

## BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

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### 23<sup>rd</sup> Core Team Meeting

April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Duration of meeting: 9:00 am – 10:23 am (1 hour 23 minutes)

Location: Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute Conference Room & Zoom

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### Minutes

#### Meeting Objectives:

1. Technical Working Group Inaugural Meeting
2. Community Sensitization Meetings
3. Steering Committee Meeting
4. Potential Collaborations
5. Any other Matters

#### Present:

##### *In person:*

**Samir Rosado** – MSP Process Lead, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

**Janel McNab** – MSP Coordinator, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

**Delwin Guevara** – GIS Mapping & Spatial Analyst, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

**Shari Banner-Gentle** – Communications & Public Relations Officer, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

**Andria Rosado** – GIS Data Manager, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

**Alicia Eck Nunez** - Fisheries Officer, The Belize Fisheries Department

**Jamani Balderamos** – Marine Spatial Planning Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

**Belizario Carballo** - Technical Officer, Blue Bond & Finance for Permanence Unit

##### *Virtually:*

**Arlene Young** – Director, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

**Juliet Neal** – Conservation Finance & Policy Officer, World Wildlife Fund

**Deeriann Buckley-Wade** – Blue Economy Officer, Blue Economy Unit, Ministry of Blue Economy & Civil Aviation

**Wendy Casasola** – Operations Program Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy

**Nidia Chacon** – Stakeholder Engagement Specialist – The Nature Conservancy

**Ximena Escova-Fadul** – Senior Associate, Ocean Planning and Mapping, The Nature Conservancy

**Kate Longly-Wood** – Marine Spatial Planning Science Manager, The Nature Conservancy

**Hanna St.Luce-Martinez** – Conservation Director, The Nature Conservancy

**James Foley** – Oceans Manager Belize Program, The Nature Conservancy

#### Minutes :

Agenda Item Number	Notes/Comments/Advice	Proposed Action & Response
<b>Welcome &amp; Meeting Called to Order</b>		
1.1	The MSP Process Lead welcomed the Core Team (CT) members and called the meeting to order at 9:07am.	
1.2	The agenda was presented, the meeting objectives reviewed and accepted. Annex I	
<b>Update on Vacancies</b>		
2.1	The MSP Process Lead introduced and welcomed Mrs Shari Banner-Gentle to the Belize Sustainable Ocean Plan (BSOP) team, as the Communications & Public Relations Officer.	
2.2	Other technical capacity update: The Science Lead, the position has been filled by Mr Chad Bowman, to be starting May 16 <sup>th</sup> , 2023.	
<b>Update on Technical Working Groups (TWGs) Inaugural Meeting</b>		
3.1	<p>The Technical Working Groups Inaugural meeting was held on the 30<sup>th</sup> of March, with a total of 25 members present for the seven (7) working groups.</p> <p>The meeting covered presentation from the Director of CZMAI giving the welcome address, the Technical Officer of the Blue Bond &amp; Finance for Permanence Unit on the overview of the blue bond agreement, the MSP Process Lead of CZMAI on the marine spatial plan and the conservation commitments also the review of the technical working groups terms of reference and the MSP Coordinator of CZMAI on the progress update of the Belize Sustainable Ocean Plan (BSOP).</p>	
3.2	<p>Concerns brought up during the inaugural meeting ranged from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- stakeholder outreach and their involvement in the process in line with the social aspect,</li> <li>- defining the current marine protected areas (MPAs) and how it will be affected by this process,</li> <li>- the working and public understanding of the MSP process and the composition of the TWGs,</li> <li>- who will be involved and</li> <li>- how can other organizations feedback be used.</li> </ul> <p>These concerns raised was addressed by the MSP Process Lead.</p>	
3.3	Follow up to be done to increase membership of the TWGs and to start individual working group meetings. TWGs group specific meetings to start mid to end of May.	
<b>Update on Community Sensitization Meetings</b>		
4.1	<p>An overview of all community sensitization was given, noting six (6) communities that have been sensitized. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Punta Gorda with 24 attendees,</li> <li>- Placencia with 16 attendees,</li> <li>- Belize City with seven (7) attendees,</li> <li>- Sarteneja Village with 26 attendees,</li> <li>- Chunox and Copper bank Villages with 13 attendees and</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Corozal Town with five (5) attendees.</li> </ul>	
4.2	<p>Feedback received from all six (6) meeting had the theme, ranging from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Stakeholders reach on the way meeting are being held as these results to meeting fatigue and reflects in the number of persons attending the public sensitizations.</li> <li>- Branding and image of the MSP, as people are not aware and familiar with the process,</li> <li>- MPAs concerns, on how it will be affected in this process,</li> <li>- fear of consultants as their concerns has previous not been documents as they expressed them,</li> <li>- disconnect to the MSP process as they cannot see the link between them and the need to be concern.</li> </ul> <p>Suggestion was made by the public to involve the schools to educate from a young age of the need and importance to fill the “disconnect gap” that is current being felt.</p>	
4.3	<p>Next steps for the sensitization will be to have sector specific meetings with relevant organizations for support. The production of communication products (short video clips, flyers, radio ads and more) and incorporate school sensitizations.</p> <p>Remaining major communities: Caye Caulker to be done on April 26<sup>th</sup>, San Pedro and Dangriga to be done in May.</p>	
<b>Next Steering Committee Meeting</b>		
5.1	<p>The upcoming Steering Committee is to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May 2023, at the Radisson Fort George Hotel &amp; Marine. The draft agenda was presented to highlight the main topic of the meeting, which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- updates from the CEO Executive Committee Meeting,</li> <li>- progress updates on the workplan,</li> <li>- website development</li> <li>- the capacity building at CZMAI on the MSP Unit,</li> <li>- updates from the Technical Working Groups Inaugural meeting and</li> <li>- presentation of various policies from different organizations/agencies.</li> </ul> <p>Annex II</p>	
<b>Updates on Potential Collaborations</b>		
6.1	<p>The MSP Process Lead discussed several meetings that have occurred that might be able to assist in the fruition of the MSP process.</p>	
6.2	<p>Global Ocean Accounts Partnership (GOAP): is multistakeholder partnership established to enable countries and other stakeholders to go Beyond GDP to measure and manage progress towards ocean sustainable development.</p> <p>They could potentially assist with development and implementation on how to monitor and evaluate the process over time.</p>	

