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## Technical Working Group

Meeting #3  
12 March 2015  
0900-1200 hrs.  
Location: ICCS Room 2

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### Minutes

**Meeting Objective:**

1. To develop draft “decision trees” to aid in prioritizing the objective(s) for spatial locations with more than one zone type.

**Attendance:**

**TWG Chairs and Co-Chairs Present:**

Mr. Patrick Samson  
Mr. John Nevill, Marine TWG Chair  
Dr. Jeanne Mortimer, Terrestrial TWG Chair  
Mr. Paul Hodoul, [insert title]  
Mr. Keith Andre, [insert title]

**MSP Process:**

Dr. Joanna Smith  
Mr. Olivier Bodéré, MECC (notes)

**Absent:**

Dr. Frauke Fleischer-Dogley, Terrestrial TWG Chair  
Dr. Joanna Bloemel, Marine TWG Co-Chair

**Minutes**

Agenda Item	Comment/Advice	Action_Response (with initials)
Agenda	Agenda and terms of reference for TWG were reviewed.	Added TWG Roundtable and MSP Process Update to agenda.
Terms of Reference for TWG	Requested clarification from MECC regarding the selection of the Chairperson of the Steering Committee (PS for climate change and energy rather than the environment)	J.S.
Terms of Reference for TWG	Asked what is the TOR for Olivier Bodéré (MSP focal point for the Ministry of Environment) and John Nevill (as chairperson of the Marine Ecology TWG) has been requested.	J.S.

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TWG Member Roundtable (added to agenda)	PetroSeychelles updated the TWG on the role of PetroSeychelles and on the ongoing negotiations with the private sector. Future seismic surveys may be along the Mascarene Ridge and Farquhar Group.	
TWG Member Roundtable (added to agenda)	(FBOA and Board SFA) explained the seminar FBOA organized was a real success with more than 60 participants.	
TWG Member Roundtable (added to agenda)	(SHTA) explained that even if for the moment they do not have a lot to contribute they have a lot to observe, and that already some questions are rising such as the issues of the impact of anchorage which is not yet properly managed.	
TWG Member Roundtable (added to agenda)	Has been named AFSA and chairperson of the Marine Ecology TWG	
TWG Member Roundtable (added to agenda)	Has been appointed ICS, Turtle Scientist, Co Chair of Terrestrial TWG	
MSP Process Update	Presented the current status of the process. Group discussion followed.	
	Will be present at the UNDP workshop in order to mutualise our experiences and reflections	
	Definition required for disposal at sea sites. Does this include organic and inorganic disposal?	J.S.
	Requests for three scales of maps to be provided, EEZ, Plateau and 200 m depth, and the inner islands; rational scales to see all potential conflict zones.	J.S. to follow up and provide.
	Correct on the stakeholder preferences map: AD zone in the South East of Mahé	J.S.
	Include any new marina projects in a mid-term future, where possible	J.S.
	Show transshipment connections to Mahé Islands as well as international paths.	J.S.
	The question of the integration of the MSP discussion within the National development has been raised. The TWG wants the assurance of the political support. It has been responded that it is the Government which supports and sponsors the MSP. Thus the government will use the MSP as an ideal situation scenario and it will try to follow the MSP guidance as much as possible, but the government will have the final decision.	J.S.
	Are the no-take zone for fisheries permanent or temporary? How should this zone be managed for the reopening of the zone, and which fish should be targeted, which fishing gear should be allowed...	J.S.

