
MSP Technical Working Group

Meeting #6
Thursday 11 June 2015
1330-1600 hrs.
Location: ICCS Room 2

DRAFT Minutes

Meeting Objectives:

1. To refine and discuss “Activities Tables” for the Seychelles MSP.

Attendance:

Rowana Walton- Biodiversity
Chris Mason-Parker- Biodiversity
Louis Desnousse- Tourism
David Rowat- Biodiversity
Keith Andre- Fisheries
Jeanne Mortimer- Biodiversity
Bernice Elizabeth- Tourism
Olivier Bodere
Helena Sims
Joanna Smith

Absent:

Minutes

Agenda Item	Comment/Advice	Action_Response (with initials)
Review of activities table	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One activity table per proposed zone is proposed - Activities per area will change - Biodiversity objectives of the Seychelles MSP - Fisheries objectives of the Seychelles MSP - Seychelles Zoning Design - UNDP final Marxan output May 2015 (scenario 01) & review of industrial and artisanal & semi-industrial fishing costs - Seychelles MSP Activity table 	
	Existing PAs will be re-designated through a process for the new PA legislation. This may be an issue. Results may not be the same category as they are now.	J.S. May leave the PA layer out for the moment but good to advance the discussion of PAs by providing guidance.
	Regarding industrial fishing, and the presentation on projected trends in BD distribution made last week (seabirds mostly) at	J.S. Jan Tromble is looking at projections in

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	marine megafauna meeting in La Reunion. Presentation showed major shift in seabirds distribution based on plankton, oceanography etc.). This will lead to a change in industrial fleet distribution as they set on these seabird areas. Issue here is all data used thus far have used existing and past data, no projections on future trends. May be worthwhile to get a hold of this projection.	distribution of seabirds as well. The results are not yet available.
	Activity table then needs to be with zone not the area as the table will be specific to features of the area.	J.S. If feature is benthic then table is specific to the area but some of the areas are pelagic by rationale. So there will need to be a hybrid of this. Need to follow up.
	Has the objective of zone 1, 2 and 3 been defined yet?	J.S. Yes, in the rationale table that was distributed on Tuesday.
Area 1 Mahé Pleateau Zone 3	Can we have other zones within Zone 3?	
Area 1 Mahé Pleateau Zone 3	If area is Zone 3, would this make it more difficult to declare new PA in these areas?	J.S. Need to edit the wording in the rationale table to allow for this.
Area 2a Drop-off North Zone 1 or 2 (seasonal)	Not a breeding area for blue whales. Sperm whales yes and visiting humpbacks.	J.S. to respond.
Area 2a Drop-off North Zone 1 or 2 (seasonal)	Steep drop-off with a few seamounts north of Bird which are important sites for Semi-industrial fisheries. Area is most frequented in SE monsoon and can get partial shelter from the strong winds and high upwelling.	No action required.
Area 2a Drop-off North Zone 1 or 2 (seasonal)	If opening area when it is most productive, isn't it pointless to do this? If it is most productive through a spawning aggregation then this is most destructive.	J.S. Aggregation areas would need a management plan.
Area 2a Drop-off North Zone 1 or 2 (seasonal)	In rationale table missing is this is the main shipping channel to Port Victoria from the North to Victoria.	J.S. to respond.
Hypothetical Zone 1	<p>What are allowable activities? Group Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dredging- O1,2,3,4,6,9 - Scientific research and monitoring: O7- permit required - Sailing and kayaking (recreational) – O6 - Motorised activities (needs to state recreational)- O 1,2,3,4,6 - Tourism Coastal Accommodation (not in definitions table) (hotels, resorts)- O1,2,4,6,9 - Anchorages and Moorings (? Designated mooring/anchoring areas)- O1,2,3,4,5,6 - Seismic surveys- X - Petroleum development- X - Petroleum shipping (during extraction)- X 	<p>J.S. update the Allowable Activities Table</p> <p>-</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mining- X - Shipping, transportation, ferries- O¹ - Renewable energy- O^{1,2,4,6,9} - Reclamation- X - Ports, marinas wharves and jetty- O1,2,3,4,6,9 - Disposal and dumping- X - Subsistence fishing- O 1,2,3,4,6 - Sport fishing- X - Semi-industrial fishing- X - Mariculture- X - Industrial longline fishing- X - Industrial purse seine fishing- X - Artisanal fishing- X (Keith O¹) 	
Zone 2	<p>What are allowable activities? Group Discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Artisanal fishing- O1,2,4,6 - Industrial Purse Seine fishing – X - Industrial Longline fishing – X - Mariculture- O1,2, 4, 6 (R.W. not agreed due to detrimental effects of mariculture) - Semi-industrial fishing- O1,2,4,6 - Sports fishing- O1,2,4,6,8 - Subsistence fishing- O1,2,4,6 - Disposal and dumping- X - Ports, marinas, wharves, jetties- O1,2,3,4,6,9 - Reclamation- X - Renewable energy- O1,2,4,6,9 - Shipping, transportation and ferries- O1 - Mining- X - Petroleum shipping- X - Petroleum development- X - Seismic survey- X - Anchorages and moorings (anchoring in designated areas)– O1,2,3,4,5,6 - Coastal accommodation- O1,2,4,6,9 - Motorized activities- O^{1,2,3,4,6} - Non-motorized activities- O6 - Scientific research and monitoring- O7 - Dredging- O1,2,3,4,6,9 	J.S. update the Allowable Activities Table
Conditions for Zones	Re-examine conditions in a separate meeting/workshop and in drafting of legislation.	
Decision Matrix	Reviewed the permitting and consultation process levels and categories.	
	Meeting Adjourned at 1630hrs.	

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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**

Meeting #6
Thursday 11 June 2015
1:30 – 4:00 PM
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Agenda

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Agenda Item #	Time	Topic
	12:45 PM	Registration
1	1:00 PM	Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Agenda
2	1:10 PM	Discuss and refine “Activities Tables” for Seychelles MSP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review purpose of Activities Tables in implementation of the marine plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop list of Activities Tables relative to biodiversity protection objectives (e.g., benthic habitat features, pelagic species, coral reef resilience, upwelling areas, migratory species) and fisheries conservation objectives (e.g., spawning aggregation sites, fisheries replenishment) in the preliminary zoning design. • Break out groups: draft Activities Tables
	~2: 30 PM	Tea break
	2:45 PM	“Activities Tables”, cont’d
3	3:15 PM	Report Out and Group Discussion
4	3:50 PM	Wrap up and Next Steps
	4:00 PM	Adjourn