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## MSP Steering Committee

Meeting #12

Friday 28 September 2018

0830-1200 hrs.

Location: Savoy Hotel, Beau Vallon, Mahe

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## Minutes

### Meeting Objectives:

1. To discuss updates on the MSP process and timelines
2. To review and discuss a summary of stakeholder feedback received May-Jun 2018
3. To review, discuss and provide recommendations for proposed new zone areas for Milestone #2
4. To discuss agenda for Technical Working Groups

### Attendance:

Mr. Alain de Comarmond – Co-Chair PS Environment, MEECC  
Mrs. Marie-May Muzungaile– DG Biodiversity Conservation and Management, MEECC  
Ms. Michelle Murray- ICS CEO  
Dr. David Rowat –MCSS  
Mr. Pierre-Andre Adam - ICS  
Dr. Jan Robinson – SWIOFISH3  
Mr. Andy Rylance – GoS-UNDP-GEF PA Finance Project  
Mrs. Daniella Payet-Allis- SHTA  
Mr. Amit Wasseberg- SHTA  
Mr. Jean-Luc Mondon rep Mr. Patrick Samson, PetroSeychelles  
Mr. Martin Callow- SeyCCAT CEO  
Mr. Peter Purvis- Industrial Tuna Fisheries (Purse Seine) Representative  
Ms. Cynthia Adrienne, MHILT  
Dr. Jeanne Mortimer – ICS  
Mrs. Joanna Prosper – GoS-UNDP-GEF Outer Island Project Manager  
Mr. Peter Brinn- GCCA+ Project  
Ms. Kelly Hoareau- UniSey  
Dr. Joanna Smith, MSP Science Manager, TNC Canada  
Ms. Helena Sims, MSP Project Manager, TNC Africa  
Mr. Justin Prosper – MSP Data Custodian, MEECC  
Ms. Vania Robert- SeyCCAT/MSP Executive Admin Assistant

### Absent:

Mr. Vincent Lucas – Seychelles Fishing Authority  
Mr. Aubrey Lesperance - Seychelles Fishing Authority (Mariculture)  
Dr. Frauke Fleischer-Dogley – SIF  
Mr. Daig Romain- PCU GoS-UNDP-GEF PA Finance Project  
Captain Joachim Valmont – SMSA

Mr. Keith Andre, FBOA  
 Ms. Virginie Lagarde, FBOA  
 Mr. Glenny Savy, IDC  
 Mr. Denis Matatiken, Special Advisor to Minister, MEECC  
 Ms. Bernice Senaratne, Dept. of Tourism  
 Mr. Selby Remy, SNPA  
 Mr. Wills Agricole, PS Energy & Climate change, MSP SC Co-Chair  
 Mr. Richard Tingey- GIS Consultant for the Seychelles MSP  
 Mr. Sindu Parekh- The Hire Craft Association of Seychelles  
 Mr. Brian Charlette- MFTEP  
 Ms. Jennifer Jasmine- MFTEP  
 Mr. Lyndsay Chong-Seng- PCA  
 Ms. Ashley Dias- MEECC

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1.1	Welcome	The DG of MEECC gave an opening address and welcomed all participants to the meeting.	
1.2	Agenda Review	The agenda was reviewed and adopted without any further changes (Annex 1).	
1.3	Approval of Steering Committee #11 minutes and action items	The minutes of SC meeting #10 was reviewed and adopted without changes. The following comments were made during the minutes review;	
		There was a request for a follow up on Agenda item # 1.2 – JNC guidelines application to tropical waters.	The MSP team is liaising with Marine Mammals group (contract with NOAA) to determine protocols being used for EIA. Process is ongoing. JS.
		The SC was advised that MCSS has provided a copy of the revised version of the guidelines to MEECC but no guidelines have been adopted for EIA.	A request for the version has been made to MCSS for MSP team. DR.
		Agenda item #2.1-Members re-iterated concerns that there was no representation from artisanal fishers in the room.	The MSP has received confirmation of Praslin FBOA in TWG on 3 <sup>rd</sup> October. HS.
2.1	Roundtable updates from	ICS	

