

BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

29th Core Team Meeting

November 30th, 2023

Duration of meeting: 9:10 am – 10:04 am

Location: Zoom Virtually

Minutes

Meeting Objectives:

1. To provide an update from the 5th Steering Committee
2. To provide an update on Science & Technical activities
3. To provide an update on Communications activities
4. 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

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

Chantalle Samuels - CEO, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

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

Andria Grinage – Senior Blue Economy Officer, Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation

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

Adriel Castenada – Fisheries Officer, The Belize Fisheries Department

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

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

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

James Foley – Oceans Manager Belize Program, 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 reviewed and accepted. Annex I	
Updates from 5th Steering Committee Meeting		
2.1	<p>The MSP Process Lead summarized the 5th Steering Committee (SC) meeting held at the Radisson Fort Georgy Hotel and Marine on November 24th. Agenda items discussed were, annex II:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of previous meeting minutes and matters arising. 2. Updates on workplan and year one progress. 3. Progress updates on participatory mapping and SeaSketch Ocean Use Survey (OUS) demo. 4. Updates on Stakeholder Engagement progress and final documents. 5. Communications progress including the BSOP slogan competition, outreach activities, MSP Video, and draft communications strategy plan. 6. Updates on milestones four and five. 7. Policy presentations from Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit and Belize Project Finance for Permanence, World Wildlife Fund. 	
Science and Technical Update		
3.1	<p>The MSP GIS Mapping and Spatial Analyst summarized the SeaSketch: Ocean Use Survey (OUS) Training Workshop held on November 15 and 16 at the Best Western Plus Belize Biltmore Plaza:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The workshop trained 27 individuals from 12 organizations on the OUS tool, used for capturing the spatial distribution of human activities and for planning purposes. - Feedback from workshop participants and Steering Committee members highlighted several suggestions for the improvement of the survey tool. 	
3.2	<p>The MSP Science Lead facilitated a three-day engagement in northern Belize from November 27 to 29. Coastal community leaders from Sarteneja Village, Chunox Village, Copper Bank Village, and Consejo Village discussed the current status of the BSOP process and the next phase utilizing the OUS. They also identified target groups to be included in the OUS, such as ferry and boat operators, regattas and sailing clubs, developers, marine conservationists, beach trap associations, fly fishers, fisherfolk associations, women's groups, and transportation of goods. Feedback from the visit emphasized various</p>	

	approaches for community engagement, including snowball methods, face-to-face interactions, group sessions, and home visits.	
Communications Activities		
4.1	The Communications and Public Relations Officer provided a recapped of the recent media appearance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3rd of Nov 2023 on the SunUp Morning show, for the announcement of the slogan competition, Dr Phaedra Mohammed-Ali. - 21st and 24th November on Open Your Eyes and The Morning show to highlight the importance of the public involvement in the upcoming participatory mapping exercise and ocean use survey to be conducted in the coming months. 	
4.2	Educational Outreach was conducted in northern Belize over two days of November 27, and 28. Targeting coastal community school of Corozal ITVET, Escuela Secundaria Mexico and Sarteneja Baptist High School. The presentation included an overview of what MSP and the background agreement of the BSOP, importance of the BSOP and tools being used to develop the BSPO.	
4.3	Community Champions identification is an upcoming activity. A community champion is an individual that resides in their respective community that will act as a liaison to CZMAI to assist with the distribution and relay of information. This activity will be conducted along with stakeholder mapping to nominate an individual(s) that the community would like to be their community champion.	
Other Matters		
5.1	Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) consultancy update was provided by The Nature Conservancy, indicating that Praxi5 was the selected consultant. The consultancy is contracted for eight (8) months. Expected output are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of indicators, targets, and methods from M&E - Develop stakeholder engagement assessment report, providing lessons learnt from stakeholder engagement phase two (2) report and recommendations. - Will present to the CT and Steering Committee a draft M&E plan and reporting structure. - Finalize the consultancy by July 2024. 	
5.2	The MSP Process Lead provided an update on the Stakeholder Engagement Plan and the inclusion of environmental and social safeguards. Noting that the documents, which were prepared by the contracted firm Imbricata, have been finalized. Currently, they are being formatted with the BSOP logo and theme. Once completed, the documents will be circulated and put into action.	
5.3	Existing and future conditions update was provided by the MSP Process Lead, indicating that the analysis of the current is being done using the baselines of that were created during the Integrated Coastal	

