

Falkland Islands Marine Spatial Planning

STEERING COMMITTEE - MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 13 December 2016
SAERI, Stanley Cottage

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Also attending:

Tara Pelembe (SAERI Deputy Director) on phone

Meeting items:

1. Approval of minutes from the last meeting - ALL
2. Update on actions from the last meeting - PB
3. Approval of the TORS of the group (draft attached) - ALL
4. Staffing: Update on Project Manager role - PB
5. Project implementation update: update on implementation against project plan - TP
6. Update on AFCAS project progress (draft attached) - PB
7. Actions needed and plan for next month
8. Any other business

Note of the meeting – key points

Agenda item 1

- Minutes of the last meeting approved (with typo adjustments)

Agenda item 2

- Stakeholder group to be finalised, next stakeholder update meeting to be organised (late January) – main focus of the meeting:
 - a. Update on the project,
 - b. Introduction to the new PM
 - c. Presentation of the scope of work,
 - d. Presentation of high level messages emerging from the AFCAS work.
 - e. Next meeting (end of Feb) to present the AFCAS work in detail

Agenda item 3

- TORs approved by the group (agreed that the reference to the island plan should stay in).

Agenda item 4

- Last PM Amelie Auge left the island (3rd December) to return New Zealand to new role. Local recruitment for the post unsuccessful (no applicants); international open recruitment for the role deemed unrealistic for the short-time period left for this phase (c.5.5 mths); JNCC secondment recruitment undertaken: 6 applicants, 2 interviewed; successful person Neil Golding, will be on island on the 25th January 2016.

Agenda item 5

Activity ¹	Scheduled delivery date	13/12/2016 update
Early July: Proposal write up and review; Review of IUCN criteria	Early July (2016)	completed
Characteristics and mapping of FCA, Assessment of FCA for MPA classification	August-November	Near completed (final review and amendments see agenda item 6)
January-February: Legislation review, Policy recommendations	January-February	Future
Finalise MSP in-depth strategy options for implementation	March-April	future
ExCo papers write up and submission with MSP long-term implementation and MPA designation; Stakeholder engagement (MSP Forum)	May-June	future

- Given the staffing changes, the timeline for the delivery of future activities might have to be adjusted slightly – any adjustments will be presented to the SG at the next meeting.

Agenda item 6

- AFCAS draft report welcomed by the SG – key points
 - a. The proposed MMA²s cover 24% of the EEZ (4% more than the CBD Aichi target)
 - b. The three priority areas that have emerged are not ‘surprises’.
 - c. No requirement at this stage to increase the area or proposed MMAs (e.g. areas of the Loligo fishery which aren’t trawled). The areas proposed provide a good foundation for this tranche of work and consultations. Any additional area proposals can be done later.
 - d. There are some technical elements of the draft that will need to be reviewed in more detail before the document gets circulated – these related in particular to
 - i. Reanalysis of the buffers around Jason Island (SAERI to undertake).
 - e. After the inclusion of any technical changes (emerging from d) – the document should go out to consultation.
 - f. Current political support: document shared with MLAs who have Fisheries and Environment portfolios – will now be circulated to other MLAs with cover note
 - g. The consultation and stakeholder engagement process was discussed and it was agreed that the approaches, timings etc are important. Outcome of discussion captured in the following consultation process diagram

¹ As outlined in timeline in the scope of work document.

