

WORKSHEET 1.2: Building Objectives for an MPA Network

I. SELECTING MPA NETWORK OBJECTIVES

(what you want to achieve as a result of the MPA Network)

BIOPHYSICAL (CONSERVATION) OBJECTIVES

- Living marine resources are sustained in their current state for future generations.
- Losses to biodiversity and ecosystem functioning and structure prevented.
- Resident ecosystems, communities, habitats, species, and gene pools adequately represented and protected.
- Ecosystem functions maintained and restored.
- Areas protected that are essential for key life history phases of species.
- Habitat and ecosystem functions required for focal species' survival to be restored or maintained.
- Habitat quality and/or quantity restored or maintained.
- Ecological processes essential to habitat existence protected.
- Replication of significant areas of habitats protected across the MPA network as an insurance policy.
- Significant areas of representative habitats protected across the MPA network.
- Slow population decline.

SOCIOECONOMIC OBJECTIVES

- Economic status and relative wealth of coastal residents and/or resource users improved.
- Increased opportunities for livelihood diversification.
- Household occupational and income structure stabilized.
- Aesthetic value enhanced or maintained.
- Existence value enhanced or maintained.
- Wilderness value enhanced or maintained.
- Recreation opportunities enhanced or maintained.

- Ecological services values enhanced or maintained.
- Monetary benefits distributed equitably to and through coastal communities.
- Non-monetary benefits distributed equitably to and through coastal communities.
- Equity within coastal community social structures and between social groups improved and fair.
- Adverse effects on traditional practices and relationships to the coastal and marine environment avoided or minimized.

CULTURAL OBJECTIVES

- Cultural features or historical sites and monuments linked to coastal resources protected.
- Cultural values enhanced or maintained.
- Traditional maritime-dependent livelihoods maintained.
- Traditional and customary access to living marine resources maintained.
- Traditional and customary access to coastal and marine areas maintained.

MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES

- Improve sustainable management of use of marine resources.
- Collaborate on key projects across the MPA network to reduce efforts and redundancy.
- Share management capacity technical expertise across the MPA network.
- Collaborative research on climate change impact on the MPA network and ecosystem within MPAs of the network.
- Create an integrated management framework across the MPA network.

- Collaborate on key projects such as research, capacity development, and knowledge management tools, for the design and implementation of MPA network design.

- Decision makers, stakeholders and supporters have sufficient knowledge to commit to improved design, implementation and management of MPAs and networks, and for policy development.
- To facilitate a multi-national MPA network that meets international agreements and standards.

GOVERNANCE OBJECTIVES

- Decision-making and management bodies work in a complementary and coordinated fashion to effectively manage the MPA network.
- Local and/or informal governance systems recognized and strategically incorporated into decision making for the MPA network.
- Compatibility between legal (formal) and local (informal) arrangements maximized or ensured as part of the management of the MPA network.
- Compatibility between state, and local rights and obligations maximized or ensured within the MPA network.
- Resource user capacity built to effectively participate in co-management of the MPA network.
- Surveillance and monitoring of coastal areas improved across borders.

SOCIAL OBJECTIVES

- Create a learning network for the sharing of best practices and lessons learned from management of individual MPAs.
- Collaborate on key projects such as research, capacity development, and knowledge management tools, for the design and implementation of MPA network design in order to reduce efforts and redundancy.
- Have sufficient collective knowledge across the MPA network to share and improve management of marine resources.
- Agree and adopt principles for effective MPA management that can be implemented according to the needs of each CT6 country.

II. WEIGHTING MANAGEMENT AREA OBJECTIVES

Divide a pie into 4 pieces (or more if necessary), each representing your priority MPA Network objectives. Show the relative importance of each objective by the size of the piece of pie you are assigning to each objective (also indicate as an actual (%) percentage of the pie). You will refer to this pie if you find you must make some trade-offs in your decision making process.

