

SEYCHELLES MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING (MSP) INITIATIVE

MSP Public Workshop

MSP Workshop #28

Thursday 24 October 2019

09:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Location: STC Conference Room, Victoria, Mahe

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:

Alain de comarmond – Principle Secretary for Environment, MEECC

Kaylee Smit- South African Institute of Aquatic Biodiversity

Stuart Liang- BERI/UniSey

Veronique Nibourette – SMSA

Darney Barbe- Glacis Fishermen Association- Chair

Yannick Memee- consultant/SYAH (interest in Aquaculture)

Richard Baxter- Consultant (focused on terrestrial)

MSP Core Team:

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

Helena Sims - Project Manager, Seychelles MSP initiative, TNC

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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	Agenda Review	The agenda was reviewed and adopted.	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 process.	
1.4	Round-table of introductions	There was a round table of introductions of members in the meeting.	
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"> - History of marine planning in Seychelles - Definition of MSP - Benefits of MSP - Seychelles Debt conversion and MSP - MSP initiative governance - MSP milestones 2014-2020 - Opportunities, threats, pressures and stresses - Objectives of the MSP - Transparent decision making framework - MSP guiding principles - Spatial data in planning units - MSP data catalogue - MSP zoning framework - Milestone 1 and 2 - MSP planning to implementation - Expected outcomes by 2025 	

3	Presentation of the zoning design, followed by questions and discussions	The areas proposed in zoning design 5.40; Amirantes to Fortune Bank* (Zone 2) Desroches OIP Area (Zone 2) Poivre OIP Area (Zone 2) Alphonse OIP Area (Zone 2) Farquhar Group (Zone 2) Farquhar OIP Area (Zone 2) Cosmoledo and Astove (Zone 2) Aldabra Group (Zone 1) Bird Island (Zone 1) Denis Island (Zone 2) D'Arros (Zone 1) D'Arros to Poivre (Zone 1) Amirantes South (Zone 1) Deep water areas (Zone 1- 1.6%)	
	Amirantes to Fortune Banks Z2	Clarification was sought on the industrial fishery exclusion area boundary.	
		A query was raised on the management of the industrial fisheries in the zone 2 Amirantes to Fortune Bank area.	Management plans will be developed for these areas including addressing fishing on FADS vs. Free school, reporting requirements to SFA and others.
	Bird Island Z1	Query on what information that has been used to inform the zoning to propose Bird island as a Z1	Information provided on the Marxan modelling and layers that have been used in the model including WIOMER priority areas. JS
	Denis (Z2)	Query on regulations for sustainable use areas for fisheries and management of these areas.	Overview of allowable activities table and respective legislation and implementation plan for MSP, consideration of piracy threats. JS., AD.

	Amirantes	Overview of the analysis of the 2003-2012 SFA sea cucumber data was presented to the attendees including the annual mean in the Amirantes areas being proposed. An overview of the CC risk mapping was presented.	
	D'Arros (Z1)	It was pointed out that there have been lemon shark studies around D'Arros and the paper can be shared with the MSP Core Team.	SL
	D'Arros to Poivre (Z1)	No Comments on this area.	
	Amirantes South (Z1)	Query on how the boundaries will be shared with the different marine users.	Through IHO (which communicates with IMO) these can then be included in world admiralty charts. The coordinates are also in the legislation.
	Desroches (Z2)	Query on the Desroches boundary.	1km distance from the reef edge or shoreline. JS.
	Alphonse (Z2)	It was pointed out that operators in outer islands were concerned on the impact of other fishermen coming close to the fishing grounds and using unsustainable fishing approaches and having detrimental impacts on the fish populations in these outer islands.	Regulations for the fly fishing industry is being revised under the fisheries act and is a priority to address these concerns including gears and approaches for the activities. AD. Area based considerations may be included here. JS.
	Farquhar OIP (Z2), Farquhar (Z2), Cosmoledo & Astove (Z2)	Support was expressed for these areas.	

