



MSP Steering Committee #26, with Technical Working Group #18

Date: Wednesday 15 March 2023

Time: 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Location: Eden Bleu Hotel, Eden Bleu, Mahé

Minutes

Meeting Objectives:

1. Updates on the SMSP Initiative timelines and the approved 2023 High Level Workplan
2. To finalise Allowable Activities Tables Zone 1 and Zone 2 and advance the draft of Zone 3
3. To identify priorities for SC/TWG meeting on Wed 22 March 2023

Attendance:

Alain de Comarmond- SeyCCAT, Financing and Implementation TWG
Amia Jovanovic-Desir- Tourism Department, Tourism TWG
Ashley Dias- Acting DG MACCE – Steering Committee, Terrestrial ecology TWG
Aubrey Lesperance- SFA (Aquaculture), Steering Committee
Bernice Senaratne- Dept. of Tourism, Steering Committee, Tourism TWG
Chris Mason-Parker - CEO, MCSS - Steering Committee, Marine Ecology TWG
Christian Fleischer-Dogley – Independent Consultant - Observer
Corianna Julie- SIF, Terrestrial Ecology TWG
Cynthia Adrienne- MLH, Steering Committee
Denis Matatiken- Co-Chair PS Environment, MACCE , Steering Committee Co-Chair*
Didier Dogley – Consultant – Terrestrial Ecology TWG
Gregory Burke – Fisheries scientist & independent consultant, Observer
Henriette Grimmel- SOSF-DRC, Marine Ecology TWG
Jan Robinson – SWIOFISH3, Steering Committee, Fisheries TWG
Joanna Prosper, PCU (Ridge to Reef Project) – Steering Committee & Marine Ecology TWG
Jude Bijoux – Observer, consultant, FITI, Z2 Management Plan & Tuna Fishery Management Plan
Justin Prosper – MACCE & SMSP Data Custodian - Steering Committee
Kelsy Gill- Outreach & Capacity Building office- MACCE, Marine Ecology TWG
Liam Weber- SeyCCAT – Marine Ecology TWG
Lindsay Chong-Seng- PCA, Steering Committee & Terrestrial Ecology TWG
Louis Bossy – Chair AFPES, Fisheries TWG
Marie-Antoinette Micock - Dept. of Tourism, Tourism TWG
Marie-May Jeremie – CEO SeyCCAT, Steering Committee, Finance TWG
Muditha Gunatilake- AFPES, SFBOA, Observer
Naron Payet – Sea cucumber Association (AMSSI) - observer
Norman Weber -ICS, Steering Committee member
Sabrena Lawrence – rep Rodney Govinden, SFA- Fisheries TWG
Shamilla Young-kon –rep SFA
Sylvanna Antha - UniSey, SC Member
Teffy Jean – rep SFA
Vania Robert- SeyCCAT, Finance TWG
Vincent Lucas- SFA, Steering Committee, Fisheries TWG
Wilna Accouche- GIF, Steering Committee, Fisheries TWG