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	members and observers	- The conservation management plans for 4 PA sites in the outer islands have been finalized.	
		SEYCCAT - The Blue Grants Fund 2 is open and there are 2 strategic commissions ongoing.	
		MCSS - A new project (funded by SeyCCAT) on lobster fishery has started. - The reef to ridge project is nearing finalisation phase. - A new paper on turtle monitoring in the South is to be published soon and there will be another paper on pelagic sharks on a global basis including habitat use.	MCSS will share these papers with the MSP team when available. DR.
		BERI - There has been large staff turnover at the institute. - There are collaborations with International macro algae and coral reef monitoring networks ongoing.	A list of projects to be shared with MSP team. KH.
		SWIOFISH3 - The consultancy on the MSP governance framework is ongoing and the full Governance framework is being developed. - The ecosystem goods and services consultancy has been re-advertised with no applicants. Direct sourcing will now be required. - A ToR on the development of sustainable fisheries is being drafted to develop standards for Z1 sustainable use areas. - SWIOFISH3 to support legislative reviews of fisheries act and regulations and harmonisation with other acts. - The programme can also support drafting of the establishment act of the MSP authority. - Other work includes – fishery access agreement discussions. - The FY19 procurement plan will be developed in the coming months.	
		PA Finance Project - The mid term review advised closer work with the MSP and the Seychelles PA network.	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The project is supporting a marketing and communications plan for SNPA and Infrastructure in the marine national parks.</li> <li>- An MSP costing analysis for the 30% marine protection areas is being supported by PA Finance and the process has started.</li> </ul>	
		<p>The Silhouette Cruises is assisting with the maintenance and deployment of Meteorological Buoys in Seychelles EEZ.</p>	
		<p>GCCA+ Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A capacity needs assessment for Climate Change (CC) has been completed and capacity for modeling CC impacts and scenarios has been flagged as a priority.</li> <li>- A Climate finance mapping exercise has just been completed to look at opportunities for Seychelles to access international climate finance.</li> </ul>	
		<p>Outer islands Project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Management Plans for Alphonse, Farquhar, Poivres and Desroches have been completed.</li> <li>- Nomination files to be completed but have been moved to next phase of MSP as prefer to wait for new act to be approved (the new sustainable use category is key).</li> <li>- Development of business plans for the 4 islands will commence to be finalised in Q1 2019.</li> <li>- The AGO identified as a bottleneck and PCU looking at ways to support AGO for capacity to clear the backlog.</li> </ul>	
2.2	Updates on MSP core team activities Jun – Sep	<p>Updates from the MSP core team included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fisheries data has been updated (2003-2017) for industrial Purse seine and longline.</li> <li>- The MSP Atlas is being finalised &amp; printing is targeted for Dec 2018.</li> <li>- Support of Nekton Project by providing GIS data for allocation of Cruise Priorities.</li> <li>- Draft report for tuna analysis and economic analysis has been received and being reviewed before being shared.</li> <li>- Sooty tern foraging data from Chris Feare being received.</li> </ul>	

