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Dugong and Seagrass
Research Toolkit

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WHAT IS THE TOOLKIT?

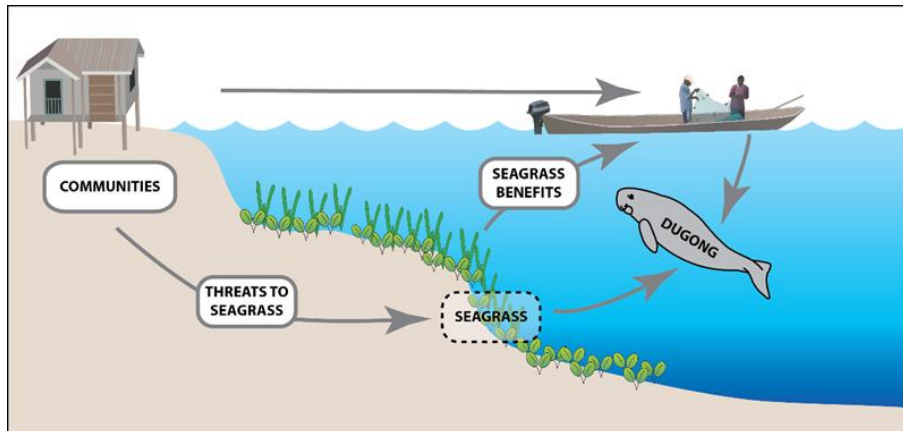
- The Toolkit is a decision-support tool for research into dugongs, seagrasses and the associated human communities that will:
 - Ask you questions about your research and help you to develop your research plan.
 - Show you which techniques are the most effective and efficient for your team capacity, budget and timeline.
- The Toolkit has been designed for use by marine natural resource managers and decision-makers (government and non-government) and for dugong and seagrass researchers.
- The Toolkit can also assist donor organisations to assess funding proposals by describing the scope of work and choice of techniques and tools given the resources available.



WHY THE TOOLKIT?

- Dugongs and seagrasses are under threat from human activities.
- Conservation is hindered by a lack of standardised and comparable data sets.
- The importance of seagrass ecosystems and their conservation is often overlooked.
- Not enough consideration has been given to the importance of alternative livelihoods and developing incentives for conservation.

The Toolkit will help to standardise data sets and methods across different countries and sites, allowing for better comparison of global dugong and seagrass conservation status, and ensure that researchers consider the connectedness of dugongs, seagrasses and human communities.



HOW WAS THE TOOLKIT DEVELOPED?

- The Toolkit was developed by a team of Technical Advisors from the CMS Dugong MOU's Dugong Technical Group.
- Development started in September 2015, with workshops help in February 2016 and January 2017.
- The Toolkit was launched at the Third Meeting of Signatories to the Dugong MOU in March 2017, where it was endorsed by Signatories.
- A re-branded Toolkit was re-launched in September 2017.



WHO DEVELOPED THE TOOLKIT?

- The Toolkit was developed in partnership with TOTAL, Total Abu Al Bukhoosh, Environment Agency - Abu Dhabi and CMS Dugong MOU.



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HOW TO USE THE TOOLKIT

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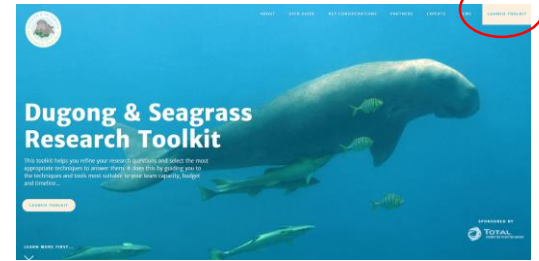


Launch Toolkit

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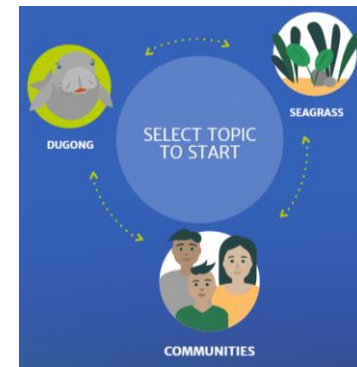
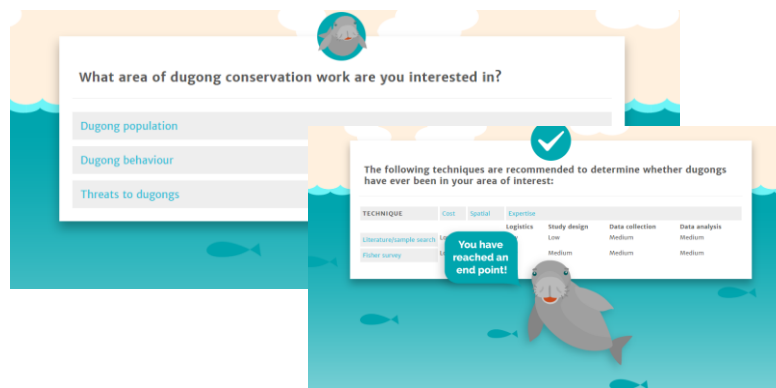


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Answer the questions to reach an endpoint