MSP Core Team

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

Helena Sims- Project Manager, Seychelles MSP initiative, TNC

Elke Talma- SeyCCAT Project coordinator

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1.0	Welcome	The Acting DG for Environment welcomed all the participants to the meeting.	
1.1	Agenda Review	The agenda of the meeting was reviewed and adopted without any changes.	Annex I
1.2	Minutes Review	The minutes of SC#25 and TWG#17 meeting was reviewed and adopted noting the action items.	
1.201	Action item - 2.24	There was a request from SC members for GoS updates on Policy and legislative work that relate to the SMSP and for a way to communicate to members of the SC and TWG so invitations can be received. The SMSP team will continue to extend their assistance to share meetings invitations to the SMSP mailing list for coordination and post notifications on the SMSP website: www.seymsp.com	Completed
1.202	Action item SC23. 3.214	SC members queried if Seychelles has an official position on deep sea mining.	This is still being drafted and under the portfolio of BE (ISA). MFBE.
1.203	Action item 3.215	St Joseph and Bird – PetroSeychelles advised that it already has an exclusion zone of 5km around these islands. There was a query as to the boundary of these 2 islands as exclusion would occur already.	SMSP has checked and mapped the exclusion area. SC members confirmed that they would like to see the 5km radius buffer around Amirantes Group Island. RT.
1.204		SC members queried the 5km radius distance decision for petroleum exclusion.	Clarity can be provided by PretroSeychelles. JS., HS
1.205		There was a proposal for the petroleum exclusion zone to be displayed on the MSP maps.	RT., JS
1.206	Action item 3.414	C15- including other relevant delegated authorities with mandate of maritime safety.	Members cross check codes in the meeting.
1.207	3.422	Semi-industrial: Is there a legal definition for semi-industrial fishing?	The definition is from SFA (2014). Updated definition required- Fisheries Act. SFA.
1.208	3.423	Watercraft and cruise ship definition needs updating.	Tourism department to provide updated

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			definition. SMSA regulation.
1.209	4.430	Does the word personal mean/ include private yachts? SMSP to follow up for next Tuesday for clarity on use in Z1 & Z2 activities. SMSA regulation	
1.210	4.435	Patrols and surveillance – Allowable, but this activity applies everywhere; Coast guard is allowed to enter any area to survey and enforce SMSP to follow up what applies here; Check/update definition of patrols and surveillance.	Removed from AAT.
1.211	4.435	Petroseychelles confirmed that they do not anticipate licenced blocks in zone 1. Propose to keep C9 but that it is reworded so that it applies to geological surveys in Z1 for scientific research.	SMSP to check phrasing for C9 (e.g., remove phrasing ref of licenced blocks) and share with PetroSeychelles for approval.
1.212	2.250	The SC requested for SFA to advise if supply vessel have separate license agreement. SFA advised that it is in the same agreement. For foreign fleets it is under the fishing partnership agreement, but SFA would need to check licensing agreement and confirm.	SFA to check.
1.213	2.260	Discussion of FADs during SC24/TWG17. Add all FAD comments to General Management considerations	Not yet done
1.30	Introductions & Updates	The SC and TWG members provided the following updates:	See attendance for members & observers present.
1.31	MACCE Update	MACCE advised that they are recruiting a legal person to assist with pending regulations under the NRC act, hence why there is no commencement date announced. MACCE is providing oversight and input in the drafting of the Z2 man plans (SWIOFISH3), and meetings will be held in end of March/early April 2023.	
1.32		SC members expressed that they would like an update on the interim governance mechanism; Seychelles Ocean Agency (SOA).	MACCE confirmed that work is ongoing to operationalise the mechanism. One staff member has been recruited (capacity building & outreach officer), regulations for SOA under the EPA is being finalised. The governance framework for the agency is being finalised to inform the operation of the agency and budgeting. The

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			transition plan is being developed. MACCE planning to recruit most staff by June 2023. AD.
1.33		The SC asked whether the plan is for the governance mechanism to be operational by the end of 2023 and if it will be independent.	The MACCE advised that the interim mechanism is currently under department of Env. And that there are plans to commence the transition thereafter. AD.
1.34		Members of the SC asked why the interim is not in the Blue Economy Department (BED).	SMSP reminded members of the work to determine the governance options which included the BED option, but which was not preferred as there is no legal framework for the BED to be the interim mechanism. The EPA already had the legal provisions for an interim mechanism. HS.
1.35		Members discussed that the alignment with the BED can be carried out at some point. The BED was one proposed option during the proposal for governance mechanisms (2017) with a preferred mechanism for an authority.	
1.36		SC members supported the decision for the interim mechanism to be under the portfolio of environment due to fact that the lead of the SMSP has been through the Ministry responsible for Environment and hence as an interim that would be a smoother transition mechanism with retention of institutional memory of the process. The members expressed the need to have a strong governance framework with an equal balance across all sectors for when decisions are being made.	
1.37	SeyCCAT Update	SeyCCAT confirmed that it continues to work with the SMSP team and the MACCE for transitioning to implementation of the SMSP across multiple several grants.	
1.38	SFA Update	SFA updated the SC/TWG that <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the Fisheries Act review is ongoing with consultations schedule in early April. - SFA is additionally working on the tuna management plan whereby stakeholder consultations are ongoing, 	