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2.3	Review Phase 2 timeline to complete Milestone #2	<p>An update of the timeline for completion of the next milestone was presented. From Sep to Nov the following steps will be taken;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Brief Executive Committee</li> <li>2. Stakeholder consultations and public workshops</li> <li>3. Iterate and revise</li> <li>4. Approval Executive Committee to take to Cabinet for decision</li> <li>5. Submit Nomination Package to MEECC for Milestone 2 (7.5%)</li> <li>6. Public review period 48 days</li> </ol>	
		<p>There were discussions on the next election dates (2020) and how important it is to consider this for meeting the next and final milestone.</p>	
2.4	Update on legal designation options for milestone #2 zone areas	<p>The MSP SC members were informed that the new Nature Conservancy Protection Act will not be ready for the next milestone of December 2018. The MSP Executive Committee has approved for the MSP team to proceed in the interim with use of the NPNCA for the next milestone. Key messaging on the Zone 2 areas and the use of the AONB category will be important.</p>	<p>There was a request from SeyCCAT for a letter from MEECC to state the intent of the timeline for gazetting (Feb 2019) for next milestone. MMM</p>
3.1	MSP Phase 2 – Milestone #2 options; Summary of stakeholder feedback, for review and discussion	<p>The content of the participant package was reviewed (See Annex 2 for full list of documents provided).</p>	
		<p>A query was made as to whether the gradients of agreement may be shown per sector in a matrix?</p>	<p>The MSP team can look at developing such an analysis as a visual tool. JS.</p>
		<p>The SC was updated on the meetings that were held in the last round of stakeholder consultations which included;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ministers briefing on MSP</li> <li>- Executive Committee #9</li> <li>- PetroSeychelles</li> <li>- Steering Committee #10</li> </ul>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Praslin and La Digue Stakeholder Workshop #15</li> <li>- Industrial Tuna Fishing Meeting #4 (purse seine)</li> <li>- Technical Working Group #8</li> <li>- Tuna consultancy for Pilot Project EMS</li> <li>- SeyCCAT</li> <li>- Industrial Pelagic Longline Tuna Fishing Meeting #5 (new)</li> <li>- Indian Ocean Tuna Commission (new)</li> </ul>	
		A summary of advice from the last meetings was presented to the MSP SC (See Annex 3).	
3.2	Zoning Design 4.1 areas and summary of biodiversity representation goals	<p>The zoning design 4.1 options 1 and 2 were presented to the SC.</p> <p>Summary of option 1- Zone 1: 4.6 % (Aldabra North (2.9%), Aldabra East (1.72%)) and Zone 2: 2.72% (Fill in Amirantes to Fortune Bank)</p> <p>Summary of option 2 - Zone 1: 6.3% (Aldabra North (2.9%), Aldabra East (1.7%), Plus fill in the “corner” (1.7%)) and Zone 2: 2.72% (Fill in Amirantes to Fortune Bank).</p>	
		Recommendations from the MSP SC members on the preferred options were requested.	
		A request was made for the rationale for adding Area 19 to zoning design 4.1.	It was clarified that this was combination of the impact of industrial fisheries compared to artisanal fisheries, and seamounts (and other features) and ocean currents in that area. JS, HS
		There was a concern for the displacement of Industrial fisheries in this block.	
3.3	Draft allowable activities and management considerations	A review of the allowable activities tables from the TWG #8 meeting was provided. Recommendations were requested from the SC for the areas proposed for the next milestone.	

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	Coffee break		
		An overview of the biodiversity representation in the areas was presented to the SC as well as which features are under-represented. It was pointed out to the SC that features that are under-represented are found in area 1.	
		A query was made as to the source of the data used for the biodiversity representation in the MSP.	Data was gathered from a GoS-UNDP-GEF PA Project and updated through the MSP-i. JS.
		There was a discussion on the data gaps and how these gaps can be closed. These include the Nekton Research cruise and assistance through MoUs with other parties.	MSP is adaptive to respond to changes in threats and information updates. JS.
		A query was made as to whether the marxan analysis has been rerun to analyse the cost of the new areas.	SC members confirmed that this would be beneficial as the fisheries data has been updated. JS., RT.
		It was advised that there is additional data in purse seine data logbooks (whale shark data and presence of marine mammals/seabirds) and these should be added to the marxan re-run if possible.	MSP core team to review the data that has been provided. JS., RT.
	Fisheries data	MSP SC was presented with updates of Fisheries data including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Purse seine total catch through time (2003-2017)</li> <li>- Purse seine total catch by method (free school vs floating object) for 2003-2017</li> <li>- Average annual total catch for Purse seine for areas 6,8,9,14,19</li> <li>- GeoPDF of catch over time with mean density and variability.</li> </ul>	
		A query was raised as to whether there has been feedback from purse seine fisheries on the proposed zoning design 4.1 areas.	Feedback has been received regarding area 9 in that this is an important area to that sector. MSP team meeting with the sector at end of Oct when they are in country. JS.

