

**MINUTES 3<sup>rd</sup> MEETING**  
**IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE**  
**OF THE**  
**MAHE PLATEAU TRAP AND LINE FISHERY CO-MANAGEMENT PLAN**

SFA Meeting Room, Fishing Port  
Wednesday 27 March 2019  
10:00 A.M.

**Introduction**

The third meeting of the Implementation Committee for the Co-Management Plan (ICCP) of the Mahe Plateau demersal trap and line fishery was held at the Meeting Room of the Seychelles Fishing Authority, Fishing Port, on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

**1. Opening to the meeting**

Mr. Calvin Gerry, Deputy CEO, SFA, who was also the Chairperson a.i., welcomed the participants of the meeting. He informed that a response had been received from the MFAG.

The PS of MFAG informed the meeting that the Minister had approved the Terms of Reference of the ICCP but with changes. The Minister would be nominating the MFAG as Chair of the ICCP and there were also changes made to the sections on Roles and Responsibilities and the Agenda. These are attached in Appendix 1.

The ICCP appreciated the approval of these Rules of Procedure with the changes made by the Minister.

**2. Election of Officers**

The ICCP proceeded to elect a Vice-Chairperson from the five primary stakeholders attending the meeting. Only two of the five primary stakeholders wished to stand for election. The results of the election were: Fishers and Boat Owners Association (FBOA - 5 votes); Praslin Fishers Association (PFA - 4 votes).

The Chairperson a.i. and the meeting congratulated the FBOA.

**3. Adoption of the Agenda**

Mr Keith Andre of the FBOA thanked the meeting for its support, acknowledged the strong support also given to the PFA, and looked forward to future productive work by the Implementation Committee.

Awaiting the nomination of the Chairperson by the Minister, the Vice-Chairperson chaired the meeting. The agenda was adopted and is presented in Appendix 2. The list of participants is presented in Appendix 3.

**4. Final consideration of the co-management plan for gazetting**

The consultant, Mr. Aubrey Harris, presented the changes made to the management plan following the revisions made at the last ICCP. These were endorsed and three alterations suggested: 1) that the coordinates of the Mahe Plateau area be updated be consistent with the latest applicable Fisheries regulations; 2) that the radius around kordonnyen spawning sites be changed from 50m to 100m; 3) Mr Darrel Green of PFA would provide the coordinates of the Fond Lilot kordonnyen spawning aggregation site.

With these final changes, the ICCP approved the Mahe Plateau Trap and Line Fishery Co-management Plan for gazetting (Appendix 4).

The ICCP discussed the process involved. As per Section 5(6) and Section 5(7) of the Fisheries Act, 2014, the Co-management plan would be forwarded to the Minister of Fisheries and Agriculture for his consideration and approval and for the MFAg's subsequent gazetting

#### **5. Terms of Reference of a Fisheries Liaison Officer for the Mahe Plateau demersal trap and line demersal co-management plan**

Mr Aubrey Harris presented draft Terms of Reference for a Fishery Liaison Officer that would support the implementation of the Co-management Plan. Dr Jan Robinson, SWIOFish3 Coordinator, provided information on conditions and remuneration of this position, which would be a consultancy funded by the SWIOFish3 project. He also invited two members of the ICCP to sit on the candidate selection panel.

The ICCP reviewed the draft Terms of Reference which is presented in Appendix 5. The representatives of the Bel Ombre Fishers Association and the Green Island Foundation volunteered and were accepted as the two ICCP members that would participate in the selection of the candidate.

#### **6. Other matters**

The Secretariat apologised for errors in listing representatives as alternates or alternates as representatives that occurred in the list of participants of the 2<sup>nd</sup> ICCP meeting. This was due to misunderstanding in communications made over the telephone. All members were requested to confirm who were their representatives and who were their alternates by email. Participants were also reminded that the minutes of meetings were circulated for their consideration and edit before final circulation and that they should use that opportunity to correct any errors in the minutes of the meeting.

The ICCP reviewed the attendance of meetings by the members. It agreed that the Hire Boat Association, which had not attended three consecutive meetings to date, be informed that if it would be lose its membership if it did not attend the next meeting.

Participants agreed to send the names of possible representatives of recreational fishers to the SFA for onward forwarding to the MFAg. This would serve to assist the process of nomination of a Recreational Fisher representative and alternate by the Minister. It was hoped that eventually the nominated candidates would be from Mahe as well as Praslin or La Digue.

The SWIOFish3 Coordinator emphasised the importance of the work of Implementation Committee and the support that SWIOFish3 was considering towards its effective functioning once the co-management plan was gazetted and fully functional. Amongst other things, this included travel support of ICCP members to exchange experiences and learn from other fully operational and successful management plans in other countries of the region or internationally.

It was agreed that ICCP meetings should by preference be held on a Wednesday, starting at 0900hrs and lasting until lunchtime only.

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

The next meeting of the Implementation Committee will take place on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May at the SFA Meeting Room, Fishing Port.

# Appendix 1

## Changes to the rules of procedure

### 3. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The role of the Committee is to oversee the implementation of the co-management plan for the demersal trap and line fishery of the Mahe Plateau and provide regular and ongoing recommendations to the Minister responsible for fisheries. It will discuss progress and ~~make~~ recommend<sup>1</sup> changes to the plan, as appropriate and oversee each subsequent review and the associated processes. It will have oversight on the plan's day to day management, and its related education, awareness and enforcement programmes. It will monitor the performance of the fishery in meeting its objectives according to a performance monitoring system developed together with the plan, consider reports on compliance, updates on the status of fish stocks and changes to fisheries regulations. It will assist in the preparation of education and awareness strategies, monitor their performance and provide recommendations for their improvement. The Committee will ensure that relevant information and its reports on the fishery are made publicly available.

