

## SEYCHELLES MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING (MSP) INITIATIVE

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### **MSP Public Workshop**

MSP Workshop #27

Saturday 27 July 2019

12:30-03:00 PM

Location: Pension Fund Complex, Grand Anse, Praslin

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### **Minutes**

#### **Meeting Objectives:**

An invitation to the public to learn more about the marine spatial plan and provide input into the zones being proposed for Milestone #3.

#### **Present:**

The workshop was attended by representatives from the Fisheries Authority from Praslin, the Ministry for Environment, Energy and Climate Change, Conservation officers from other protected areas and civil society. For the full attendance list please see annex III.

#### **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 the participant's packet content was provided.	Annex 1 for documents provided.
1.2	Agenda Review	The agenda was reviewed.	Annex 2 for agenda.
1.3	Opening	Opening remarks were made by the Principle Secretary for Environment who welcomed contributions from the members of the public to the Marine Spatial Plan process.	
1.4	Round-table of introductions	There was a round table of introductions of the participants in the meeting.	
		Participants expressed their interest as they work on Cousin Island, which is a protected area.	
		Participants pointed out that there are challenges with non-compliance in the special reserve of cousin and that they are interested in the enforcement component of protected areas.	
		Participants expressed that they are interested to learn more on marine life in the Seychelles Exclusive Economic Zone and plans for conservation.	
		Participants expressed their interest in the management of the ocean stating that in the Seychelles the ocean is life.	
2	Overview of the Seychelles Marine Spatial Plan including data, maps and outputs.	<p>An overview of the MSP was provided to participants including points on;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- History of marine planning in Seychelles</li> <li>- Definition of MSP</li> <li>- Benefits of MSP</li> <li>- Seychelles Debt conversion and MSP</li> <li>- MSP initiative governance</li> <li>- MSP milestones 2014-2020</li> <li>- Opportunities, threats, pressures and stresses</li> <li>- Objectives of the MSP</li> <li>- Transparent decision making framework; governance framework</li> <li>- MSP guiding principles</li> <li>- Spatial data in planning units</li> <li>- MSP data catalogue</li> <li>- MSP zoning framework</li> <li>- Milestone 1 and 2</li> <li>- MSP planning to implementation</li> <li>- Expected outcomes by 2025</li> </ul>	

3	Presentation of the zoning design, followed by questions and discussions	An overview was provided on the zoning design including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Milestone 2 gazetted areas</li> <li>- Zoning design V5.1</li> <li>- Biodiversity representation in Z1 and Z2</li> <li>- Zoning design summary with statistics on percentage overlap with fisheries sectors.</li> </ul>	
3.1	Inner island groups	The MSP team introduced the inner islands group and requested feedback on areas in the inner islands (port fee boundary area); and any proposed new areas for protection.	
		There was support for Recife as a Z2 as it is of high use by fishermen of Praslin and La Digue.	
		It was pointed out that there is high level of fishing around Grand Soeur and Petite Soeur especially mini-Mahe (artisanal) fishermen.	
		A proposal was made for Cousine to be designated as a Z2 as the fishing traps that are set on Cousine often drift to Cousin.	
		It was pointed out that the biggest problem on Cousin is fish traps.	
		It was raised that although there are currently no demarcation buoys around Cousin special reserve, the fishermen are highly experienced and know the boundary of the protected area.	
		It was highlighted that the enforcement of new protected areas was a concern.	
3.2	Bird and Denis island	The workshop participants were apprised of the proposal of a Z1 around Bird island and Z2 around Denis island.	
		It was pointed out that the Praslin fishermen go to Bird island; semi-industrial fisheries.	
4	MSP Atlas and deep seafloor geomorphology	A review of the MSP Atlas layers including the deep seafloor geomorphology, artisanal fishing effort, semi-industrial fishing effort, industrial purse seine, industrial longline, shipping lanes and PSSA, petroleum exploration & areas of interest.	
5	Closing remarks	The meeting was closed by the PS for Environment who thanked all for attending and for their input. Revisions will be made based on input provided and the next meetings are scheduled for June 2019.	
Meeting adjourned at 1430 hrs			

Minutes submitted by: Helena Sims on 27 July 2019

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

SEYMSP\_Draft\_Zoning\_Design\_V51\_6June2019  
SEYMSP\_Draft\_Zoning\_Design\_V52\_6June2019  
Zoning\_Design\_V52\_Amirantes\_Group\_ShallowGeomor\_16July2019  
Zoning\_Design\_V52\_Bird\_Island\_Geomorphology\_19July2019  
Zoning\_Design\_V52\_BirdDenis\_Bathymetry\_18July2019  
Zoning\_Design\_V52\_BirdDenis\_Geomorphology\_18July2019  
SEYMSP\_ActivitiesTable\_Milestone3\_Map5.2\_Codes\_20190716  
SEYMSP\_ActivitiesTable\_Milestone3\_Map5.2\_Zone1\_20190716  
SEYMSP\_ActivitiesTable\_Milestone3\_Map5.2\_Zone2\_20190716  
SEYMSP\_Data\_Layers\_Maps\_Zoning\_Design\_V50\_20190716  
SEYMSP\_PublicWorkshop\_Advert\_July2019  
SEYMSP\_ZoneStats\_Map\_51\_52\_20190716  
Zoning\_Design\_V52\_Amirantes\_Group\_Bathymetry\_16July2019

## **Annex 2Agenda**



# **Seychelles Marine Spatial Plan PUBLIC WORKSHOP INVITATION**

*The Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change (MEECC) with the Seychelles Marine Spatial Plan Initiative (SMSP) invites all members of the public to workshops to review and discuss outputs.*

Why do you care about the ocean?  
What areas do you think should be protected for biodiversity?  
What are your ideas for sustainable marine activities in Seychelles?

### **Mahé**

*Date: Saturday 20 July 2019  
Time: 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM  
Location: Care House, Victoria,  
Mahé*

### **Praslin & La Digue**

*Date: Saturday 27 July 2019  
Time: 12:30 PM to 3:00 PM  
Location: Seychelles Pension Fund  
Complex, Grand Anse, Praslin*

## **WORKSHOP AGENDA**

1. Welcome from MEECC and SMSP
2. Overview of the Seychelles Marine Spatial Plan including data, maps and outputs.
3. Presentation of the zoning design, followed by questions and discussions
4. Overview of implementation in 2021, followed by questions and discussions.

**Refreshments will be provided.**

**We look forward to hearing your views – All Welcome!**

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**Annex III: Signed attendance**

