

SEYCHELLES MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING (MSP) INITIATIVE

MSP Stakeholder Workshop

Workshop #8

Fri 06 October 2017

09:00 AM-12:00 PM

Location: ICCS Room 2, Victoria, Mahe

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:

Flavien Joubert- Seychelles National Parks Authority (SNPA)
Isabelle Ravinia- Seychelles National Parks Authority (SNPA)
Anderson Nourrice- Seychelles National Parks Authority (SNPA)
Eric Sophola- Seychelles National Parks Authority (SNPA)
Mariliana Leotta- Green Islands Foundation (GIF)
Annike Faure- Stakeholder
Roger Rene- Stakeholder
Franky Laporte- Seychelles Ports Authority (SPA)
Vincent Didon- Seychelles Ports Authority (SPA)
Allen Chetty- Seychelles Ports Authority (SPA)
Grant Heyer- Seychelles Sports Fishing Club (SSFC)
Gerald Wong-Pool- Seychelles Coast Guard
Lyndy Bastienne- Small Grants Programme (GEF-SGP)
Ander de Lecea- University of Seychelles (UniSey)
Rachel Looper- University of Seychelles (UniSey)
Virginie Lagarde- Fishing Boat Owners Association (FBOA)
Jean-Claude Hoareau- Fishing Boat Owners Association (FBOA)
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 CEO of the Seychelles National Parks Authority who is also a member of the MSP Executive Committee. The CEO 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.	
		Why do some countries such as Mexico have an MSP but are not implementing.	Their MSP is only for the Gulf of California. It was developed by the Ministry of Environment with minimal consultation with other Ministries. TNC is now helping to facilitate and start a new process to integrate across the other ministries. J.S.
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 	

		There was a query as to why the Cosmoled & Astove area not zoned in Phase I.	These are shallow water territorial seas which are Interim Zone 2 in the MSP Phase I. These shallow water areas will be zoned in Phase II. J.S.
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	Group Discussions/open floor	<p>An open session of group discussions followed. Three groups were formed. The scanned copies of group discussion is provided in Annex II. Questions for Group Discussions included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Has the MSP team captured previous comments that have been made? - What is missing for conditions/management considerations? - What future developments might happen in Seychelles in the next 10 years? - What do you want to add or change? <p>Each group presented four main summary points as per the below;</p>	

	Group discussions group 1	Will zone 3 have other specific zones (sub-zones) eg fishing and tourism? These would need to be considered in the management and governance plans of MSP.	Visioning exercise in inception workshop for MSP Phase 2 will discuss this and practicality and for creation of business certainty. Either sub-zones or area based management. Can look at some best-practices from other countries and consider.J.S.
	Group discussions group 1	Conditions need to be reviewed for the sizes of cruise ships that are allowed in Z1 Area 13 and the activities that are allowed – snorkeling, fish feeding, direct interaction with animals.	
	Group discussions group 1	Would the Mascarene plateau be taken into consideration in the future?	For now the scope of the MSP is the EEZ only but other areas can be considered in future. An area is proposed as Z1 at top corner of the Mascarene. J.S.
	Group discussions group 1	With reference to future development- underwater cables in Z1 may be allowable with conditions (C1) for future.	
	Group discussions group 2	All management plans should be accessible to public (Fisheries management areas and PA)- reference to C1 in allowable activities table.	
	Group discussions group 2	Infrastructure and Commercial shipping; it was proposed ton add C8 to C5 for this activity.	

	Group discussions group 2	Restrictions and conditions; all vessels using fishing lanes need to have equipment that detect the presence of cetaceans.	
	Group discussions group 2	Non-renewable resources; no mention of dumping of oil. Not allowable recommended	
	Group discussions group 3	It was proposed to change condition number 14 to only allow to retrieve FADS in Z1. Part 4 use of FADS in zone 1 should be banned and phased through to 2018/20.	J.S.
	Group discussions group 3	It was proposed to add the definition of 'foreign flagged vessels' to the masterlist.	J.S.
	Group discussions group 3	It was pointed out that Purse Seine and Longline was not allowed in zoning design V2.2 in Area 6 and now it is allowable with conditions which means nothing will change in Area 6 till 2020.	
	Group discussions group 3	A proposal was made that FADS are phased out in Area 6.	
	Group discussions group 3	It was pointed out that the demersal Fishery Management Plan updates are not clear to stakeholders.	
7	Wrap up and closing	The MSP core team summarised the main points made in the workshop and closed.	
Meeting adjourned at 1220hrs			

Minutes submitted by: Helena Sims on 29 December 2017

Annex I: Agenda

PUBLIC WORKSHOP 8 Agenda

Mahé at the ICCS Room 2, 09:00 AM- 12:00PM 6 October 2017

Workshop Agenda

Time (AM)	Agenda Item
09:00	Opening Remarks – <i>Mr. Flavien Joubert, CEO Seychelles National Parks Authority</i>
09:10	MSP Overview: objectives, goals, and process framework – Ms. Helena Sims
09:30	MSP updates, milestones and deliverables
09:40	MSP Zoning Design Phase I – Dr. Joanna Smith
10:15	Coffee Break
10:30	Allowable Activities and Management Considerations for Phase I – Dr. Joanna Smith
11:00	Group Discussions/open floor
11:45	Wrap up and closing
12:00	Adjourn

Annex II: The Group Work Scanned Documents

Annex V: Signed participant list.