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BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

26th Core Team Meeting

July 20th, 2023

Duration of meeting: 9:00 am – 11:05 am (2 hour)

Location: Virtually via Zoom

Minutes

Meeting Objectives:

1. To provide an overview of Technical Working Group Meetings.
2. To provide an update on the Communication Workplan.
3. To provide an update on the approach for developing the Existing Conditions Report.
4. 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

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

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

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

Carlie Gillett – Blue Economy Officer, Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation

Alicia Eck-Nunez – Fisheries Officer, Fisheries Department

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

Virtually:

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

Wendy Casasola – Conservation Program Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy

Nidia Chacon – Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

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

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 9:10 am.	
1.2	The agenda was presented, the meeting objectives were reviewed and accepted. Annex I	
1.3	Action Item from the previous CT meeting: 1. To share MSP video script for feedback.	
Technical Working Groups (TWGs) Meeting		
2.1	<p>A brief overview of the seven TWGs introductory meeting was given. The introductory meeting was conducted by CZMAI, but based on the terms of reference the meetings are to be led by the Chair of the group, protocol will be followed for the other meetings.</p> <p>The meeting followed the flow of a review 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 zoning, introduction to the compatibility matrix and next steps with phase two of the stakeholder engagement process.</p> <p>Statistics from each TWG meeting as follows:</p> <p>Marine & Coastal Ecosystems -Membership 10 persons -Attended 7 persons -Chair WCS -Co-Chair UB/ERI</p> <p>Fisheries inclusive of Aquaculture -Membership 9 persons (now 10) -Attended 4 persons -Chair TBA -Co-Chair TBA</p> <p>Energy -Membership 4 persons -Attended 2 persons -Chair TBA -Co-Chair TBA</p> <p>Tourism -Membership 7 persons -Attended 4 persons -Chair BTIA -Co-Chair TBA</p> <p>Maritime Administration -Membership 7 persons -Attended 4 persons -Chair TBA -Co-Chair TBA</p> <p>Finance & Investment -Membership 7 persons -Attended 5 persons -Chair Belize Chambers of Commerce Limited -Co-Chair TBA</p> <p>Marine & Coastal Development -Membership 7 persons -Attended 4 persons -Chair voting on 25 of July -Co-Chair TBA</p>	
2.2	Upcoming Working Session:	Proposed action:

	<p>Marine & Coastal Ecosystems 1st working session -mid-July 2023 2nd working session - mid-November 2023 3rd working session – mid- March 2024</p> <p>Fisheries inclusive of Aquaculture 1st working session -mid-July 2023 2nd working session - mid-November 2023 3rd working session – mid- March 2024</p> <p>Energy 1st working session -end of August 2023 2nd working session – end of November to early December 2023 3rd working session – end of March 2024</p> <p>Tourism 1st working session -mid-July 2023 2nd working session - mid-November 2023 3rd working session – mid- March 2024</p> <p>Maritime Administration 1st working session –early-mid August 2023 2nd working session - end of November to early December 2023 3rd working session – end of March early April 2024</p> <p>Finance & Investment 1st working session – end of August 2023 2nd working session - end of November to early December 2023 3rd working session –end of March early April 2024</p> <p>Marine & Coastal Development 1st working session -early August 2023 2nd working session - end of November to early December 2023 3rd working session – end of March early April 2024</p> <p>Question from CT If the meetings held are closed and only open to only members?</p> <p>Response from CZMAI MSP Unit The meetings are only open to the members.</p>	<p>-To add meeting dates for the TWGs working sessions on the BSOP website calendar.</p>
<p>Communications Workplan</p>		
<p>3.1</p>	<p>Communications Outputs: The communications outputs were reviewed that will be conducted over the next three months. Events are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slogan competition - Development of QR code - Outreach activities/school visits: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To attend 2023 expo in September • To have the first round of school visits in areas where public sensitization meeting had a low turnout, Corozal and Dangriga. - Photo contest 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In line with coastal awareness week 2023, to grow stock photos of Belize. 	
3.2	<p>Communications/Stakeholder Engagement Workplan: A brief review was given of the newly developed work plan that was shared prior to the meeting, highlighting major activities that will be conducted over the next three months.</p> <p>Next steps: The development of a Strategic Communications Action Plan. To share criteria for the slogan competition with Core Team.</p>	<p>Proposed action by CZMAI MSP Unit: - Media visits will be done to inform about the slogan competition along with a general sensitization about the BSOP. Updates on what have been done, what is to come and currently activities. We would like to have representatives form the core team to join us on these me these visits.</p>
Existing Conditions Report		
4.1	<p>A recap of the existing conditions was given with refence to the MSP Global International guidebooks for Marine/Maritime Spatial Planning and the Guidebook on Marine Spatial Planning step by step approach, ecosystems-based approach. Where four key outputs of the MSP inventory of maps with, (i) biological and ecological areas, (ii) human activities that are both in the marine management area and assess the possible conflicts and compatibility between existing of (iii) human uses and (iv) human uses and the environment were discussed.</p> <p>An overview of the proposed approach was detailed in a five-part approach of data compilation, stakeholder requirement, data mapping by sectors (is a long-term process), multi-level workshops (the use of the decision support tools, analytical process to measure compatibility and other aspects) and data analysis and results (sector priority will be uncovered).</p> <p>Activities to be completed: - Agency-based engagement and data acquisition process. To further build agencies awareness and understanding of their role in the MSP process and initiate the process of data acquisition.</p> <p>Questions from CT What are your methodologies that will be used when approaching these agencies?</p> <p>Response from CZMAI MSP Unit We are still in the development phase of the methodology.</p> <p>This first stage of engagement is only for existing data collection, and for those that have not been sensitized. The methodology will be needed when we deploy the use of SeaSketch and filling in data gaps.</p>	<p>Proposed action by CT: -The TNC global team can provide assistance where needed.</p>
GIS Updates		
5.1	<p>An update on the data management, data collection and the next steps were given. The data sharing agreement is being updated, where there are two types, one for sharing data and the other for receiving data. Standards for data ownership and confidentiality is very important. This includes spatial references and meta data requirements for the geodatabase.</p>	