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	No need to detail artisanal fisheries, in order to simplify the information.	J.S.
	Define a no-oil-exploration zone	J.S.
	Confirm the Tourism and Recreation stakeholder preferences with Mr Grant.	J.S.
	Even if the regulations at Sea are clear and reduce risks, counter-orders (like in piracy zone) can cause a lot of risks (Fishermen should switch on their lights to avoid collisions, but should switch off to avoid piracy attacks).	
	Fisheries Replenishment Areas need to be discussed; they were proposed in Zone B- Biodiversity and then SFA wanted to move them to Zone A – Food Security and Fisheries. The Biodiversity TWG stated that fisheries replenishment is a biodiversity goal and should remain in zone B.	J.S.
Presentation: Decision trees for zoning designations	Dr. Joanna Smith introduced the concept of decision trees and use in an MSP process to better resolve conflicts in overlapping use areas. .By way of example, potential conflicts between A and D zone were discussed.	
Roundtable and Wrap-Up	Update maps to represent actual and future development in stakeholder preferences.	
	Finalize TOR agenda or schedule of tasks	
	TWG #4 meeting will continue the discussion of Decision Trees and developing them as decision-support for zoning scenarios. Chairs and Co-Chairs agreed that all three TWG should meet together and mixed TWG break out groups work on the trees.	
	Wherever possible in the MSP process, provide understanding for how the petroleum sector will be developed and managed in Seychelles.	
Adjourned 1200 hrs.		

### **Presentation: Decision trees for Zoning Designations:**

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Draft Guiding Principles were developed by TWG members to provide the context for decision-making:

- (Blue Economy)
- Sustainable Development
- EBM approach
- Intrinsic Value (NBSAP)

- Precautionary Approach
- Equity [e.g., EITI Compliant]
- Balancing ecological, economic, social, cultural objectives
- National Laws
- Existing Policy and Proposed Policy
- Government Agreements and Considerations (e.g., Debt Swap)
- Sectors Management Plans (e.g. NGO strategy and project)

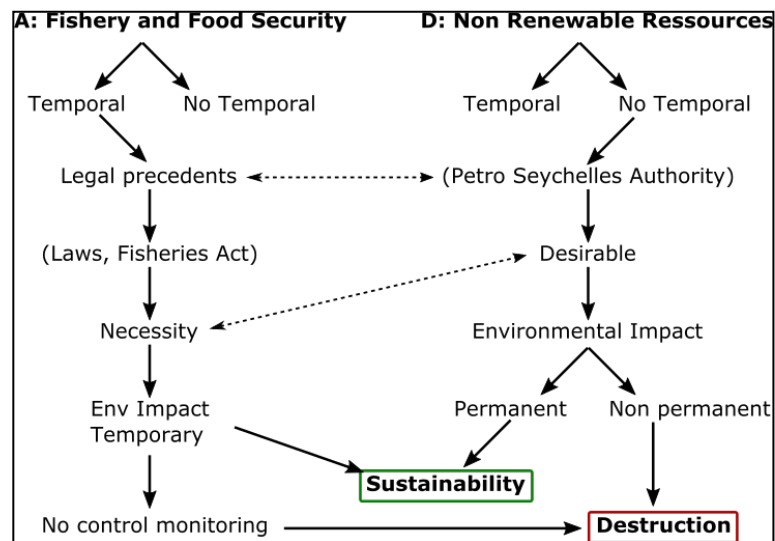
Break-out Group 1:

Mr John Nevill and Mr Patrick Samson provided the following as an example of a “Problem Tree” for Zone A and D stakeholder preferences:

Among other problems identified, one is FADs – Fish Aggregating Device. Regulations regarding FADs was suggested as the 1,000s of FADs will represent a hazard for future petroleum extraction. A No-Fad zone would likely be established around drill ships. Recommend identifying FADs to manage the risk.

Break-out Group 2

Decision tree for AD stakeholder preferences prepared by Mr Keith André, Mr. Paul Hodoul, and Ms Jeanne Mortimer:



**Annex II: Meeting Agenda**

**SEYCHELLES MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING (MSP) INITIATIVE**

**MSP Technical Working Group (TWG)  
Chairs & Co-Chairs: Biodiversity and Socio-Economic Uses**

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**Agenda**

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1. To develop a decision tree for locations with overlapping uses and conflicts or incompatibilities

#	Time	Topic
1	9:00	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome and TWG task schedule review</li> </ul>
2	9:15	Decision Trees and Evaluating Trade-offs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Background and Context</li> <li>• Examples</li> <li>• Break-out Groups</li> </ul>
	10:00	Tea break
3	10:15	Decision Trees and Evaluating Trade-offs, continued <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Group Discussion</li> <li>• Draft Decision-Tree</li> </ul>
4	11:45	Wrap-up, Next steps, and Adjourn
5	Noon	Lunch