
BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

42nd Core Team Meeting

October 10th, 2024

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

Location: Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute Conference Room and Zoom

Minutes

Meeting Objectives:

1. To provide an update on Milestone 4
2. Any Other Matters

Present:

Samir Rosado – MSP Process Lead, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

Beverly Wade – Director, Blue Bond & Finance Permanence Unit

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

Alicia Eck-Nunez – Fisheries Officer, Belize Fisheries Department

Andria Grinage – Senior Blue Economy Officer, Blue Economy Unit

Jamani Balderamos – Marine Spatial Plan Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

Wendy Casasola – Conservation Program Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy

Nidia Chacon – Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

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

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Agenda Item Number	Notes/Comments/Advice	Proposed Action & Response
Welcome & Meeting Called to Order		
1.1	The MSP Coordinator welcomed the Core Team (CT) members and called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.	
1.2	The agenda was presented, the meeting objectives reviewed and accepted. Annex I	
Milestone 4 Update		
2.1	<p>Key updates on the proposal and other activities leading up to its completion were highlighted. Noting the National Validation session that took place on the 12th of September 2024, where attendees indicated their general support toward the proposal. As the proposal was revised to incorporate feedback received during the stakeholder consultations, allowing for significant changes to the proposed area for the Lighthouse Reef Atoll (LRA).</p> <p>Discrepancies noted for LRA proposed area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - S.I. did not capture the intent of the Shark Fishers - Coordinates presented, represented full extent of “shark reserve” and the atoll. - Area presented in the S.I. did not match the 2-mile radius description. - Intent was for shark protection to cover the entire atoll. <p>Updates to the respective percentage of the proposed Medium Biodiversity Protections Zones:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lighthouse Reef General Use II at 2.16% & 720.562325 - Lighthouse Reef General Use I at 1.52% & 507.447885 - Glover’s Reef General Use Zone (Expansion) at 0.78% & 261.649800 - Bacalar Chico General Use Zone (Expansion) at 0.54% & 179.989278 - Totalling 5.00% & 1669.649288 (25.05% & 8360.107043) 	
2.2	<p>The revision and submission of the Milestone 4 proposal document went through a series of steps and few more pending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Updates received with BBIC on August 21st, identifying issues to be addressed. - The S.I. was developed by legal drafters hired by the Belize Fisheries Department, with CZMAI providing boundary description and final maps. S.I has been submitted to the Attorney General Ministry for revision. - Presentation of the proposal was made to the CEO Executive Committee on October 1st, 2024, and was accepted and approved. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - October 2ns, 2024 Cabinet Paper was submitted to the Cabinet Secretary - October 8th, 2024, Cabinet Memo 110 of 20204 was approved <p>Next immediate steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - October 18th, 2024, Pending presentation to Parliament - Publication in the Government Gazette - Submission of revised proposal and S.I. by November 4th, 2024. 	
<p>Communications Updates</p>		
<p>3.1</p>	<p>Recent public engagements that the MSP Unit attended was the Expo Belize Marketplace on the 14th & 15th of September 2024. With over 120 persons reached, as indicated via the sign-up sheets.</p> <p>MSP Process Lead attended the 10th IWC in Uruguay from September 21st to 26th 2024</p> <p>MSP Coordinator is currently in Bali Indonesia attending the 6th MSP Global Forum.</p> <p>Annual Coastal Awareness Week (CAW) up coming from the 21st – 26th October 2024.</p> <p>Currently in development is a story map on the Milestone 4 process.</p>	
<p>Other matters</p>		
<p>4.1</p>	<p>Marine Spatial Planning Unit Capacity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Resignation of the MSP Science Lead - MSP Project Assistant, vacancy has been filled. <p>BSOP Steering Committee meeting scheduled for October 25th, 2024, with the request for Belize Fund for a Sustainable Future (BFSF) to be included.</p> <p>Monitoring & Evaluation Consultancy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mid-term review - M&E document will be used beyond the Milestone 4 - Nov 2024 – Nov 2026 - To assist with evaluation of future planning <p>Ocean Use Survey Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upcoming in January – March 2025 - Logistics to start in December - To review targets 	
<p>Closing of Meeting</p>		

7.1	<p>Next Core Team meeting tentative November 14th, 2024. As meetings have now been reverted to the monthly scheduling previously held.</p> <p>MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 10:00 am.</p>		
Action Items			
<i>Item #</i>	<i>Next Steps</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	Proposal to be shared with CT and SC members	Completed	18/10/2024
2	Description of the next steps with the M&E process by TNC.	Pending	TBA

Minutes submitted by:

Janel McNab, MSP Coordinator of CZMAI

Approved

Mr. Samir Rosado
 Marine Spatial Plan Process Lead,
 CZMAI

Date

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda



42nd BSOP Core Team Meeting

Agenda

Date	Thursday 10 th October, 2024		
Time	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (BZE local time)		
Format	Virtually via Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87977206338?pwd=k7hKLnKEbloStqCObhO6GDjLVAohMt.1		
Recorded	Yes		
Format	Presentation and discussions		
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an update on Milestone 4 Other Matters 		
AGENDA			
#	Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
1	9:00 – 9:05	Welcome & Meeting Called to Order	S. Rosado
2	9:05 – 9:20	Update on action items from 41 st Core Team Meeting, September 5 th , 2024.	S. Rosado
5	9:20 – 10:35	Milestone 4 Update	S. Rosado & Fisheries Dept.
6	10:35 – 10:50	Other Matters	All
7	10:50 – 11:00	Closing of Meeting	S. Rosado



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