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Use of MSP for Integrated Coastal Zone Management and Biodiversity Protections in Belize

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INSTITUTIONAL VISION STATEMENT

To be a global Centre of Excellence in sustainable Coastal Zone Management

INSTITUTIONAL MISSION STATEMENT

To lead the sustainable use and planned development of Belize's coastal zone



THE VISION FOR OUR COAST



A sustainable future where healthy ecosystems support, and are supported by, thriving local communities and a vibrant economy

Current human uses of the coastal zone



1. Fishing

2. Marine Transportation

3. Coastal Development

4. Agriculture

5. Marine Recreation

6. Dredging

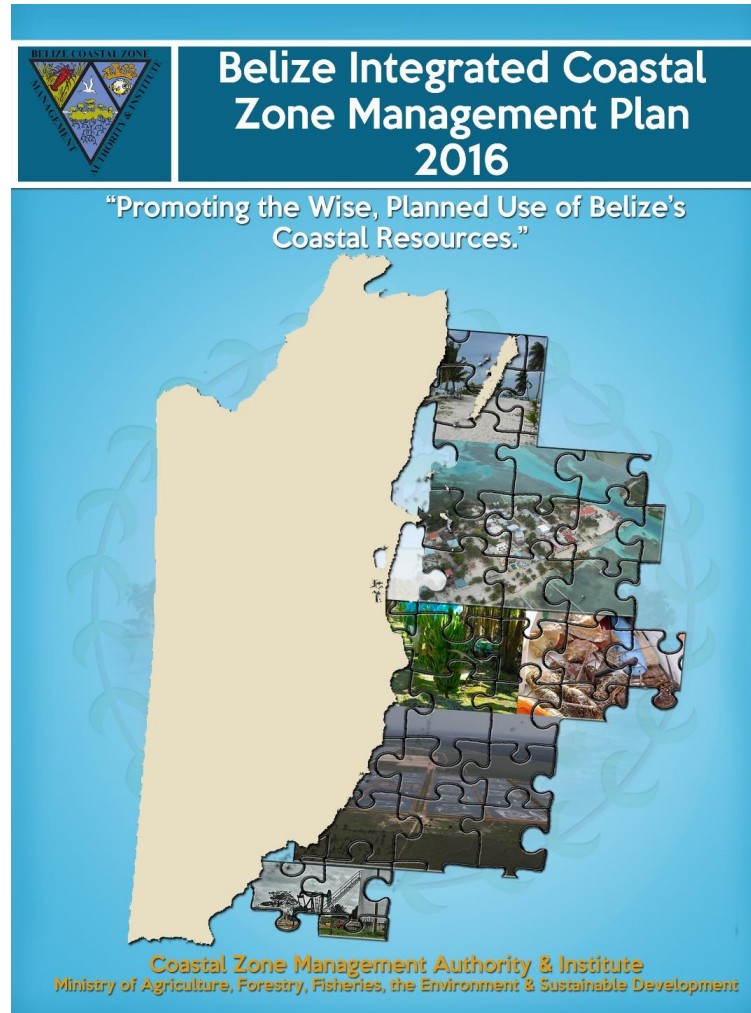
7. Agricultural Runoff

8. Human Settlements

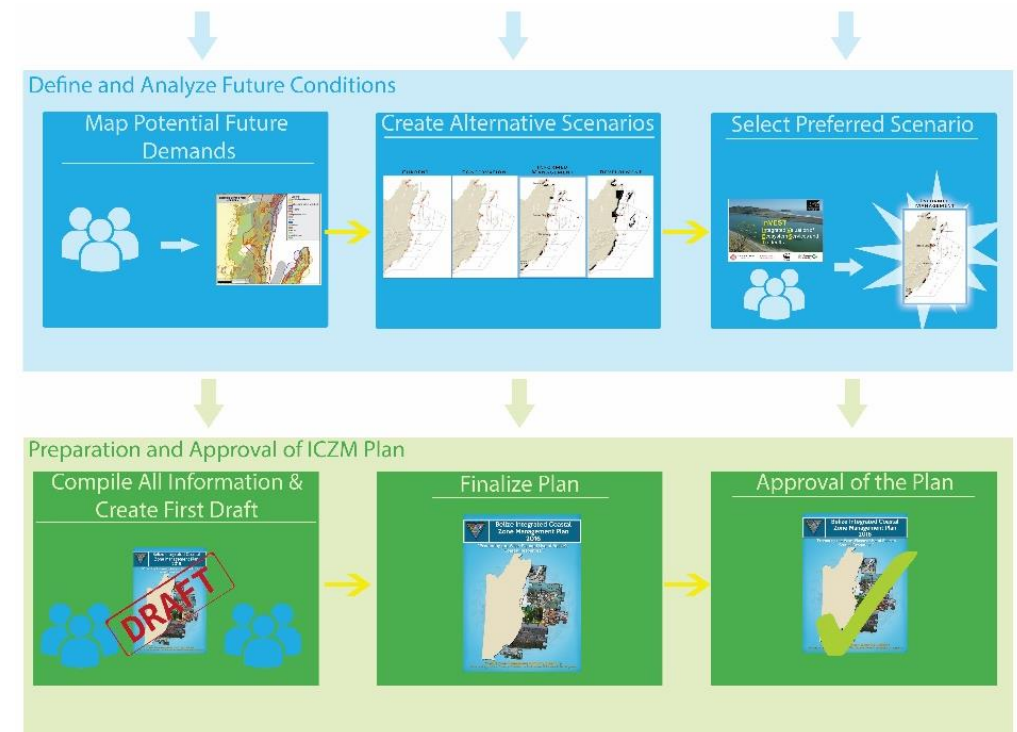
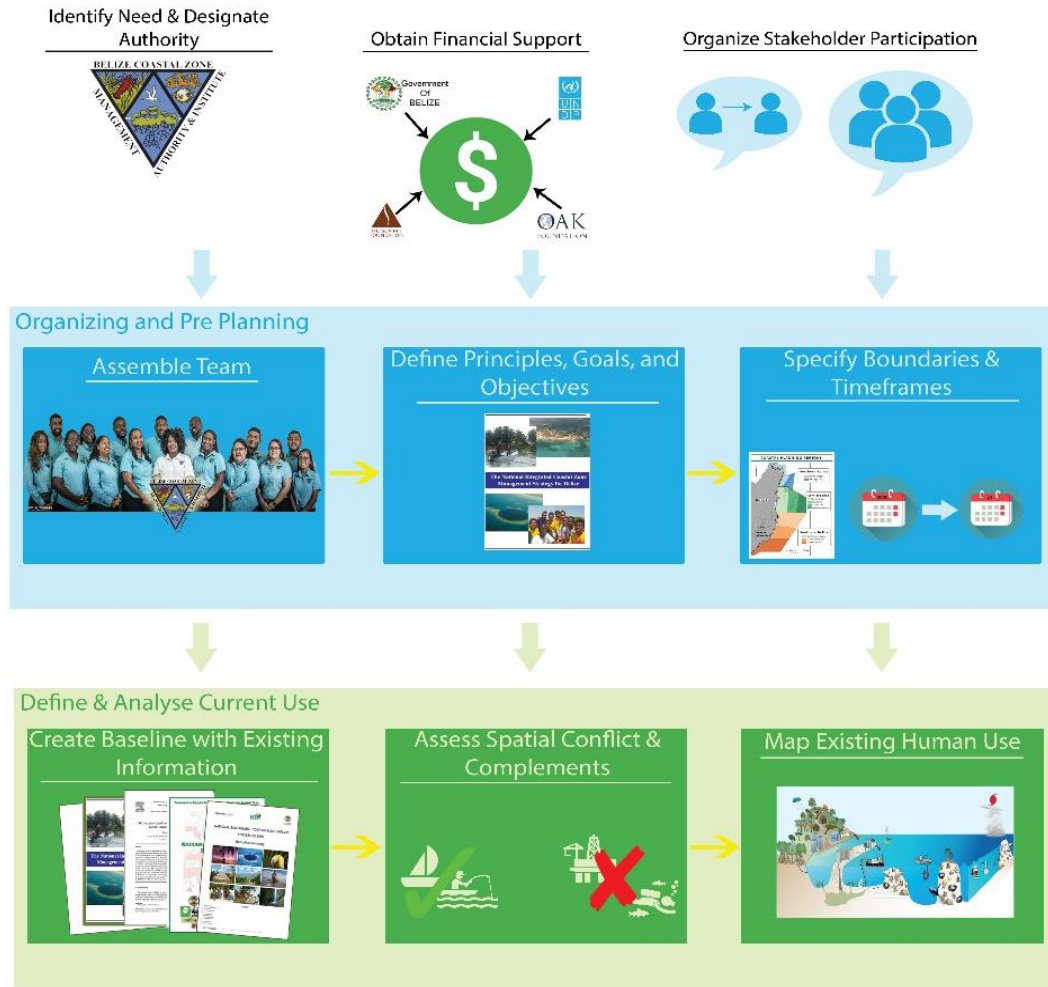
Integrated Coastal Zone Management



