

## MSP SC7 One-on-One Updates

7-23 March 2016

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### Minutes

#### Meeting Objectives:

1. To provide an update to SC members on the changes to the zoning design that was presented in the last stakeholder workshop in June 2015 to date.
2. To update SC on the phased approach that is now to be taken for the MSP up to 2020
3. To provide SC members updates on other ongoing activities from June 2015 to date.
4. To record any major concerns that the SC may have.
5. To provide the SC with the next steps and main issues of concerns to be considered in preparation for the next round of consultations.

#### SC members updated:

Date	Sector	Steering Committee members	Other representatives Present
7 Mar 2016	Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change	Alain De Comarmond, Denis Matatiken, Olivier Bodere, Justin Prosper, Helena Sims	
7 Mar 2016	Island Conservation Society	Pierre-Andre Adam, Jeanne Mortimer, Helena Sims	Rebecca Harris
7 Mar 2016	Seychelles Island Foundation	Frauke Fleischer-Dogley, Helena Sims	
8 Mar 2016	Ministry of Tourism	Bernice Elizabeth, Helena Sims	
8 Mar 2016	PetroSeychelles	Eddy Belle, Patrick Samson, Helena Sims	Patrick Joseph
9 Mar 2016	Ministry of Land Use and Habitat	Alvin Alcindor, Helena Sims	
9 Mar 2016	Marine Conservation Society Seychelles	David Rowat, Helena Sims	

11 Mar 2016	Programme Coordination Unit	Andrew Grieser-Johns, Joanna Prosper, Helena Sims	
11 Mar 2016	Blue Economy Department	Helena Sims	Rebecca Lousteau-Lalanne, Jeff Ardon, Julien Roberts, Dominique Benzaken
15 Mar 2016	Tourism Sector	Paul Hodoul, Helena Sims	
18 Mar 2016	Fisheries and FBOA	Jan Robinson, Virginie Lagarde, Helena Sims	Bertilde Bonne, Vincent Lucas, Roy Clarisse
21 March 2016	Seychelles National Parks Authority	Flavien Joubert, Helena Sims	
22 Mar 2016	Islands Development Company	Glenny Savy, Helena Sims	
23 Mar 2016	Fishing Boat Owners Association	Keith Andre, Helena Sims	

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Meetings were carried out on a one to one basis throughout the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> week of March 2016. The table below summarises any concerns raised and requests made from the SC members and others present.

Date of meeting	Comment/advice	Action_Response (with initials for who provides response)
7 Mar 2016	Requests a copy of the ToR for the ecosystem services study.	Joanna to send once finalised. J.S.
7 Mar 2016	Requests that a copy of the latest zoning design version 2.2 be made available to SC members.	To be distributed once finalised. J.S.
7 March 2016	Concerned about the transparency of the consultations and the MSP Process and suggests that work commences with the different sectors to move the MSP agenda forward.	
7 March 2016	Requests that a latest explanation on the Debt Swap be shared with the SC.	The Debt swap fact sheet and link to the mechanism of the debt swap to be shared. H.S.
7 March 2016	Requests that the ToR for the CEO of SEYCCAT be shared with the SC so members can better understand this position and roles it entails.	ToR to be sent once finalised. H.S.
7 March 2016	Proposes that the SEYCCAT board and/or SEYCCAT grants committee meets with NGOs to better understand their priorities and what they specialise in and work on.	