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		- The pre assessment of the semi-industrial fishery is ongoing.	
1.39	GIF Update	GIF updated the SC/TWG that the development of the Z2 management plan for Denis Island AONB is ongoing.	
2.0	SMSP Updates		
2.1	2023 High Level Workplan and update on timelines	The SMSP provided a review of the 2023 high level workplan for the SMSP which has been approved by the SMSP EC.	Annex II
		The consultant for the development of the management plans confirmed that a formal request has been made for an extension for the development of the management plans for the Z2 areas (funded through SWIOFISH3). The first draft is expected in June 2023.	
		The SC/TWG was advised that the GEF7 Blue Economy project is being finalised and is planned to commence with an inception workshop in June 2023. Members stressed the importance for alignment of activities with other grants.	
		There was a query to the SC/TWG on the drafting of the regulations of the 13 MPAs and the timeline for completion.	MACCE confirmed that the drafting has not commenced. And that a legal officer is being recruited to assist with the outstanding legal matters. The regulations are being prioritised. AD.
		An observer queries as to whether the zones have been approved.	The SMSP confirmed that the zones have been approved as per the SMSP process and the national legal review process of the NPNC which includes a 28-day public review. For the SMSP this was carried out in 3 rounds, 2016,2018 and 2019/2020. The SMSP is currently finalising the AAT and management considerations. JS.
2.20	Updates on key activities and dependencies in Q1	An update on the key dependencies was provided to the SC/TWG members which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capacity for Interim MSP implementation governance via EPA [MACCE] 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SOA regulation for legally enforceable MSP [MACCE] • Re-categorisation of Zone 2 to “Sustainable Use” [MACCE] • Regulations for MPAs identified through the MSP [MACCE] • Co-management agreements for MPAs identified through MSP [MACCE] • New Draft Fisheries Act and Regulations – including section 11 Zoning [MFBE, SFA] • Management Plan template Zone 1 and 2 [SeyCCAT; Oceans 5] • Management Plans Zone 2 [MACCE and SWIOFish3; C2O] 	
2.21	Update: Marine Spatial Plan document	<p>An update on the drafting of the Marine Spatial Plan document was provided to the SC/TWG:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ch 1- Marine Spatial Planning in Seychelles, Rough draft • Ch 2- Seychelles MSP Initiative, Rough draft • Ch 3- Zoning Design, Rough draft of intro text. Summarise methodologies from 2014-2019. Need AAT and Management Considerations • Ch 4- Implementation of the SMSP. MSP Policy Objectives 1-5 - need priorities Seychelles Ocean Agency (interim EPA option). Draft management plans but not for all areas. Timelines of implementation • Ch 5- Monitoring and Evaluation of the SMSP. Climate change priorities in implementation • Assessing effective management of Protected Areas. Indicators to monitor ecological condition of MPAs. Timeline for reviewing the Marine Spatial Plan • Ch 6 Glossary. Master List of Definitions - being finalised 	
2.23	Update: Marine Spatial Plan Atlas	Update on the drafting of the Marine Spatial Plan Atlas was also provided to the SC/TWG and that support has been secured for proofreading.	
2.24	Overview of SMSP March 2023 consultations	<p>An overview of the March 2023 consultations was presented to the SC/TWG. Confirmed consultations include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - MACCE ministerial pre-briefing - EC #33 - IDC - SC #26, with TWG #18 - PetroSeychelles - C2O Consultants - Industrial Tuna Fisheries 	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Marine charters - Silhouette Cruises - SFA - MACCE - Justin Prosper - SeyCCAT - SC #27, with TWG #19 - SWIOFish3 - Green Islands Foundation (GIF) - MACCE ministerial pre-briefing - EC #34 	
2.25	Purpose of the March 2023 Consultations:	<p>The SMSP clarified the purpose of the March 2023 Consultations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Allowable Activity Table Zone 1 - Allowable Activity Table Zone 2 - Allowable Activity Table Zone 3 - Codes - Management Considerations - Master List of Definitions - Co-management agreement considerations - Spatial decision framework (v3) (TBC) 	
2.26	Alignment of grants	SeyCCAT confirmed that there have been discussions between the consultants to align work on the management plan template and the drafting of management plans. The template will also be used under the other (e.g., BNA) grants for the drafting of outstanding management plans such as for Z1.	
2.27	SMSP policy objectives	The SMSP confirmed that it will be important to prioritise the action plans for the 5 objectives in the SMSP policy in a separate meeting in the future.	
2.28	March one to one meeting query	The Fisheries TWG members queried as to the scheduling of a one to one with the Industrial Tuna Fisheries group and not the artisanal and semi-industrial group.	SMSP confirmed an online virtual meeting with Industrial Purse Seine and longline as they are not in the country to attend the SC/TWG. The SMSP can also schedule one to one consultation with other groups if needed. HS.
3.0	Allowable Activities Tables Zone 1 and 2	The SC/TWG members were reminded of the participant packet contents provided.	Annex II
3.1	Summary of inputs in Nov 2022 to Codes, Allowable Activities, Master List of Definitions, Management Considerations and EC	<p>A summary of the inputs provided in the SMSP July and Nov 2022 consultations was provided to the participants. A refresher of the SMSP zoning design was also provided to the participants.</p> <p>The updates on the changes for zones 1 and 2 presented and included:</p> <p>Code 1 – revised to add ESIA</p>	

