

## HO3. Indicator Feasibility Analysis

At this point you should have a list of potential indicators for each site-specific goal or objective. However, if your MPA is like most MPAs, it is very unlikely that you will be able to undertake monitoring all of them, at least not immediately, and some activities will have a greater urgency or opportunistic benefit than others. To prioritize the indicators, we will analyse them using the set of criteria indicated below.

### Feasibility

#### Technical Feasibility

- Is this indicator currently being monitored in our site? If so, is the method appropriate for addressing our goal/objective?
- Is this indicator currently being monitored within the SEA Project MPA network? Within the region?
- Do we have baseline data for this indicator?
- Is there data from the literature that can be used for baseline or historic conditions? If so, are the methods comparable or can we use the one used previously?
- Does the data collection require new equipment and/or significant training?
- Can an existing monitoring program (the MPAs or a partners) be modified to include this indicator without too much cost or effort.

#### Social/Political Feasibility

- Will the community or other stakeholders likely be behind this effort?
- Are there any likely political issues regarding this indicator?

#### Administrative Feasibility

- Does your agency/ministry/organization have the operational authority to monitor this indicator?
- Are there agency/ministry/ institutional skill and staffing capacity constraints to monitoring this indicator?

### Cost

- What are the monitoring program implementation costs?
- Is it cost effective? Does the benefit exceed the cost?
- Does funding exist or can it be acquired to finance the monitoring program?

### Unintended Consequences

- Will anyone be negatively affected? Positively?

### Implementation Timing

- Can monitoring this indicator be implemented in the near term, 1 year, 2 years, more?
- What is the urgency of the threat being addressed? Would implementation avert a disaster?
- Is an effort to implement this strategy already planned or underway\_