### 5. OFFICERS

1. The ~~Committee~~ Minister shall ~~elect, at its first meeting,~~ nominate a Chairperson ~~and a Vice-Chairperson~~ who shall remain in office until the ~~election~~ nomination of a new Chairperson ~~and new Vice-Chairperson~~.
2. The ~~Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson~~ shall be elected from either primary or secondary stakeholder groups but both Officers must not be from the same stakeholder group.
3. The Chairperson, or in his/her absence the Vice-Chairperson, shall preside at meetings of the Committee and exercise such other functions as may be required to facilitate the work of the Committee. The Vice-Chairperson acting as Chairperson shall have the same powers and duties as the Chairperson.
4. The ~~Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson~~ shall hold office for a period of two years and may be eligible for re-election.
5. The Seychelles Fisheries Authority shall temporarily exercise the functions of the Chairperson in the absence of both the Chairperson and the Vice-Chairperson.

### 9. AGENDA

1. The Chairperson, in consultation with the Secretariat, shall prepare a provisional agenda for each Meeting of the Committee.
2. No matter referred to the Committee by the Minister may be omitted from the provisional agenda.
3. The provisional agenda of each regular meeting shall include:
  - a) as the first item, the adoption of the agenda;
  - b) consideration of the time and place for the next meeting of the Committee;

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<sup>1</sup> Underlined text are insertions; strikeout text are deletions

4. The provisional agenda may also include:

- a) items that were not fully reviewed and discussed at the previous meeting;
- b) items proposed by a Member, the Chairperson or the Secretariat
- c) proposals for amendments to the Rules of Procedure as appropriate.

5. The provisional agenda shall be circulated by the Secretariat at least two weeks before the date of the Meeting.

6. Any Member of the Committee may, after the dispatch of the provisional agenda, but not later than one week before the date of the Meeting propose the inclusion of specific items in the agenda. Such proposals shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the reasons why the inclusion of the items in the agenda is considered desirable. These items shall be placed on a supplementary list, which shall be dispatched to all Members of the Committee, failing which the items shall be communicated by the Chairperson during the adoption of the Agenda.

7. Documents to be submitted to the Committee at any Meeting shall be furnished by the Secretariat to the Members of the Committee, at the time the agenda is dispatched, or as soon as possible thereafter.

8. ~~Subject to~~ Except for paragraph 2 of this Rule, the Committee may, at any Meeting, decide by a two-thirds majority to amend the agenda by the deletion, addition or modification of any item.

9. The agenda for a special meeting shall consist only of items relating to the purpose for which the special meeting was called.

## Appendix 2

### Agenda

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

*Remarks by the SFA as Chairman a.i.*

#### **2. Election of Officers**

*Members will elect a Chairperson and a Vice-Chairperson. This shall be for a period of two years from either primary or secondary stakeholder groups but both Officers **must not** be from the same stakeholder group. Their functions and responsibilities are described in the Rules of Procedure.*

#### **3. Adoption of the agenda**

*To be moved by the new Chairperson*

#### **4. Management Plans and their implementation**

*A general presentation on fishery management plans, their importance and implementation by the Consultant, Mr Aubrey Harris.*

#### **5. Presentation of the Mahe Plateau demersal trap and line demersal co-management plan**

*A presentation on the co-management plan will be undertaken by Mr Vincent Lucas, CFO, SFA and Dr Jan Robinson, SWIOFish3 Coordinator. Participants are referred to three documents (ICCP2/WD/2, ICCP2/ID/3, ICCP/ID/4) on the management plan that will be provided before the meeting.*

#### **6. Consideration of the comments received by FBOA**

*Participants are referred to a letter by FBOA and the response provided by SFA in two documents provided before the meeting. (ICCP2/ID/2; ICCP2/WD/3)*

#### **7. Other comments and consideration of the co-management plan for review and adoption**

*The meeting will review the management plan deciding on the changes it may wish to make to the plan and consider it for adoption. (ICCP2/WD/2)*

#### **8. Other matters**

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

*To be decided*

## Appendix 3

### List of Participants

#### Members and Stakeholders

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| Michel Commetant                      | Belombre Fishers Association                       |
| Philippe Michaud                      | Department of Blue Economy                         |
| Jean Claude Hoareau / Amanda Agricole | Fish Tech  |
| Keith Andre                           | Fishers and Boat Owners Association                |
| Wilna Accouche                        | Green Island Foundation                            |
| Ray Payet                             | La Digue Fishers Association                       |
| Kevin Moumou                          | Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change |
| Jude Talma                            | Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture              |
| Darrel Green                          | Praslin Fishers Association                        |
| Calvin Gerry                          | Seychelles Fishing Authority                       |
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| <b>SFA Secretariat</b>                |  |
| Vincent Lucas                         | SFA Chief Fisheries Officer                        |
| Aubrey Harris                         | SFA Consultant                                     |
| Elisa Socrate                         | SFA Fisheries Officer                              |
| Jan Robinson                          | SWIOFish3 Coordinator                              |