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BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

35th Core Team Meeting

April 11th, 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. 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

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

Andria Grinage – 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

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

Alicia Eck-Nunez – Fisheries Officer, Belize Fisheries Department

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	
Unit Updates		
2.1	<p>Science and Technical</p> <p>The MSP Science Lead provided an update on the data that has been collected. Reaching 96% of the calculated targets, with 254 group responses covering 195 organizations. Relating to demographics, is similar to the previous update, indicating an increase in ethnicity of the Maya and Garifuna ethnicity groups. Incomplete communities of Chunox and Copper Bank Villages, pending are also Gales Point and Ladyville Villages, to be completed before the end of the survey.</p> <p>Recent activities update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Survey data collection with St. George’s Residents, Belize River Lodge and Belize City/Ladyville stakeholders. <p>Gaps: coastal development and coastal ecosystems</p> <p>Compatibility Matrix: provides an analysis of the different uses of the ocean areas and their compatible or conflict state. Developing a methodology brief analysing the multi-criteria decision analysis (MCDA) using an analytical hierarchy process (AHP). Defining of the criteria for use in analysing the compatibility.</p>	<p>Recommendations proposed by the Core Team are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Document the main challenges and lessons learnt during the survey process and to clarify why the total sector response is greater than the total survey responses.
2.2	The MSP Science Lead, confirming that a report will be prepared for the Ocean Use Survey (OUS), focusing on the challenges encountered and lessons learned. The primary challenge identified pertains to population data utilized in the OUS. Regarding the timeline, it's noted that extending the duration might have resulted in additional feedback from communities. Furthermore, disparities were observed between shape details generated through facilitated sessions and those gathered independently online, necessitating data cleaning. Additionally, individuals were noted to potentially represent multiple sectors during the survey.	
2.3	GIS Mapping and Spatial Analyst delivered an update on the various maps on the biodiversity data with data collected from the Biodiversity Information Facility (GBIF). Other important data sets displayed where that of mangrove, coral, and seagrass protection with depictions of potential ecosystems services.	
Milestone 4 Updates		
3.1	The MSP Process Lead and the GIS Mapping and Spatial Analyst provided an update on the status of milestone 4.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Check in meetings has been conducted with the Belize Fisheries Department on activities being conducted and the standardizing of information documentation and stakeholder engagement activity and reporting. - The Belize Fisheries Department to facilitate meeting with partner agencies from Mexico regarding the EEZ in the north. - Data set by Mr Gillett has been handed over to CZMAI, with portions to be clarified, in relation to the medium and high biodiversity zones. - Consideration from the data set by the consultant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To determine the areas of medium and high biodiversity • To adjust the Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) that in on the land boundary • For areas of Hol Chan and Corozal Wildlife Sanctuary, in relations to maritime area boundaries has discrepancy. - All others (medium protection and the unclassified areas) is subject to change with final inputs. 	
<p>Spatial Planning & Marxan Workshop Preparations</p>		
<p>4.1</p>	<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"> - Feedback is needed on the shared agenda for facilitators and sessions leads. - Presentation development - Specific meeting for session lead - Pre survey for the marxan workshop participants 	
<p>Other Matters</p>		
<p>5.1</p>	<p>Updates from the MSP Process Lead:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The statistical institute of Belize has released information on the census to be potentially available soon. - Seagrass layers by UK-NOC are completed and to be circulated soon. Next phase, with relation to sediment cores gathered from sites across Belize at various depth and habitats, the information is being used to inform a model that will be able to predict other areas for blue carbon and carbon storage. - End of year report/newsletter being developed by the end of month. - The executive committee following the SC have provided feedback on the revised goals and objects to be shared. 	
<p>5.2</p>	<p>Update from MSP Specialist and Stakeholder Engagement Specialist from TNC:</p>	

	<p>Validation session for the Stakeholder Engagement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Report on stakeholder engagement with a presentation to the CT and SC. - In two weeks to present to the CT of the social safeguards <p>Validation of the stakeholder engagement plan and social safeguards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Terms of reference has been developed and finalised - To be contracted IMBRICATA with contract being drafted. 		
Closing of Meeting			
6.1	<p>Next Core Team meeting tentative date on Thursday April 25th, 2024.</p> <p>MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 10:25 am.</p>		
Action Items			
<i>Item #</i>	<i>Next Steps</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	To receive recommendation from A. Grinage on adjustments to some shape files, for verification purpose.	Completed	11/04/2024
2	To have a specific call regarding the sessions leads for the workshop	In process	
3	To finalize facilitators and sessions lead and send out box fold for presentations	Completed	22/04/2024

Minutes submitted by:

Janel McNab, MSP Coordinator of CZMAI

Approved



Mr. Samir Rosado
Marine Spatial Plan Process Lead,
CZMAI

22 April 2024

Date

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda



35th BSOP Core Team Meeting

Agenda

Date	Thursday April 11 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. 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 34 th Core Team Meeting, March 28 th .	S. Rosado
3	9:10 – 9:25	Science & Technical - SeaSketch: Ocean Use Survey update	D. Guevara
4	9:25 – 9:40	Milestone 4 Update	S. Rosado
5	9:40 – 9:55	Spatial Planning & Marxan Workshop	TNC Global
6	9:55 – 10:05	Other Matters	All
7	10:05 – 10:10	Closing of Meeting	S. Rosado