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Dear Friends:

The CNMI DLNR Division of Fish and Wildlife is pleased to invite your agency/organization to attend the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Workshop which is taking place on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 from 8 am to 4:30 pm at the Fiesta Hotel (Hibiscus Hall) in Garapan. The general purpose of this workshop is to share information about MPAs with the public and managers, as well as to discuss how the NOAA Office of National Marine Sanctuaries can work with the government and the people of the CNMI on a possible role/partnership to assist with the management (education, research, enforcement, etc...) with these areas.

Presenters from local agencies and from abroad will cover a broad range of topics including the history, science, enforcement, and socioeconomic dynamics of MPAs. Your presence at this workshop will be greatly appreciated. Should you have any questions regarding this workshop, please refer them to Fisheries Biologist Francisco Villagomez, [fvillagomez.dfw@gmail.com](mailto:fvillagomez.dfw@gmail.com)

Thank you,



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