Vehicle for ICZM in Belize



Process

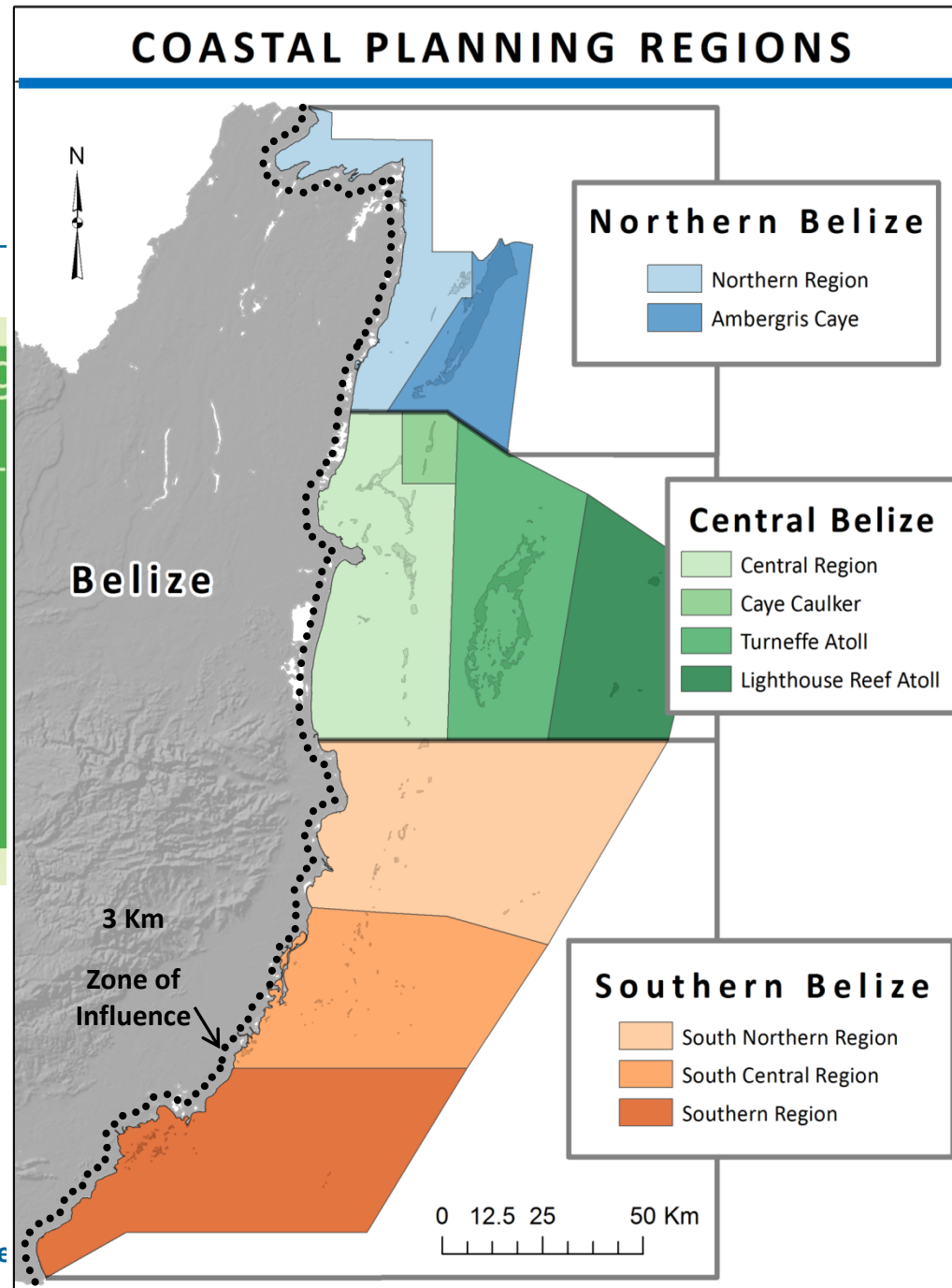


Process

Create Baseline with Existing Information



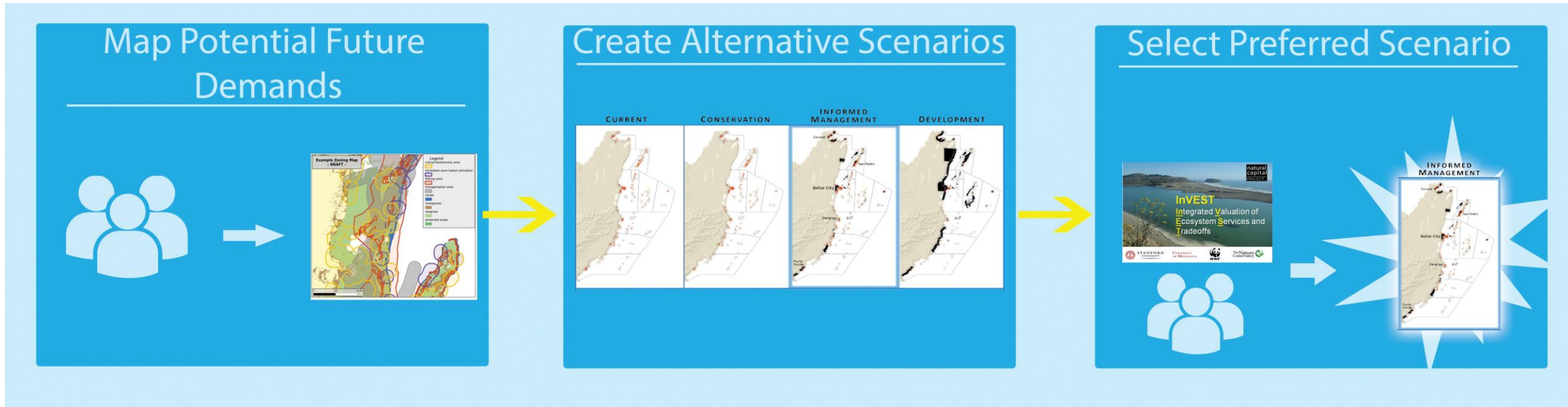
- CZMAI utilized existing plans, strategies, acts, etc.
- Extracted information used to identify management gaps and to shape framework for human use zone implementation.



Map Existing Human Use

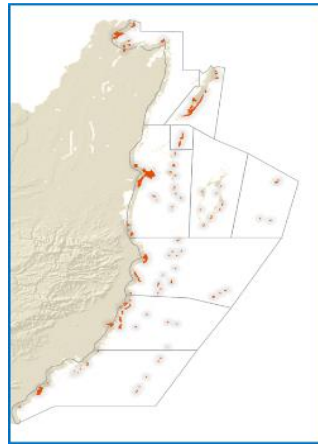


- Using baseline and stakeholder inputs several human use zones were created.

