

BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

27th Core Team Meeting

August 24th, 2023

Duration of meeting: 9:03 am – 9:51 am

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

Minutes

Meeting Objectives:

1. To provide updates from the BSOP Steering Committee Meeting
2. To provide an update on the Communications Activities.
3. To provide an overview and outcomes from the GOAP Training.
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

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

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

Virtually:

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

Jamani Balderamos – Marine Spatial Plan Specialist, 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 9:03 am.	
1.2	<p>The agenda was presented, the meeting objectives were reviewed and accepted. Annex I</p> <p>Core Team member proposed another matter of an update from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) about the consultancies.</p>	
1.3	<p>Action Item from the previous CT meeting:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To add meeting dates for the TWGs working sessions on the BSOP website calendar. In process as it is a continuous activity. 2. To share links for TWGs data viewer. Completed 3. To place data list document of existing data and data gaps into the shared folder. In process as it is a continuous activity. 	
Updates from Steering Committee Meeting		
2.1	<p>The 4th Steering Committee meeting was held on the 4th of August at the Radisson Fort George Hotel and Marina. Meeting entailed giving updates on the Belize Sustainable Ocean Plan (BSOP) updates noted in the agenda, annex II.</p> <p>Actions resulting from the meeting were to make suggested changes to the 3rd Steering Committee Meeting minutes.</p>	
Communications Activities		
3.1	<p>A recap was given on the current communications activities.</p> <p>Slogan Competition Update: Has a total of 18 submissions, with an increase to the BSOP website from 1,224 views in July to 2,476 views in August, for an increase of 102.3%. There is also an increase in the social media platforms over the last 28 days of 30% increase in followers.</p> <p>Question from CT</p> <p>Will there be the option to know the location of the participants to evaluate if coastal communities are being reached?</p> <p>For the judging portion of the competition, a representative is required from each origination of the Core Team to be a judge, it can be someone from the organization that is not on the Core Team.</p> <p>All members of the CT agreed to provide a nominee for the judge position. The grading will be done individually and have a virtual session to discuss scoring and the winner.</p>	
3.2	Social Media Campaign: Sixteen facts will be posted over an eight-week period, starting on the 11 th of August with information about the BSOP taken directly from the BSOP fact sheet. Postings are scheduled for Tuesdays and	

	<p>Fridays both on Instagram and Facebook. At the midway point and at the end there will be a quiz and giveaways to keep the public engaged.</p>	
<p>3.3</p>	<p>Morning Show Update: The BSOP team of the MSP Process Lead and the MSP C&PRO attended three different morning shows to talk about the BSOP process and to inform the public of how they can be involved. The BSOP slogan competition was also publicized as a currently active. Morning shows attended were: Sun Up on 7 on August 15th, 2023 at 7:30am with an approximate reach of 5.4k, The Morning Show-Love FM on August 18th, 2023 at 8:00am with an approximate reach of 1.9k and the Open Your Eyes Morning Show on August 22nd, 2023 at 8:00am with an approximate reach of 4.7k.</p>	
<p>GOAP Training Update</p>		
<p>4.1</p>	<p>An update was given on the three-day Global Ocean Accounts Partnership training (GOAP) session that was held at the Radisson Fort George Hotel and Marine from August 15-17th. The training was done in collaboration with the University of New South Wales Sydney Australia and CZMAI. Facilitators of the training were Ibukun Adewumi, Charles Colgan, Maria Alarcon, and Arlette Sharamm, highlighting links of ocean accounting to the MSP and the Blue Economy and how it can be used. In total there were 21 participants representing the Belize Fisheries Department, Blue Bonds Finance Permanence Unit, Blue Economy Unit, Coastal Zone Management Authority and Institute, Sustainable Development Unit, Statistical Institute of Belize, and The Nature Conservancy. Key points from the training were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Monetized values for better decision making. - Resulting values can be used as key indicators and to assess tradeoffs. - Funding for a 2-year pilot project to be developed in Belize. - GoB identified Natural Capital Assessment and Accounting as a useful tool. <p>The training is composed of several case studies from various countries demonstrating how they use ocean accounting and for what purpose. A working session was done to develop a hypothetical scenario for Belize and how to apply the use of ocean accounting.</p> <p>The training was highlighted on Love FM news and Channel 5 News to raise awareness of the MSP process and the training being done.</p>	
<p>GIS Updates</p>		
<p>5.1</p>	<p>An update of the three-day training session (August 9, 10 and 22, 2023) was conducted on the use of SeaSketch. The platform is a sketching tool for collecting mapped based surveys, designed specifically for the use of MSP and it allows for all data layers designed and analytics to be publicly assessable. The tool can be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scenarios for high priority areas for biodiversity, • Map sectors and uses, • Map stakeholder preferences and spatial priorities, • Heatmaps of ocean uses and values for Belize’s ocean space. • Key takeaway from the training involved the styling and development of surveys at the back-end use of the tool, with sketch call features, data layers features and ocean use survey. <p>Question from CT Will the CT review the questions that will be developed for the survey?</p>	

