



Protecting Spawning Aggregations in  
the  
Mesoamerican Reef



*SPAGS in the  
Mesoamerican Reef*



- Validated 45/76 SPAGS in the MAR
- Monitored 6 SPAGS in Belize
- Provided year-round enforcement at a site in Belize
- Ensured legal protection of 13 sites in Belize
- Established working groups in Belize, Mexico and Honduras

## *Lessons Learned & Next Steps*

- Create no-take zones and closed seasons, and establish adequate legal conditions for protection and management activities to be in place.
- Improve enforcement and management through better technology and by actively involving fishers in enforcement and management efforts.
- Establish funding mechanisms that provide consistent long-term support to SPAG protection.