7 and 8 March 2016	Requests that the Dropbox link of the National Geographic videos are shared.	H.S.
7 March 2016	Requests clarification regarding the SC honorarium and for outstanding payments to be made to all SC members.	Follow up with admin. H.S.
7 March 2010	MSP core team to verify zone 10 in zoning design 2.2. This seems different to what SIF submitted to cabinet as a possible extension of the Aldabra boundary. For now SIF has requested for an extension of a 30Km radius around Aldabra with the potential for further extension to Area in zone 10 indicated. Need to align these areas with what was requested.	Dr Dogley to send information to MSP core team for verification.
8 March 2016	Requests the compilation of media coverage of the Debt Swap and SeyCCAT is shared.	H.S.
8 March 2016	Requests that the ratio of coverage in the 30% between shallow and deep is shared with SEYPEC. Shallow being < 200m and deep > 200m.	J.S. R.T.
8 March 2016	Query as to where the territorial sea data (12nm interim zone) was sourced. There are different layers available depending on the Ministry/department.	J.S. to clarify.
8 March 2016	The areas 2a and 2d on the Northern Dropoff are Oil exploration licensed blocks.	
8 March 2016	The latest zoning design is requested as SEYPEC needs to brief its Ministry on progress of the MSP.	J.S.
8 March 2016	Requests that any changes in the licenced blocks be made available to the MSP core team.	Patrick Samson to send updated layer and/or information on which company (blocks) have been pulled out on the condition that it is noted that the area may still be leased for exploration if a prospecting company comes in.
9 March 2016	Requests a copy of the ToR for the MSP SC and TWG.	H.S.
9 March 2016	Has updated information on marine mammal sightings and acoustic detection within fisheries showing when there is an > in CPUE there is a strong correlation with depredation.	D.R to share data once finalised.
9 March 2016	Area 2a and 2b has a very high overlap with Sperm whales and Black Fish.	D.R to check data and send update.
9 March 2016	To meet with PS Lousteau-lalanne to discuss the google initiative further as had experience with Crosbow.	
11 March 2016	Denis and Bird island are currently in zone 2 in zoning design 2.2. What is the potential for it to be a zone 1 in future?	This is an issue of scale and Denis island was looking at a much smaller scale of no-take so this can be addressed in phase 2 of the MSPi. H.S.
11 March 2016	A national capital accounting study was carried out under the PA finance project development and can help with the Socio-economic impact analysis.	Source the report from the NCA (Mrs Begum Nageon). H.S.
11 March 2016	The midterm review of the PA outer islands project is scheduled for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2016 and component 2 of the project relates to the MSP.	Expenditures have been budgeted in Q3 of 2016 for financing of stakeholder engagement so should be

		ok to meet the timeline. H.S.
11 March 2016	An organogram of all Marine Projects in Seychelles has become imperative before proceeding.	This falls under the National Institute for Science Technology and Innovation (NISTI) mandate (R.L)
11 March 2016	All petroleum contracts (EITI) can be found at <a href="http://openoil.org">openoil.org</a> and can find examples of contracts for the MSP there.	
15 March 2016	What is the total area of the interim 12nm Zones 2?	Action: R.T.
15 March 2016	Concerned about the drop in number of meetings and stakeholder engagement in the process which is defined as being transparent.	
15 March 2016	Need to be provided with the recent zoning designs and materials before comments, review and input is provided.	Materials to be sent out as soon as possible. H.S.
18 March 2016	A socio-economic impact analysis was carried out in 2009 and published 2010 for the Tuna Fleets and was published in the Climate Research Journal.	
18 March 2016	The EU fisheries agreements include protocols that allow for scientific research leading up to the re-negotiation of agreements.	AZTI ( <a href="http://www.azti.es/">http://www.azti.es/</a> ) is a Spanish Technology centre interested in signing an MoU with SFA to support collaboration and research. R.C.
18 March 2016	A representative from Private Fisheries sector is needed on and recommended for the SEYCCAT board.	
18 March 2016	Request for updates on the progress of the Demersal Fishery Management Plan of the Mahe Plateau	The plan is currently under internal review. The next phase will be stakeholder (FBOA) input through a series of meetings. Plan for implementation in June 2016. V.L.
18 March 2016	How does SFA envision the mandate and management of 'sustainable use' areas for fishery management purposes for zone 2 of the MSP? Does the Fisheries Act have such a category similar to the new category in the draft PA Bill?	Sustainable use for fisheries purposes is already clearly defined in the new Fisheries Act in chapter 2 where all fishery management plans automatically become law (enforceable) once approved and signed by the Minister. There is no requirement for gazetting and long procedures to go to the assembly compared to Protected Areas Legislation. J.R. , V.L., R.C.
21 March 2016	Interested in the layer used for the territorial sea interim areas as this has always been an issue. Additionally interested in who has the mandate to manage and enforce territorial sea and areas beyond the territorial sea.	
21 March 2016	With respect to the SEYCCAT and SEYCCAT Grant's Committee, it would be difficult to prioritise and allocate grants as there is no	Project designs of TNC are different to the UNDP-GEF