	<p>Data collection portion, there are three major components. (i) Internal review at CZMAI, (ii) project data synopsis and (iii) TQG data viewer (data by sectors).</p> <p>Next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maps for stakeholder engagements - Data collection engagement - Ocean surveys <p>Questions from CT</p> <p>Is there a list of active working data and of data gaps that is being updated in real time?</p> <p>Response from CZMAI MSP Unit</p> <p>We don't at this time have a list in the shared folder, but we can put one. We don't have any of the data gaps as this need to be develop with each of the TWGs.</p>	
Other matters		
8.1	Upcoming GOAP training to be conducted in August 2023 with further detail to be provided at a later date.	
8.2	<p>Update on SEP consultancy given by The Nature Conservancy (TNC):</p> <p>Interviews were held for three shortlisted applications between June 26th and June 27th. The interview panel consisted of the Marine Spatial Plan Specialist, the Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, the MSP Process Lead, and the Communications and Public Relations Officer of TNC and CZMAI respectively. A scoring criterion was developed based on the TOR and circulated among the members of the interview panel prior to the interviews for feedback and questions from the panel members. The consultancy firm, Imbricata consisting of Jennifer Chapman, Cecilia Guererro, Arlene Perez and Ronalee Mckenzie scored the highest during the interview and have accepted the assignment. The contract was finalized and signed on July 18th, and the inception meeting was held. The team or a representative will be introduced at the next Core Team meeting.</p>	
8.3	<p>Placencia Lobster Fest 2023:</p> <p>A recap was given on the two-day event that occurred on the 15th and 16th of July in Placencia village. The lobster fest had low turnout, but there were still interesting persons who attended the booth, seeing information on the development of the plan and the stage we are currently at. A total of 13 people signed the attendance log on the first day. On day two, the team tried a different approach of walking around handing out flyers and talking to the public about the marine spatial plan. This way, they handed out over 30 flyers and the BSOP fact sheet, no sign-up log was used on day two.</p>	
8.4	<p>Technical Collaborations:</p> <p>An update was given on the various potential collaborations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Planet: with the assistance of high-resolution satellite data. This would assist in filling some of the current gaps. Downside, it is subscription based at comes at a high cost. - Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCPP): with the assistance technical support for GIS and the potential exploration of the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). - SeaSketch: training to be conducted on the decision support tool. - World Wildlife Fund (WWF) - training was conducted on the use of the program R. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RAMSAR – workshop in Cuba, attended by MSP Process Lead. There is scope for capacity building, related to the ICZM with marine spatial planning. With training on MSP from the IHE Delft Institute available to unit staff. - Super Reefs – presentation was done by MSP GIS Mapping and Spatial Analyst. 	
Closing of Meeting		
9.1	<p>Next Core Team meeting is to a month from now on the 24th of August 2023.</p> <p>MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 10:00 am.</p>	
Item #	Next Steps	Status Date
1	To add meeting dates for the TWGs working sessions on the BSOP website calendar.	In process Continuous
2	To share links for TWG data viewer	Completed 20/07/2023
3	To place data list document of existing data and data gaps in the shared folder.	In process Continuous

Minutes submitted by:

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Approved



Mr. Samir Rosado
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 24 July 2023

Date

Annex I: Meeting Agenda



26th BSOP Core Team Meeting
Agenda

Date	Thursday July 20th, 2023
Time	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (BZE local time)
Format	Hybrid Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82898954598?pwd=VmREUGp6VHViY3owY3M0OENZ0FDQT09
Record	Yes
Format	Presentations and discussions
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide an overview of Technical Working Group Meetings. 2. To provide an update on the Communication Workplan. 3. To provide an update on the approach for developing the Existing Conditions Report. 4. Other Matters

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1	9:00 – 9:05	Welcome & Meeting Called to Order	S. Rosado
2	9:05 – 9:20	Updates on Technical Working Group Meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Meeting Overview - Upcoming Working Sessions 	S. Rosado & C. Bowman
3	9:20 – 9:35	Communications Workplan	S. Banner-Gentle
4	9:35 – 9:50	Existing Conditions Report	C. Bowman
	9:50 – 10:05	Break	
5	10:05 – 10:20	GIS Updates	D. Guevara
6	10:20 – 10:35	Other Matters: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming GOAP Training (August) • Updates on SEP Consultancy • Technical Collaborations 	All
7	10:35 – 10:50	Closing of Meeting	S. Rosado