

## NOTES

### **Marine Spatial Planning for the Falkland Islands**

#### **Steering committee meeting #6**

*October, 14th 2015, 9am-11pm (Falklands time)*

*At SAERI, Stanley cottage*



This document compiles the notes and related actions taken during the steering committee meeting for the Marine Spatial Planning project. Notes are taken only when further comments were made to what is presented in the quarterly reports or new ideas of discussion emerged.

#### Attendees:

##### Project team:

- Amélie Augé (SAERI)
- Paul Brickle (SAERI)

##### Steering committee members:

- Jon Boot (Falkland Islands Petroleum Licenses Association)
- Stephanie Middleton (Falkland Islands Tourism Board)
- Paul Brewin (Shallow Marine Survey Group)
- Andy Pollard (Falkland Islands Fishing Companies Association)
- Bill Dawson (British Navy)
- Nick Rendell (Environmental Planning Department)
- Malcolm Jamieson (Fisheries Department)
- Andy Stanworth (Falklands Conservation)
- Ben Lascelles (BirdLife International)
- Phil Trathan (British Antarctic Survey)
- Tim Martin (Falkland Islands Petroleum Licenses Association)

Apologies: Jon Boot, Paul Brickle, Paul Brewin, Andy Stanworth, Stephanie Middleton, Andy Pollard.

Esther Bertram (CEO of Falklands Conservation) attended the meeting.

#### Items for this meeting were:

- Greet
- Changes in committee due to job changes (Paul Brewin, Malcolm Jamieson and Ken Humphrey) and new member (Stephanie Middleton from the Tourism Board)
- Previous minutes, notes and actions taken
- Summary of last quarter activities and budget
- MSP implementation in FIG: suggestions
- ExCo paper update and suggestions
- Shipping exclusion zones (also called “particularly sensitive sea areas” by IMO)
- MSP data being used for risk analyses and requested for EIAs
- Workshop #3 (4-8 April 2016?)
- Plans for the next quarter
- Next meeting (mid Jan?)

Actions arising (by alphabetical order of who has to actioned them)

<b>Action</b>	<b>Who</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>Status</b>
Get a date for special steering committee meeting on ExCo paper and stakeholder statement of support	<b>Amélie</b>		Asap
Send preliminary dates for April workshops to everyone to book their days	<b>Amélie</b>	Updates with more details on exact days and times will follow later	Asap
Circulate and submit ExCo paper	<b>Amélie</b>		By early Dec.
Set date for next steer. Comm. meeting	<b>Amélie</b>		By end Sept.
Organise a presentation to the environmental committee	<b>Amélie and Nick</b>		29 <sup>th</sup> Oct meeting
Provide bullet points for final 'policy' paper format	<b>Amélie and Paul Brickle</b>		By end Dec.
Check if detailed bathymetry data for Berkley Sound available?	<b>Bill</b>		By Dec.
Check if the Clyde could be available to host one day of April workshop (4-8 April)	<b>Bill</b>		By Dec.
Statement of support for the MSP process	<b>Everyone</b>		By end Nov.
Check for a rep from BAS to attend April workshop (Susie?)	<b>Phil</b>		By Nov.

## Notes

### 1. *Previous minutes, notes and actions taken*

Most actions were completed. A few items were outstanding due to unexpected events over the quarter but will be completed during the next quarter (ExCo paper, format of 'policy paper') or have been discussed during the meeting to assess needs (Berkeley Sound workshop and public session).

### 2. *Changes of steering committee members*

Ken Humphrey has left his position and Jon Boot and Tim Martin are now representing FIPLA on the steering committee. Jon and Tim share this role because they alternate periods on the islands.

Malcolm will be leaving his current position as harbour master and his successor, Chris Locke, has accepted to join the steering committee to represent the Fisheries Department.

### 3. *MSP GIS database: Long-term updates?*

The MSP project is producing a range of datasets that are integrated in databases. An MSP database is created (simple database with a metadata catalogue and the data in homogenous format and coordinate system) and new datasets are added in the IMS-GIS Data Centre hosted by SAERI (metadata are searchable online via the Data Centre webpage on the SAERI website). There were questions regarding how the datasets will be updated in the long-term after the end of the Darwin-Plus project.

These questions related to the exit strategy and continuation of the MSP process following the end of the 2-year pilot project. Therefore this is something that should be included in the recommendations given to FIG on how to implement MSP and what it involves.

In the case of the IMS-GIS Data Centre, this is something the project officer is sorting but there is due to uncertainty with future funding commitments, similar to the MSP project.

### 4. *Case studies of MSP: Small complete examples to convey message to the Government*

The committee discussed the best way of getting the message across about benefits to gain from MSP for the ExCo paper. It was agreed that presenting small but complete examples where the MSP process has already allowed to make some changes or, at least, provided enough information to allow for changes, should be the main focus in the ExCo paper.

Berkeley Sound is a good example but will not provide results within the timeframe of the ExCo paper submission. The small scale suggested case studies are:

- Area of overlap between Navy activities and wildlife with changes in Navy exercise areas to avoid issues
- Shipping patterns around the Islands and restricted areas for safety and wildlife protection
- Marine biosecurity hotspots

These small-scale studies should display the real added value of the MSP process by showing some progress made during the MSP project, providing immediate benefits.