	<p>Zone Management (ICZM) process, with major knowledge gap being the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).</p> <p>The People Centric Conservation Agenda (PCCA) has its agenda of protection coral reef areas which has synergy that can be aligned with the BSOP in the form of a Spatial Analyst Support. The position will work towards ensuring the fulfillment of the works and assist the current MSP GIS Mapping and Spatial Analyst with the development of an official coral reef layer for Belize.</p> <p>Participatory mapping will refine the ICZM baselines and provide the current situation related to the use of space. The participatory mapping will be done repeatedly to understand the evolving use of space to identify trends of use that will assist with future planning and conflict resolutions.</p> <p>Non-spatial information is being collected with the use of the Technical Working Groups (TWGs) that are sector specific. Data is also being collected from partners and sectors. With the census data being waited for, for the refinement of targets.</p> <p>For refinement and the best way forward, other decision-support tools have been identified: Marxan (to identify biodiversity protection zones), and marine invest (from Natural Capital, for the justification of use of space for future planning).</p>		
Closing of Meeting			
6.1	<p>Next Core Team meeting tentative date on Thursday January 11th, 2024. Scheduled meeting on the second Thursday of every month.</p> <p>The MSP Process Lead extended thanks and appreciation CT members for a fruitful 2023.</p> <p>MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 10:04 am.</p>		
Action Items			
<i>Item #</i>	<i>Next Steps</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	Share complied feedback on the Ocean Use Survey with Will and SeaSketch team.	Completed	1/12/2023
2	To share the Communities Champions document with CT.	Completed	30/11/2023
3	Report from participatory mapping community leaders' engagement.	pending	
4	Format and circulate completed stakeholder engagement plan and social safeguard documents.	Completed	29/12/2023

Minutes submitted by:

Janel McNab, MSP Coordinator of CZMAI



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Approved

Mr. Samir Rosado
Marine Spatial Plan Process Lead,
CZMAI

15 December 2023

Date

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda



29th BSOP Core Team Meeting

Agenda

Date	Thursday November 30 th , 2023
Time	9:00 a.m. – 10:20 a.m. (BZE local time)
Format	Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86086988383?pwd=4qiqe5237dVUAbhEt4PD9zaBIZQp7.1
Recorded	Yes
Format	Presentation and discussions
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide an update from the 5th Steering Committee 2. To provide an update on Science & Technical activities 3. To provide an update on Communications activities 4. Other Matters

AGENDA

#	Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
1	9:00 – 9:05	Welcome & Meeting Called to Order	S. Rosado
2	9:05 – 9:10	Update on action items from 28 th Core Team Meeting, October 19 th	S. Rosado
3	9:10 – 9:25	Update from 5 th Steering Committee Meeting, November 24 th	S. Rosado & J. McNab
4	9:25 – 9:40	Science & Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SeaSketch: Ocean Use Survey Training Workshop • Community Leaders Engagement 	D. Guevara & C. Bowman
	9:40 – 9:50	BREAK	
5	9:50 – 10:05	Communications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media Appearance • Educational Outreach • Community Champions 	S. Banner-Gentle
6	10:05 – 10:20	Other Matters	ALL
7	10:20 – 10:30	Closing of Meeting	S. Rosado

Annex 2: 5th Steering Committee Agenda



**5th ORDINARY MEETING OF
BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN (BSOP)
STEERING COMMITTEE**

FRIDAY 3rd November 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	Review of Meeting Agenda	Chantalle Samuels
9:05 am – 9:20 am	Review of Draft Minutes and Matters Arising from 4 th Ordinary Meeting Held August 4 th , 2023	Chantalle Samuels
9:20 am – 9:25 am	BSOP 1 Year Recap	Samir Rosado <i>MSP Process Lead at CZMAI and Secretary, BSOP Steering Committee</i>
9:25 am – 9:45 am	Workplan Update (Q2)	Samir Rosado

9:45 am – 10:45 am	<p>Progress Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Science & Technical • Stakeholder Engagement • Communication Outputs and Strategy 	<p>Chad Bowman <i>MSP Science Lead</i></p> <p>Delwin Guevara GIS Mapping & Spatial Analyst</p> <p>Janel McNab <i>MSP Coordinator at CZMAI and Recording Secretary, BSOP Steering Committee</i></p> <p>Shari Banner-Gentle <i>Communication & Public Relations Officer</i></p>
10:45 am – 11:00 am	BREAK	
11:00 am – 12:00 pm	Update on Milestone 4 and 5	<p>Samir Rosado</p> <p>Chantalle Samuels</p> <p>Arlene Young</p>
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	LUNCH	
1:00 pm – 1:40 pm	<p>Presentations from various organizations on policy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blue Bond & Finance Permanence Unit • World Wildlife Fund-Project for Finance Permanence 	<p>Safira Vasquez <i>Senior Technical Officer Blue Bond & Finance Permanence Unit Office of the Prime Minister</i></p> <p>Osmany Salas <i>Lead, Belize Project Finance for Permanence World Wildlife Fund</i></p>
1:40 pm – 1:55 pm	Other Matters:	All
1:55 pm – 2:00 pm	Date for Next Meeting and Adjournment	Chantalle Samuels