



Validation Workshop

MPA Design Criteria and National Zoning Framework for the Belize Sustainable Ocean Plan

AGENDA

Golden Bay Conference Room
December 11, 2025

Purpose

The purpose of this workshop is to formally review, discuss, and validate the draft MPA Design Criteria and National Zoning Framework by engaging stakeholders in structured, participatory activities that gather feedback, build consensus, and ensure the final documents are accurate, practical, and widely supported.

Outcomes

1. Strengthened Stakeholder Ownership & Alignment: Participants develop a shared understanding of the MPA Design Criteria and Zoning Framework, building cross-sector buy-in and consensus on key elements requiring adoption or refinement.
2. Enhanced Technical Quality & Relevance: Diverse scientific, social, cultural, and management perspectives improve the accuracy, feasibility, and alignment of the criteria and zoning framework with national policies, enforcement realities, and BSOP commitments.
3. Clear Direction for Finalization & Implementation: Stakeholders identify gaps, concerns, and opportunities, resulting in a prioritized roadmap of revisions and next steps that guides the Lead Consultant in producing strong, implementable final deliverables.

Outputs

1. Validated MPA Design Criteria & National Zoning Framework – Stakeholder-reviewed and refined criteria and zones, with clear feedback on definitions, applicability, alignment, and feasibility.
2. Comprehensive Stakeholder Feedback Record – Consolidated documentation of all verbal and written inputs from group activities, plenaries, and validation exercises.
3. Prioritized Recommendations for Final Revisions – A synthesized list of stakeholder-endorsed adjustments, key concerns, and priority revisions for integration into the final deliverables.



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Time	Duration	Agenda Item	Lead
8:45 – 9:00 AM	15 min	Registration & Seating	CZMAI & MS Team
9:00 – 9:10 AM	10 min	Welcome & Opening Remarks	CZMAI
9:10 – 9:25 AM	15 min	Welcome & Opening Remarks	Dr. Arlenie Rogers
9:25 – 10:15 AM	50 min	Breakout Activity #1 - MPA Design Criteria Validation	MS Team
10:15 – 10:30 AM	15 min	Report-Out #1 - MPA Criteria Feedback	Group Reporters
10:30 – 10:45 AM	15 min	Break	All
10:45 – 11:00 AM	15 min	Presentation: National Zoning Framework	Dr. Arlenie Rogers
11:00 – 11:35 AM	35 min	Breakout Activity #2 - Zoning Framework Feedback	MS Team
11:35 – 11:50 AM	15 min	Report-Out #2 - Zoning Recommendations	Group Reporters
11:50 – 12:00 PM	10 min	Next Steps & Closing Remarks	CZMAI & MS Team