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	decision on Management Units	<p>Code 2 – agreement on definition of subsistence fishing in July. EC approved</p> <p>Code 2 – added “and/or research facility...” to the last line.</p> <p>Code 11 – revised; jet skis are not allowable in the Outer Island Project areas (Zone 2)</p> <p>Code 14 – add “in accordance with licence agreement, FPA, and area management plan/FAD management plan” (add)</p> <p>NEW Code 20 – where jet skis and other motorised devices are prohibited</p> <p>NEW Code 21 – consideration for dive sites in terms of spatial conflicts and managing for multiple values including eco-tourism</p> <p>NEW Code 22 – FADs deployment must be authorised</p> <p>NEW Code 23 – Aquaculture Master Plan</p> <p>Aquaculture, not Aquaculture Development Zones</p> <p>Aquaculture, coral farming. Coral nurseries and restoration versus commercial aquaculture.</p> <p>Aquaculture, farming for restoration proposed</p> <p>Industrial Purse Seine (floating objects, FAD). Change FAD to DFAD. Drifting FADs are used by the purse seine fishery, not anchored FADs</p> <p>Sustainability criteria needed for catch and release in Zone 2 areas. SFA study on catch and release study ready this year.</p> <p>ADD: Bunkering at sea, fishing vessel. This is to distinguish bunkering for fishing vs other bunkering. Bunkering for fishing vessels not allowable in Seychelles’ marine waters</p> <p>Motorised Activities. Refer to Watercraft and Ship.</p> <p>Hovercraft not allowable in an MPA</p> <p>Marine charters, licensed hire craft. Changed to: Hire craft. Definition in the regulation</p> <p>Cruise ships are Passenger ships in the SMSA regulation. Vessel with 12+ passengers.</p>	
		<p>A summary of changes of AAT to zone 1 include:</p> <p>Remove column Aldabra MNP</p> <p>Desalination, boat-based change to C5</p> <p>Patrols and Surveillance - remove</p> <p>Floating structures changed from X to C 1,19</p> <p>Hire craft, added C 4,19,20</p> <p>Hire craft + Watercraft + Passenger ship all: C1, 3, 4, 5, 11, 16, 19, 20</p> <p>Jet skis for essential infrastructure or services. New Code #20</p> <p>Motorised activity, added C 4, 19</p>	

