

Management Committees in Am. Samoa



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- 3 Different Types

- VMPA Enforcement
- Biological Monitoring
- Fishery Management
- Advisory

- Membership

- Community members (Chief(s), women, youth, mayor, Govt)
- DMWR (Govt agency)



VMMPA Enforcement Committee

- Enforce the rules set in the Fishery Management Plan
- Work with DMWR Enforcement to conduct enforcement activities in the VMMPA



Biological Monitoring

- Work with DMWR to conduct biological monitoring activities in VMPPA
- Share results with village community



Fishery Management Advisory Committee

- Draft and Revise Fishery Management Plan
- Collect necessary information to develop the plan
- Present the plan back to the village council for endorsement



Lessons Learned

- Good community participation in the management activities
- Well established relations between communities, DMWR and partner agencies
- Increase awareness of coral reef management and issues
- Work on community-time is a bit challenging
- Communities become too dependent on government



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