

SEYCHELLES MARINE SPATIAL PLAN (MSP) INITIATIVE

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Meetings Announcement for drafting Management Plans – “Sustainable Use” areas

Dear stakeholders,

The Ministry of Agriculture, Climate Change and Environment (MACCE) and the Seychelles Marine Spatial Plan Initiative (SMSP) would like to invite you to participate in the development of the draft site management plans for three Sustainable Use (Zone 2) areas designated under the SMSP.

There will be a series of opportunities for you to participate in this planning process, including open information and Q&A sessions, as well as participatory planning workshops where local expert knowledge will be shared through focused interactive discussions. These events will provide the opportunity for your needs, priorities and concerns to be considered during the management plan development processes.

The list of scheduled events is as below:

- Fishery landing Q&A sessions: **25-26 November 2022** (various landing sites around Mahe)
- Public information clinic: **28 November 2022** (10:00 – 15:00 Post Office, Victoria)
- Farquhar Archipelago planning workshop: **29 November 2022** (9:00 – 16:00 Eden Bleu, Eden Island)
- Amirantes to Fortune Bank planning workshop: **2 December 2022** (9:00 – 16:00 Story Hotel, Beau Vallon)
- Cosmoledo and Astove planning workshop: **6 December 2022** (9:00 – 16:00 International Conference Centre Seychelles, Victoria)

The focus of each consultation is tailored to meet different stakeholder needs and availability. The fishery landing Q&A sessions are aimed at engaging with local fishers operating out of Mahe who are unable to attend a full-day workshop. The public information clinic allows for any stakeholder to drop-in and discuss the sustainable use area planning process or get more information on the sustainable use areas and the SMSP.

Each planning workshop will be focused on one of the sustainable use areas and will be interactive full days with participatory sessions for sharing of local knowledge and expertise. These sessions will be critically important to guide the development of the management plans. Background materials will be provided to participants before the workshops so that they have enough time to consult with their constituents/colleagues and prepare for the discussions.



The provisional agenda for the planning workshops is as follows:

Welcome and introductions		30 mins
Workshop objectives	Presentation	15 mins
Background (SMSP and legislative context)	Presentation	30 mins
<i>MORNING BREAK</i>		
Define goals and objectives for area	Participatory breakout groups	1 hour
Identify and prioritise issues	Participatory breakout groups	1 hour
<i>LUNCH BREAK</i>		
Identify key considerations for addressing issues (design criteria)	Participatory breakout groups	30 mins
Overview of the performance measurement system and discussion of useful indicators against objectives	Group discussion	30 mins
Participatory mapping: (i) areas for biodiversity conservation, (ii) areas of allowable activities, and (iii) areas of potential conflicting uses	Participatory breakout groups	1 hour
<i>AFTERNOON BREAK</i>		
Formulating solutions (i.e. zoning)	Participatory breakout groups	1 hour
Next steps		15 mins

The fishery landing Q&A sessions and public information clinic are open to all stakeholders, and we encourage you to share the dates with your constituents and colleagues. We hope these sessions will be well attended and welcome candid and active engagement to guide the development of the three management plans. The planning workshops have limited places, and therefore it would be appreciated if invitees or their nominated representative could RSVP by replying to judebijoux@gmail.com and cc kmoumou@env.gov.sc and sophie.morel@env.gov.sc by **21st November 2022** and clearly state which of the planning workshops you plan to attend.

We look forward to your active participation.

Yours sincerely,

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