



Belize Marine Fund

2nd Biennial Conference

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Virtual Sessions, Belize City

May 10 -11, 2022

From 9:00 am to 12:00 noon Mountain time (Central America)

EVENT AGENDA

Day 1: Tuesday 10 May

TIME	TOPIC	SPEAKER
9:00 1 minute	Open webinar and technical aspects	Isabel Godoy, Island Innovation
9:01 4 minutes	Introduction	Moderator Zoe Walker
9:05 5 minutes	Welcome Note	Maria Jose Gonzalez, Executive Director, MAR Fund
9:10 10 minutes	Opening Remarks	Kennedy Carrillo, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation
9:20 10 minutes	Opening Remarks	Dr. Kenrick Williams, Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management
Theme 1: Results on the Ground: Solutions for Enhanced MPA Management and Marine Resources Conservation		
9:30 10 minutes	Resilience Analysis of Belize's Protected Areas System to Climate Change	Nadia Bood, Senior Program Officer, World Wildlife Fund



9:40 10 minutes	Expanding Belize's Network of Marine Protected Areas	Ralna Lewis, Asst. Country Director, Wildlife Conservation Society
9:50 10 minutes	Contributing to Resilient Fisheries by Strengthening Managed Access Committees	Nicanor Requena, Project Manager, Environmental Defense Fund
10:00 20 minutes	Q&A	Moderator Zoe Walker
10:20 5 minutes	Break	
Theme 2: Fisheries for the Future: Enhanced Fisheries Management for Sustained Ecosystems and Biodiversity		
10:25 10 minutes	Rebuilding Abundance	Janelle Chanona, Vice President, Oceana in Belize
10:35 10 minutes	Building Capacity for Effective Lionfish Management in Belize's Fish Replenishment Zones	Fabian Kyne, Conservation Science Manager, Blue Ventures
10:45 10 minutes	Building Knowledge of Fish Spawning Aggregations at Cayman Crown Through Monitoring and Protection	Cecilia Guerrero, Project Manager, Toledo Institute for Development and Environment
11:55 20 minutes	Q&A	Moderator Zoe Walker
11:15 5 minutes	Break	
Theme 3: Research for Management Action: Informing Decision-Making in Marine Resources Management		
11:20 10 minutes	Ongoing Reef Replenishment in Southern Belize with an Emphasis on Mapping and Quantifying Natural and Replenished Acroporid Cover	Lisa Carne, Founder/Director, Fragments of Hope
11:30 10 minutes	Rewilding Belize's reefs through marine protected areas: the case study of Turneffe Atoll	Dr. Rachel Graham, Founder and Executive Director, MarAlliance
11:40	Efforts to Safeguard Belize's Endangered	Jamal Galves, Belize



10 minutes	Antillean Manatees	Manatee Conservation Program Coordinator, Clearwater Marine Aquarium Research Institute
12:00 20 minutes	Q&A	Moderator Zoe Walker
12:02 2 minutes	Closing of Day 1 Session	Moderator Zoe Walker

Day 2: Wednesday 11 May

Time	Topic	Speaker
9:00 1 minute	Open webinar and technical aspects	Isabel Godoy, Island Innovation
9:01 4 minutes	Introduction	Moderator Zoe Walker
9:05 10 minutes	Welcome and Overview of Day 1	Nayari Diaz-Perez, Executive Director PACT
Theme 4: Effective Marketing of Belize's Reef at National and International Levels		
9:15 10 minutes	Creating the Next Generation of Conservation Leaders: Reef Protectors	Dareece Chuc, Environmental Education and Communications, Director Belize Audubon Society
9:25 10 minutes	The Importance of Belize's Marine Resources to Our Tourism Product	Linette Canto, Executive Director, Belize Tourism Industry Association
9:35 10 minutes	Branding for Change—Enhancing National and International Awareness of the BBRS WHS	Nadia Bood, Senior Program Officer, World Wildlife Fund
9:45 25 minutes	Q&A	Moderator Zoe Walker
10:00	Break	



10 minutes		
Theme 5: Innovation in Sustainable Financing and the Blue Economy: Linking National and Regional		
10:10 10 minutes	Developing Belize's Blue Economy Policy and Strategy	Maxine Monsanto, Director, Ministry of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation
10:20 10 minutes	Investing in a Resilient Coastal Economy: Project Finance for Permanence for Belize	Osmany Salas, World Wildlife Fund, Belize Project Finance for Permanence (PFP)
10:30 10 minutes	Game Changing Finance Solutions...Finding a Way to Making MPAs Work	Valdemar Andrade, Executive Director, Turneffe Atoll Sustainability Association
10:40 10 minutes	Blue Economy Regional Protocol: An Opportunity to Enhance Regional, National and Local Coordination to Improve a Healthy Environment and Livelihoods in the MAR	Carlos Rodriguez, Marine coastal specialist and safeguards of the MAR2R project
10:50 25 minutes	Q&A	
11:15 5 minutes	Break	
Theme 6: BMF Investments: Measuring Impact		
11:20 10 minutes	Belize Marine Fund (BMF) Investments: Measuring Impact	Angeline Valentine, Project Officer, MAR Fund/BMF
Closing segment		
11:30 5 minutes	Conference Wrap Up	Moderator Zoe Walker
11:35 5 minutes	Closing Remarks	Janet Gibson, BMF Steering Committee Chairperson
11:40 2 minutes	Conference Ends	Moderator Zoe Walker