	<p>Question by the CT: Regarding the training, who can be involved, estimated date and number of participants?</p> <p>Response by CZMAI: The training will be done in Belize, on ocean accounting, the possibility of a two (2) day training, will be open to include other partners involvement, exact date not set yet.</p>	
6.3	<p>Maritime Spatial Planning to Safeguard and Restore Biodiversity (MSP4BIO, University of Cadiz): their main objective is to develop an integrated and modular Ecological-Socio-Economic (ESE) management framework for the protection and restoration of marine ecosystems, within its more general objectives of promoting sustainable blue growth and integrating maritime policies. The ESE looks at the compatibility between maritime/coastal uses and protection measures.</p> <p>They could potentially assist with support for identifying criteria for selecting areas for biodiversity protection within EEZ and provide support for potential transboundary collaboration.</p>	
6.4	<p>Ocean Country Partnership Program (OCPP): help countries to develop the skills and expertise needed to establish designated, well-managed and enforced marine protected areas. This work will support healthy ecosystems with thriving biodiversity and fisheries that communities rely on for food and livelihoods.</p> <p>They could potentially assist in several areas for collaboration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IUCN Green Listing</li> <li>• MPA Effectiveness Assessment</li> <li>• Data Collection in the EEZ – Deep Water Camera System</li> <li>• Data Compilation Report</li> <li>• Support for MSP through Marine Management Organization (MMO)</li> <li>• Training and Capacity Building for Data Processing, Visualization, and GIS</li> </ul>	<p>Updates by Blue Economy Unit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- IUCN Green Listing training to commence soon.</li> <li>- MPA effectiveness assessment to be published online by the end of April.</li> <li>- Data Compilation Report is in being working on and to be completed by July 2023 for review prior to publication.</li> <li>- Hanna Lawson will be reaching out to inform what support can be given for the MSP.</li> </ul>
<b>Other matters</b>		
7.1	<p>Update on Website Development: The communication-subgroup was consulted with regarding the layout and content of the website. Changes were suggested and were relayed to Idea Labs Studios for updates. The CT was asked to share any photos they might have that could be useful for the website. The website is still the final development phase with the launch date not set as yet.</p>	
7.2	<p>Social Media Post: CT members were as to share the social media pages of Facebook and Instagram.</p> <p>Suggestion by CT:</p>	

	To utilize the boost feature on social media platform to increase reach to the public.		
7.3	GIS Updates: presentation was made on the structure of the Geodatabase and how it is being divide by the working groups. Description of data type to be stored within the various subsections. Highlighting specific stakeholder that would be key in data gathering, a sub-stakeholder mapping. Identified a list of MSP tools that can be useful in the process, ArcGIS, InVEST, SeaSketch, Marxan, Fuzzy Spatial Analysis, Suitability Analysis, HABITAT and Participatory mapping to name a few. To convening with the Science and Technical subgroups.		
<b>Closing of Meeting</b>			
8.1	Next Core Team meeting is to a month from now on the 25 <sup>th</sup> of May 2023.  The MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 10:23am		
<b>Action Items</b>			
<i>Item #</i>	<i>Next Steps</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	Follow up to be done to increase membership of the TWGs and to start individual working group meetings	In-process	08/05/2023
2	Start of TWGs group specific meeting	Pending	Mid-End May
3	Caye Caulker Community Sensitization meeting	Completed	26/04/2023
4	Other sensitization meetings: San Pedro & Dangriga	Pending	Mid-End May
5	To send Core Team a copy of the presentation	Completed	21/04/2023
6	Science and Technical subgroup meeting	In-process	May 2023