		Query as to why are there Zone 2 boundaries within a larger zone 2?	Consideration of mandates & management authority, implementation and feasibility. JS.
	Aldabra Group (Z1) deep water proposals	Deep water proposals were presented for Aldabra East (option 1 and 2) with more of a preference for the option 2.	
	Assumption (Z1/Z2 proposals)	Recommendation to keep Assumption as a Z1.	
	Q&A		
		Query on conditions for some vessels operate in these areas; who would monitor the number of vessels, quota systems.	Sports fishing under fisheries act. Enforcement and implementation plan & development of management plans
		Query on what the conditions would be in zone 3.	Interest from stakeholders that sustainable activities also apply in a zone 3.
		With reference to the draft atlas; this will be a good educational tool at multiple levels. Clarification was sought on the Page 5 reference to EEZ settled vs unsettled.	Some countries have not finalised the negotiation of their boundaries. JS.
		It was pointed out that the extension of the boundary in the North of Seychelles that is not reflected on the Seychelles EEZ map.	The extension is only for the seabed.
		With reference to the legislation cited, it should read the specific legislation for merchant shipping act for vessel registration.	HS
		With respect to infrastructure and physical assets – important to include training of personnel to manage the assets and identify capacity gaps such as hydrography.	
		Data provided- Some are to 2012. Is there any plan to update the data.	Used best available data that has been provided and update as and when received. JS.

		Sources for the maps in the Atlas; Will this include legislation source or included in a reference in the Atlas?	Facing text page will have a description and these references for the maps and layers. JS.
		Members expressed words of thanks to the MSP core team and the efforts to develop the plan.	
		SYAH has programmes to encourage youth to go to BE and STEM and have placements for students and identify the correct target audience for the training.	
		Query on updates from Chagos and their MPA (BIOT).	Nothing official between governments. UK 30 by 30 partnership (30% protection by 2030) and through this initiative there should be further interactions on Chagos. France also mentioned intent to consider Glorieuse as an MPA. Chagos is looking more at multi stakeholder MPA planning as opposed to an MSP as there is one objective. JS.
		Propose MSP core to present to the Glacis community centre in future.	JS., HS.
		One main concern is enforcement and implementation and concern if fishers are not allowed in a Z1 and their assistance to report IUU as is the case at present. Capacity of coast guards and marine policy for implementation.	
		Cost for implementation	Costing analysis of the 30% summary

		Data derived process and build on communications for ecological research and data gaps to be addressed to inform the process.	Priority research questions for MSP will be addressed next year.
5	Closing remarks	The meeting was closed by the PS for Environment who thanked all for attending and for their input. If GoS approves the process to gazette will be initiated in November. MSP workshop on Praslin on Saturday 26 th October from 1 to 4pm.	
		Meeting adjourned at hrs 1240hrs	

Minutes submitted by: Helena Sims on 2019

Annex I: Documents provided for the meeting

- 1-SEYMSP_ZoneStats_Map_54_v2_20191009
- 2-SEYMSP_ZoningDesign_Revisions_Map5.4_v2_20191009
- 3-SEYMSP_ActivitiesTable_Milestone3_Map5.2_GenMgmt_20190716
- 4-SEYMSP_ActivitiesTable_Milestone3_Map5.2_Codes_20190716
- 5-SEYMSP_ActivitiesTable_Milestone3_Map5.2_Zone1_20190716
- 6-SEYMSP_ActivitiesTable_Milestone3_Map5.2_Zone2_20190716
- 7-SEYMSP_Milestone3_v5.40_maps_binder_20191009

Annex 2: Advert/Agenda



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: Thursday 24 October 2019

Time: 09:00 AM to 12:00 PM

Location: STC Conference Room, Victoria, Mahé

Praslin & La Digue

Date: Saturday 26 October 2019

Time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 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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