



## BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

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### **Milestone 4: Biodiversity Protection Zones Coordination Meeting**

*Belize Fisheries Department & Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute*

February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Duration of meeting: 8:30 am – 10:00 am

Location: Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute Conference Room

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#### **Meeting Notes**

##### **Meeting Objectives:**

1. Biodiversity Protection Zone
2. Membership of the core team
3. Starting point and meeting development
4. Next steps

##### **Present:**

Belize Fisheries Department

Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

**Notes:**

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft timeline was developed</li> <li>• TNC to assist with Marxan program.</li> <li>• New calculations with areas of:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Light house reef atoll 1297.744 km<sup>2</sup> or 3.850% (To consult DOE for EIA aspect for land development)</li> <li>- 2 miles radius SI No. 128, around atolls (Glovers and Light House) 992.799km<sup>2</sup> or 2.945% (it is already in law, but needs to be declared, shark fisheries management reserve, will be amending the SI to include the zones to link the two areas, to add to SI No.128 to make a marine reserve.)</li> <li>- Central region Goffs Caye 242,698km<sup>2</sup> or 0.72% (proposing as HBZ, to be placed 1<sup>st</sup> as a general use area then later to place some areas as no take. Possible opposition with the tourism sector due to park fee)</li> <li>- Carib Mexico area, Core Benthic 257.215km<sup>2</sup> or 0.763%, (to be possibly linked with Baclar Chico, 2.579% or 869.253km<sup>2</sup>)</li> <li>- Placencia lagoon 29.476km<sup>2</sup> or 0.087%, (to be a marine reserve 1<sup>st</sup> then to be a possible wildlife sanctuary, need forest dept and NBIO, justification is needed)</li> <li>- New calculation total 2640.06 or 7.832% and grand total 9485.66km<sup>2</sup> or 28.132392%</li> <li>- Remaining 629.51km<sup>2</sup> or 1.867</li> <li>- To hold off on Goffs Caye area and move forward with the others.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Currently focus on the medium zones and not high.</li>   <li>• Will there be a committee for the MSP to review/or see development?               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This falls under the M&amp;E. There will possibly be a centralized agency or group, to be determined.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• To reduce the amount of stakeholder engagement session. To have in the north (major communities), center (Belize City) and 2 southern (Independence, Dangriga, Placencia)</li> <li>• To have targeted association meetings, and committees from the cooperatives.</li> </ul> <p>Lighthouse is onboard, requested a proposal letter. Tap into stakeholder and key users.</p> <p>Need for a facilitator/project assistant:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- for the reporting and logistics</li> <li>- TOR to be developed and advertised</li> <li>- To consider Denise (due to time frame)</li> <li>- Contractual period April to August (6 months)</li> </ul> <p>Description of the coordinates is need, once boundaries are not changing to reference the SI to keep the same description</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Aug 4<sup>th</sup> “near final document” to be submitted.</li> <li>- Daniel of WWF can assist with the legal aspect, Fisheries</li> <li>- Check with TNC about the legal aspect, CZMAI</li> </ul> <p>To develop a delivery timeline (general time frames)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CZMAI will work on the boundaries out line, in next 2 days</li> </ul> <p>Funding to be used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Consultation</li> <li>- Boat to boat</li> </ul>

<p><b>Next Steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To meet with forest dept</li> <li>• To meet with NBIO</li> <li>• CZMAI to check with TNC on legal aspect</li> <li>• Fisheries to check with WWF on legal aspect</li> </ul> <p>To do:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fisheries to do the legal draft</li> <li>○ CZMAI &amp; Fisheries ToR for the Assistant/Facilitator (check sport fishing ToR)</li> <li>○ CZMAI to provide fisheries with a draft of the boundaries asap</li> <li>○ CZMAI to send timeline to fisheries with budget aspect.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Timeline</b></p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>January</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 16-18 meeting with Ian Gillett</li> <li>- 17 calculations from CZMAI</li> <li>- 22 meeting with BAS</li> <li>- 23 meeting with Mar-alliance</li> <li>- 24 meeting with WWF</li> </ul> <p style="padding-left: 40px;"><u>February</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ending primary idea, draft proposal</li> </ul> <p>ToR Development Feb 8-15<sup>th</sup> (fisheries &amp; CZMAI)          Prepare MPA boundaries Feb 29 (CMZAI)          Engagement with cooperatives March (fisheries)</p> <p>Procurement Process Feb 16- April 1 (fisheries &amp; BB)          Start of Project Assistant April 1- Sept 30          Draft of legal document April1 (fisheries)          Stakeholder meeting April-May          Report writing June          Document due to Blue Bond July</p>

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