



## **BELIZE MARINE FUND 1<sup>ST</sup> BIENNIAL CONFERENCE**

**Biltmore Hotel, Belize City**

**7<sup>th</sup> October, 2019**

### **AGENDA**

**8:45 Welcome and Opening Remarks**

**9:00 Theme 1: Effective Marine Protected Areas Contributing Towards a Functional National Protected Areas System**

***Strategic Area: Improved Management Effectiveness of Marine Protected Areas across the National Seascape***

- **Wildtracks:** Overview of Management Effectiveness of the Marine Protected Areas in Belize
- **Southern Environmental Association:** Increasing Effectiveness of Sustainable Marine Resource Use and Management
- **MarAlliance:** Monitoring Marine Mega-Fauna for Enhanced Management Effectiveness

**9:30 Panel Discussion**

**10:00 Theme 2: Reduced Pressures on Marine Resources**

***Strategic Area: Increased Climate Change Resilience***

- **Fragments of Hope:** Reef Restoration in Southern Belize
- **World Wildlife Fund:** Resilience Analysis of Belize Protected Areas System to Climate Change

**10:30 Panel Discussion**

**10:45 Coffee Break**

**11:00 Strategic Areas: Effective Implementation of Managed Access and Sustainable Income Diversification Opportunities for Fishers/Fishing Communities**

- **Belize Audubon Society:** Promoting Sustainable Fishing Practices Within Lighthouse Reef Atoll—Implementing Managed Access
- **Wildlife Conservation Society:** Prescribing Biologically Meaningful Control Measures to Benefit Small-Scale Fisheries in Belize
- **The Nature Conservancy:** Sustainable Seaweed Production in Belize

**11:30 Panel Discussion**

**12:00 Lunch**

**1:00 Introduction to the Afternoon Session**

**1:15 Theme 3: Effective Marketing of Belize’s Reef at National and International Levels**

***Strategic Area: Improved Stewardship and Support at Local and National Levels***

- **Belize Audubon Society:** Building Capacity of Fishing Community Youths in Northern Belize through the Reef Protector’s Program
- **Ecology Project International:** Engaging Belizean Youth as the Next Generation of Conservation Leaders
- **Sea to Shore Alliance:** Manatees in Belize—An Endangered Species
- **Oceana:** Raising National Awareness of and Support for the Belize Reef

**1:45 Panel Discussion**

**2:15 Coffee Break**

**2:30 Theme 4: Innovation in Financial Sustainability**

- **FUNDAECO:** Innovations in the Region
- **Turneffe Atoll Sustainability Association:** Exploring Blue Carbon at Turneffe
- **The Nature Conservancy:** Innovations through Impact Investment

**3:15 Panel Discussion**

**4:00 Conference Wrap Up and Next Steps**

**5:00 Closing Remarks**

**5:15 Meeting Ends**