

BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

25th Core Team Meeting

June 22nd, 2023

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

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Minutes

Meeting Objectives:

1. Technical Working Group Meeting Overview
2. Communications Vide Script
3. Women in Fisheries Forum Update
4. Community Sensitization Meetings
5. 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
Chantalle Samuels – CEO, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute
Juliet Neal – Conservation Finance & Policy Officer, World Wildlife Fund
Jamani Balderamos – Marine Spatial Plan Specialist, The Nature Conservancy
Wendy Casasola – Operations Program Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy
Nidia Chacon – Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, The Nature Conservancy
Kate Longley-Wood - Marine Spatial Planning Science Manager, The Nature Conservancy
Rian Leung – Operations Program Specialist, The Nature Conservancy
Carlie Gillett – Blue Economy Officer, Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation
Alicia Eck-Nunez – Fisheries Officer, The Belize Fisheries Department
Safira Vasquez – Senior Technical Officer, Blue Bond & Finance 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 9:10am.	
1.2	<p>The agenda was presented, the meeting objectives reviewed and accepted. Annex I</p> <p>New member to the Core Team Ms Carlie Gillett was welcomed, she expressed excitement of being a part of the team.</p>	
Technical Working Groups (TWGs) Meeting Overview		
2.1	<p>A review of the TWGs meeting was given, noting the responsibilities at the seven (7) TWGs. Based on the Terms of Reference meetings are to be led by the Chair of the group and CZMAI as the secretary, but for this first introductory meeting CZMAI will be conducting the meeting and protocol will be followed for the other meetings.</p> <p>The presentation flow consisted of an agenda with targeted points of the purpose of the TWG specific group, the election of a Chair and or a Co-Chair where applicable, the MSP process, presenting the existing data and identifying the data gaps, demonstrating with a scenario how they will assist in zoning, introduction to the compatibility matrix and next steps with phase two (2) of the stakeholder engagement process.</p>	CT asked for the presentation to be shared for review.
2.2	<p>Meeting Schedule:</p> <p>23 June 2023- Marine & Coastal Ecosystems 26 June 2023- Fisheries inclusive of Aquaculture 27 June 2023- Marine & Coastal Development and Energy 28 June 2023 - Tourism 29 June 2023- Maritime Administration and Finance & Investment</p> <p>These first scheduled meeting will be done virtually to accommodate members. Future meeting will be in person. TWG meeting are to be conducted on a quarterly basis, but due to setbacks, the second meeting will be conducted before the next quarter date to not have a large gap in the time for data collection. Next proposed meeting date will be for the ending of July or based on the best proposed date by members.</p>	
Communications Video Script Review		
3.1	<p>The MSP video target audience is the general public, highlighting its purpose, initiation and developmental phase.</p> <p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raise Awareness and Understanding: To enhance the understanding of what marine spatial planning is and how the Belize Sustainable Ocean Planning Process can benefit 	

	<p>shareholders by highlighting the need for sustainable management for marine resources and the role of the spatial planning process.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Explaining the Process/Result: A clear explanation of the marine spatial planning process and what will be the result of the developed plan. 3. Showcase Stakeholder engagement: Showcase the importance of stakeholder engagement by giving examples of representative sectors to demonstrate the MSP is a participatory and inclusive process. 4. Encourage Action and support: To inspire a call to action to generate support for MSP. Identify a key influencer/champion on delivering the message of a call to action. <p>Key messages:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Belize Sustainable Ocean Plan aims to achieve establishment of a biodiversity protection zones covering up to 30% of marine area. (Scripted as increase of 9.5% but visually depicting 30% of marine area) 2. Simplifying the term 'legally enforceable' plan. 3. Collaboration and stakeholder engagement are essential for an effective and inclusive decision-making process. <p>Outline of the script:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General use of marine space (people connection to the sea) • Defining what is MSP? • Background information on the Blue Bond Agreement • Introduction to CZMAI and the Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (ICZMP) • Dialog between sectors/ stakeholders • How to get involved and get information on the BSOP <p>Question asked by the CT: What is the targeted time of the video?</p> <p>Response by CZMAI: Targeted time for the video is five (5) minutes.</p>	
<p>Update on Women in Fisheries Forum</p>		
<p>4.1</p>	<p>An overview of the 6th Women in Fisheries Forum (WIFF) was given by the Stakeholder Engagement Specialist of The Nature Conservancy. The WIFF was held in Sarteneja Village on 15th and 16th June 2023, an initiative being led by Wildlife Conservation Society. Women from across the country representing coastal communities in the fisheries value chain had representation from Sarteneja, Chunox, Caye Caulker, Belize City, Dangriga, Hopkins, Riversdale, Seine Bight, Placencia, Punta</p>	

