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Milestone 4 Stakeholder Engagement Meeting Discussions on Glovers Reef, Hopkins Village Deep Sea Fisher

June 5th, 2024

Duration of meeting: 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Location: Swinging Armadillo Bar and Restaurant, Hopkins Village

Minutes

Meeting Objectives:

1. To provide an update on the delivery of Milestones 4 of the Blue Bond Agreement and the potential inclusion of the Glovers Reef Atoll Area.

Present:

Number of Stakeholders: 8
 Hopkins Fisherman Association
 Belize Fisheries Department
 Wildlife Conservation Society
 Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

Meeting Notes

Update on delivery of Milestone 4 - CZMAI

- The context of the Blue Bond Agreement was reviewed, noting the completion of Milestone 1, 2, and 3. With current efforts on working to wards Milestone 4. Emphasizing CZMAI’s involvement with Milestones 4, 5, 6 and 8.
- Milestone 4 Expansion of Biodiversity Protection Zones (BPZs) to 25% of Belize’s Ocean Space: to use a map approach to designate space identified by stakeholders.
 - o Several steps involved:
 - Analysis of future conditions,
 - Understanding current use of space to have a starting point,
 - Understanding areas of conflicts



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- Analyze potential areas for BPZs based of previous works done by organizational research,
- Potential areas of interest to be endorsed by stakeholders.
- Delivery of Milestone 4:
 - Due November 4th, 2024
 - To focus only on medium BPZs, areas for general use zones.
 - Will not affect how people are using the zones, but with assist with management of the areas.
- Total ocean space under protection currently is:
 - Total ocean space = 33,706.99km²
 - Total ocean under protection = 6,845.60km² / 20.3%
 - Total current High Protection = 11.67%, approximately 3.7% remaining.
 - Remaining ocean space target = 1,565.819km²
- Areas under consideration for medium protection (general use zones) are: Lighthouse Reef Atoll, Banco Chincharro-Bacalar Chico Transboundary MPA, and S.I 180 of 2011 Shark fishing regulations.
- Areas under consideration for a mix of high and medium protection are: Central region Goff's Caye area and Placencia Lagoon.
- Medium use zones, general use zones.

Open Discussion

Glovers reef atoll area to be expanded including the 2miles radios stated under the S.I 180 of 2011 Shark fishing regulations.

- Area 9 for deep sea fishing to be placed under the expansion for protection area under Area 8 for Glovers reef.
- The regulations and restrictions to remain the same for general use being used for deep sea fishing.
- Licences to be adjusted to 8D for deep sea fishing.
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Views and concerns expressed by the fishers concerning the area of interest:

- The expansion will capture the banks where deep-sea fishers use.
- The expansion is an excellent move, for further protection and the fisher accept the proposed expansion.
- Deep sea banks on the north end goes down to 700ft and on the south end to 1000ft deep.
- Stakeholders ask to not displace fishermen from what they do best, fishing.
- Stakeholders pleaded to not touch the flats, Angel Caye.
- Noting that dredging will cause problems for the fishing sector due to the silk.





- Quote, “This is a good for us and it adds to our area.”

Final Decision

- Stakeholders is in agreeance with the proposed area, “excellent move”.

Notes submitted by:
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Agenda: Discussion of the redesignation of the Lighthouse Reef Area

Milestone 4 Stakeholder Engagement: Hopkins Village Deep-Sea Fishers

Discussions on the Glovers Reef Area

Date: Wednesday June 5th, 2024

Time: 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Venue: Swinging Armadillo Beach Bar and Grill

Objective: To provide an update on the delivery of Milestones 4 of the Blue Bond Agreement and the potential inclusion of the Glovers Reef area.

