

## BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

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

April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Duration of meeting: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Location: Zoom Virtually

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### Minutes

#### Meeting Objectives:

1. To provide an update on Ocean Use Survey
2. To provide and update on Milestone 4
3. Any Other Matters

#### Present:

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 – Chief Executive Officer, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

Arlene Young – Director, Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute

Wendy Casasola - Conservation Program Coordinator, The Nature Conservancy

Nidia Chacon – Stakeholder Engagement Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

Jamani Balderamos – Marine Spatial Plan Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

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

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

Alicia Eck-Nunez – Fisheries Officer, Belize Fisheries Department

Carlie Gillett – Blue Economy Officer, Blue Economy Unit

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

Beverly Wade – Director, Blue Bond & Finance Permanence Unit

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 9:05 am.	
1.2	The agenda was presented, the meeting objectives reviewed and accepted. Annex I	
<b>Milestone 4 Updates</b>		
2.1	<p>The MSP Process Lead provided an update on several aspects relating to the development of milestone 4.</p> <p>Tentative upcoming meetings with varies agencies and co-managers for stakeholder engagement sessions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- CONANP (EEZ), April 30<sup>th</sup></li> <li>- Glover’s Reef Atoll, May 15<sup>th</sup></li> <li>- Placencia, May 16<sup>th</sup></li> <li>- Cayman Crown, May 17<sup>th</sup></li> <li>- Lighthouse Reef Atoll, May 21<sup>st</sup></li> </ul> <p>Continuation of Technical Working Group (TWGs) meeting in April to validate spatial layers for various sectors.</p> <p>A presentation was delivered to the Coral Reef Monitoring Network, emphasizing their involvement in the process, providing updates, and illustrating how they can contribute to the BSOP process, and the objectives outlined in the People-Centric agenda.</p> <p>A meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2024, to synchronize biodiversity protection zones with the government’s conservation commitments for marine reserves. The Belize Fisheries Department and WWF-PfP will provide insights into the different biodiversity protection zones and types of zoning that currently exist, as well as the necessity for additional zones. This discussion is essential preparation for the upcoming workshop.</p>	
2.2	<p>Core Team Members proposed recommendations to assist in the improvement of the MSP process in terms of communication and stakeholder engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Document stakeholder feedback on proposed areas for transparency purposes.</li> <li>- Important to have standardised messaging about the MSP for outreach activities.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- To develop an MSP messaging plan, to be developed by the MSP unit and Core Team Communications and Stakeholder subgroup.</li> <li>- Messaging to indicate linkage between information gathered and how it influences the decision process.</li> <li>- To develop a standard approach on how information is being presented in communities.</li> <li>- To be transparent about the rational for areas being considered for protection.</li> <li>- For stakeholder consultation to have a hybrid approach with physical and digital maps.</li> <li>- Areas of interest have been identified from previous projects that have a layer of justification.</li> <li>- Stakeholders are to be informed of the boundaries and their potential effect to their livelihoods.</li> <li>- The Ocean Planning Tool has a report based on the OUS can indicate the number of persons being affected by the proposed protected area.</li> </ul>	
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**Spatial Planning & Marxan Workshop Preparations**

<p>3.1</p>	<p>The Nature Conservancy Global reviewed key documents and provided updates regarding the upcoming workshop.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of the process agenda. Noting 81 confirmation with 21 persons from Core Team with 60 participants.</li> <li>- Facilitator agenda is almost final.</li> <li>- Participant high-level agenda to be sent out by CZMAI.</li> <li>- Box folder has been sent to facilitators and session leads. May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline for the session leads to upload presentations.</li> <li>- Breakout group worksheets assistance can be provided by TNC Global, if needed.</li> <li>- Spatial products or data, data sets to be shared with participants for part two (2) of the workshop via USB drive.</li> <li>- Facilitators meeting to review the presentation, date and time to be selected via poll.</li> <li>- Workshop notes to be provided at the end of the day to be summarized for a recap for the following day session.</li> <li>- Communications and media management, Andrea from TNC will be taking photos of the event.</li> <li>- Media engagement on morning shows to publicize the update of OUS completion and the announcement of the workshop.</li> </ul> <p>Media visits on 6<sup>th</sup> &amp; 7<sup>th</sup> of May, appearances by CZMAI, TNC and the Blue Bond Unit.</p>	
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<b>Other matters</b>			
4.1	<p>Emphasis was made for the development of a MSP/BSOP messaging plan to be developed by partners of Core Team before the workshop and other outreach sessions.</p> <p>Emphasis was made for the reconfiguring of Technical Working Groups membership and position of chair and co-chair.</p> <p>Sub-Group Communication and Stakeholder Engagement to host meeting today to review communication workplan and messaging for milestone 4.</p>		
<b>Closing of Meeting</b>			
5.1	<p>Next Core Team meeting tentative date on Thursday May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024.</p> <p>MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 10:25 am.</p>		
<b>Action Items</b>			
<i>Item #</i>	<i>Next Steps</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	Development of messaging and messaging plan.	In process	16/05/2024
2	Configuration of Technical Working Groups	In process	23/05/2024
3	To send poll for facilitators meeting	Completed	30/04/2024

**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



## 36<sup>th</sup> BSOP Core Team Meeting

### Agenda

<b>Date</b>	Thursday April 25 <sup>th</sup> , 2024		
<b>Time</b>	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 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 Ocean Use Survey</li> <li>2. To provide and update on Milestone 4</li> <li>3. Other Matters</li> </ol>		
AGENDA			
#	Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
1	9:00 – 9:05	Welcome & Meeting Called to Order	S. Rosado
2	9:05 – 9:10	Update on action items from 35 <sup>th</sup> Core Team Meeting, April 11 <sup>th</sup> .	S. Rosado
3	9:10 – 9:25	Milestone 4 Update	S. Rosado
4	9:25 – 9:40	Spatial Planning & Marxan Workshop	TNC Global
5	9:40 – 9:55	Other Matters	All
6	9:55 – 10:00	Closing of Meeting	S. Rosado