

## SEYCHELLES MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING (MSP) INITIATIVE

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### MSP Public Workshop

MSP Workshop #24

Saturday 30 March 2019

09:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: Pension Fund Complex, Grand Anse, Praslin

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### Minutes

#### Meeting Objectives:

#### Present:

Wills Agricole- PS ECC, MEECC

Ralph Moses Barbe- DA Grand Anse Praslin

Denis Antat- DA Baie Ste Anne Praslin

Shirley Joubert- MEECC & member of fisheries associations (PFA & FBOA) on Praslin

#### MSP Core Team:

Joanna Smith - Science and Process lead, Seychelles MSP initiative, TNC Canada

Helena Sims - Project Manager, Seychelles MSP initiative, TNC

#### Minutes;

Agenda Item Number	Agenda Item	Notes/Comments/Advice	Action_Response (with initials for who provides response)
1.1	Welcome	A short welcome was delivered by the MSP Core Team and an overview of Packet Content was provided.	Annex 1 for documents provided.
1.2	Opening	Opening Remarks were made by the principle secretary for Energy and Climate Change	
1.3	Agenda Review	The agenda was review and adopted.	Annex 2 for agenda.
1.4	Round-table of introductions	There was a round table of introductions of members in the meeting.	

2	<p>Overview of the Seychelles Marine Spatial Plan initiative</p>	<p>An overview of the MSP was provided to participants including points on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Background of marine protection in Seychelles</li> <li>-Commitment to protect marine environment including CBD, SDG14</li> <li>-Conventions signed; CBD, Ramsar, World Heritage Convention, Bonn convention for migratory species, ICRI, PSMA</li> <li>-Blue economy of Seychelles and the 2 main pillars of the Seychelles economy- fisheries &amp; tourism.</li> <li>-Threats to the economy including piracy and IUU fisheries.</li> <li>-Possible future development &amp; activity including aquaculture, Reclamation.</li> <li>-Threats to the ocean –coral bleaching, sea level rise, pollution &amp; sedimentation.</li> <li>-Seychelles Debt Swap, SeyCCAT &amp; MSP milestones.</li> <li>-Definition of MSP (Ehler &amp; Douvere, 2009) &amp; countries where MSP is being used.</li> <li>-Guiding principles of MSP – governance &amp; management, approach &amp; practice</li> <li>- the MSP decision making framework</li> <li>-MSP zoning framework – zones 1, 2 3</li> <li>-MSP data catalogue.</li> <li>-MSP milestone 1 &amp; 2 areas.</li> </ul>	
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3	Introduction and discussion about the next milestone 3	An introduction to milestone 3 was provided to participants. -explanation on building blocks. -overview of data layers for stakeholder information -Summary of information -MSP zoning framework categories	
4	Input, Question and Answers	-Other areas for improved management -Activities, concerns, challenges	
		Discussions on when do birds (sooty Terns) go to Coco de Mer seamount as it is seasonal. Mostly in south East Monsoon.	
		It was pointed out that there are discussions ongoing for future reclamation on Grand Anse side of Praslin for Ports (fisheries) and residential.	
		Will there be an opportunity to review existing PA around Praslin? Cousin & Curieuse to make them smaller or allow them to use these areas in seasons?	
		Concerns on poaching and option of decreasing the PA will not address the poaching problem.	
		Propose create more voluntary fishery closure areas such as the SeyCCAT Pilot project.	
	Area 5	No objection of A5 as Z1	
	Nekton Research	Queries made on whether the Nekton expedition research will assist with identification of these new PAs.	MSP core team shared information with the Nekton team and gaps in areas for prioritisation. JS
		Queries were made on the JMA and what this area is.	
		Propose more presentations with all representatives of Seychelles to present this work.	
		If we do not sit together we will sink together~ CC	
		It was pointed out that community engagement is key for implementation and a bottom up approach is best when developing policies for ownership by the community.	

		Queries on whether there will be a media programme on the MSP. Best to do this before the public meeting.	MEECC gets slots monthly for morning programmes. Can propose MSP as the next topic. WA.
		Propose programmes before or after the 8pm national news.	
		Queries of the concerns raised from the Mahe workshop.	
5	Closing	The PS closed the workshop and thanked all participants for their invaluable input.	
		Meeting adjourned at hrs 1110hrs	

Minutes submitted by: Helena Sims on 30 March 2019.

**Annex I: Documents provided for the meeting**

- SEYMSP\_Draft\_Zoning\_Design\_InnerIslands\_areas\_V50\_27Mar2019
- SEYMSP\_PublicWorkshop\_Advert\_March2019
- SEYMSP\_ZoneStatsSummaryTables\_areas\_V50\_20190312
- Seychelles\_MSP\_Update\_Jan2019\_FINAL-logo
- SEYMSP\_ActivitiesTable\_Phase2\_Map4.3\_Codes\_20181031
- SEYMSP\_ActivitiesTable\_Phase2\_Map4.3\_Zone1\_20181112
- SEYMSP\_ActivitiesTable\_Phase2\_Map4.3\_Zone2\_20181102
- SEYMSP\_Data\_Layers\_Maps\_Zoning\_Design\_v50\_20190327
- SEYMSP\_Draft\_Zoning\_Design\_Amirantes\_areas\_V50\_27Mar2019
- SEYMSP\_Draft\_Zoning\_Design\_EEZ\_areas\_V50\_26Mar2019

**Annex 2Agenda**



**PUBLIC WORKSHOPS INVITATION**

*The Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change (MEECC) with the Seychelles Marine Spatial Plan Initiative (SMSP) invites the public to learn about the Marine Spatial Plan and provide input in to the development of the zoning design for nearshore and deep waters.*

What are your ideas for managing the ocean better in Seychelles?  
What marine areas are important to you?  
We want to hear from you!

**Mahé**

*Date: Friday 29 March 2019*  
*Time: 09:00 AM to 12:00 PM*  
*Location: STC Conference Room, Victoria, Mahé*

**Pralin & La Digue**

*Date: Saturday 30 March 2019*  
*Time: 09:00 AM to 12:00 PM*  
*Location: Seychelles Pension Fund Complex, Grand Anse, Praslin*

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome from MEECC
2. Overview of the Seychelles Marine Spatial Plan Initiative
3. Maps, data and stakeholder information for the plan
4. Introduction and discussion about the next Milestone #3
5. Input, Questions & Answers

***Refreshments will be provided.***

We look forward to seeing you there – All Welcome!

For more information:  
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**Annex III:**

**Annex IV:**

**Annex V;**

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**Annex III: approach to developing options for Milestone 3**

**Annex IV:**

**Annex V;**