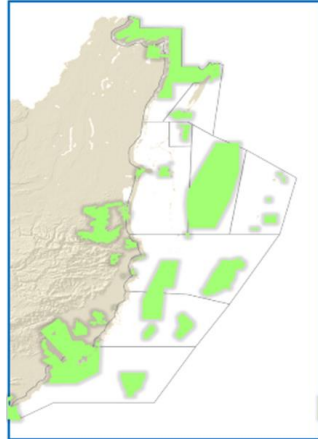


- Using the “Current” baseline, stakeholders anticipated where activities would take place in the future.
- Potential futures were investigated under three future scenarios; Conservation, Development, and Informed Management.

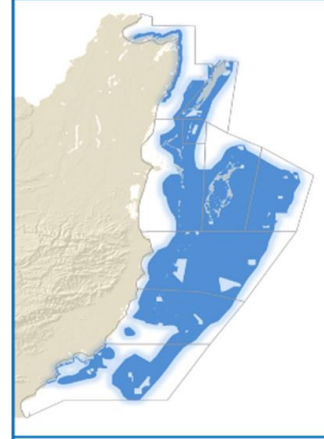
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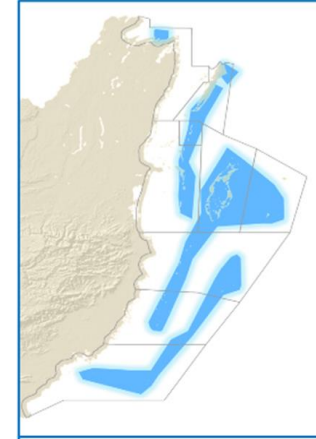
Coastal Development



