



AGENDA

Marine Spatial Planning for the Falkland Islands

Special meeting: post-Darwin project MSP, Defining a task with a tangible outcome

*29 June 2016, 9.30-11 am (Falklands time)
1.30-3pm (UK time)*

At Mineral Resources Department, meeting room

This document compiles the notes taken during a special steering committee meeting for the Darwin Plus Marine Spatial Planning project. The aim of the meeting was to decide on the best approach to use the funds provided by FIG to continue the MSP process in the short-term in the first instance.

Attendees:

Project team:

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

Steering committee members:

- Sasha Arkhikpin (FIG Fisheries Department)
- Chris Locke (FIG Fisheries Department)
- Paul Brewin (Shallow Marine Surveys Group)
- Ben Lascelles (BridLife International)
- Tim Martin (Falkland Islands Petroleum Licenses Association)
- Jackie Cotter (Falkland Islands Fishing Companies Association)
- Nick Rendell (FIG Environmental Department)
- Bill Dawson (Royal Navy)
- Andy Stanworth (Falklands Conservation)
- Stephanie Middleton (FI Tourism Board)
- Phil Trathan (British Antarctic Survey)

Apologies: Ben Lascelles, Tim Martin, Nick Rendell, Steph Middleton, Pippa Christie (FIPLA), Paul Brewin

Additional attendee: Roddy Cordeiro (Mineral Resources Department), Tara Pelembe (JNCC/SAERI)

Items for this meeting are:

1. Greet
2. Paul Brickle: Situation setting: Darwin Plus ends, FIG providing £30,000 (+ Fisheries Dept contribution)
3. Paul Brickle: Proposed plan for 6-month period
4. Discussions on proposed plan and fine details for expected deliverables
5. Thanks to all members

1. *Darwin Plus ends and FIG funds*

The Darwin Plus funding for the MSP project ends 30 June 2016. Paul Brickle reminded the group of the ExCo paper that was submitted in December 2015 (but written and presented to the environmental committee first in August 2015) and the Select Budget Committee paper submitted in February 2016. He then explained that FIG is providing £30,000 for MSP through the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). The funds are given to support the MSP process and produce a strategy.

2. *Proposed plan*

Paul Brickle suggested that this would be for 6 to 8 months but the budget and scope would determine the duration. He also suggested that the last workshop report should be used as a start point to define what would be best to achieve. While a strategy needs to be drawn, a clear task with a tangible outcome is proposed, and DNR has agreed with that idea. Berkeley Sound management is not within the timeframe and there will be some MSP-related work conducted by third parties (oil companies) on this topic.

3. *Discussion on what the task and deliverables/outcomes*

The group agreed in general that a tangible outcome that would showcase what the MSP process can do, and demonstrate the power of the process will be needed. The output should ideally grab the attention at all levels: local stakeholders, international community and local politicians. This should ensure MLA support for the long-term process.

The two main tasks/deliverables were suggested:

1. Marine Managed Area – assessment of existing fishing closure areas (What would it take to make them recognised under international MPA criteria? What other activities occur in them?). Steeple Jason and Burdwood Bank were mentioned as potential sites that could be the focus of management based on the assessment with the production of an MPA management (based on local legislation and options for international recognition with costs included).
2. Policy context for MMA - It was recognised that it is important to have policies in place with details for the 5 MSP Objectives to support the MMA/MAP approach (towards a network of MMA). The ratification of the CBD on 29 June should now provide the basis for policy for the MSP Objectives.
3. Detailed strategy for long-term MSP – with more details than in the Select Budget Committee paper.

These tasks will be detailed and assessed for time in the next 2 weeks and a clear proposal/work plan submitted to DNR and later circulated to stakeholders.

The stakeholder engagement process should be continued to keep the momentum given by the Darwin Plus project and ensure continuity for a possible long-term MSP process beyond the first short period currently funded by FIG. This process will be discussed with DNR and a strategy for stakeholder engagement will be circulated to all stakeholders (who were on the steering committee and/or attended workshops).

4. *Thanks!*

The SAERI team would like to thank everyone who sat on the Darwin Plus project steering committee over the last 2 years. The steering committee provided some great advice, feedbacks and suggestions and was paramount in the project success. We are looking forward to working with you again as the MSP process continues and develops.