Seagrass meadows play a critical role in keeping marine ecosystems healthy by reducing pathogenic bacteria. Photo: M Hein

# THE TOOL:

Policy brief: Reduced pathogenic bacteria through seagrass protection



#### WHAT KIND OF TOOL IS IT?

The tool is a policy brief.

# WHAT DOES IT DO?

This policy brief helps policy makers and leaders make informed decisions about managing seagrasses, by demonstrating the value of seagrasses which can reduce bacteria pathogenic to humans and marine life by up to 50 per cent.

#### WHEN IS IT USED?

The brief is used when policy makers and planners want a simple guide to understanding the benefits of seagrass for supporting human and marine life health.

#### IN WHAT FORMAT IS IT AVAILABLE?

The policy brief is presented in a PDF file.

# WHO IS THE TARGET END-USER?

- · Policy makers
- Government and NGO planners undertaking MSP
- Researchers studying marine reserve design

#### WHAT USER SKILLS ARE REQUIRED?

No specific user skills are required.

# WHERE DO YOU ACCESS THE TOOL?

The tool is accessed via the CCRES website (**www.ccres.net**).

# WHAT IS THE COST OF USING THE TOOL?

The tool is available free of charge, under the user agreement and stated terms and conditions (see **www.ccres.net/ terms**).

# IS TECHNICAL TRAINING OR SUPPORT REQUIRED?

No.