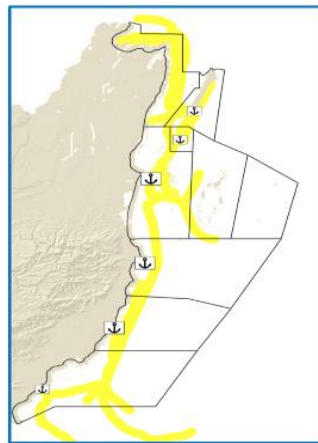
Conservation



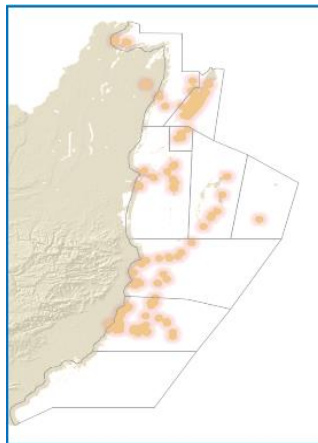
Fishing



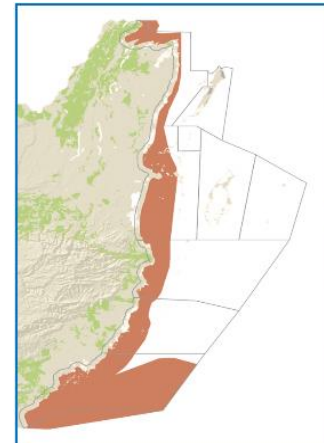
Marine Recreation/ Tourism



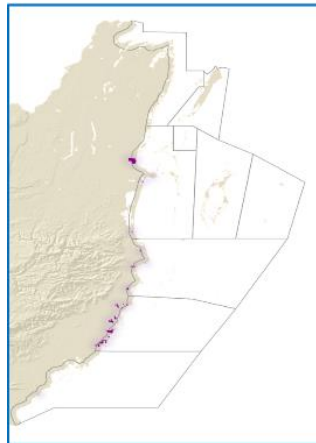
Marine Transportation



Dredging



Agricultural Runoff

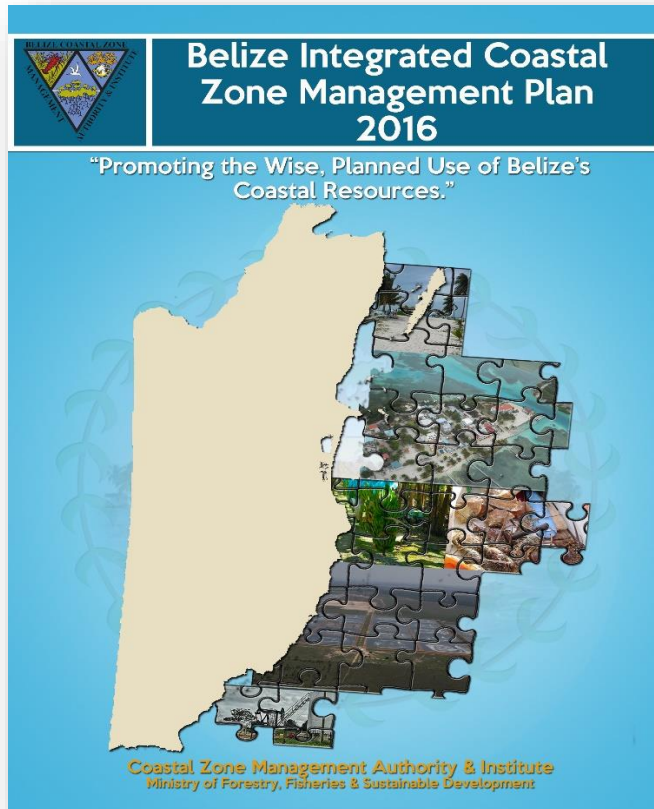


Aquaculture

ICZM Plan: What is included



