

## BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

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### 40<sup>th</sup> Core Team Meeting

July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Duration of meeting: 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Location: Zoom

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### Minutes

#### Meeting Objectives:

1. To provide an update on Milestone 4.
2. To provide outputs from 7<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting
3. Any Other Matters

#### Present:

##### *Virtually:*

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

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

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

Chantalle Samuels – CEO, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

Jamani Balderamos – Marine Spatial Plan Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

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

Wendy Casasola – Conservation Program Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy

Nidia Chacon – Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

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

Adriel Castenada – Fisheries Officer, The Belize Fisheries Department

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

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

#### Minutes :

Agenda Item Number	Notes/Comments/Advice	Proposed Action & Response
<b>Welcome &amp; Meeting Called to Order</b>		
1.1	The MSP Process Lead welcomed the Core Team (CT) members and called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.	
1.2	The agenda was presented, the meeting objectives reviewed and accepted. Annex I	
<b>Milestone 4 Update</b>		
2.1	<p>The MSP Process Lead highlighted key updates on the proposed areas for the delivery of Milestone 4 and upcoming activities.</p> <p>Noting the meeting with Ministry of Foreign Affairs discussing the overlap of the Banco-Chinchorro EEZ area, the percentage of space towards to 25%. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs to initiate communication with Mexican Ministry of Foreign Affairs for further discussion. Suggestion by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is to hold off on including the overlap area in the Milestone 4 targets until further discussions have been held. Moving forward to focus on the actual connection area that can be used in the general use zone.</p> <p>Discussion on allowable activities in the nomination zones. Where categories might be needed. Activity to be completed by CT members for revision. It not as easy to standardize allowable activities because there are relationships that, exists between users and the department in order to manage the area.</p> <p>Displaying draft zoning framework that details the new Biodiversity Protection Zone (BPZ) that are within the current Marine Protected Areas (MPA) system. To detail alignment with the preexisting zone descriptions and objectives.</p> <p>Outline the technical proposal which consists of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introductions: the history of the agreement, explanation of Milestone 4 and agencies involved.</li> <li>- Planning approach: environmental context, timeline, process steps and justifications</li> <li>- Nomination file: for all three (3) areas</li> <li>- Annex</li> </ul> <p>Nest steps, stakeholder consultations being led by the Belize fisheries Department:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- 4 public consultations (Central Belize City, Northern communities, South Central communities and Punta Gorda)</li> <li>- 1 validation session</li> </ul>	
<b>7<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting Update</b>		
3.1	<p>The MSP Process Lead and MSP Coordinator presented on the highlighted outcomes from the 7<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee (SC) meeting held on the 10th July 2024, at the Belize Best Western Biltmore Plaza. Notably that of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Revision of the Annual Operations Plan (AOP)</li> <li>• Related to the science and technical agenda item, review of the Ocean Use Survey generated heat maps.</li> <li>• Revision of communications activities for the past quarter and stakeholder engagement.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Related to the milestone 4 agenda item, <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review of zoning framework</li> <li>To identify allowable activities for nominated zones</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Upcoming activity: Monitoring and Evaluation workshop on the 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2024.</p>		
<b>Other matters</b>			
4.1	<p>Stakeholder Engagement Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>social safeguards framework being reviewed by the attorney's general ministry.</li> </ul> <p>Vacancy is out for an MSP Project Assistant to assist the with process.</p>		
<b>Closing of Meeting</b>			
5.1	<p>Next Core Team meeting tentative date on Thursday July 25th, 2024.</p> <p>MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 10:30 am.</p>		
<b>Action Items</b>			
<i>Item #</i>	<i>Next Steps</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	To complete allowable activates table	Completed	July 18 <sup>th</sup> ,2024
2	To receive feedback on Existing Conditions Report	Completed	July 30 <sup>th</sup> ,2024
3	To receive feedback on Milestone 4 Proposal and Annex documents	Completed	July 26 <sup>th</sup> ,2024
4	To receive feedback on the AOP document	Completed	July 29 <sup>th</sup> ,2024

**Minutes submitted by:**

Janel McNab, MSP Coordinator of CZMAI

**Approved**

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**Mr. Samir Rosado**  
 Marine Spatial Plan Process Lead,  
 CZMAI

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**Date**

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda



## 40th BSOP Core Team Meeting

### Agenda

<b>Date</b>	Thursday July 11th, 2024		
<b>Time</b>	9:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m. (BZE local time)		
<b>Format</b>	Zoom: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86734869018?pwd=CWiemg4MFzt8VsBe2N3JGeuMWvAkSb.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86734869018?pwd=CWiemg4MFzt8VsBe2N3JGeuMWvAkSb.1</a>		
<b>Recorded</b>	Yes		
<b>Format</b>	Presentation and discussions		
<b>Objectives</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To provide an update on Milestone 4</li> <li>2. To provide outputs from 7<sup>th</sup> Steering Committee Meeting</li> <li>3. Other Matters</li> </ol>		
<b>AGENDA</b>			
<b>#</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Presenter(s)</b>
1	9:00 – 9:05	Welcome & Meeting Called to Order	S. Rosado
2	9:05 – 9:20	Update on action items from 39 <sup>th</sup> Core Team Meeting, June 27 <sup>th</sup> , 2024.	S. Rosado
3	9:20 – 9:35	Milestone 4 Update	S. Rosado
4	9:35 – 9:50	Steering Committee Meeting Update	All
5	9:50 – 10:05	Other Matters	All
6	10:05 – 10:10	Closing of Meeting	S. Rosado