	<p>Response from CZMAI MSP Unit</p> <p>Yes, a SeaSketch working team will be developed for the backend development, the information will be shared with the Technical Working Group and the Core Team.</p> <p>Next steps: to collaborate with the University of California, Santa Barbara, and TNC Global to develop the SeaSketch planning tool design for BSOP. It will cover:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goals and objectives of planning tool for BSOP, • Define what stakeholders will be designing, • Define what will be the categories to be used for protection levels, • Identify what data layers will be used in analytics for the planning tool to meet goals and objectives, • Guide on which report analytics will be used within the planning tool, • Identify the reports design needs for BSOP that will be needed for planning. 		
Other Matters			
6.1	<p>An update on the current consultancies:</p> <p>-The stakeholder consultants, Imbricata, for the development of Stakeholder Engagement Plan and integration of the social safeguards, have accomplished their first deliverable, the work plan and a revised methodology, submitted on the 25th of July and first payment has been issued. They have submitted a draft of the second deliverable, a revised stakeholder mapping and categorization, which has been reviewed by CZMAI and TNC with comments submitted to the consultants to be adjusted. They had a discussion with TNC on the social safeguards and the best practices for FPIC, which will be their third deliverable. The consultancy should be completed in November.</p> <p>-Monitoring and Evaluation Consultancy, call for request has been advertised for a Monitoring and Evaluation Plan for the Belize Sustainable Ocean Plan Planning Process with a deadline of August 28th, 2023. There have been several expressions of interest, ranging from persons from Belize and International personnel (Bahamas, USA and Haiti) and one submitted proposal (of both a methodology and a budget).</p>		
Closing of Meeting			
7.1	<p>Next Core Team meeting is to a month from now on the 28th of September 2023.</p> <p>MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 9:51 am.</p>		
Item #	Next Steps	Status	Date
1	Core Team to submit name and contact information of potential judge to Janel McNab at mspcoordinator@coastalzonebelize.org	Completed	30/08/23
2	To be shared with the judges, the grading criteria, and the submissions for grading.	Completed	1/09/23
3	To Review the participants profile to know their location.	Completed	28/08/23
4	Imbricata meeting with the Core Team to be held on the 29 th of August at 2-3pm, virtually.	Completed	29/08/23

Minutes submitted by:

Ms. Janel McNab, MSP Coordinator of CZMAI



Belize Fund For A Sustainable Future



The Nature Conservancy
Belize



Approved

Mr. Samir Rosado
Marine Spatial Plan Process Lead,
CZMAI

25 August 2023

Date

Annex I: Meeting Agenda



27th BSOP Core Team Meeting Agenda

Date	Thursday August 24th, 2023
Time	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (BZE local time)
Format	Hybrid Zoom link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84252451664?pwd=dTVONUhWUIR2RnBUb3Y5aWpWSXdrUT09
Recorded	Yes
Format	Presentations and discussions
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide updates from the BSOP Steering Committee Meeting 2. To provide an update on the Communication Activities. 3. To provide an overview and outcomes from the GOAP Training 4. Other Matters

Agenda			
#	Time	Topic	Presenter (s)
1	9:00 – 9:05	Welcome & Meeting Called to Order	S. Rosado
2	9:05 – 9:20	Updates form Sterring Committee Meeting	S. Rosado & J. McNab
3	9:20 – 9:45	Communications Activities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Slogan Competition Update - Social Media Champaign - Morning Show Update 	S. Banner- Gentle
4	9:45 – 10:00	GOAP Training Update	S. Rosado
5	10:00 – 10:15	GIS Updates	D. Guevara & C. Bowman
6	10:15 – 10:20	Other Matters	All
7	10:30	Closing of Meeting	S. Rosado

Annex II: 4th Steering Committee Meeting Agenda



4th ORDINARY MEETING OF BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN (BSOP) STEERING COMMITTEE

FRIDAY 4th August 2023

Start Time: 9:00 am **End Time:** 2:00 pm

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

Agenda:

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 and Introduction of MSP Science Lead	Chantalle Samuels
9:05 am – 9:20 am	Review of Draft Minutes and Matters Arising from 3 rd Ordinary Meeting Held May 5 th , 2023	Chantalle Samuels
9:20 am – 9:40 am	Workplan Update (Q1)	Samir Rosado <i>MSP Process Lead at CZMAI and Secretary, BSOP Steering Committee</i>
9:40 am – 10:30 am	Progress Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication Outputs and Workplan • Analysis of Existing Conditions: Approach and Tools • Potential Partnerships • Technical Working Groups 	Shari Banner-Gentle <i>Communication & Public Relations Officer</i> Chad Bowman <i>MSP Science Lead</i> Delwin Guevara <i>GIS Mapping & Spatial Analyst</i> Janel McNab <i>MSP Coordinator at CZMAI and Recording Secretary, BSOP Steering Committee</i>
10:30 am – 10:45 am	BREAK	
10:45 am – 12:00 pm	Review of Terms of Reference for Consultancy for the Revision of the Coastal Zone Management Act	Chantalle Samuels
LUNCH		
1:00 pm – 1:45 pm	Presentations from various organizations on Policy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministry of Tourism • Department of Environment • Ministry of Finance & Investment 	Jonelle Hemmans <i>Business Development and Investment Officer, Ministry of Tourism and Diaspora Relations</i> Anthony Mai <i>Chief Environmental Officer, Department of the Environment</i> Kimberley Westby <i>Economist II - Policy & Planning Unit, Ministry of Finance, Economic Development & Investment</i>
1:45 pm – 1:55 pm	Other Matters:	All
1:55 pm – 2:00 pm	Date for Next Meeting and Adjournment	Chantalle Samuels