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Preface

Introduction

Overview of ICZM Plan

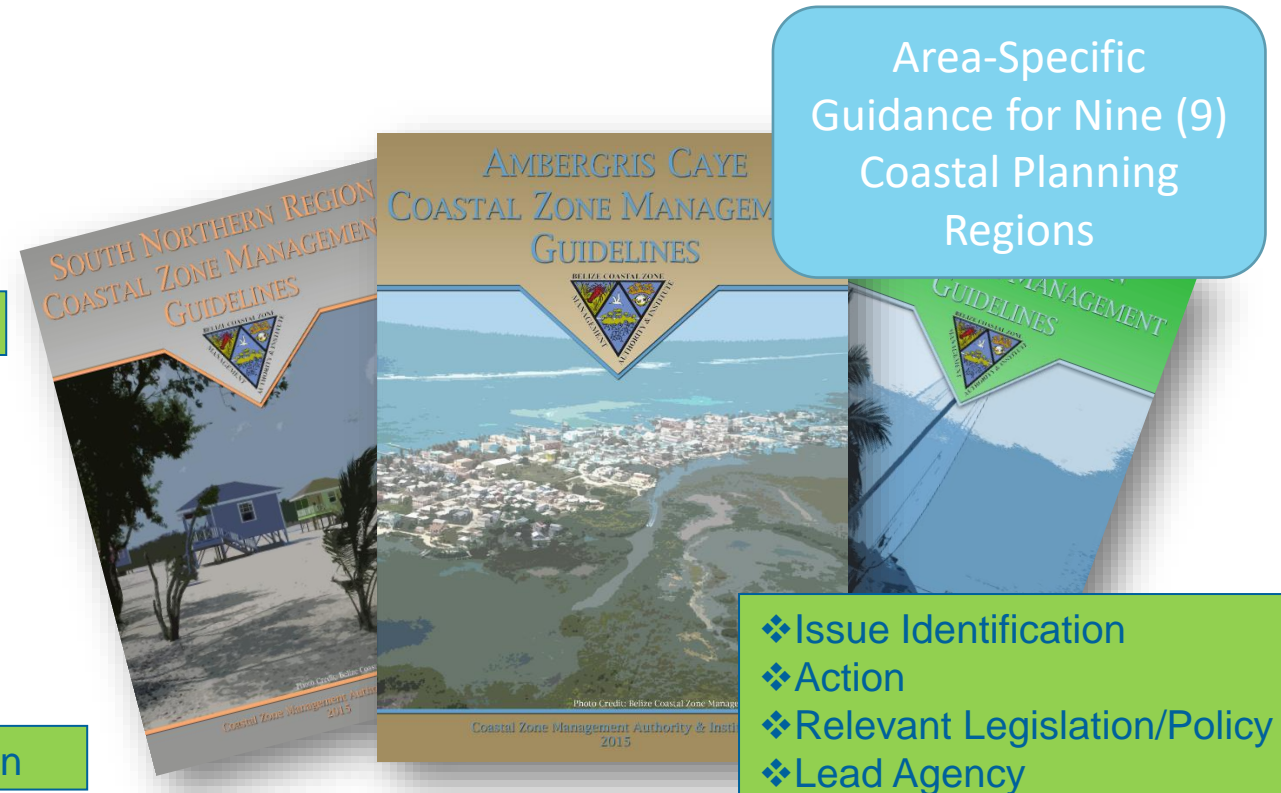
Value of the Coastal Zone

Issues for National Action

Strategic Objectives
(THE FRAMEWORK)

Implementation & Action Plan

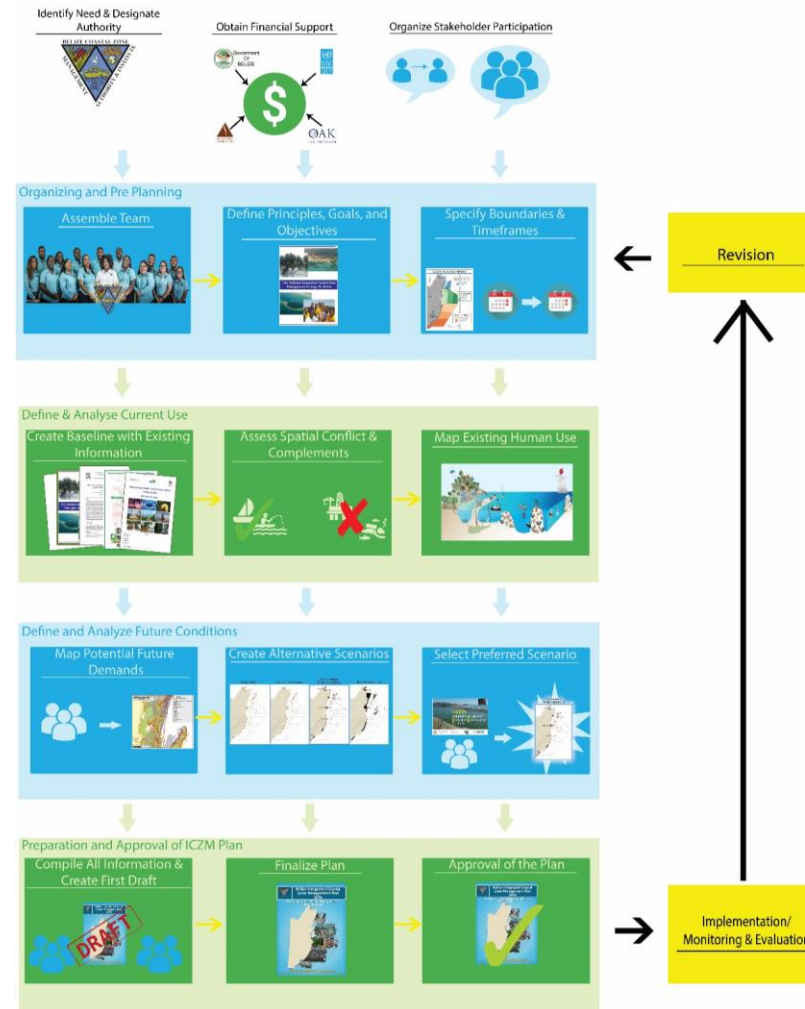
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Area-Specific
Guidance for Nine (9)
Coastal Planning
Regions

