

BELIZE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN PLAN

38th Core Team Meeting

June 13th, 2024

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

Location: Hybrid: Coastal Zone Management Authority & Institute Conference Room & 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

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

Jamani Balderamos – Marine Spatial Plan Specialist, The Nature Conservancy

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

Carlie Gillett – Blue Economy Officer, Blue Economy Unit

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

Minutes :

Agenda Item Number	Notes/Comments/Advice	Proposed Action & Response
Welcome & Meeting Called to Order		
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	
Science and Technical Update		
2.1	<p>MSP Science Lead provided updates on the Science and Technical subgroup, the draft current condition and compatibility matrix.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Upcoming subgroup meeting for 19th June 2024, to review work that has been done for the MSP. - Displayed outline on the current conditions report, the data is to be compiled and organized in the form of a report. The report to have 6 sections. - First draft at the end of June 2024. With review by the Science & Technical subgroup. Feedback to be shared with Steering Committee (SC) by the July 9, 2024. <p>Draft compatibility matrix displayed, to have Technical Working Groups to provide feedback review of the draft matrix. With the Science & Technical subgroup to provide their input. With draft provided to CT and SC by July 1, 2024.</p>	
2.2	MSP GIS Mapping and Spatial Analyst provided insight into historic data that has been compiled and displayed in the form of a map and table with a summary of the data.	
Communications Update		
3.1	<p>MSP Communication and Public Relations Officer detailed information of outreach activities and website updates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Public outreach activates in the month of June <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Wabafu Fisherfolk Fair -June 1st, 2024 o Blue Economy Fair – June 7th, 2024 o Presentation by MSP Process Lead and Science Lead provided presentations at the Blue Economy Forum on June 6th, 2024. - Website update, with the addition of meeting documents, past and upcoming events and photos to reflects events. - News and Media section updated to show outline all past morning show visits and news interviews. - Displayed the draft Ocean Use Survey (OUS) story map about the process, data collection, persons and partners involved in the process. To be shared with communications and stakeholder subgroup for feedback. - Updated Forums & Survey Page. 	

	<p>Follow ups from the Spatial Planning & Marxan workshop: awareness of areas under consideration, with a public notice has been draft with the fisheries department to be finalised and be shared on social media and bulletin boards, informing the public of the Milestone process and expected outcome.</p>	
<p>Milestone 4 Update</p>		
<p>4.1</p>	<p>The MSP Process Lead highlighted key activities and next steps for the milestone delivery.</p> <p>Presentation was provided to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Belize Tourism Industry Association (BTIA, private sector association) on where the process is and the focus on medium Biodiversity Protection Zones (BPZs), specially for the lighthouse reef areas as an area of interest for the tourism and fisheries sector. - Fisheries Council on the status of the process, with positive feedback received on the way forward. - Blue Economy Form, on the process and emphasis on milestone 4. <p>Reporting requirements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The compilation of outputs that could be generated by SeaSketch tool, some layers are to be added to generate more information. - Outputs generated thus far are, geomorphology, habits and use information and compiled in tables. - Draft zoning framework has been developed for the proposed areas. <p>Example given for lighthouse reef atoll with the designation proposed 2 zones. Zone 1 is a general use zone, Manage Access zone 7 and zone 2 is special management zone, area stated in SI. #128. A new licence type 7D, for deep water fishing.</p>	
<p>4.2</p>	<p>Meetings were held with stakeholder meetings for the Lighthouse Reef Atoll Area. Fishing groups consulted thus far are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Belize City deep sea fisher - Copper Bank fishers - Chunox Fishers <p>Feedback received by theses stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - They are in agreement with the proposed boundaries - Support the general use zones - Boundaries outline to be regularised - Recommended the protection of seamounts used in deep see fishing - Emphasis the addition of no more no take areas 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highlighted important areas that should never be considered for no take zones, due to areas they use and for alternate route for navigation. - Fear scenario similar to experience with Turneffe Atoll <p>Meetings were held with stakeholders of Glovers Reef Atoll Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Riversdale shark fisher <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o did not attend the meeting, were preparing for the upcoming Lobster season. - Hopkins deep sea fishers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o stakeholders were supportive of the proposed boundaries o Opportunity to provide a level of protection for important deep-sea banks identified on the maps. o Inquired about the licencing. 		
4.3	<p>Next Steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To finalise and validate the OUS heatmaps validation - Continuation of the compatibility matrix - The refinement of scenarios - Data inputs from Marxan, with support from Daniel from World Wildlife Fund (WWF). - The continuation on the existing conditions report - Completion of proposal <p>Target date for inhouse completion is July 15th, 2024</p>		
Other matters			
5.1	<p>The review of the Spatial Planning and Marxan workshop next steps:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To review at the next Science & Technical subgroup meeting. - To have Danial and Ricky as a part of the Science & Technical subgroup meeting. <p>Summary report from the workshop to be prioritised, potentially finished by the end of next week, June 17-21, 2024.</p> <p>Reminder by Blue Bond & Finance Permanence Unit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deadline for Milestone 4 report, Aug 4th, 2024 - To have the draft for the 19th of July 2024. 		
Closing of Meeting			
6.1	<p>Next Core Team meeting tentative date on Thursday June 27th, 2024.</p> <p>MSP Process Lead ended the meeting at 10:25 am.</p>		
Action Items			
<i>Item #</i>	<i>Next Steps</i>	<i>Status</i>	<i>Date</i>
1	To receiver indicators report from praxi5 consultants by the week of June 17-21, 2024.	In process	June 17-21,2024

2	To share Stakeholder engagement tracker with CT.	Completed	June 13, 2024
3	To send draft current conditions outline to CT	Completed	June 13, 2024
4	Feedback to be received on the current conditions outline	Pending	June 20,2024
5	To share draft compatibility matrix with the CT and SC	In process	July 1, 2024
6	Summary report from the workshop to be prioritised, potentially by the end of next week.	In process	June 17-21, 2024
7	Meeting place holder to be sent to CT	Completed	June 13, 2024
8	Milestone 4 public notice	In Process	TBA

Minutes submitted by:

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Approved

Mr. Samir Rosado
Marine Spatial Plan Process Lead,
CZMAI

Date

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda



38th BSOP Core Team Meeting

Agenda

Date	Thursday June 13th, 2024		
Time	9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. (BZE local time)		
Format	Hybrid: CZMAI Conference Room & Zoom https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86734869018?pwd=CWiemg4MFzt8VsBe2N3JGeuMWvAkSb.1		
Recorded	Yes		
Format	Presentation and discussions		
Objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide an update on Milestone 4 2. Other Matters 		
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 37 th Core Team Meeting, May 23rd.	S. Rosado
3	9:10 – 9:35	Science & Technical	D. Guevara & C. Bowman
	9:35 – 9:50	BREAK	
4	9:50 – 10:05	Communications Update	S. Banner & J. McNab
5	10:05 – 10:35	Milestone 4 Update	S. Rosado
6	10:35 – 10:50	Other Matters	All
7	10:50 – 11:00	Closing of Meeting	S. Rosado

