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## MSP Technical Working Group

Meeting #5

Thursday April 16 2015

0900-1230 hrs.

Location: STC Conference Room

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### Minutes

#### Meeting Objectives:

\*Not specified in draft 1

#### Attendance:

Mr. Jude Bijoux  
 Mr. Pierre-Andre Adam  
 Mr. James Mougall  
 Mr. Patrick Joseph  
 Ms. Rowana Walton  
 Mr. Olivier Bodère  
 Mr. David Rowat  
 Mr. Chris Mason-Parker  
 Mr. Keith Andre  
 Mr. Rick Tingey  
 Mr. Louis Desnousse  
 Dr. Joanna Smith  
 Dr. Jeanne Mortimer  
 Mr. Herve Barois  
 Ms. Helena Sims

#### Absent:

\*Not specified in draft1

#### Minutes

Agenda Item	Comment/Advice	Action_Response (with initials)
Introductions	Opened the meeting and announced Ms. Iris Carolus' contract ended but she will be contracted to work on the policy/legislative review for the MSP.	
Introductions	Introduced Ms. Helena Sims as the new Project Manager.	
Agenda	Agenda was revised. Line 'Presentation and discussion of stakeholder advice and	

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	comments from April workshop' was deleted. No further changes.	
Roundtable	Members introduced themselves and who they are representing.	
Roundtable	Aldabra nomination file being finalised (SIF).	
Roundtable	Demersal fishery management plan and CMS plan to be finalised end of April and documents to be made available for public review start of May (SFA).	J.S.
Updates from TNC	Minister to present draft design (progress) in end of April, MSP website being updated.	
Decision-making and Zoning	Change quantitative to Governance.	J.S.
Decision-making and Zoning	Add 'transparency' as a separate bullet in Governance section	J.S.
Decision-making and Zoning	Add 'co-management' in Governance section	J.S.
Decision-making and Zoning	Could add 'Global Best Practices'	J.S.
Decision-making and Zoning	Add 'integrated inclusivity' in Governance section	J.S.
Decision-making and Zoning	Move environment stewardship to Governance section	J.S.
Zones and Planning Unit Approach	No Comments, but was an agenda item.	
Stakeholder Preferences	No Comments, but was an agenda item.	
Seychelles Compatibility Matrix	Asked if Food Security is still in zone A?	J.S. responded Zone A hasn't been changed since the last Steering Committee meeting.
Habitat BD Preferences	No Comments, but was an agenda item.	
Revised Stakeholder Preferences April 2015	Changes made since last SC meeting: - The Port prefers not to add shipping lanes - The petroleum layer has been updated to capture the planning units (plateau area). - Zone A has been revised to add 5 fishing layers; artisanal, semi-industrial, sport, Industrial purse seine, industrial longline.	
Coffee Break	1015-1030hrs	
Zoning Design Options	Discussion on Areas 1-13, skipping Area 7 Platte	
Area 1 Mahé Plateau	Need to determine what activities will be allowed in the BD zones on the plateau.	J.S.
Area 1 Mahé Plateau	Need to differentiate between Petroleum and BD/Fisheries. Petroleum is a 'potential' activity whilst BD conservation and fisheries are existing pressures and these need to be addressed differently. In this case Petroleum should be given a lower objective.	J.S.

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Area 1 Mahé Plateau	Need to consider phases of oil exploration and Seychelles is currently in an active exploration state.	James Mougale responded by suggesting to go ahead with zoning for plateau without petroleum included but once petroleum activities are determined these can be re-zoned.
Area 1 Mahé Plateau	On the Mahé plateau tourism is essentially 'fisheries' as most tourism activities here is in the form of fishing charter and game fishing.	
Area 1 Mahé Plateau	Most other tourism activities are within 10km of the coastlines.	
Area 1 Mahé Plateau	There are many other tourism activities to consider other than fishing such as yachting/boat charters.	
Area 1 Mahé Plateau	Fisheries and tourism in this area is accepted as essentially the same (big game fishing) and the activity goes to the edge of the plateau.	
Area 1 Mahé Plateau	As has been raised in previous meetings, main concern with the scenarios is the feasibility of administering/managing many small polygons of BD protection areas.	J.S. to follow up
Area 1 Mahé Plateau	Agree on the management of many small PA issue. Also most conflicts arise with fisheries and BD priority areas particularly IBAs and this needs to be addressed.	
Area 1 Mahé Plateau	No preferred zoning option for Area 1.	
Area 1 Mahé Plateau	Prefers option 2 for area 1.	J.S.
Area 1 Mahé Plateau	Prefers multi-use zone (option 3) for area 1.	J.S.
Area 1 Mahé Plateau	No preference for Mahé plateau.	
Area 2 Drop-off North	Prefers option 3 for area 2.	J.S.
Area 2 Drop-off North	Prefers option 3 though believes this option sidesteps the issue of prioritising the primary use of the area and questions the management strategy if such option were applied.	J.S.
Area 2 Drop-off North	Prefers option 3.	J.S.
Area 2 Drop-off North	Prefers option 3 though would need to consider the zone 1 very carefully.	J.S.
Area 2 Drop-off North	Upwelling areas support good fishing grounds and there is currently not much interaction in this area with megafauna hence of the personal opinion that this area should be primarily a fishing area.	
Area 2 Drop-off North	No priority/no comments respectively.	
Area 3 Drop-off South	This area is used by artisanal fishermen and if more BD zones are in the outer islands then this area should preferably be a	J.S.