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		There were further discussions on Farquhar with respect to fishing data and possibility to swap this area with Coco de Mer to a zone 1. There were discussions on the zoning design in terms of costs for implementation and enforcement.	The data informs the zoning design but industrial Purse Seine is one sector and others need to be consulted. There are several zoning options proposed for Farquhar. JS.
	Round table of preferred options	There was unanimous agreement from the MSP SC that the preferred option was number 2 based on the; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Ease of Control Monitoring and Surveillance (CMS) and enforcement reasons.</li> <li>- Lower potential impact to industrial fisheries.</li> <li>-Lower cost for enforcement/management</li> </ul> <p>However, it was also discussed that more input is required;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- From the industrial fisheries sector</li> <li>- On the cost layers and CC aspects/scenarios with respect to potential shifts in migratory patters</li> </ul>	
4		These other agenda items were moved for discussions in next meeting.	
5	Wrap up and Next steps	The TWG will work on the details of the Allowable Activities Tables and management considerations for these areas next week.	
		There was a request for one AA table with all columns for the TWG meeting.	JS
	Meeting adjourned at 1215 hrs.		

Minutes submitted by: Helena Sims on 2 October 2018

#### Annex I: Meeting Agenda

### SEYCHELLES MARINE SPATIAL PLAN (MSP) INITIATIVE

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8:30 AM - Noon  
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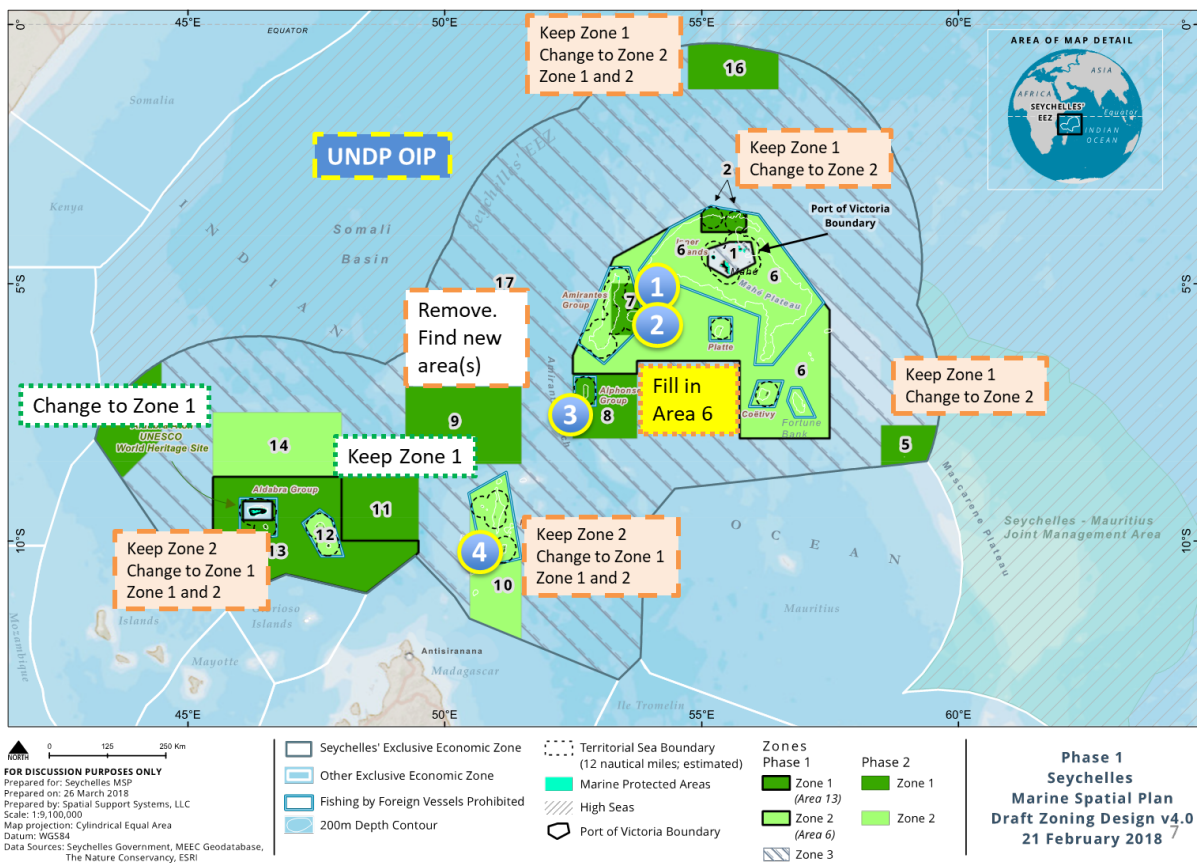
#	Time	Topic
1	8:30	Opening – Principal Secretary for Environment, MEECC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome</li> <li>• Agenda review</li> <li>• Approval of Steering Committee #11 minutes and review of Action Items</li> </ul>
