

## SEYCHELLES MARINE SPATIAL PLAN (MSP) INITIATIVE

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### Fourth Workshop to Define Governance Arrangements for the Seychelles Marine Spatial Plan

MSP EC, SC, TWG

Friday 9 November, 2018

Time: 0900-1200 Hrs.

Location: SEYPEC training room, New Port, Victoria, Seychelles

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### Minutes

**Workshop Objective:** Finalise timeline for the realisation of the National MSP Authority.

**Present:**

Alain De Comarmond; PS Environment, Ministry of Environment, Energy & Climate Change

Amia Jovanovic- Desir- STB

Amit Wasseberg; SHTA

Andy Rylance; GoS-UNDP-GEF PA Finance Project

Betty Victor- Adaptation Fund Project

Daig Romain; GoS-UNDP-GEF PA Finance Project

Danielle Jupiter ; SWIOFISH3

David Rowat; Marine Conservation Society Seychelles

Elke Talma; Mangroves for the Future

Errol Renaud- SEC

Gilberte Gendron; SNPA

Helena Sims; MSP Project Manager

Jeanne Mortimer; Turtle Action Group Seychelles/ICS

Joachim Valmont; DG - Seychelles Maritime Safety Administration

Joanna Prosper; GoS-UNDP-GEF OIP

John Nevill – Consultant for the MSP Governance Framework

Johnny Louys- SFA

Justin Prosper; GIS Unit- MEECC

Kelly Hoareau; UniSey

Louis Desnousse- Tourism Department - MTCAPM

Lyndsay Chong-Seng; PCA

Marie-May Jeremie-Muzungaile; DG MEECC

Manuella Alcaniz- SSDF

Michelle Murray; CEO ICS

Patrick Samson, PetroSeychelles

Paul de Bruyn- rep IOTC

Peter Brinn; GCCA+ Component A Project Team Leader

Peter Purvis; Industrial Tuna Fisheries Purse Seine Representative

Philippe Michaud; Blue Economy Department

Pierre-Andre Adam; Science Coordinator – ICS

Sophie Morel; S4S

**Minutes;**

Agenda Item Number	Agenda Item	Notes/Comments/Advice	Action_Response (with initials for who provides response)
1.0	Opening	The workshop was officially opened by the Principle Secretary for Environment.	
1.1	Agenda Review	The agenda was reviewed and adopted with 2 changes made;	
		(i) The minutes of the last meeting of 20 September 2018 will not be reviewed (FYI only), and (ii) item 5 was removed from the agenda	See Annex I for adopted agenda.
2.0	Presentation of revised implementation plan.	The revised mandate of the Authority was presented to members present.	
		There was unanimous agreement for board of the Authority to meet at least quarterly.	
		A query was made as to whether the mandate of the authority be governing economic activities?	The Authority will manage the spatial plan and oversee management through coordination with other respective bodies and authorities that have the respective mandates. JN.
		The revised timeline was presented to members present. Members were informed that the timeline has been aligned to the draft MSP policy timelines and that a three-month buffer has been built into the timeline proposed.	
		A presentation was made on the analysis of the Blue Economy Department mandate and the MGA mandate. A summary of this analysis will be included in the draft implementation plan.	
		Members present were informed that there will be support from the Commonwealth for the implementation of the BE roadmap. This may assist with capacity building.	
3.0	Plenary	There were no objections to the changes that have been made to the mandate and timeline of the Auhtority.	
		Coffee Break.	

4.0	Plenary work to finalise implementation plan	The finalisation of the implementation plan was discussed in plenary. Discussions are summarised as per below;	
	Mandate	There were discussions on the term 'Authority' is being used if it does not have an enforcement mandate?	The authority will require agencies to implement, enforce as per their existing mandates and to report to the Authority. Any MSP revisions to be signed into law and to be brought forward by the Authority. There is additionally a proposal to move the Maritime Zones Act under the Authority. (Maritime zones Act- for the zoning of waters beyond territorial waters and currently under VP portfolio). JN.
		It was unanimously agreed that the Seychelles Ocean Authority was the preferred name for the authority.	
		There was a query as to why Petroleum Exploration (and IDC) are excluded from the mandate.	These are already under another portfolio with their own legislation pertaining to them.
		There were queries on the composition of the board.	This has been discussed and decided in previous meetings as well as composition of the committees. HS to share.

		There were discussions on the availability of funding for implementation of the MSP and whether existing authorities will receive additional funds to implement the MSP areas.	The authority's role will be governance of the MSP and not implementation. Implementation plans will be developed separately. There is currently a costing analysis for the implementation of the 30% areas. Piloting of the zoning design and use of VMS by RCOC is ongoing.
		It was proposed and agreed to change references of 'marine governance' in the implementation plan to 'ocean governance'.	JN.
		It was pointed out that if the Maritime Zones Act is moved to the Ocean Authority, it will have a more direct role with respect to PSSA.	
		There was agreement on the proposed amendment of Physical Planning Bill to include the veto power of the Ocean Authority on the Planning Authority over marine developments and activities.	
		It was clarified that the Maritime zones act may be revised to recognise designations under MSP so that there is no requirement to re-designate any existing areas.	
		There was a proposal and agreement to drop the reference of examples to funding opportunities in the document (fishing rights fees).	JN.
		There were discussions on the consideration of the socio-economic impact of the MSP on other sectors.	This is built in the zoning design principles through cost layers in the marxan analysis and socio-economic analysis of the MSP to the Industrial Fisheries Sector.

		There was a query as to how the added mandate of the exploration of raising and generating revenue links to existing entities such as SeyCCAT and other implementation agencies.	These will be ongoing and strategic discussions for all funding options local and international. Authority will look at funding options also to the local partners.
		With reference to point 10.e. of the authority mandate, it was proposed to add specific reference to CC as per the recommendations made in the last workshop - scientific committee to look at CC threats to be added.	There may also be an added footnote in line with MSP Policy. JN.
	Timeline	There were no questions and clarification pertaining to the timeline.	
	Summing up of conclusions	The consultant summarised the action items of the meeting.	
	Wrap up	The members were informed that the next steps would involve; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Finalisation of the plan,</li> <li>- Presentation to Cabinet for approval,</li> <li>- Provided cabinet approval, proceed as per timeline.</li> <li>- Should cabinet not approve, there may be a need to re-convene to address any concerns.</li> </ul>	
		Meeting adjourned at 1154hrs	

*Minutes submitted by: Helena Sims on 9 November 2018*

## Annex I: Agenda

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#	Time	Topic
1	9:00	Opening – PS Env. Mr. Alain de Comarmond <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Agenda review</li></ul>
2	9:10	Presentation of revised implementation plan.
3	9:40	Plenary discussion
	10:10	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
4	10:30	Group or Plenary work to finalise implementation plan.
5	11:30	Summing up of conclusions
6	11:50	Next steps and Closing
	12:00	Complimentary lunch provided to all members present