

## BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

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### 41<sup>st</sup> Core Team Meeting

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

Duration of meeting: 9:00 am – 10:23 am

Location: Zoom

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### Minutes

#### Meeting Objectives:

1. To provide an update on Milestone 4.
2. 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

Arlene Young – Director, 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

Lindolfo Chicas – Fisheries Officer, The Belize Fisheries Department

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

Kat Griswold – The Nature Conservancy

Safira Vasquez – Senior Technical Officer, Blue Bond & Finance Permanence Unit

#### 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>Communications Update</b>		
2.1	<p>The MSP Communications &amp; Public Relations Officer provided key activities completed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Advertising the public notice regarding to milestone 4</li> <li>- Participation on public outreach activities of the Placencia Village and Belize City Lobster best both conducted in August.</li> </ul> <p>Upcoming events and outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Public outreach activity:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Belize City Market Place Expo in September</li> <li>- Punta Gorda TIDE Conservational Festival in October</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Educational Outreach to start ending of September</li> <li>- Tentative Stakeholder Engagement and Communications Sub-group meeting for 19<sup>th</sup> September.</li> </ul>	
<b>Science and Technical Update</b>		
3.1	<p>The MSP GIS Mapping &amp; Spatial Analyst provide key next steps activities that are upcoming:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Planning for the second round of the Ocean Use Survey (OUS)</li> <li>- Planning Tool- Incorporating other datasets (Bioeconomic Modeling &amp; SeaSketch, SeaSketch Blue Carbon Integration etc.)</li> <li>- Marxan Scenarios and analysis Planning</li> <li>- Science and Technical Working Group</li> <li>- Technical Working Group meeting</li> <li>- Compatibility/Conflict Matrix</li> <li>- Existing Conditions</li> </ul> <p>Other matters Review and Input on the Data Gaps and Needs Assessment to inform MSP in Belize.</p>	
<b>Milestone 4 Update</b>		
4.1	<p>The MSP Process Lead highlighted key updates on the proposed areas, the submission of the Milestone 4 documents and upcoming activities.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Proposal was submitted to BBFP on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024.</li> <li>-Feedback received form the BZBIC on August 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- indicated that Belize’s actives are on track to meet the requirements of Milestone 4</li> <li>- provided a list of necessary items to complete the submission and to demonstrate that best practices were used.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

	<p>Stakeholder feedback:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No opposition to the proposed areas.</li> <li>-Clarifications were provided in relation to the future use of current fishing zone 9.</li> <li>-discussion on general fisheries issues.</li> </ul> <p>Nest steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- National validation session on 12 September 2024</li> <li>- Revision of the proposal and final submission</li> <li>- Stock taking to begin internally</li> <li>- Planning for Milestone 6</li> </ul> <p>Reassessment of Technical Working Groups membership, presence at meetings, and development of workplan.</p>		
<b>Other matters</b>			
5.1	<p>Frequency of Core Team Meeting to be determined via poll.</p> <p>Consultancy update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Coral Reef layer, places on hold. But layers were received with further work of ground touting and validation to be done.</li> <li>-M&amp;E Consultancy, workshop was held in August with the Steering Committee members where baselines were discussed. Plan is due August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024.</li> <li>-Stakeholder Engagement Plan Consultancy, the attorney general has completed their review.</li> </ul> <p>Project Assistant Post interviews are in process and to be filled by the end of September.</p> <p>Validation session</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Suggestion to have the session to be livestream</li> <li>- Have the MSP Core Team be invited</li> </ul> <p>To possibly change the date for the next Steering Committee meeting.</p>		
<b>Closing of Meeting</b>			
6.1	<p>Next Core Team meeting tentative date on to be determined via poll.</p> <p>MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 10:23 am</p>		
<b>Action Items</b>			
<i>Item #</i>	<i>Next Steps</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	To share link for the shared folder	Completed	5/Sept/2024
2	To share summary report from the stakeholder workshop	Pending	TBA
3	Re-evaluate the Technical Work Groups Members and create a work plan to align with the process.	In Process	TBA
4	To share link for stakeholder engagement log	Completed	5/Sept/2024
5	Send a poll on meeting frequency	Completed	5/Sept/2024
6	Poll to determine date to have a session to review stakeholder feedback	Pending	TBA



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**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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Annex 1: Meeting Agenda



## 41st BSOP Core Team Meeting

### Agenda

<b>Date</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September, 2024		
<b>Time</b>	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (BZE local time)		
<b>Format</b>	Virtually via Zoom: <a href="https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86734869018?pwd=CWiemg4MFzt8VsBe2N3JGeuMWVvAkSb.1">https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86734869018?pwd=CWiemg4MFzt8VsBe2N3JGeuMWVvAkSb.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. 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 40 <sup>th</sup> Core Team Meeting, July 11 <sup>th</sup> , 2024.	J. McNab
3	9:20 – 9:35	Communications Update	S. Banner
4	9:35 – 9:50	Science & Technical Update	D. Guevara
5	9:50 – 10:25	Milestone 4 Update	S. Rosado & Fisheries Dept.
6	10:25 – 10:50	Other Matters	All
7	10:50 – 11:00	Closing of Meeting	S. Rosado