan for the Body Corporate managing the islands. Spill drills will be carried out by the WMC prior to the start of the commercial islands season in March 2009.

Year four of the project will cover further trials and large scale implementation phases, with contributions by Industry of in-kind support, accommodation and financial contributions to the costs of the infrastructure.

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