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		<p>Scientific Research ☒ jet skis use C11. Do we also need: C19? Tourism accommodation, marine. Change to X NEW: Biodiversity Restoration C1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11,19,20</p>	
		<p>A summary of changes of AAT to zone 2 include:</p> <p>Bunkering at sea. Conditional. Patrols and Surveillance - remove Hire craft, add C 11 Watercraft, add C 11 Passenger ships, add C 11, 16 Jet skis for essential infrastructure or services. New Code #20 Geophysical Surveys, add C 4 Zone 2: Sustainable Use Areas – Denis Island Scientific research and monitoring, add C 20 Zone 2: Sustainable Use Areas – St Joseph Atoll Scientific research and monitoring, add C 20</p>	
3.11		<p>Members pointed out that in the AAT Z2, ballast and bilge dumping – Currently is an X. There is a ballast exchange site demarcated in chart 721 by SMSA.</p>	JS., HS.
3.2	List of outstanding items for SC/TWG members to discuss and finalise	The list of outstanding items has been summarised for the SC/TWG and provided in the participant package.	See summary of outstanding items in Annex II.
3.3	Break out groups: review and discuss outstanding item	Break out groups: review and discuss outstanding item.	
3.40	Plenary: comments and revisions to documents from SC and TWG members	<p>Summary of comments compiled from each group for fisheries:</p> <p>a) Zone 1: Aquaculture. Sea cucumber ranching. Allowable? b) Zone 1: Aquaculture, coral farming. Move to Research: Biodiversity Restoration. Codes? c) Industrial Purse Seine (floating objects, FADs). Is it FAD or DFAD? d) Code 14: Wording. No deployment of FAD? To retrieve or collect FADs? e) Zone 1 and 2: How will FAD management work with one supply vessel in Seychelles? f) Zone 3: Review all Codes. Zone 3 has more codes than Zone 2</p>	
3.41	Group 1	<p>Fisheries Outstanding item (Group 1)</p> <p>a. sea cucumber ranching - prohibited b. Coral farming - C23 c. Industrial PS – Refer to FAD language</p>	

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> d. C14- Clarification sought on whether there is a policy on recovery of FADs. (IPS supply vessels for deploying and picking up FAD). Previous agreement was for recovery of FAD only. e. - f. Zone 3 	
3.42	Group 2	<p>Fisheries Outstanding item (Group 2)</p> <p>Group focused on tourism – Notes to be provided to SMSP team</p>	
3.43	Group 3	<p>Fisheries Outstanding item (Group 3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. No b. No as coral farming is under fisheries act as aquaculture. Propose change name to - Aquaculture and one for <u>aquaculture for restoration</u> and Conditional in Z1 (seagrass, mangroves, coral). <p>Propose if coral farming is moved out of fisheries sector, to change sector research section to read research and conservation. Agreement no commercial aquaculture activity in Z1.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. – d. Use (d)FAD 	
4.44	Group 4	<p>Fisheries Outstanding item (Group 4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Aquaculture for restoration move to research and Allowable C only for restoration. Can use to restore a fishery – replenishment. b. Yes, aquaculture for restoration c. FAD d. Separate for supply vessel – C14 for deployment of FAD and a new code 24 for recovery of FAD e. FAD management does need to rely on supply vessels. Can be contracted out to other vessels (under polluter pays policy where the industry pays for this). 	
3.450	Plenary	<p>Representatives from the sea cucumber fishery agreed with the proposal to keep restoration in Z2 as the shallow waters are mostly Z2 and shallow water will be needed for ranching activities.</p>	

