



Belize Fund For A Sustainable Future



The Nature Conservancy Belize



## BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

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### 30<sup>th</sup> Core Team Meeting

January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Duration of meeting: 9:10 am – 10:00 am

Location: Zoom Virtually

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### Minutes

#### Meeting Objectives:

1. To provide an update on the Ocean Use Survey
2. 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

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

**Adriel Castenada** – Fisheries Officer, The Belize Fisheries Department

**Alicia Eck-Nunez** – 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
<b>Welcome &amp; Meeting Called to Order</b>		
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	
<b>Science and Technical Update: Ocean Use Survey (OUS)</b>		
2.1	<p>The MSP Science Lead recapped the Ocean Use Survey (OUS) conducted in Northern Belize over a six-day period from January 5th to 10th. The survey covered coastal communities including Corozal Town, Sarteneja Village, Chunox Village, Copper Bank Village, and Consejo Village. The OUS team was acknowledged, comprising members from TNC Belize, CZMAI (MSP Unit, Data Center, and Coastal Planning Unit), as well as students from the University of Belize and Escuela de Mexico Junior College.</p>	
2.2	<p>The SeaSketch program was utilized in various communities through both online and offline features. The survey approach included breakout teams, collective group surveys, house-to-house visits, workshop sessions, fisherfolk and boat licensing sessions conducted by the Belize Port Authority.</p> <p>In the Northern Region, a total of 84 surveys were conducted, capturing 214 individuals and representing 92 sectors. The Finance and Investment and Energy sectors were not included. The majority of surveys focused on the commercial fisheries sector, with the dominant age group being 30-39 and predominantly male.</p> <p>Community targets were established to validate the process. In Sarteneja, 70 individuals were surveyed, with 21 pending to reach the set target. To address this, the Sarteneja Beach Trap Association will be surveyed as a group. The target was met and exceeded in Copper Bank Village, while other communities like Chunox, Copper Bank, and Sarteneja Villages are to be revisited or supported by partners of the Sarteneja Alliance for Conservation and Development (SACD) to achieve their targets.</p>	
2.3	<p>The MSP GIS Mapping and Spatial Analyst presented sketches representing data from the Northern Region, produced per sector. Recalibration was performed for the sectors, and data was collected using the "shiny tool" for analytics.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fisheries Sector: Sketches were large but lacked detail.</li> <li>- Maritime Administration: Sketches were more detailed.</li> <li>- Marine and Coastal Ecosystems Sector: Detailed sketches were presented.</li> <li>- Tourism Sector: Detailed sketches were provided.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Marine and Coastal Development Sector: Limited detail and only a few areas were captured, without consideration for land use.</li> <li>- General Use: Detailed sketches with common names provided for locations.</li> </ul> <p>A compilation of all sketches from various sectors was displayed, revealing overlapping areas between sectors.</p>	
2.4	<p>Next Steps for the OUS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- OUS in Mullins River Village and Gales Point Manatee Village, Central Region.</li> <li>- Cleaning of data and information along with logistics for future communities to conduct the OUS.</li> <li>- Data collection will be in partnership with students and partner organization.</li> <li>- Date for upcoming communities to be posted on the BSOP website. Reminder that the calendar can be subscribed to, to stay up to date on the events/activities posted.</li> </ul>	
<b>Other Matters</b>		
3.1	<p>The MSP Process Lead listed the remaining activities for quarter four (4):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Continuation of the OUS, until end of February early March, completing remaining communities,</li> <li>- Milestone 4, identification of priority areas for biodiversity protection zone,</li> <li>- Spatial Analyst Consultancy in collaboration with World Wildlife Fund (WWF), to assist with the facilitation of alignment between objectives and activities of the BSOP and the People Centric Conservation Agenda on coral reef protection. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Development of official coral reef later,</li> <li>-Tiding of metadata for all the spatial layers created,</li> <li>- Comprehensive review of all spatial data that CZMAI has to ensure adequate metadata associated with the files.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Planning for annual work plan (AOP), year 2024/2025 for BSOP activities and activities supported by the Government Strategic Allocation (GSA)</li> <li>- Reporting do be produced and placed on the website.</li> </ul>	
3.2	<p>The MSP Communications and Public Relations Officer provided an update on activities conducted in December of 2024.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Communications in Science Workshop, in Placencia. On the Alda Strategic way of communicating science. With the use of a jam tool to identify ways how to connect with audiences based on their interests, linking it to works being down.</li> <li>- Sea of Life, International Woman in Conservation Summit that the MSP Coordinator and MSP Communications and Public Relations Officer attended.</li> </ul>	

3.3	<p>Monitoring and Evaluation Pla Consultancy update by, MSP Specialist, TNC</p> <p>The Consultancy has submitted their first deliverable, the inception report, which has been reviewed and approved. The constancy is currently in a data collection phase, gathering data on stakeholder engagement previously done along with messaging, communication strategies, matrix from social media and BSOP website and financial data on expenditure of the stakeholder engagement to produce a stakeholder engagement report. This is to provide the MSP team with suggestions on stakeholder reach for the future. The next deliverable is the Stakeholder Engagement Report.</p>	
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**Closing of Meeting**

4.1	<p>Next Core Team meeting tentative date on Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024.</p> <p>MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 10:00 am.</p>	
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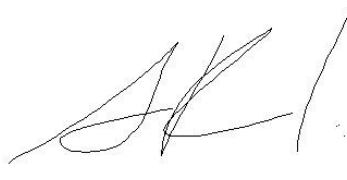
**Action Items**

<i>Item #</i>	<i>Next Steps</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	<p>To receive feedback from CT on pending documents for review.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Champions Communications Plan</li> </ul>	Completed	16/01/2024
2	<p>To conduct focus group session with Sarteneja Beach Trap Association, to conduct OUS.</p>	Completed	03/02/2024
3	<p>Addition of OUS link to the BSOP website</p>	In-process	15/02/2024
4	<p>To adjust visibility of OUS flyer on the BSOP website homepage</p>	In-process	15/02/2024

**Minutes submitted by:**

Janel McNab, MSP Coordinator of CZMAI

**Approved**



**Mr. Samir Rosado**  
Marine Spatial Plan Process Lead,  
CZMAI

26 January 2024

**Date**

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda



## 30<sup>th</sup> BSOP Core Team Meeting

### Agenda

<b>Date</b>	Thursday January 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024		
<b>Time</b>	9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. (BZE local time)		
<b>Format</b>	Zoom: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81249794282?pwd=bYbbhBybQCsJMer13lXluX3FOolaMb.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81249794282?pwd=bYbbhBybQCsJMer13lXluX3FOolaMb.1</a>		
<b>Recorded</b>	Yes		
<b>Format</b>	Presentation and discussions		
<b>Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To provide an update on Ocean Use Survey</li> <li>2. Other Matters</li> </ol>		
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 29 <sup>th</sup> Core Team Meeting, November 30 <sup>th</sup> .	S. Rosado
3	9:10 – 9:30	Science & Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SeaSketch: Ocean Use Survey update</li> </ul>	D. Guevara & C. Bowman
4	9:30 – 9:40	Other Matters	ALL
5	9:40 – 9:45	Closing of Meeting	S. Rosado