- ❖ Issue Identification
- ❖ Action
- ❖ Relevant Legislation/Policy
- ❖ Lead Agency

Process



Belize Sustainable Ocean Plan





NEWSROOM

The Government of Belize partners with The Nature Conservancy to Conserve 30% of its Ocean Through Debt Conversion

Innovative project is part of groundbreaking, global plan to fund ocean conservation while providing fiscal and economic benefits for coastal nations



BSOP shall:



1. Expand the percentage of biodiversity protection zones from 15.9% to up to 30% of Belize's ocean space or the % stated in the MSP, whichever is the lower

****(at least 15% as High Protection Biodiversity Zones and 15% Medium Protection Biodiversity Zones)***

2. Denote, in reasonable detail, all the permissible activities that may be lawfully carried out in any part of Belize's Ocean

3. Make provision for Gazetting of all Biodiversity Protection Zones and submit to relevant international authorities

4. Contain an Implementation Plan

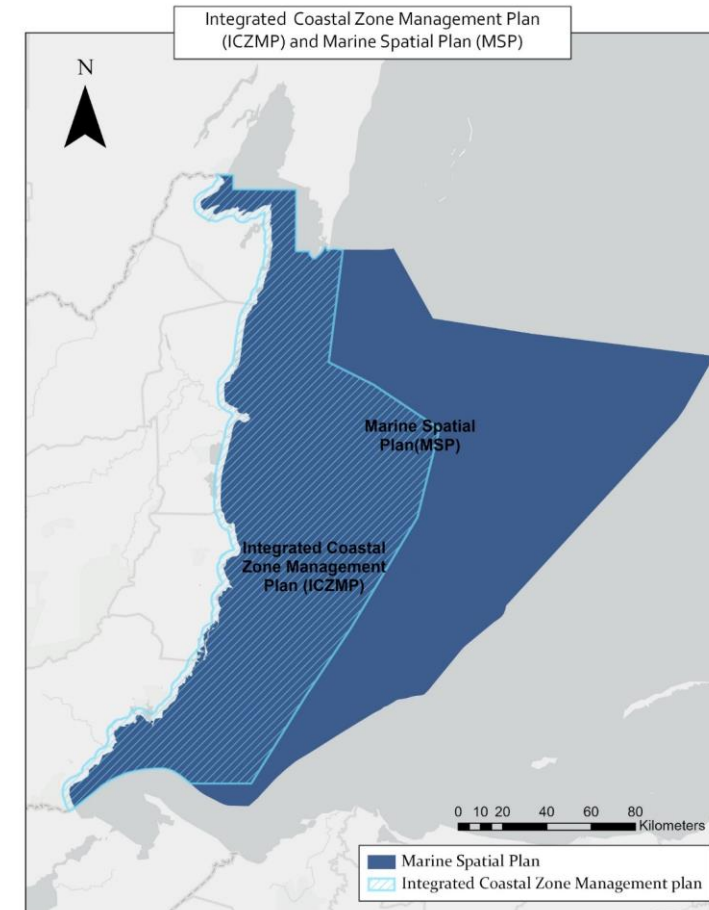
5. Be legally enforceable and implemented