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3.451		SC members expressed the concern that if the intent changes from restoration to a commercial activity, then in the table it should be considered as aquaculture which should be an X.	
3.452		Members queries as to whether restoration intervention is compatible in a zone 1 as other MPAs equivalent to Z1 are already doing restoration activities.	
3.453		There was a discussion on sea urchin replenishment as an example as well as restoration activities that may lead to spill over and thereafter, a commercial gain outside the Z1.	
3.454		Members agreed that there would need to be clear policies on these activities. Components important to consider would include whether the activity is commercial vs non-commercial and the species to be considered for the compatibility.	
3.46	Group 5	<p>Group 5 reported that in their discussions they proposed either;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. consider making the Fisheries semi-industrial longline conditional in the Aldabra Group and Bird Island as information used to zone was based on previous data, there are changes in the sector representatives and movement of fish patterns. Or; 2. Compromise in Zone 2 and prohibit all Industrial fisheries activity to make them an X in Zone 2 with semi-industrial fisheries and artisanal fisheries allowed in Z2. <p>Fisheries Outstanding item (Group 5)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. No b. Aquaculture for restoration provided restoration is defined c. FAD d. C-14 only for recovery of FAD e. FPA programme supports collection of FADS with vessel given to GoS and recovery program + FAD management policy f. - 	
3.470	Plenary	SC members reverted that when the SMSP zones were finalised, the semi-industrial fishery had 1/3 of the number of boats that exist now in 2023, but that the sector also needs to understand the SMSP process.	
3.471		The fisheries TWG members discussed the potential implications if fishing lines crosses into a zone 1 boundary.	
3.472		Representatives from the Sea Cucumber fishing sector expressed that they are not in agreement with	

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		the Z1 – Amirantes South – and proposed to move this Zone 1 to Cosmoledo Astove as currently 40% of the sea cucumber catch in this Amirantes South area. The representatives reported that the sea cucumber fishery is in strict management with monitoring of catch by the SFA to trigger closure of the fishery if needed.	
3.473		Some members reverted and expressed that the zones should not be defined for short term activity but long-term planning. There was agreement that discussions had been made with consultation with FBOA and compromises for the zoning design. There are now considerations of moving zones with new representatives coming in the industry. The MSP is however adaptive and can be revised as per the review process.	The SMSP is meeting with AMSSI and will bring up the meeting log of information, compromises and discuss how decisions are being made. JS.
3.474		Members from the SFA expressed the importance of representation in the SMSP meetings.	
3.48	Group 6	<p>The group 6 confirmed that there had been discussions about the need to have clearer input from MACCE and MFBE on aquaculture and aquaculture related activities as there are many overlaps e.g., seagrass and coral restoration. SFA confirmed that they will have 2 legal experts in the country to look at the overlaps and how best to cover issues.</p> <p>Fisheries Outstanding item (Group 6)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No Yes, for restoration purposes FAD Need clearer wording for FADs in general SFA to discuss with MACCE for policy development and alignment - 	SFA (Aquaculture)
4.0	Allowable Activities Tables Zone 3	<p>Allowable Activities Tables Summary of Inputs Zone 3: Zone 3: Inner Islands needs separate AAT Zone 3: Bunkering at sea, Allowable</p> <p>The SMSP flagged that for zone 3, there are more conditions for allowable activities than stipulated in Z2 and that there may be a need to revise the codes for Z2 and Z3.</p>	Discussions captured and merged with Z1 and Z2 AAT feedback.
4.10	Review draft Codes and comments from November 2022	<p>Summary of revision and comments provided:</p> <p>Codes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code 1 – revised to add ESIA • Code 2 – agreement on definition of subsistence fishing in July. EC approved 	

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4.11	Group 1	<p>Group 1: Supports a consolidation of C11, 19 and 20</p>	
		<p>Concerns were expressed by members of the group on suggestions to changing the zoning design in the late hour in the process of MSP and proposed that there needs to be a pronouncement from the Executive Committee for the SC/TWG to understand the process and way forward.</p>	
4.12	Group 2	<p>Group 2:</p> <p>The group focused on the tourism definitions – watercraft and vessel definition and expressed that there are many loopholes and that the definitions are circular. One definition can cover several activities e.g., a watercraft, hire craft and yacht can be covered under the definition for watercraft. The tourism department will highlight the definitions to be tackled.</p> <p>The group also expressed the need for a definition for ship as it is not defined in the SMSA regulations.</p>	BS.
4.13	Group 3	<p>Group 3:</p> <p>Clarity is needed on the marine tourism accommodation and on what this means.</p> <p>Group agreed that there is room to condense the C11, 19 and 20 into one or two codes as they currently overlap</p>	
4.14	Group 4	<p>Group 4:</p> <p>For Zone 3 –the group expressed that the inner islands have more stakeholders and activities to</p>	

