

**MINUTES MEETING**  
**IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**MAHE PLATEAU TRAP AND LINE FISHERY CO-MANAGEMENT PLAN**

SFA Conference Room, Providence  
Wednesday 30 January 2019  
10:00 A.M.

### **Introductory Remarks**

The first meeting of the Implementation Committee for the Co-Management Plan of the Mahe Plateau demersal trap and line fishery was held at Providence at the Seychelles Fishing Authority Conference Room, Seychelles, on the 30th January 2019.

### **Opening and background to the Meeting**

Mr. Calvin Gerry, Deputy CEO, SFA, welcomed the participants of the meeting and explained the reasons for delays in Implementation. He transmitted apologies on behalf of the PS of MFAG and the CEO, SFA for not being present.

Mr Vincent Lucas, CFO, SFA gave a brief history about the process for developing the plan.

### **1.0. Adoption of the agenda**

As currently there was yet to be an elected chairperson, the Deputy CEO of SFA had the task of chairing the meeting.

The agenda was adopted and is presented in Appendix 1. The list of participants is presented in Appendix 2.

### **2 Rules of procedures of the Implementing Committee**

The consultant, Mr. Harris, presented a working paper on terms of reference of the implementation Committee of the Mahe Plateau Trap and Line fishery Co-management Plan. He recalled the concept of co-management from the Fisheries Act of 2014, elaborated on the requirement of working in close collaboration, explained the nature of the proposed implementation committee of primary and secondary stakeholders as a co-management

structure and its possible lines of reporting. The setting up of the implementation committee was a recommendation from the stakeholders during the development of the plan and was endorsed by the cabinet of Ministers when it approved the implementation of phases one and two of the co-management plan in August 2017. FBOA's comments on the plan would be considered at the next meeting.

### **2.1 The Rules and procedures of the Plan.**

The Chairperson proceeded to examine the Rules of Procedure of the implementation Committee assisted by the SFA Secretariat. The Rules of Procedure with changes and insertions made by stakeholders during the meeting is presented in Appendix 3.

### **2.2 Election of Officers and consideration of the Membership**

The meeting agreed to defer the Election of Officers to the next meeting. It considered the membership of the Implementation Committee and agreed on the list presented in Appendix 4.

### **Other Matters**

During the meeting, the importance of the participation of fisher associations was raised as well as the possibility of a meeting allowance. The meeting considered that a meeting allowance was not in keeping with a good co-management practice, as members would be seen as being paid to represent their own interests. Nevertheless, the meeting recognised that fisher associations need support and capacity building which is a matter that would be covered within the actions proposed by the co-management plan proper.

Stakeholders expressed dissatisfaction that the 1st Implementation Committee meeting was not attended by a representative from the MFAG. They looked forward to active participation of the MFAG at the next and subsequent Implementation Committee meetings.

### **Date and Place of the next meeting**

The meeting left it to the Secretariat to determine the date and place of the next meeting. This is proposed to take place on Wednesday 6th March 2017 at the SFA Meeting Room, Fishing Port.

# Appendix 1

## Agenda

### **1. Opening and background to the Meeting**

*Remarks by the PS of MFAG, CEO of SFA and CFO of SFA*

### **2. Adoption of the agenda**

*Meeting to be chaired by the PS of MFAG in the absence of an elected Chair*

### **3. Rules of procedures of the Implementing Committee**

*Following an introduction to the working document by a consultant, the meeting will proceed to review and adopt its rules of procedures.*

### **4. Election of Officers and consideration of the Membership**

*The meeting will decide if it is prepared to elect the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson, or to defer that action to the start of the next meeting. It will also examine the membership of the Committee and recommend any modifications, as well as stakeholders that may need to be invited to the next meeting.*

### **6. Date and place of the next meeting**

*To be decided*

## Appendix 2

### List of Participants

#### Members and Stakeholders

Jean Claude Hoareau	Fish Tech
Amanda Agricole	Fish Tech
Ashley Dias	Ministry of Environment Energy and Climate Change (MEECC)
Sheena Talma	Ministry of Environment Energy and Climate Change (MEECC)
James Mougale	Seychelles National Park Authority (SNPA)
Jody Ladouceur	La Digue Fisher 's Association
Wilna Accouche	Green Island Foundation (GIF)
Rose-Marie Bargain	Blue Economy
Florent Pool	Roche Caiman Fisher 's Association
Grant Heyer	Seychelles Sport Fishing Club (SSFC)
Albert Napier	Seychelles Association of Seafarers (SAOS)
Beatty Hoareau	Fishermen and Boat Owners Association (FBOA)
Calvin Gerry	Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA)
Vincent Lucas	Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA)
<b>SFA Secretariat</b>	
Yannick Roucou	Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA)
Johnny Louys	Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA)
Elisa Socrate	Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA)
Mellissa Joseph	Seychelles Fishing Authority (SFA)
Aubrey Harris	SFA Consultant

## Appendix 3 and 4

### Rules of Procedure and List of Members and Stakeholders

[See attached document]