

BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

24th Core Team Meeting

May 25th, 2023

Duration of meeting: 9:00 am – 10:40 am (1 hour 40 minutes)

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Minutes

Meeting Objectives:

1. 23rd BSOP Core Team Meeting Action Items
2. Community Sensitization Meetings
3. Steering Committee Meeting
4. GIS Updates
5. Website Launch
6. Any other Matters

Present:

Virtually:

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

Chad Bowman - MSP Science Lead, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

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

Arlene Young – Director, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

Adriel Castenada - Fisheries Officer, The Belize Fisheries Department

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

Jamani Balderamos – Marine Spatial Plan Specialist – The Nature Conservancy

Chantal Collier – Senior Associate, Ocean Planning and Mapping, The Nature Conservancy

Wendy Casasola – Operations Program Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy

Nidia Chacon – Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

Rian Leung – Operations Program Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

Safira Vasques – Senior Technical Officer, Blue Bond & Finance for Permanence Unit

Beverly Wade – Director, Blue Bond & Finance for Permanence Unit

Minutes :

Agenda Item Number	Notes/Comments/Advice	Proposed Action & Response
Welcome & Meeting Called to Order		
1.1	The MSP Process Lead welcomed the Core Team (CT) members and called the meeting to order at 9:05am.	
1.2	The agenda was presented, the meeting objectives reviewed and accepted. Annex I	
Update on CZMAI Technical Capacity		
2.1	The MSP Process Lead introduced and welcomed Chad Bowman to the Belize Sustainable Ocean Plan (BSOP) team, as the Marine Spatial Plan Science Lead. Noting that with the inclusion of Mr Bowman, the MSP Unit has filled all vacancy spaces.	
Update on 23rd BSOP Core Team Meeting Action Items		
3.1	<p>The previous actions items from the May Core Team meeting were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TWGs Membership: Membership has increased, also some organizations are declining due to technical staff capacity. TWGs meetings are on hold, but scheduled to begin in June, with two meetings per week. • Community sensitization meeting: Caye Caulker was completed on the 26th of April and remaining are the communities of San Pedro and Dangriga. • Requested presentation was shared with the Core Team. • The Science and Technology subgroup held its first meeting on the 24th of May. 	
Update on Community Sensitization Meetings		
4.1	<p>An overview of the Caye Caulker community sensitization was given by the MSP Coordinator. Feedback received had the theme reflecting that of past meeting from previous communities, ranging from stakeholder 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. Branding and image of the MSP, as community members are not aware and familiar with the process, and MPAs concerns, on how it will be affected in this process. Other concerns were that of re-enforcement on the seas.</p> <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>	<p>Recommendation by CT: To find alternative ways to address the communities to address meeting fatigue. To ask members of the communities what ways they would prefer to be approached.</p>
4.2	<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: San Pedro and Dangriga to be done in May.</p>	
Update from Steering Committee Meeting		

5.1	<p>The previous Steering Committee meeting was held of the 5th of May, where general overview and feedback was provided to the committee on the works that were done, and the ones currently being developed. Major updates included: ways of communicating the information to the stakeholders, community sensitization meeting, GIS development, and the website development.</p> <p>Key feedback received from the Steering Committee: to adjust community reach so that they can all feel included in the process, to identify champions in the various communities so they can fully understand what’s happening and be involved, to have material in various languages, in a simple for and utilizes a form that is best accessible to the public.</p> <p>Feedback was also given from the CEO Executive Committee on updated the vision and objectives.</p> <p>A presentation on the Blue Economy Plan and Maritime Strategist Plan given by the Blue Economy Unit.</p>	
GIS Updates		
6.1	<p>Two of the web applications that will be added to the MSP website. The Stakeholder Engagement Dashboard: gives a snapshot of live data of all the communities that have been engaged with and the number of persons that have engaged with the process. It also shows upcoming communities and flyers.</p> <p>Interactive Story Map/Data Viewer: which shows spatial information, has different tools to assist on how the map is seen and has different layers to show exactly what activity in what area you would like to view. The maps from this section can also be downloaded and printed by the users. This will constantly be updated through the process.</p>	
6.2	<p>Science and Technical Subgroup meeting: The first subgroup meeting was held on May 25th. Going over some of the map designs that will be used along with the structure of the data and the data list and tools. Meetings will be held once a month, one week before the CT meeting. Annex II</p>	
Update on Website Launch		
7.1	<p>The BSOP website launch will be on the 26th of May at 1pm. The MSP expressed their excitement for the launch of the website. A final preview was shown to the CT of the website. Launch flyer was shared with the CT. Annex III</p> <p>Core Team members expressed their excitement for the website launch and shared congratulations to the MSP team.</p> <p>Question by the CT:</p>	

