

SEYCHELLES MARINE SPATIAL PLAN (MSP) INITIATIVE

MSP Stakeholder Workshop

Workshop #9

Saturday 14 October 2017

09:00 AM-12:00 PM

Location: Praslin

Minutes

Meeting Objectives:

- 1) To present the Seychelles Marine Spatial Plan to stakeholders.
- 2) To provide the opportunity for public review and input to the Marine Spatial Plan initiative.
- 3) To address any concerns that the public may have on the Marine Spatial Plan.

Present:

Wills Agricole- Principle Secretary Energy and Climate Change, Co-Chair MSP Steering Committee

Richard Bossy- Fishing Boat Owner Association Praslin

Ron Lesperance- Fishing Boat Owner Association Praslin

Mark Grandcourt- Fishing Boat Owner Association Praslin

Pascal Andre- Fishing Boat Owner Association Praslin

Elvis Dingwal- Fishing Boat Owner Association Praslin

Paul Rouillon- Praslin Business Association (PBA)

Louis Bossy- Fishing Boat Owner Association Praslin

Alf Labonte- Fishing Boat Owner Association Praslin

Marcel Valentin- Fishing Boat Owner Association Praslin

Teddy Stravens- Fishing Boat Owner Association Praslin

B. Barbe- Fishing Boat Owner Association Praslin

Helena Sims- MSP Project Manager, TNC Africa- MSP Core Team

Joanna Smith- MSP Science and Process Lead, TNC Canada- MSP Core Team

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Agenda Item Number	Agenda Item	Notes/Comments/Advice	Action_Response (with initials for who provides response)
1	Opening	The workshop was officially opened by the PS of Energy and Climate Change who is also the co-chair of the MSP Steering Committee. The PS gave the introductions, purpose and main objectives of the workshop.	
		There was a round-table of introduction to participants which were in attendance. (See Annex II for full list of stakeholders present)	
2	MSP Overview: objectives, goals, and process framework	Stakeholders were presented with an overview of the Marine Spatial Plan (MSP) including the objectives, goals and process framework.	
3	MSP updates, milestones and deliverables	A presentation on the MSP milestones and deliverables was provided by the MSP Core Team.	
4	MSP Zoning Design Phase I	The MSP Core Team presented the MSP Phase I zoning design to the stakeholders present. The presentation included; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Stakeholder meetings and input from 2014 to date. - MPA zoning designs to date. - MSP Revised zoning design Phase I - MSP zoning design 3.1 phase I area 13 (Z1)Monitoring, control and surveillance 	
5	Allowable Activities and Management Considerations for Phase I	An overview of the allowable activities and management considerations for MSP Phase I was provided to stakeholders.	
1035Hrs	Coffee Break		
6	Questions and discussions	Looking at the VMS data layer presented, the points on the Mahe plateau is not reflecting the actuality and priority of artisanal fishermen and the drop-off is not artisanal fishing.	MSP team to look at the way it is filtered. J.S.

6		The query was raised which was “How can we agree on the conditions if the management plan has not been developed and we do not know what is in the management plans?”	The Plans are to be developed and the MSP team is looking for agreement on only the two areas proposed and the allowable activities and conditions presented. J.S.
6		The point was made that the existing areas are not managed and implemented. And therefore how can Seychelles aim for a bigger target of 30% if it cannot manage these existing small areas.	The resource and capacity needs are to be improved and the MSP is also working to develop an implementation and governance framework for the MSP. J.S.
6		Stakeholders present were concerned as more resources will be needed to implement these plans.	
6		A query on what will happen in the next year March 2017, was made.	The day after it is gazetted nothing will change. Management plans will need to be developed for these areas first. J.S.
6		There was a concern that the Co- Management plan for Praslin which were developed by the GoS-UNDP-GEF Project is now not being implemented. Formal approval of co-management plan was never finalized.	

6		By 2020 we will lose. The question of whether there will be compensation for fisheries that are displaced after 2020? It was also pointed out that there are many laws coming in January 2018 that will be very restrictive for fisheries including restrictions and quotas.	This has not been discussed for now but can be brought to the EC for further feedback to fishermen. J.S.
6		Stakeholders present advised that in phase 2 the MSP team will need more stakeholder representation and that key representation needs to be revised/ensured.	J.S., H.S.
6		A concern that industrial purse seine free school is same as industrial longline free school –hence it was advised that industrial free school should not be allowed in Z2?	J.S.
6		The concern of what happens to leisure crafts unregistered with no applicable management plans was raised particularly with reference to equity. Eg Eden Island.	
6		The concern that there is a different reference in the MSP of Seychelles Flag vs. Foreign flag and the restrictions and loopholes in regulation 5 of fisheries act. A point was made that the activities should be considered not as per nationality.	
6		Concerns were raised on the zoning design and future businesses/developments on islands, particularly outer islands such as Remire and how these will affect the marine areas.	
6		The point was made that by 2020 Seychelles will have many more protected areas and that the benefit will be on tourism. There will be effort displacement which may not increase the Blue Economy as it will hinder fisheries –	socio-economic impact analysis will be carried out in 2018 that will look at these issues. J.S.
6		Consideration of dynamic MPAs and phases was discussed.	

6		The question on who will implement the areas was raised. It was proposed that different parts of the plateau is reserved for fishermen and that can help the financing of implementation.	
7	Wrap up and closing	In closing the stakeholders present expressed their support for MSP phase I areas but are more concerned about phase II.	
Meeting adjourned at 1220hrs			

Minutes submitted by: *Helena Sims on 29 December 2017*

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PUBLIC WORKSHOP INVITATION

Do you want to learn more about how Seychelles wants to protect its ocean, support the local economy, and plan for a sustainable future?

Come and learn about the Seychelles Marine Spatial Plan, and provide your input!

The workshop will be held on **Praslin on 14th Oct 2017**
10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
At the Seychelles Pension Fund Complex, Grand Anse

A presentation on the MSP Initiative will be delivered in all meetings after which the floor will be open for questions and your input.

We'll present the Seychelles Marine Spatial Plan:

- Maps and spatial data
- Proposed zoning design and managing activities and uses
 - Outputs and timeline

We look forward to seeing you and to receiving your inputs!

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