**Minutes submitted by:**

Janel McNab, MSP Coordinator of CZMAI

**Approved**



**Mr. Samir Rosado**  
Marine Spatial Plan Process Lead,  
CZMAI

26 April 2023

**Date**

Annex I: Meeting Agenda



## 23rd BSOP Core Team Meeting

### Agenda

<b>Date</b>	Thursday April 21st, 2023
<b>Time</b>	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (BZE local time)
<b>Format</b>	<p><u>Hybrid Participation:</u>  <b>CZMAI Conference Room</b>          Zoom link:  <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87377186133?pwd=Z0R0K0NBL2JDd3hoaWt2SFc1a2xtdz09">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87377186133?pwd=Z0R0K0NBL2JDd3hoaWt2SFc1a2xtdz09</a></p>
<b>Recorded</b>	Yes
<b>Format</b>	Presentations and discussions
<b>Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Technical Working Group Inaugural Meeting</li> <li>2. Community Sensitization Meetings</li> <li>3. Steering Committee Meeting</li> <li>4. Potential Collaborations</li> <li>5. Any other Matters</li> </ol>

### AGENDA

#	Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
1	9:00 - 9:05	Welcome & Meeting Called to Order	S. Rosado
2	9:05 – 9:15	Update on Vacancies	S. Rosado
3	9:15 – 9:35	Update on Technical Working Group Inaugural Meeting	S. Rosado & Janel McNab
4	9:35 – 9:55	Update on Community Sensitization Meetings	S. Rosado & Janel McNab
5	9:55 – 10:15	Next Steering Committee Meeting– Tentative Date (May 5 <sup>th</sup> )	S. Rosado
6	10:15 - 35	Updates on the Potential Collaborations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- GOAP</li> <li>- MSP4BIO (University of Cadiz)</li> <li>- OCPP</li> </ul>	S. Rosado & J. McNab
7	10:35 – 10:45	Other matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Update on Website Development (Potential Launch)</li> <li>- Social media posts</li> <li>- GIS Updates</li> </ul>	S. Rosado, & J. McNab
8	10:45 – 10:50	Close of Meeting	S. Rosado

Annex III: Steering Committee Draft Meeting Agenda



**\*\*DRAFT MEETING AGENDA\*\***

**3<sup>rd</sup> ORDINARY MEETING**  
**STEERING COMMITTEE**  
**BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN (BSOP)**

**FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

**Start Time:** 9:00 am    **End Time:** 12:00 pm

**Meeting Location:** Radisson Fort George Hotel & Marina, Santa Rita Room

**Meeting Objectives:**

Time	Item	Presenter
9:00 am	Meeting Called to Order	Chantalle Samuels <i>CEO of CZMAI and Chair, BSOP Steering Committee</i>
9:00 am – 9:05 am	Welcome	Chantalle Samuels
9:05 am – 9:20 am	Review of Draft Minutes and Matters Arising from 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ordinary Meeting Held February 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 2023	Chantalle Samuels
9:20 am – 9:40 am	Updates from CEO Executive Committee Meeting	Chantalle Samuels
9:40 am – 10:30 am	Progress Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BSOP Workplan (Q1 Targets)</li> <li>New BSOP Website</li> <li>Capacity Building for MSP Unit at CZMAI</li> <li>Community Outreach Meetings</li> <li>GIS Updates</li> </ul>	Samir Rosado <i>MSP Process Lead at CZMAI and Secretary, BSOP Steering Committee</i>  Janel McNab <i>MSP Coordinator at CZMAI and Recording Secretary, BSOP Steering Committee</i>  Shari Banner-Gentle <i>Communications &amp; Public Relations Officer at CZMAI and Recording Secretary, BSOP Steering Committee</i>  Delwin Guevara
		<i>MSP GIS Mapping &amp; Spatial Analyst at CZMAI and Recording Secretary, BSOP Steering Committee</i>
10: 30 am – 10:45 am	<b>BREAK</b>	
10:45 am – 11:00 am	Inaugural Technical Working Group Meeting Outcomes	Samir Rosado & Janel McNab
11:00 am – 11:30 am	Presentations from various organizations on Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Blue Economy Unit, MBECA</li> </ul>	Mrs. Deeriann Buckley-Wade <i>Blue Economy Officer at Ministry of Blue Economy &amp; Civil Aviation</i>
11:30 am – 11:45 am	Other Matters: Next Steps	All
11:45am – 12:00 pm	Date for Next Meeting and Adjournment	Chantalle Samuels
<b>LUNCH</b>		