2	8:45	MSP Process and Updates – Dr. Joanna Smith and Ms Helena Sims <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roundtable updates from members and observers</li> <li>• Updates on MSP core team activities Jun – Sep</li> <li>• Review Phase 2 timeline to complete Milestone #2</li> <li>• Update on legal designation options for milestone #2 zone areas</li> </ul>
3	09:00	MSP Phase 2 – Milestone #2 options – Dr. Joanna Smith and Ms. Helena Sims <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of stakeholder feedback, for review and discussion</li> <li>• Zoning Design 4.1 areas and summary of biodiversity representation goals</li> <li>• Draft allowable activities and management considerations</li> </ul>
	10:00	Coffee Break
3	10:15	MSP Phase 2 – Milestone #2 options continued – Dr. Joanna Smith and Ms. Helena Sims
4	11:15	Any other Business for MSP SC - Dr. Joanna Smith and Ms. Helena Sims <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss agenda topics for Technical Working Group meeting (October)</li> <li>• Discuss SMART objectives for Blue Economy and Climate Change</li> <li>• Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) updates and recommendations from members</li> </ul>
5	11:45	Wrap up and next steps – Principal Secretary, MEECC <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Any Other Business (AOB)</li> <li>• Key action items and next steps</li> </ul>
	12:00	Adjourn (lunch provided)

### Annex II: List of documents provided for the MSP SC12 meeting.

- SeyMSP\_SC11\_Minutes\_1June2018\_20180602\_Final
- SEYMSP\_SC12\_Agenda\_28Sep2018\_draft\_sent

- SEYMSP\_ZoneStatsSummaryTables\_v4.1\_Map4.1\_20180924
- SEYMSP\_ZoningDesign\_Revisions\_v4.1\_20180925
- Gradients-of-Agreement
- Phase\_2\_Marine\_Spatial\_Plan\_Draft\_Zoning\_Design\_Opt1\_V41\_13Sep2018
- Phase\_2\_Marine\_Spatial\_Plan\_Draft\_Zoning\_Design\_Opt2\_V41\_13Sep2018
- SEYMSP\_ActivitiesTable\_Phase2\_Map4.1\_Codes\_20180924
- SEYMSP\_ActivitiesTable\_Phase2\_Map4.1\_GeneralMgmt\_20180926
- SEYMSP\_ActivitiesTable\_Phase2\_Map4.1\_Zone1\_20180926
- SEYMSP\_ActivitiesTable\_Phase2\_Map4.1\_Zone2\_20180924

### Annex III: Summary of advice received in the last stakeholder meetings



### Annex IV: Signed attendance form MSP SC12 Meeting