	<p>Will you be able to see the Google analytics for the traffic to the website on a monthly basis?</p> <p>Response by CZMAI: Yes, we will be able to view the traffic to the website.</p>	
<p>Other matters</p>		
<p>8.1</p>	<p>Communications Video: The communication subgroup has been working on the development of a short video script to tell what MSP and the BSOP is. It is similar to the MSP in a Nutshell video, but will use Belizean examples and scenarios. There will be two videos developed, a long video and a shorter one, that can be used for the radio or just as an audio clip. The video gives an overview of what the MSP is, what the Blue Bond is, who all are the major stakeholders, who will be engaged, how you can be a part of the process, what are the benefits of the MSP, and how will the MSP benefit you and the background of the agreement with the govern of Belize and TNC.</p> <p>Once the script has been finalized, the animation development portion of the video will commence.</p> <p>Question by the CT: Will a production company be contracted to flesh out the video concept, finalize the script and do the filming and editing?</p> <p>Response by TNC: Yes, when the script is finalised, Colour Blind will do the video development.</p>	
<p>8.2</p>	<p>Stakeholder Engagement Plan, Consultancy Terms of Reference: The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in collaboration with CZMAI has released a request for proposal to hire a consultant to review the work that has previously been done on the stakeholder engagement plan and to also complete stakeholder engagement plan with the inclusion of several social safeguards and best standards for engagement. TNC in collaboration with CZMAI, we have started to develop so of the social safeguards: free prior and informed consent framework, and conflict resolution mechanism. We are hoping that the consultant will review all the work that has been done and compile those into a single comprehensive document and will outline how stakeholder engagement should be done for the next four (4) years, or the time it takes to complete the BSOP process.</p> <p>The development of a conflict redress mechanism (CRM) was done to address human rights of the local communities. As a CRM and not a GRM. This document will be integrated into the stakeholder engagement plan that will be developed by the hired consultant.</p>	

	The proposal will be shared with the CT for distribution to encourage applications.	
Closing of Meeting		
9.1	Next Core Team meeting is to a month from now on the 22 nd of June 2023. The MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 10:40am	
Action Items		
<i>Item #</i>	<i>Next Steps</i>	<i>Status</i>
1	To share the request for the proposal with the CT, to be distributed - J. Balderamos.	Completed
		25/05/2023

Minutes submitted by:

Janel McNab, MSP Coordinator of CZMAI

Approved



Mr. Samir Rosado
Marine Spatial Plan Process Lead,
CZMAI

28 May 2023

Date

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda



24th BSOP Core Team Meeting



Agenda

Date	Thursday May 25 th , 2023
Time	9:00 a.m. – 10:40 a.m. (BZE local time)
Format	<u>Virtual Participation:</u> Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86108633952?pwd=MkZTQVl3c0kwWWthb252bHhiaDJnZz09
Recorded	Yes
Format	Presentations and discussions
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 23rd BSOP Core Team Meeting Action Items 2. Community Sensitization Meetings 3. Steering Committee Meeting 4. GIS Updates 5. Website Launch 6. Other Matters

AGENDA

#	Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
1	9:00 – 9:05	Welcome & Meeting Called to Order	S. Rosado
2	9:05 – 9:15	Update on CZMAI Technical Capacity	S. Rosado
3	9:15 – 9:25	Update on action items from 23 rd BSOP Core Team Meeting	S. Rosado, & J. McNab
4	9:25 – 9:40	Update on Community Sensitization Meetings	S. Rosado, & J. McNab
5	9:40 – 9:55	Updates from 3 rd Steering Committee Meeting	S. Rosado
6	9:55 – 10:05	GIS Updates - Stakeholder Engagement Portal & Interactive Story Map - Science and Technical Subgroup meeting	D. Guevara
7	10:05 – 10:20	Update on Website Launch	J. McNab
8	10:20 – 10:35	Other matters: - Communications video - Stakeholder Engagement Plan, Consultancy ToR	J. McNab & J. Balderamos
9	10:35 – 10:40	Close of Meeting	S. Rosado

Annex 2: Science and Technical Working Group Agenda

GIS Updates to the Science and Technical Working Groups		 
Date	TBA, May 2023- Based on Doodle Poll	
Time	10:00AM-11:00(or we do a doodle poll for best available time)	
Location	Zoom Online Call: Call details	
Recorded	Will be recorded through zoom	
Format	Presentation, Demonstrations	
Participants	Science and Technical Working Group	
Objectives	<p>Objective:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To share GIS Updates with the Science Technical Working Group. Get feedback Recommendations on the GIS Updates 	

AGENDA		
CZMAI	Introduction	5 Mins
	Map Designs	10 Mins
	Geodatabase Structure	15 Mins
	Spatial Data List	15 Mins
	MSP Tools and Analysis	15 Mins
	Spatial Data Viewer	10 Mins
	Next Steps	5 Mins
	Comments, Recommendations	5 Mins



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Annex 3: BSOP Website Lunch Flyer

BSOP
Belize Sustainable Ocean Plan

VISIT OUR WEBSITE
WEBSITE LAUNCH
May 26th 2023 at 1:00 pm

<https://bsop.coastalzonebelize.org/>

- Milestone**
1 of 8 Milestones completed under The Comprehensive Funding Agreement (2014)
- Protection**
40.1% of High Biodiversity Protection Zone and Medium Biodiversity Protection Zone achieved
- Engagement**
7 Public meetings and stakeholder engagement events, more than 100 participants

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