

## BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

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

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024

Duration of meeting: 9:00 am – 11:30 am

Location: Hybrid: Belize Fisheries Department Conference Room & Zoom

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### Minutes

#### Meeting Objectives:

1. To provide an update on Spatial Planning and Marxan Workshop
2. To provide and update and feedback on Stakeholder Engagement Report
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

Adriel Castenada - Fisheries Officer, Belize Fisheries Department

Tyrell Reyes - Fisheries Officer, Belize Fisheries Department

Carlie Gillett – Blue Economy Officer, Blue Economy Unit

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

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

Denise Garcia – praxi5 Advisory Group Ltd.

Shaun Finnetty - praxi5 Advisory Group Ltd.

#### Minutes :

Agenda Item Number	Notes/Comments/Advice	Proposed Action & Response
<b>Welcome &amp; Meeting Called to Order</b>		
1.1	<p>The MSP Process Lead welcomed the Core Team (CT) members and called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.</p> <p>Welcome was given to Mr Chicas from the Belize Fisheries Department for joining the MSP Core Team.</p>	
1.2	The agenda was presented, the meeting objectives reviewed and accepted. Annex I	
<b>Stakeholder Engagement Report, Finding &amp; Feedback by praxi5 Advisory Group Ltd. Consultancy</b>		
2.1	<p>Consultants from praxi5, Denise Garcia and Shaun Finnetty reviewed the BSOP Stakeholder Engagement Assessment Report: Overview and Results. With the objectives of the consultancy being,</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To conduct an assessment of the stakeholder engagement process to date, and</li> <li>2. To conduct a comprehensive Monitoring and Evaluation (M&amp;E) Plan for the BSOP Planning Process.</li> </ol> <p>Key points to note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Time period of the report from 2022-2023</li> <li>- The Stakeholder and Rightsholder Engagement Plan developed at the late end of phase 2, so was not used in phase 1 nor phase 2.</li> <li>- Based on the methodology used developed by Et al person and scoring, when using the stakeholder engagement assessment rubric, the BSOP process scored a total of 32 points out of a possible 35. Indicating strength in the stakeholder mapping and analysis, sectors and categories involved, participation strategies and in the methods of engagement used. But with weakness in the area of representation.</li> <li>- Over performance level based on the assessment rubric, the BSOP process scored “Good”. Indicating that the participatory engagement in the preplanning and planning phase and a formal robust process that promoted transparency and accountability.</li> </ul> <p>Assessment conducted was a desk review, witch very limited data, replying on secondary data provided.</p>	
<b>Milestone 4 Update</b>		
3.1	<p>The MSP Process Lead highlighted key activities and next steps in data collection for the milestone delivery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Accessibility to the TNC allocation for major activities for the BSOP process and the delivery of milestone 4.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engagement and presentation to the National Coral Reef Monitoring Network and to the Belize Fisheries Council on the BSOP process.</li> <li>- Stakeholder engagement/planning sessions with:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Cayman Crown stakeholders, voicing their strong support for the “full protection” of the area.</li> <li>o BAS for the planning of meeting for the Lighthouse reef area.</li> <li>o WCS for the planning of meetings for the Glovers reef area.</li> </ul> </li> <li>- Major feedback received from the Spatial Planning Workshop:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Regularize shape of boundaries</li> <li>o Justification for the EEZ area</li> <li>o Harmonization of the various zones</li> <li>o Managed access zone considerations</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Other related information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The development of key messages to outlines how milestone 4 will be developed. In the form of informational sheets and radio ads.</li> <li>- Gap analysis to provide further details on how well the MPA network is performing and recommendations on how to strengthen the network.</li> <li>- Evaluation method to be looking at existing networks documents and stakeholder consultations and an assessment of the contributions from the stakeholders, providing us with recommendations understanding the gaps.</li> <li>- An engagement tracker has been developed for documentation process.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Spatial Planning &amp; Marxan Workshop Recap</b></p>		
<p>4.1</p>	<p>A recap of the spatial planning workshop was provided by the MSP Coordinator, noting the workshop took place over a 3-day time period from May 8<sup>th</sup> to the 10<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>Key points from the 3-days were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) foundation and future scenarios,</li> <li>(ii) defining planning criteria and zoning and</li> <li>(iii) ocean use survey and marxan overview.</li> </ul> <p>Feedback from the post evaluation survey indicated that over all attendees found the workshop useful in their field of work and now had a better understanding on the MSP process and are able to now communicate information about the process.</p>	
<p>4.2</p>	<p>Next Steps, CZMAI:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Validation of the OUS heat maps: via text blast, WhatsApp, email, and on the website with link to the heat maps for feedback.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Compatibility matrix: CZMAI to complete the matrix and be sent to TWGs, CT &amp; SC for validation.</li> <li>- Refine scenarios</li> <li>- Data from Marxan: to be defined and presented as a form, providing a breakdown of the terms and how they are featured in Marxan with a list of current data set. To be worked with the TGWs and SC for validation.</li> <li>- Objectives from Marxan: making sure the correct questions are being asked.</li> </ul>		
4.3	<p>Map Review Strategy discussed by the MSP GIS Mapping and Spatial Analysis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Noting this will be conducted with the TWGs, CT and the general public. Showing casing snippets from the validation survey based on the sectors selected.</li> <li>- Reminder about the SeaSketch public forum for the heat maps, for discussion purposes.</li> <li>- Reminder about the areas under consideration for biodiversity protection forum, where you can suggest areas to be protected.</li> </ul>		
<b>Other matters</b>			
5.1	<p>Before the social safeguards framework and stakeholder rights-holder engagement plan can be implemented, documents need to be reviewed and approved by the Solicitor General under the Attorney General's ministry to ensure alignment and consistency with national policy.</p> <p>Proposed by TNC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meeting scheduled today with the consultancy IMBRICATA on the Stakeholder Rightsholder Analysis and validation of social safeguards framework. Where the methodology and approach are will presented.</li> <li>- To update the Stakeholder engagement plan.</li> <li>- Stakeholder sessions are planned for July 2024</li> <li>- Need for the initiation of the Policy and Legislative Subgroup.</li> </ul>		
<b>Closing of Meeting</b>			
6.1	<p>Next Core Team meeting tentative date on Thursday June 13th, 2024.</p> <p>MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 11:25 am.</p>		
<b>Action Items</b>			
<i>Item #</i>	<i>Next Steps</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	To receiver indicators report from praxi5 consultants	In process	TBA
2	Stakeholder engagement tracker to be shared with Core Team when document is being populated with information	In process	TBA

3	Spatial Planning & Marxan Post workshop next steps documents to be sent	In process	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



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

### Agenda

<b>Date</b>	Thursday May 23rd, 2024		
<b>Time</b>	9:00 a.m. – 11:15 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 Spatial Planning &amp; Marxan Workshop</li> <li>2. To provide update and feedback on the Stakeholder Engagement Report</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 36 <sup>th</sup> Core Team Meeting, April 25 <sup>th</sup> .	S. Rosado
3	9:10 – 9:25	Milestone 4 Update	S. Rosado
4	9:25 – 9:45	Spatial Planning & Marxan Workshop Recap & Next Steps	CZMAI & TNC Global
5	9:45 – 11:00	Presentation by Stakeholder Engagement Report, finding & feedback	Praxi5: Denise Garcia & Shaun Finnity
6	11:00 – 11:15	Other Matters	All
7	11:15	Closing of Meeting	S. Rosado