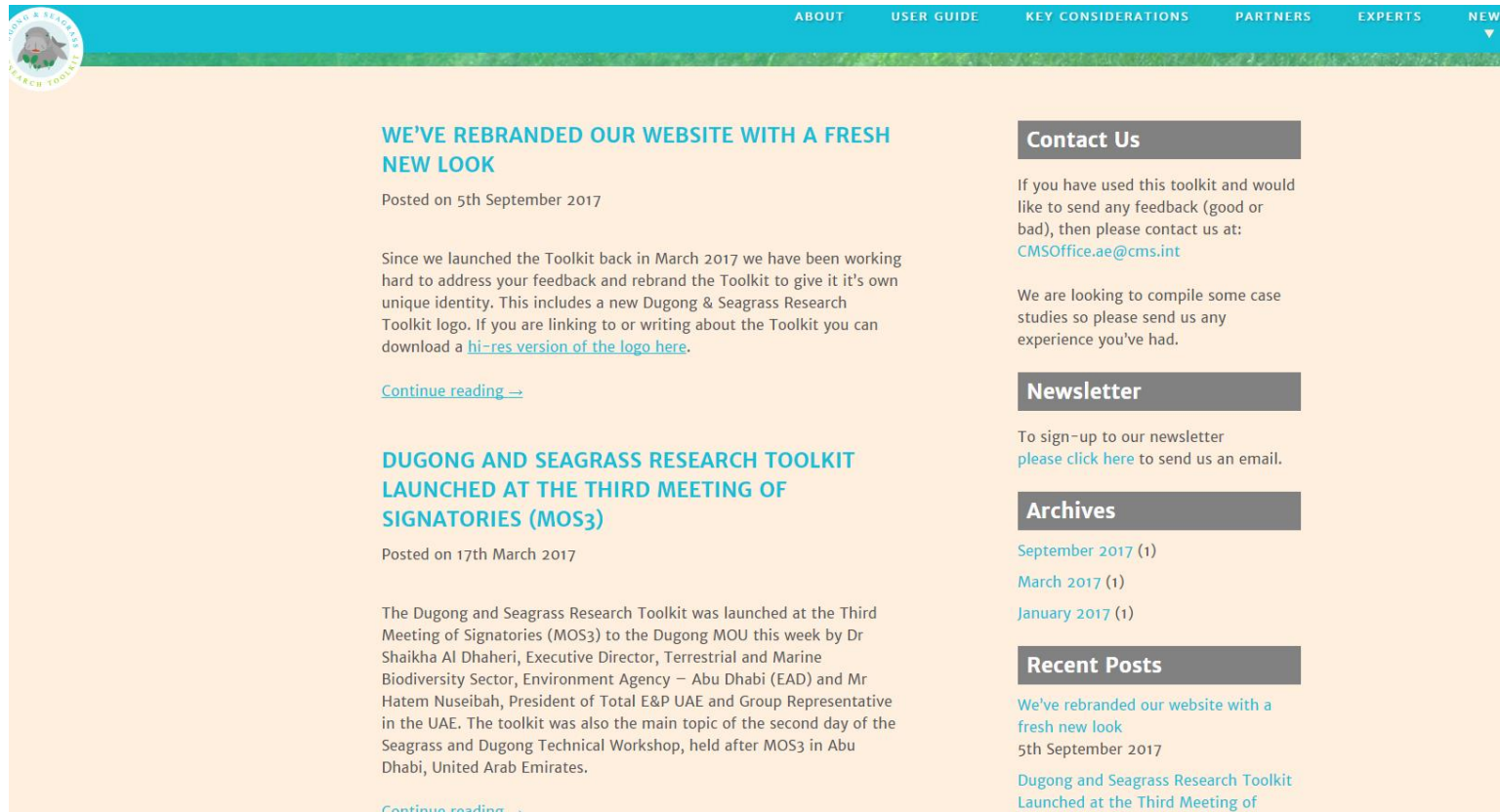


FEEDBACK AND CASE STUDIES

- The Toolkit has been demonstrated at a number of conferences and workshops, including the Seagrass and Dugong Technical Workshop, held in Abu Dhabi, UAE in March 2017.
- Where possible, the Toolkit has been revised to incorporate the feedback received.
- The team behind the Toolkit welcome your feedback and would like to hear from you – especially if you think we could make a case study of your experience with the Toolkit.

NEWSLETTER

To stay up to date with the Toolkit, you can sign up to our newsletter through the link in the website.



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WE'VE REBRANDED OUR WEBSITE WITH A FRESH NEW LOOK
Posted on 5th September 2017

Since we launched the Toolkit back in March 2017 we have been working hard to address your feedback and rebrand the Toolkit to give it its own unique identity. This includes a new Dugong & Seagrass Research Toolkit logo. If you are linking to or writing about the Toolkit you can download a [hi-res version of the logo here](#).

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DUGONG AND SEAGRASS RESEARCH TOOLKIT LAUNCHED AT THE THIRD MEETING OF SIGNATORIES (MOS3)
Posted on 17th March 2017

The Dugong and Seagrass Research Toolkit was launched at the Third Meeting of Signatories (MOS3) to the Dugong MOU this week by Dr Shaikha Al Dhaheri, Executive Director, Terrestrial and Marine Biodiversity Sector, Environment Agency – Abu Dhabi (EAD) and Mr Hatem Nuseibah, President of Total E&P UAE and Group Representative in the UAE. The toolkit was also the main topic of the second day of the Seagrass and Dugong Technical Workshop, held after MOS3 in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

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