



Belize Fund For A Sustainable Future



The Nature Conservancy Belize



BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

32nd Core Team Meeting

February 29th, 2024

Duration of meeting: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Zoom Virtually

Minutes

Meeting Objectives:

1. To provide an update on the Ocean Use Survey
2. To provide an update on Milestone 4
3. To discuss refocusing of Process Objectives
4. Any other Matters

Present:

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

Arlene Young – Director, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

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

Chantalle Samuels- CEO, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

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

Nidia Chacon – Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

James Foley – Oceans Manager Belize Program, The Nature Conservancy

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

Jamani Balderamos – Marine Spatial Plan Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

Wendy Casasola – Conservation Program Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy

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

Beverly Wade – Directory, Blue Bond & Finance Permanence Unit

Alicia Eck-Nunez – Fisheries Officer, The Belize Fisheries Department

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

Minutes :

| Agenda Item Number | Notes/Comments/Advice | Proposed Action & Response |
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| Welcome & Meeting Called to Order | | |
| 1.1 | The MSP Process Lead welcomed the Core Team (CT) members and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am. | |
| 1.2 | The agenda was presented, the meeting objectives reviewed and accepted. Annex I | |
| Science and Technical Update: Ocean Use Survey (OUS) | | |
| 2.1 | The MSP Science Lead delivered an update on the participatory mapping conducted through the OUS, highlighting that 19 communities have been covered, encompassing seven out of the ten regions. Collaborations have been forged with TNC, Sarteneja Alliance for Conservation and Development (SACD), Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), Blue Bond Finance for Permanence Unit (BBFP), and university students. As per the update from February 27th, 2024, sourced from the online platform, seven surveys have been conducted without facilitation. In total, 431 surveys have been administered, representing 1,531 participants across 538 sectors, with a target completion rate of 74%. The population data from 2010 is not currently representative, as there have been declines in population in certain areas. | |
| 2.2 | The MSP GIS Mapping & Spatial Analyst emphasized the significance of the south-central region in the context of fisheries inclusive of aquaculture sector. They presented an overview encompassing commercial, non-commercial, and aquaculture sectors, providing data on the number of polygons marked, participants involved, types of vessels and gears utilized, and categories of farms. | |
| 2.3 | Upcoming communities and dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sittee River March 5th, 2024 - Hopkins Village March 12th – 13th, 2024 - Dangriga Town 13th – 15th, 2024 - Belize City/Ladyville 5th - 15th, 2024 | |
| Milestone 4 Updates | | |
| 3.1 | The MSP Process Lead provided an update on the deliverables. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Compiling existing datasets to align with reporting requirements. Existing data have been consulted based on works that have been done in the past, namely the Smart Cost Project. With selected areas being highlighted previously. - Spatial Planning and Marxan Workshop April 1st - 5th | |
| Discussion on Process Objectives | | |
| 4.1 | The MSP Process Lead addressed concerns raised by consultants working on the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework. They noted that the current objectives are outdated and do not fully represent the process. It was suggested that the objectives need to be | |

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| | <p>revised to allow consultants to develop suitable indicators. This revision will be facilitated through the steering committee (SC).</p> <p>Regarding Object one of the Process Governance Goal, it was observed that it focuses on short-term activities like the launch. The objective should instead emphasize the actual preparation of the marine spatial plan, with the initiation process being one of the steps toward achieving the larger goal of developing the plan. The restructuring aims to create more comprehensive objectives rather than solely focusing on short-term goals.</p> | |
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Other Matters

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| 5.1 | <p>The Nature Conservancy (TNC) provided details pertaining to the upcoming Spatial Planning and Marxan Workshop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Tentative dates of 3-5 and 8-9 of April 2024. - The first three (3) days will be focused on the Technical Working Groups (TWGs) and the SC. - The last two (2) days is on the Marxan training. | |
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Closing of Meeting

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| 6.1 | <p>Next Core Team meeting tentative date on Thursday March 14th, 2024.</p> <p>MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 11:00 am.</p> | |
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Action Items

| <i>Item #</i> | <i>Next Steps</i> | <i>Status</i> | <i>Date</i> |
|---------------|---|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 | To share document with CT on drafted description of selected BPZ | Completed | 29/02/2024 |
| 2 | To finalize Marxan workshop dates | Completed | 6/03/2024 |
| 3 | To have refine/restructure the MSP goals and objectives before Marxan workshop | In-process | 22/03/2024 |
| 4 | CZMAI to have the Steering Committee agree on updates goals and objectives | To be completed | 22/03/2024 |
| 5 | M & E Consultant to conduct workshop with SC by May 13 th , 2024 to review developed indicators. | To be completed | 13/05/2024 |
| 6 | Extension provided to the CT to review Marxan workshop agenda | Completed | 04/03/2024 |

Minutes submitted by:

Janel McNab, MSP Coordinator of CZMAI



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Approved

Mr. Samir Rosado
Marine Spatial Plan Process Lead,
CZMAI

11 March 2024

Date

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda



32nd BSOP Core Team Meeting

Agenda

| Date | Thursday February 29 th , 2024 | | |
|-------------------|--|--|------------------------|
| Time | 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (BZE local time) | | |
| Format | Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86734869018?pwd=CWiemg4MFzt8VsBe2N3JGeuMWVvAkSb.1 | | |
| Recorded | Yes | | |
| Format | Presentation and discussions | | |
| Objectives | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide an update on Ocean Use Survey 2. To provide and update on Milestone 4 3. To discuss refocusing of Process Objectives 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 31 st Core Team Meeting, February 16 th . | S. Rosado |
| 3 | 9:10 – 9:30 | Science & Technical <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SeaSketch: Ocean Use Survey update | D. Guevara & C. Bowman |
| 4 | 9:30 – 9:40 | Milestone 4 Update | S. Rosado |
| 5 | 9:40 – 10:00 | Discussion on Process Objectives | S. Rosado |
| 6 | 10:00 – 10:05 | Closing of Meeting | S. Rosado |