	formal project document that details all the components that will be funded under the MSP.	and other grant funded projects. SEYCCAT Grant has recruited a consultant to document all current and projected projects to enable prioritization once the Grants are being allocated.
21 March 2016	Regarding monitoring and enforcement, the Pitciarn islands Marine reserves are looking at using drones (liquid robotics- US based firm) to enforce and monitor the marine reserve against illegal fishing.	To look up the article. H.S. <a href="http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-35783564">http://www.bbc.com/news/technology-35783564</a>
21 March 2016	Regarding the Google initiative under the Blue Economy department, need to be aware of any Privacy Laws in Seychelles.	
21 March 2016	With regards to the implementation and governance of the MSP. A navigation chart will need to be developed which includes the zones and distributed to stakeholders to increase compliance levels.	
22 March 2016	The sport fishing method of popping has already been banned around all the IDC islands as the method is non-selective.	
22 March 2016	Propose that Areas 8 and 9 (Zoning design 2.2: zones 1 & 2 respectively) should be inverted to zones 2 and 1 respectively. Area 8 is higher use with the fishermen (semi-industrial, artisanal and charter). Zone 9 is more vulnerable and higher biodiversity. The boundary between these two zones should also cut across the centre of the larger rectangle without dissecting any of the 'interim' areas for simplification.	
22 March 2016	With regards to monitoring and enforcement, the islands of Farquhar, Astove and Assumption have Radar stations and there are plans to replicate this on all IDC islands.	
23 March 2016	Regarding the socio-economic impact analysis, FBOA believes a baseline can be established now as this will also be useful. (revenue from fishing, retention etc..)	
23 March 2016	Regarding the MSP WG, Keith to identify a representative who could potentially sit on the MSP SC and/or TWG.	
23 March 2016	What are your views regarding areas 8 & 9 in zoning design 2.2?	The Providence (Area 8) is more isolated and therefore for security purposes following the threats from piracy, fishermen preferred to go to Farquhar (Area 9). However, the fishing grounds around area 9 are more fragile and pristine as it also has the lagoon area. K.A.
23 March 2016	What is the possibility of having seasonality/rotation of the zones 1 and 2 around the Northern Drop-off of the Mahe Plateau? In particular with areas 2C and 2B which are longline areas. The fishermen will concentrate on the boundaries and with tuna being migratory species this zoning design may be infective.	This can be investigated further though the methods of seasonality/rotation can be investigated later on in phase 2 of the MSP. For Phase 1 it is better to have

		fixed areas for now, but the idea can be investigated nonetheless. H.S. J.S to elaborate further.
23 March 2016	How will FADs be managed? This is a concern because FADs can be dropped in or on the border of a zone 1 and the fishermen can wait/track the FAD when it drifts across the zone 1 and once out of the zone, the fishermen will reap all the benefits reducing the conservation goal.	It is understood that FAD management plans are being developed by the IOTC. This level of detail will have to be thought of carefully and included in management plans for these areas so that they can be enforced under the Fisheries Act. H.S.
23 March 2016	Regarding FBOA representation as an observer on the SEYCCAT board, FBOA proposes to have Mr Beatty Hoarau as their representative.	

Minutes submitted by: Helena Sims

on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016

#### **Annex I: Updates provided to the SC members during the meetings held.**

*To: MSP SC*

*From: Helena Sims*

*Date: 9<sup>th</sup> February 2016*

#### **Re: Updates on the Seychelles MSP initiative June 2015 to Feb 2016.**

Following the last round of consultations in June 2015, ongoing revisions of zoning design 2.0 and development of the marine plan, the MSP core team would like to provide an update on progress that has been made to date for your information.