Belize ICZM Plan 2016

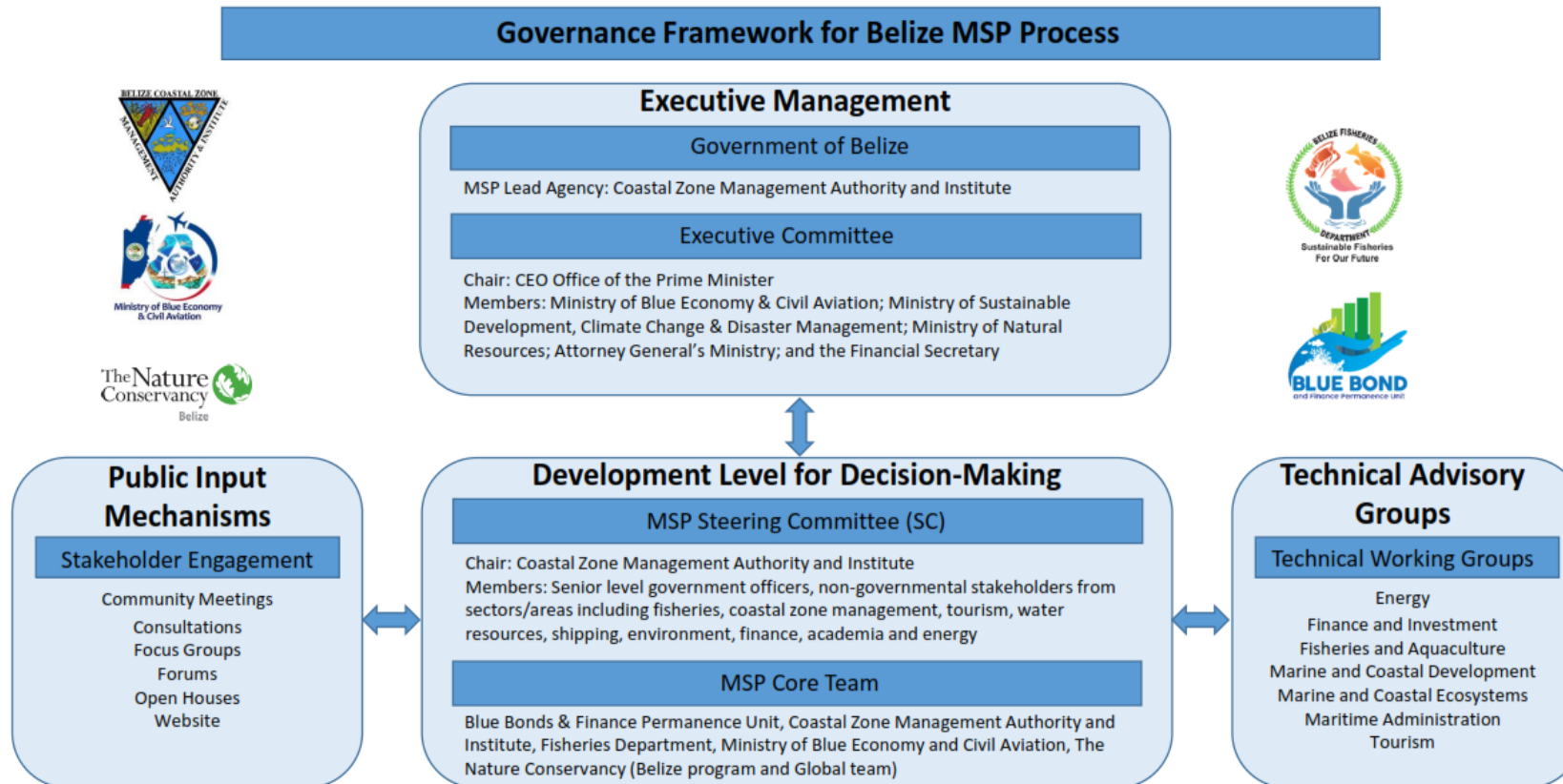
- Focused on existing uses
- Prioritized safeguarding delivery of ecosystem services
- Scope: Territorial seas

Belize Marine Spatial Plan

- Will focus on existing and emerging uses
- Will prioritize strengthening biodiversity protection
- Scope: Internal coastal/marine waters, Territorial seas and the Exclusive Economic Zone.



Governance Structure



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