	<p>Negra, Punta Gorda and Baranco. These women were gathered to discuss gender and livelihoods in the fisheries industry. The theme of WIFF was "One Ocean, One Planet, One Plate: Uniting Aquatic Food Standards and Ocean Health." It highlighted the need for sustainable fishing practices and ensuring the health of our oceans and the quality of seafood. BSOP had the pleasure of opening a series of engaging discussions with more than 40 women in what will BSOP do and how their involvement is very important in the process. Adhering to transparency, equity, participatory and inclusivity, the presentation was delivered in English and Spanish to enhance understanding on the process. BSOP is looking forward to continuing engaging with these women leaders in their respective communities as we move forward with engagement in the process.</p> <p>In regard to understanding the process, the information is too technical, and alternative way are doing explored to simplify the.</p>	
<p>Update on Community Sensitization Meetings</p>		
<p>5.1</p>	<p>First round of the major community sensitization meetings has been concluded. Initially seven (7) major communities were identified, but nine (9) were sensitized: Punta Gorda, Placencia, Belize City, Corozal, Caye Caulker, San Pedro, Dangriga and added communities of Sarteneja and Chunox Villages.</p> <p>Overview of the San Pedro & Dangriga community sensitization: feedback received has a similar 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 people 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, and the community involvement in the BSOP process with regards to regulations and legal aspect. Suggestions were 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>Next steps in the engagement are to do sector specific meeting in these communities and smaller villages to target specific groups.</p>	
<p>Other matters</p>		
<p>6.1</p>	<p>Update on the consultancy for the stakeholder engagement plan. This is to be the integration of social safeguards. In total, five (5) applications were received by the deadline of Friday June 9th. Of the five (5) there were two (2) consulting firms; Imbricata Consulting and Tier III Strategic Communications, two (2) partnerships between individuals; Cecy Castillo and Ramon Carcamo and Alexis Salazar and Joaquin Magana and one (1) individual, Mr Alber Avila. After receiving the application packages, scoring criteria were developed based on the</p>	

	terms of reference. The criteria were shared with CZMAI, and we proceeded to score the packages to short list three (3). Short listed applications are Imbricata Consulting, Cecy Castillo and Ramon Carcamo and Mr Albert Avila. Now in the process of drafting questions, to be completed by the end of Friday June 23 rd , to be shared with CZMAI for their input. The date and time for this interview has been set for Monday June 6 th and Tuesday June 27 th . Based on the end results of the interviews, the contractual period is to begin the first week in July.		
6.2	The CT members were reminded to submit their feedback regarding the BSOP factsheet.		
Closing of Meeting			
7.1	Next Core Team meeting is to a month from now on the 20 th of July 2023. The MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 10:00 am		
Action Items			
<i>Item #</i>	<i>Next Steps</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	To send final script to be reviewed	Completed	23/06/2023
2	CT to provide feedback on video script	Completed	28/06/2023
3	To send TWG presentation to be reviewed	Completed	23/06/2023
4	CT to provide feedback on TWG presentation	Pending	26/06/2023

Minutes submitted by:

Janel McNab, MSP Coordinator of CZMAI

Approved



Mr. Samir Rosado
Marine Spatial Plan Process Lead,
CZMAI

28 June 2023

Date

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda



25th BSOP Core Team Meeting

Agenda

Date	Thursday June 22 nd , 2023
Time	9:00 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. (BZE local time)
Format	<p><u>Virtual Participation:</u></p> <p>Zoom link:</p> <p>https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89675827533?pwd=ZW5NIN2kyNWVlTG0wNHJoSWYyNGlkdz09</p>
Recorded	Yes
Format	Presentations and discussions
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Technical Working Group Meeting Overview 2. Communication Video Script 3. Women in Fisheries Forum Update 4. Community Sensitization Meetings 5. Other Matters

AGENDA			
#	Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
1	9:00 – 9:05	Welcome & Meeting Called to Order	S. Rosado
2	9:05 – 9:20	Technical Working Group: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentation Overview - Schedule 	S. Rosado & J. McNab
3	9:20 – 9:35	Communications Video Script Review	S. Banner-Gentle
4	9:35 – 9:50	Update on Women in Fisheries Forum	N. Chacon
5	9:50 – 10:05	Update on Community Sensitization Meetings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - San Pedro - Dangriga 	S. Rosado & J. McNab
6	10:05 – 10:10	Other Matters	S. Rosado
7	10:10 – 10:15	Closing of Meeting	S. Rosado