A half page, short pitch on these case studies was thought to be the most efficient.

### 5. *ExCo paper; revisited format*

The steering group members discussed the format of the ExCo paper following comments received on the draft version and on the submitted version to the Environmental

Committee. The inclusion of the small scale studies mentioned above should help with pitching the MSP process to the Government and its potential benefits. There should be two focus themes in the paper: 1) Benefits gained during the 2-year pilot project (MSP stakeholder group and small case studies) and 2) Long-term benefits of MSP process (example of Berkeley Sound, save money and time e.g. EIA, generate money e.g. tourism). There should also be a focus on the current “hot topics” on the list of the MLAs that can be solved or facilitated with an efficient MSP process (e.g. biosecurity, waste/rubbish management). Another topic that has been minuted by ExCo is inshore oil transfer and this should enhance the need for MSP and the Berkeley Sound case study. The ExCo paper should be accompanied by a statement of support from stakeholders. A presentation will be given at the Environmental Committee prior to submission to ExCo to clearly ask for detailed feedbacks and suggestions.

#### 6. *Stakeholder statement of support*

The steering committee is made of representatives of marine stakeholder groups. Most support the MSP project and have either already benefited from the process or can see its potential in the future. It was agreed that having a statement of support from each of the organisations or groups may be best, but that a combined statement from the steering committee would also be useful for the ExCo paper. The statement of support should be ready for the ExCo paper but, in particular, be in place for the April workshop.

#### 7. *Steering committee as the MSP Forum for MSP implementation?*

It was suggested that the stakeholder group formed by the MSP project should become an MSP Forum in the long-term as part of the MSP process.

The MSP Forum should give stakeholders a place to discuss issues and benefits. This will keep the stakeholder engagement momentum started during the 2-year MSP project. The Forum was seen as an entity that should not be led by the Government but rather by an outside entity as it is currently with the MSP project (despite SAERI being currently still part for the Government, the context is scientific and the project manager is a scientist).

It was suggested that perhaps the MSP process overall could go under the umbrella of the “Maritime Harbour Authority” which should then become the CoastGuards; with SAERI being the science entity to work with the Forum to produce a plan that the Authority could then look after and pass on to the Government. The Executive Committee is currently looking at the establishment of this Authority in the Falklands so that could be a good timing to add MSP in the realm of that Authority.

The committee members thought that having a special meeting to discuss implementation would be useful and this will be organised in mid-November to define the stakeholder support strategy and options for MSP implementations to clearly state in the Exco paper.

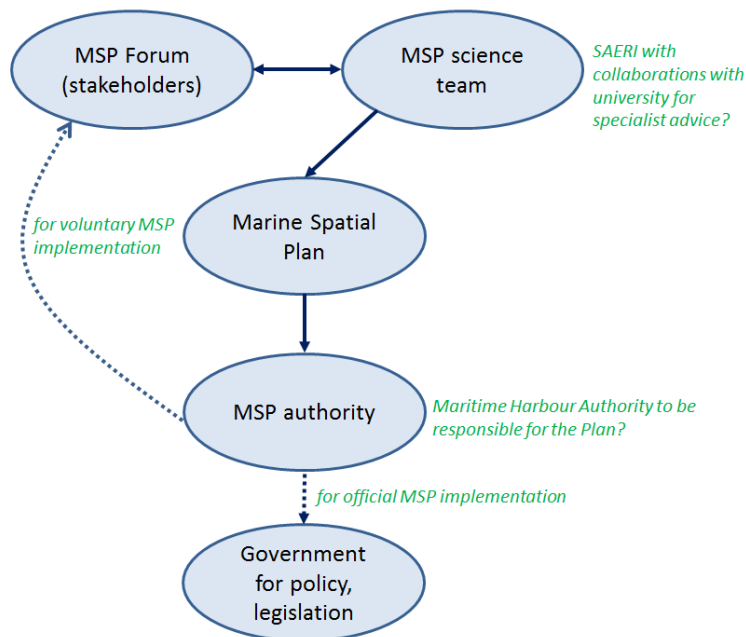
#### 8. *Implementation options*

At the end of the 2-year Darwin Plus-funded project, the Falkland Islands Government and stakeholders have to take the MSP process forward and implement steps and resources.

The ideas/players mentioned are, for discussion at next meeting:

- MSP Forum, independent from Gvt
- Maritime Harbour Authority to take the umbrella lead of the MSP
- One FIG Department to take the lead for official implementation
- SAERI as the science lead

A proposed implementation could be as follow (this is solely for discussion purposes and is not the recommended format):



### 9. Workshop #3 'Framing'

This workshop will take place in Stanley and surroundings 3 days during the week 4-8 April 2016. It will focus on framing MSP in the Falkland Islands: the priorities, the mechanisms, the funding, the MSP forum, the goals and defined targets of MSP etc.

Phil will be unable to attend but a BAS representative should be found. All other steering committee members are currently available.

Bill mentioned that the Clyde could be a venue for one of the days of the workshop and that a potential visit to Berkeley Sound could be possible. This was agreed as something that would be a good promotion for MSP. If the Clyde is not available, other options were mentioned (BAS ship, launches) at least for a "fieldtrip" because it will be an excellent timing to illustrate boat traffic and wildlife with marine tourism opportunities at the mouth of Berkeley Sound.