Agenda

#	Time	Item
1	4:00pm – 4:10pm	Welcome and Introductions
2	4:10pm - 4:30pm	Provide update on the delivery of Milestone 4
3	4:30pm – 4:45pm	Proposal to include Glovers Reef as a Medium Biodiversity Protection Zone (BPZ)
4	4:45pm – 5:30pm	Discussion Session
5	5:30pm – 5:45pm	Final Conclusion
6	5:45pm – 6:00pm	Closing of Meeting



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Lighthouse Reef Stakeholder Engagement Meeting Images



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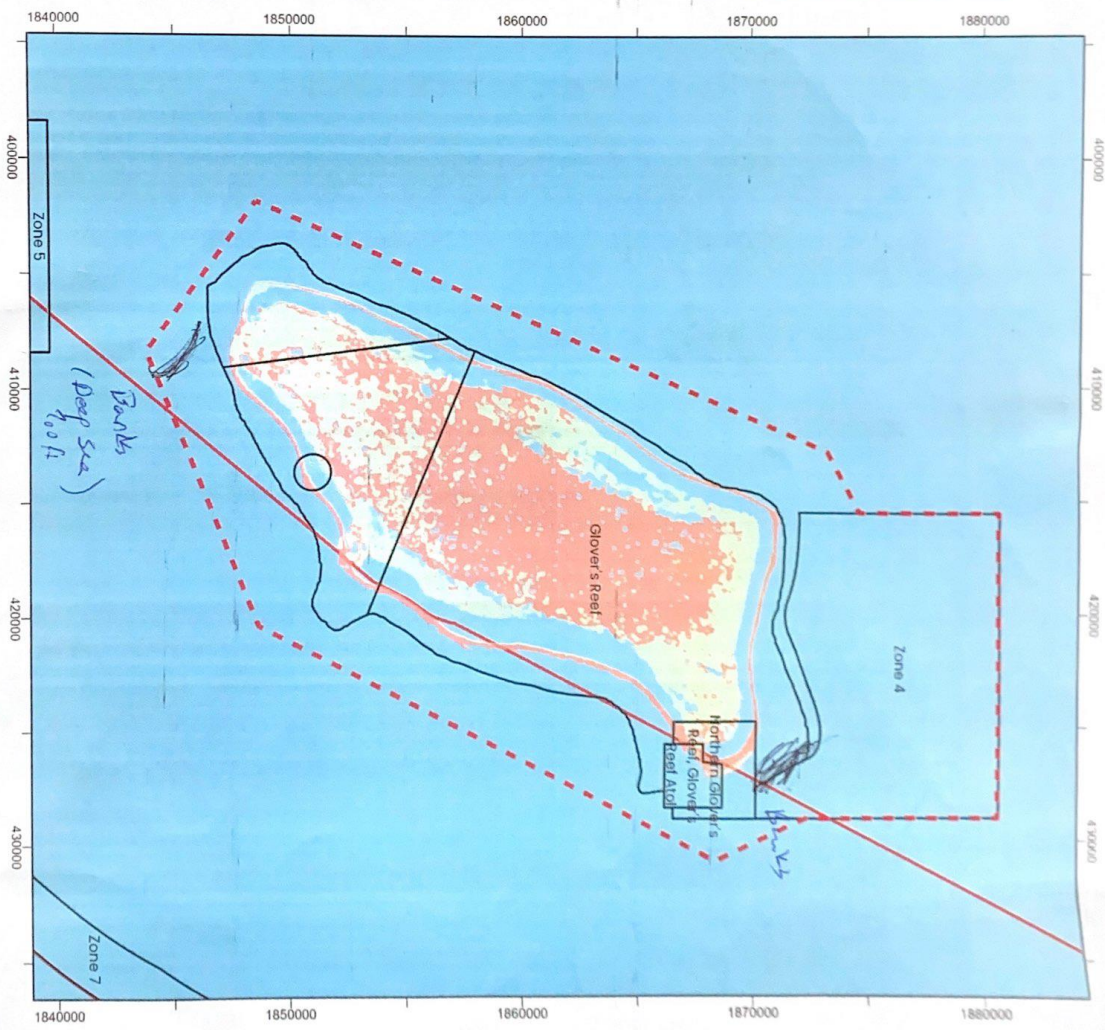


- Glovers Boundary
- Belize Maritime Air
- Existing MPAs
- Mangrove
- Coral Cover
- Seagrass Cover





Glovers-(2miles Radius
Atolls- SI No.128 of 2021)





Lighthouse Reef Stakeholder Engagement Meeting Participants sheet



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 Swinging Armadillo

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