

SEYCHELLES MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING (MSP) INITIATIVE

MSP Public Workshop

MSP Workshop #29

Saturday 26 October 2019

01:00 PM – 04:00 PM

Location: Pension Fund Complex, Grand Anse, Praslin

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 – PS Environment, MEECC

Margaret Joubert - MEECC

Lindy Pointe - MEECC

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 Principle Secretary for Environment and an overview of the Packet Content was provided.	Annex 1 for documents provided.
1.2	Agenda Review	The objectives of the meeting was provided and the agenda was reviewed and adopted.	Annex 2 for agenda.
1.3	Opening	Opening Remarks were delivered 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 stakeholders 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 the;</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	<p>The proposed areas for milestone 3 were presented;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Amirantes to Fortune Bank (Z2) - Waters surrounding Bird (Z1) - Waters surrounding Denis (Z2) - Waters asurrounding D’Arros (Z1) - D’Arros to Poivre (Z1) - Amirantes South (Z1) - Alphonse Outer Island Project (OIP) (Z2) - Desroches OIP (Z2) - Poivre OIP (Z2) - Farquhar OIP (Z2) - Waters surrounding Farquhar (Z2) - Cosmoledo & Astove (Z2) - Aldabra Group Z1 - Assomption (Z2) 	
	Amirantes to Fortune Bank	A concern was raised on the absence of representatives of the Seychelles National Parks Authority (SNPA) at the meeting.	It was clarified that as per the MSP initiative governance framework, SNPA sits at the Executive Committee, Steering Committee and Technical Working Group levels to discuss and review the zoning design. As such SNPA has already been consulted and that the meeting being held was for other members of the public to provide input on the design. JS.
	MSP Atlas	An overview of the MSP Atlas was provided including the layers and data that have informed the MSP zoning design.	
		It was proposed to have a bigger map for Praslin and La Digue island in the Atlas.	JS. HS. RT.

	Assomption Z2 or Z1	There were discussions on the proposed zoning in the waters around Assomption island.	
		Queries on whether Assomption is already gazetted.	
		There was a preference to keep Assomption as a Z1 for a high BD objective and rationale and proximity to Aldabra which is a Z1 (proximity similar Mahe and Praslin).	
	Allowable activities	A review of the allowable activities tables was provided.	
	Next steps	Next steps; EC on Monday 28 th October Cabinet presentation on Wednesday 30 th October.	
		Query on process if Cabinet does not approve the areas proposed.	MSP team would need to revise and seek further consultations.
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 hrs 1500hrs	

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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