#### Updates on the Seychelles MSP

- The legislative and policy review by Ms Iris Carolus was approved by the Steering Committee via email and finalised 30 Nov 2015. The report has been shared with the consultants that are revising the PA Bill and regulations for their reference and identification of gaps pertaining to the MSP. The report will not be posted for the public but will be available for other relevant projects.
- The MSP logo was endorsed officially by government and is being used on the letterhead and also for the MSP office window located at Eden Plaza (on the first floor, opposite the SPAR management office).
- There has been a delay in the initiation of the Socio-economic impact analysis as TNC was trying to synergise their efforts with the negotiations for the debt swap and European Investment Bank. TNC

has determined that the needs for EIB are different from the MSP and thus will proceed with a limited scope socio-economic impact assessment for fisheries and tourism sectors.

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- Following June 2015, the MSP core team adopted a one to one approach to stakeholder consultations to further refine the zoning design 2.0 and develop a marine plan. Refinements were made following discussions include;
  - All waters within the territorial sea (12nm from the HWM) are categorised as interim zone 2, except where existing marine protected areas exist. The 12 NM boundary contains several high use areas and high biodiversity values and final zone designation will need to be discussed per island group. Also, the MSP is awaiting information from the MSP Outer Island Project and the SFA Demersal Fisheries Management Plan for Mahe Plateau. Further refinements within the interim zone 2, including areas for Zone 1, will be made in Phase 2 of the MSP initiative which is 2017-2020.
  - The Northern Drop-off of the Mahe plateau now includes areas 2c and 2d as zone 1 with the higher use 2a and 2b as zone 2.
  - The South and South West drop off of Mahe Plateau of area 3 now zoned as areas 3a and 3b zone 2 and area 3c zone 1.
  - The latest version of the zoning design in 2.2 (Sept 2015).
- Milestones for the MSP process up to the year 2020 have been agreed to by MEECC and TNC, and reflect discussions with stakeholders from April – June 2015. The milestones were necessary for the Debt Swap loan agreement and include a phased approach for refining the Interim Zone 2 areas and proposing locations for Zone 1. *Show milestones chart.*
- The Debt Swap deal has been finalised in COP21 with signatures scheduled end of Feb 2016.
- The SEYCCAT board was operationalized through its first meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
  - Composition of the board
  - Grants committee being finalised.
- An ad hoc MSP working group was formed in the fall 2015, and comprises mostly of representatives from the fisheries sector (industrial, semi-industrial and sport) TNC team is consulting with them to understand their concerns and receive their recommendations for revising the zoning design and allowable uses table.
- An ecosystem services study has been initiated with Natural Capital Project, for recreational and tourism values. Data and information may need to be gathered from the tourism sector if not available on-line or via Ministries. This project will run from Feb to June 2016.
- The MSP PM is engaging in other meetings to allow synergies with the MSP. These include but are not limited to the;
  - GoS-UNDP-GEF Outer Islands Project, PA Finance projects
  - PA legislative review (Bill & Regulations)
  - BioFin
  - SWIOFISH3
  - GEF6 PIF formulation
  - WIOMER
  - Demersal fisheries management plan of the Mahe Plateau
  - Blue Economy initiative

- Dr Joanna Smith has given a few presentations on the MSP Initiative and methodology – the zoning design has not been shared. At the 9<sup>th</sup> WIOMSA held in SA in October 2015, Ecosystem Services Partnership in Nov 2015, and Pacific Seabird Group Feb 2016.
- The information packet on the MSP is being finalised.
- A short video on the MSP is being produced by a consultant through ICS and should be finalised by Q2 2016.
- The Project Manager attended a Project management and Budgeting training in Kenya in January 2016.

#### **Next steps:**

- 1) PM to carry out one to one meetings per sector to discuss further refinements of the MSP zoning design, address concerns and document proposals for implementation. Invitations to be sent to SC and TWG members.
- 2) The implementation plan is being drafted. It will need to be endorsed by stakeholders.
- 3) Series of stakeholder workshops for final approval scheduled in Q3 and Q4 of 2016.

#### **Outstanding issues:**

- 1) Definition of Sustainable use, in particular for Zone 2.
- 2) Feedback on activities table for Zone 1 and Zone 2
- 3) Proposals on governance of the MSP for implementation
- 4) Proposals on Control, monitoring and surveillance
- 5) Feedback/suggestions on sustainable use area management – Which legislation to use and which Ministry?