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	priority fisheries area. No other comments on this zone.	
Area 4 Port Authority Boundary	This zone needs to include no take areas and consider conflict areas with fishermen.	J.S.
Area 4 Port Authority Boundary	Can define the Port Boundary as the fee area but the orange zone C should be the size of that displayed in scenario 2. Should also consider Bay of Baie Ste Anne (Praslin) as a Port Zone.	J.S.
Area 4 Port Authority Boundary	Need to display the fishing lanes. Lack of information on BD zones.	J.S.
Area 5 Fortune bank	This area is far and impractical to manage as a PA.	J.S.
Area 5 Fortune bank	This area is too small to be an effective no-take area.	J.S.
Area 6 Coetivy	The island is a Prison and should not be considered for tourism/sports fisheries.	J.S.
Area 6 Coetivy	This area is a fisheries zone.	
Area 7 Platte	SKIPPED.	
Area 8 Amirantes Group	Prefers sustainable use area (Option 3).	
Area 8 Amirantes Group	Prefers Option 3.	
Area 8 Amirantes Group	The GoS-UNDP/GEF Outer Islands Project has some areas in this group targeted for no take.	J.M. Responded D'Arros & St Joseph are also no-take areas in this group.
Area 9 Alphonse Group	Alphonse is also a site in the outer islands project.	
Area 9 Alphonse Group	Not much fisheries in this group when the VMS data is layered.	
Area 9 Alphonse Group	Alphonse and St Francois are very important for BD and as there isn't a high level of fisheries in this area it is a potential no take area.	
Area 10 Farquhar Group	BD very important in this group.	
Area 10 Farquhar Group	Believes this is the same scenario as Area 9, Alphonse.	
Area 10 Farquhar Group	This area is a very important BD area, particularly for turtles on Farquhar, there are also large seagrass areas for foraging and important spawning grounds, similar to Alphonse.	
Area 10 Farquhar Group Area 10 Farquhar Group	The bank between Providence and Cerf should be a no-take. There are some economic activities in Farquhar so there should be some sustainable use zones (artisanal + sports fishing).	
Area 10 Farquhar Group	Need to keep in mind that Farquhar is/was (before the piracy) a very important stop for cruise ships (tourism).	
Area 10 Farquhar Group	This is an oil exploration area.	

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Area 11 & 12 Cosmoledo, Aldabra and Assumption	Both Comoledo & Astove are important sports fishing areas but are also important BD areas (Cetacea). Cosmoledo is an important terrestrial BD area and Astove marine.	
Area 11 & 12 Cosmoledo, Aldabra and Assumption	It is believed that there is high connectivity between these groups but this is not substantiated. Management however would need to be considered carefully as the islands are managed by different bodies (IDC, SIF...).	
Area 11 & 12 Cosmoledo, Aldabra and Assumption	Shipping lanes are an issue in this area and suggest a bigger buffer zone to protect Aldabra.	
Area 13 Everywhere Else	Fishing is 'everywhere'.	
Area 13 Everywhere Else	Key is to pick out BD areas with less conflict with fisheries.	
Area 13 Everywhere Else	Need to set out seamount areas for conservation.	J.S.
Area 13 Everywhere Else	Most areas are industrial fishing areas.	
Area 13 Everywhere Else	When overlaid with VMS fisheries data (>30% area map), the deep trench area and seamounts north of Aldabra are not priority I. fisheries and would be good considerations for BD conservation areas.	J.S.
AOB	Priority is to have clearer maps to be presented in the stakeholder workshop on Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	
AOB	Involvement of the Industrial fisheries sector should be made a priority as their input in this process is key.	J.S. informed that an info pack has been compiled for the Industrial fishermen to request information but this may not be ready for the workshop on the 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Meeting Adjourned at 1220hrs.		

Minutes Submitted by: Ms. Helena Sims

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## Annex I: Meeting Agenda

### SEYCHELLES MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING (msp) INITIATIVE

### MSP Technical Working Group (TWG)

### Marine Biodiversity, Terrestrial Biodiversity and Socio-Economic Uses

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9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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### Draft Agenda

#### Meeting Objective:

1. To refine the draft zoning design scenarios and management considerations.

Agenda Item #	Time	Topic
	8:30	Registration
1	9:00	<b>Opening</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome</li><li>• Review Agenda</li><li>• MSP Initiative Update</li><li>• Roundtable</li></ul>
2	9:15	<b>Refine draft zoning design scenarios</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Presentation and discussion of stakeholder advice and comments from April workshop</li><li>• Review zoning designs in detail and refine zone boundaries</li></ul>
	10:00	Tea break
	10:15	<b>Refine draft zoning design scenarios, con'td</b>
3	11:45	<b>Roundtable, Wrap-Up</b>
	Noon	<b>Adjourn</b>