



Belize Fund For A Sustainable Future



The Nature Conservancy Belize



BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

34th Core Team Meeting

March 28th, 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 Spatial Planning & Marxan Workshop Preparations
4. Any other Matters

Present:

Samir Rosado – MSP Process Lead, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

Janel McNab – MSP Coordinator, 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

James Foley – Oceans Manager Belize Program, The Nature Conservancy

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

Wendy Casasola – Conservation Program Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy

Adriel Castaneda – Fisheries Officer, The Belize Fisheries Department

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

Delwin Guevara – GIS Mapping & Spatial Analyst, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

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

Arlene Young – Director, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

Nidia Chacon – Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

Jamani Balderamos – Marine Spatial Plan Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

Chantal Collier – Senior Associate Ocean Planning and Mapping, 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 9:05 am.	
1.2	The agenda was presented, the meeting objectives reviewed and accepted. Annex I	
Updates from 6th Steering Committee Meeting		
2.1	<p>The MSP Process Lead and MSP Coordinator presented on the highlighted outcomes from the 6th Steering Committee (SC) meeting held on the 22nd of March 2024, at the Belize Best Western Biltmore Plaza. Notably that of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Related to the review of quarter 3 agenda item, the gathering of data on the biodiversity determination, how to determine the biodiversity protection zones to include information from communities that are in needed for biodiversity protections. - Related to the science and technical agenda item, to gather testimonials from partners and persons surveyed about the Ocean Use Survey to be documents and showcased. - Related to the milestone 4 agenda item, to clarify and standardise how data is going to be documented and shared between CZMAI and the Belize Fisheries Department. - Related to the refocusing of the BSOP goals and objectives agenda item, to have the SC review the suggested changes and provide their feedback. - Related to the technical working group consolidation agenda item, the decision for the group was: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maritime Administration and Marine & Coastal Development 2. Energy and Finance & Investment 3. Fisheries inclusive of Aquaculture 4. Tourism 5. Marine & Coastal Ecosystems 6. CT Governance Working Group 	
Unit Updates		
3.1	<p>Science and Technical</p> <p>The GIS Mapping and Spatial Analyst delivered an update on the Science and Technical activates previously conducted. Noting the recent communities visited during the ocean use survey (OUS) period of March 12-15th, 2024:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dangriga Town - Hopkins Village and the Garifuna Council - Sittee River Village <p>Major stakeholders surveyed were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Port of Big Creek - Harvest Caye - Belize Port Authority 	

3.2	<p>Belize Electricity Limited Communications</p> <p>The MSP Communications and Public Relations Officer delivered an update on outreach activities and their specific targets. This update is crucial for monitoring and evaluating the effectiveness of the communication plan to efficiently allocate resources, engage stakeholders, and enhance strategic approaches.</p> <p>In the inaugural year of the BSOP, the following statistics outline the activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Website activity from May 2023 to the present indicates that 1,797 individuals have accessed the site. - Nine public meetings have been conducted. - Four educational outreach visits have been carried out. - Eight public outreach activities have been attended. - An estimated total of 600 individuals have been engaged across these initiatives. - Facebook followers 567 Instagram followers 326 <p>Recent outreach activity, attendance at the Reef Week Fair 2024 held in Corozal Town, informing the public and other organizations in attendance about the current OUS.</p>	
Milestone 4 Updates		
4.1	<p>The MSP Process Lead provided an update on the deliverables of milestone 4.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check-in meeting scheduled for the 8th of April 2024 to address matters brought up during the 6th SC meeting. With the development of a work plan from the Belize Fisheries Department. - Priority use areas have been identified within regions of interest under consideration for the biodiversity protection zone, aiming to emphasize high-use zones within the designated areas. - The scheduling of Technical Working Group (TWG) meetings to assist with basic use areas being derived from the TWGs. 	
Spatial Planning & Marxan Workshop Preparations		
5.1	<p>Senior Associate Ocean Planning and Mapping at The Nature Conservancy presented the revised draft agenda for review and updates. The main outstanding items requiring confirmation by the next CT meeting include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confirmation of facilitators - Media management - Proposed agenda for the media - Media interviews with key individuals 	
Other Matters		

6.1	<p>Technical Working Group Fisheries inclusive of Aquaculture meeting update</p> <p>The MSP Coordinator and GIS Mapping and Spatial Analyst shared highlighted outputs from the meeting held on the 25th of March 2024 at the Belize Best Western Biltmore Plaza.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recap on the MSP/BSOP process to accommodate new members. - To increase membership of working group to include Belize High Seas Fisheries Unit and the Sports Fishing Unit of CZMAI - To address the issue of sports fishing and documents of data. - To review maps and data layers presented for proposed BPZs. 		
Closing of Meeting			
7.1	<p>Next Core Team meeting tentative date on Thursday April 11th, 2024.</p> <p>MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 10:18 am.</p>		
Action Items			
<i>Item #</i>	<i>Next Steps</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	To share draft proposal for areas for the BPZ	In Process	11/04/2024
2	To finalise Spatial Planning & Marxan Workshop agenda by next CT meeting	In process	11/04/2024

Minutes submitted by:

Janel McNab, MSP Coordinator of CZMAI

Approved



Mr. Samir Rosado
Marine Spatial Plan Process Lead,
CZMAI

8 April 2024

Date

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda



34th BSOP Core Team Meeting

Agenda

Date	Thursday March 28 th , 2024		
Time	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (BZE local time)		
Format	Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86734869018?pwd=CWiemg4MFzt8VsBe2N3JGeuMWvAkSb.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 Spatial Planning & Marxan Workshop Preparations 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 33 rd Core Team Meeting, March 14 th .	S. Rosado
3	9:10 – 9:25	Update from 6 th Steering Committee	S. Rosado
4	9:25 – 9:40	Science & Technical - SeaSketch: Ocean Use Survey update	D. Guevara
5	9:40 – 9:55	Communications - Outreach Activity - Targets	S. Banner-Gentle
6	9:55 – 10:10	Milestone 4 Update	S. Rosado
7	10:10 – 10:35	Spatial Planning & Marxan Workshop Preparations	TNC Global
8	10:35 – 10:50	Other Matters - TWG Fisheries inclusive of Aquaculture Meeting Update	All
9	10:50 – 11:00	Closing of Meeting	S. Rosado