² Marine Management Areas

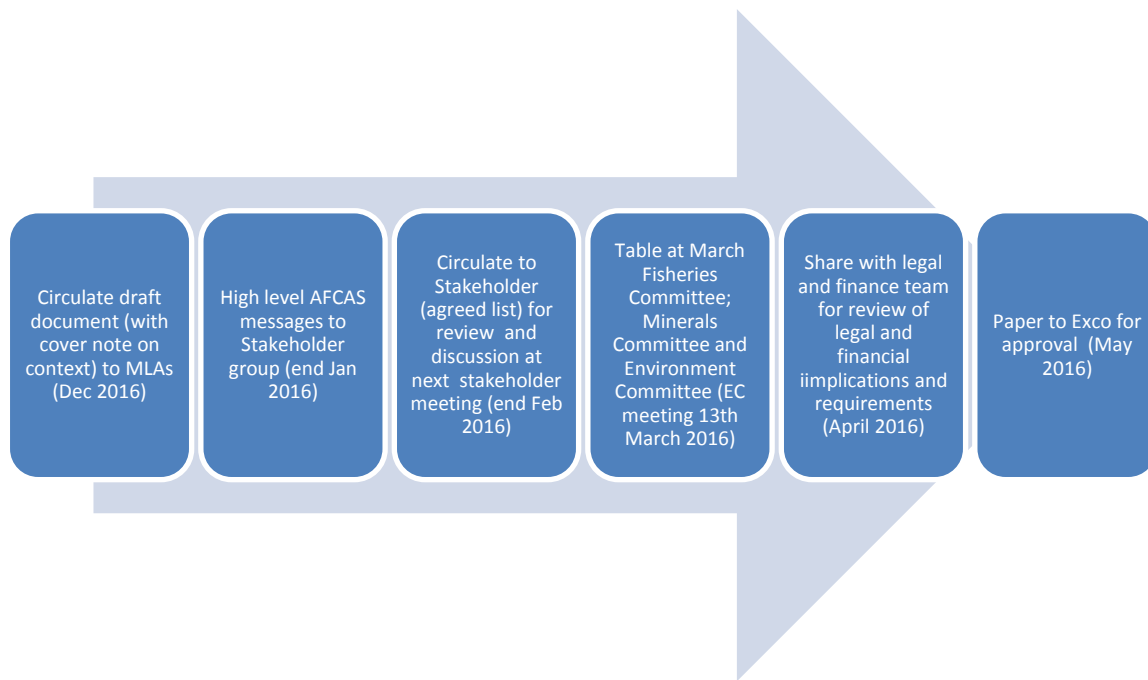


Figure 1: AFCAS consultation process diagram

- h. Other points to note;
 - i. Needs to be sent to FIFCA before it goes to Committee (addressed in process above)
 - ii. MOD need to be involved (they are on the stakeholder group)
 - iii. Mandatory requirements of 'Category VI' need to be confirmed: Q – is an annual biosecurity check a requirement?
 - iv. Preferable to have a sponsor department for the process and the proposal. The suggestion is that this is the preferred option is the Department of Natural Resources. Final decision on this not made.
 - v. Legislation important – legislative review is part of the scope of work, but the legal team needs to be involved (built into the consultation process in figure 1) – thinking from the group is that current legislation should allow for some or all of the designations in the AFCAS proposal.
 - vi. Papers tabled to groups outlined in figure 1 should be accompanied by presentations from SAERI.
 - vii. Early flag to CEO that this is being developed required.
 - viii. Discussion on the wider context of OT Blue Belt, CSSF, Environment Audit Committee Enquiry into MPAs (including OTs) discussed – suggestions for:
 - 1. Informal conversation with Governor's office to make them aware of the project and process
 - 2. Thinking around opportunities to propose rather than receive a project – maybe through working up a project concept early in the new year, to present to the January meeting

Actions arising

<i>Person responsible</i>	<i>Action</i>	<i>Timeframe</i>
SAERI (TP)	Stakeholder list to be circulated to the SG for final approval	13/12/2016
ALL	Approve stakeholder list	16/12/2016
SAERI (TP)	Scope of work circulated to Stakeholders	2/Jan/2017
SAERI (TP)	Stakeholder meeting to be organised and date set (in Chamber of Commerce) for late January (when Paul and Neil on island)	30/31 /Jan/2017
TP	Circulate Neil Goldings CV	13/14 Dec/2017
Ilaria	Reanalyse the Buffers around Jason Island	30/31 Jan/2017
MLA MP	Circulate draft AFCAS document to MLAs with cover note	26/Jan/2017
DS	Early flag to CEO (Barry Rowland) that this process is being implemented	15/12/2016
MLA MP, PB	Informal update to Governor's office	January 2016
SAERI (NG)	Draft project concept (for next SG meeting)	January 2016
SAERI (PB)	Set date for the next meeting	January 2016