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		consider and hence there needs to be a separate table to address AAT in Z3 Shallow water.	
4.15	Group 5	Group 5: The group had discussions on if/how to address new input/ contributors during the SMSP process and any proposed changes to the zoning design	
4.16	Group 6	The group discussed aquaculture and how the SMSP addressed freshwater and new exotic species. Aquaculture- The group discussed the importance for SFA to shed more light on the changes and definitions/scope of the fisheries act and regulations and that in the next meeting it would be helpful to have an update on 2 key pieces of legislation– the fisheries act (def of fish) and WABPA.	SFA MACCE
4.2	Break out groups: review Zone 3 Allowable Activities Tables, Codes, Management Considerations, Definitions	Break out groups: review Zone 3 Allowable Activities Tables, Codes, Management Considerations, Definitions	
4.3	Plenary: comments and revisions to documents from SC and TWG members	Captured in plenary and group notes submitted	
5.0	Draft topics for next SC/TWG meeting	SC/TWG members submitted written copies of the group notes which would be summarised by the SMSP core team for the next meeting scheduled for 22 nd March. The next meeting will be for the; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Final review of AAT Zone 1, Zone 2 and Zone 3 for approval at EC#34 on 24 March - MSP Policy: Priority Action Plan items from the Objectives 1-5 - ‘Spatial Decision Framework’ for future activities for the MSP Implementation Plan chapter 	
6.0	AOB	-	
Meeting adjourned at 1605hrs.			

Minutes prepared by Helena Sims, with assistance from Elke Talma, and submitted on 20 March 2023.

Annex I: Meeting Agenda

SEYCHELLES MARINE SPATIAL PLAN (MSP) INITIATIVE

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#	Time	Topic
	8:30	<i>Arrival and Registration</i>
1	9:00	Meeting Opening – Steering Committee-Chair MACCE <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome and Introductory Remarks – MACCE • Agenda review and minutes review including action items from previous SC/TWG • Introductions and any updates from SC and TWG members
2	9:45	SMSP Updates - Dr. Joanna Smith and Ms. Helena Sims, with Elke Talma (SeyCCAT) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. 2023 High Level Workplan and update on timelines ii. Updates on key activities and dependencies in Q1
	10:15	COFFEE BREAK
3	10:30	Allowable Activities Tables Zone 1 and 2 - Dr. Joanna Smith and Ms. Helena Sims <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Summary of inputs in Nov 2022 to Codes, Allowable Activities, Master List of Definitions, Management Considerations and EC decision on Management Units ii. List of outstanding items for SC/TWG members to discuss and finalise iii. <u>Break out groups</u>: review and discuss outstanding items iv. <u>Plenary</u>: comments and revisions to documents from SC and TWG members
	12:00	LUNCH PROVIDED
4	1:00	Allowable Activities Tables Zone 3 - Dr. Joanna Smith and Ms. Helena Sims <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Review draft Codes and comments from November 2022 ii. <u>Break out groups</u>: review Zone 3 Allowable Activities Tables, Codes, Management Considerations, Definitions iii. <u>Plenary</u>: comments and revisions to documents from SC and TWG members
	2:45	COFFEE BREAK
5	3:00	Draft topics for next SC/TWG meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. Final review of AAT Zone 1, Zone 2, and Zone 3 for approval at EC#34 on 24 March ii. MSP Policy: Priority Action Plan items from the Objectives 1-5 iii. 'Spatial Decision Framework' for future activities for the MSP Implementation Plan chapter
	4:00	Adjourn



Annex II: List of documents provided and in shared dropbox:

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