



## Peer-to-Peer Learning Exchange on Sustainable Financing for Caribbean MPAs Providenciales, Turks & Caicos Islands, May 14-16, 2019

### Objective

The objective of the learning exchange is to assist the participating MPAs to take a step up in their reported tier for financing capacity in the MPA Management Capacity Assessment, to Tier 3 “A sustainable financing plan that is being implemented to provide long-term MPA financing mechanisms”. The learning exchange will provide participants with an opportunity to:

- Exchange experiences, success stories and lessons learned on sustainable finance among Caribbean MPA managers;
- Assess your MPA’s context for sustainable finance and identify feasible strategies for sustainable financing at your MPA with input from peers and protected area financing experts;
- Gain insight into tools and approaches for budgeting, financing forecasting, scenario assessment and financial gap analysis to support the implementation of effective sustainable financing strategies;
- Define next steps for implementation and follow-up to improve your MPA’s financial sustainability.

### Agenda

| Time   | Day 1: Tuesday, 14 May 2019   | Facilitators / speakers  |
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| 8:00am | <b>Welcome</b>  | Hon. Ralph Higgs, Minister for Tourism, Environment, Heritage, Maritime and Gaming |
|        | <b>Opening words</b><br>MPA Management Capacity Needs Assessment  | Dana Wusinich-Mendez,<br>NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program                      |
|        | <b>Introduction of participants</b>   | All participants   |
|        | <b>Objectives and agenda</b>  | Emma Doyle, MPAConnect   |
| 9:00am | <b>Sustainable finance toolkit</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction to Eco2Fin and sustainable finance toolkit</li> <li>- How we will use the sustainable finance toolkit in the workshop</li> <li>- How we intend to achieve the workshop objective</li> <li>- Participation required</li> <li>- Possible outcomes</li> </ul> | Amilcar Guzmán and Viviana Luján,<br>Wolfs Company                                 |



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| 9:30am  | <b>MPA context analysis and finance health check</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of results obtained from Eco2Fin – Phase I MPA scoping and SWOT analysis based on sustainable finance questionnaire completed by MPAs</li> </ul>  | Amilcar Guzmán and Viviana Luján, Wolfs Company   |
| 10:30am | <i>Coffee Break</i>  |   |
| 11:00am | <b>Group work session</b><br><b>MPA scoping - ecological, socioeconomic and governance context</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Formation of MPA breakout groups</li> <li>- Individual and group work: key findings from context analysis and finance health check</li> <li>- Discussion within breakout groups: key contextual factors that will likely enable/limit the successful implementation of financing mechanisms for each MPA</li> </ul>  | Amilcar Guzmán and Viviana Luján, Wolfs Company   |
| 12:30pm | <i>Lunch Break</i>   |   |
| 2:00pm  | <b>Group work session</b><br><b>MPA scoping - finance streams</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Review of current finance streams</li> <li>- Introduction to potential/recommended MPA finance mechanisms</li> <li>- Presentations within breakout groups: selected potential mechanisms of interest per MPA</li> <li>- Discussion within breakout groups: current finance streams and potential finance mechanisms per MPA</li> <li>- Summary presentations of breakout group work by mentors/group representative in plenary</li> </ul> | Amilcar Guzmán and Viviana Luján, Wolfs Company   |
| 3:00pm  | <b>Peer-to-peer MPA financing stories</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MPA Volun-tourism business planning and communications</li> <li>- MPA Conservation fund and taxes</li> <li>- Donations/philanthropy and communications</li> <li>- Payment for ecosystem services - user fees</li> <li>- Reef insurance</li> <li>- MPA bracelets/gift shops</li> </ul>   | Joe Villafranco, Development Director, TIDE Belize<br>Lormeka Williams, Director, DECR<br>Catherine Pinder, BNT<br>Dorette Hooper, Tobago Cays Marine Park + Peter Edwards, NOAA<br>Arturo González, CONANP<br>Francis Lean, Roatan Marine Park |



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| 4:30pm  | <b>Wrap up and evaluation of Day 1</b>                                    | Dana Wusinich-Mendez, NOAA |
| Evening | <b>Research into potential financing mechanisms using BIOFIN database</b> | Participants as needed     |

| Time    | Day 2: Wednesday, 15 May 2019  | Facilitators / participants   |
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| 8:00am  | <b>Reflection on previous day</b><br><b>Agenda for Day 2</b>   | Amilcar Guzmán and Viviana Luján, Wolfs Company   |
| 8:30am  | <b>Group work session</b><br><b>MPA scoping - screening and prioritizing finance streams</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction to methods to screen and prioritize current and potential finance streams</li> <li>- Discussion within breakout groups: screening and prioritizing finance streams</li> <li>- Summary presentation of breakout group work by mentors/group representative in plenary</li> </ul> | Amilcar Guzmán and Viviana Luján, Wolfs Company   |
| 10:00am | <i>Coffee Break</i>  |   |
| 10:30am | <b>Group work session</b><br><b>Financing analysis - funds flow and obstacles</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Recap: Eco2Fin – Phase II financing analysis</li> <li>- Discussion within breakout groups: Flow of funds associated with priority finance streams and actual or potential obstacles for their effective implementation</li> </ul>   | Amilcar Guzmán and Viviana Luján, Wolfs Company   |
| 1:00pm  | <i>Lunch Break</i>   |   |
| 2:00pm  | <b>Peer-to-peer MPA financing lessons learned</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- SocMon and MPA financing</li> <li>- Coral health monitoring and support for your financing story</li> <li>- Financial planning - budget processes, spreadsheets, forecasting</li> </ul>   | Peter Edwards, NOAA<br><br>Kathy Lockhart, DECR<br><br>Joe Villafranco, Development Director, TIDE Belize |
| 3:00pm  | <b>Group work session</b><br><b>Financing analysis - interventions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion within breakout groups: identifying possible interventions to deal with obstacles</li> </ul>  | Amilcar Guzmán and Viviana Luján, Wolfs Company   |
| 4:30pm  | <b>Wrap up and evaluation of Day 2</b>   | Dana Wusinich-Mendez, NOAA  |



| Time    | Day 3: Thursday, 16 May 2019   | Facilitators / participants                     |
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| 8:00am  | <b>Reflection on previous activities</b><br><b>Agenda for Day 3</b>  | Amilcar Guzmán and Viviana Luján, Wolfs Company |
| 8:30am  | <b>Group work session</b><br><b>Financing analysis - interventions and next steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Introduction</li> <li>- Breakout group work to formulate interventions to deal with obstacles and define concrete next steps to achieve sustainable financing for MPA management</li> </ul> | Amilcar Guzmán and Viviana Luján, Wolfs Company |
| 10:00am | <i>Coffee Break</i>  |   |
| 10:30am | <b>Group work session</b><br><b>Financing analysis - interventions and next steps</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Breakout group work continued</li> <li>- Presentations and plenary discussion</li> </ul>  | Amilcar Guzmán and Viviana Luján, Wolfs Company |
| 12:30pm | <i>Lunch Break</i>   |   |
| 2:00pm  | <b>Group work session</b><br><b>MPA sustainable financing implementation</b><br>Design of implementation plans for follow-up work  | All participants                                |
| 4:30pm  | <b>Closing and evaluation</b>  | Emma Doyle, MPACoconnect                        |