



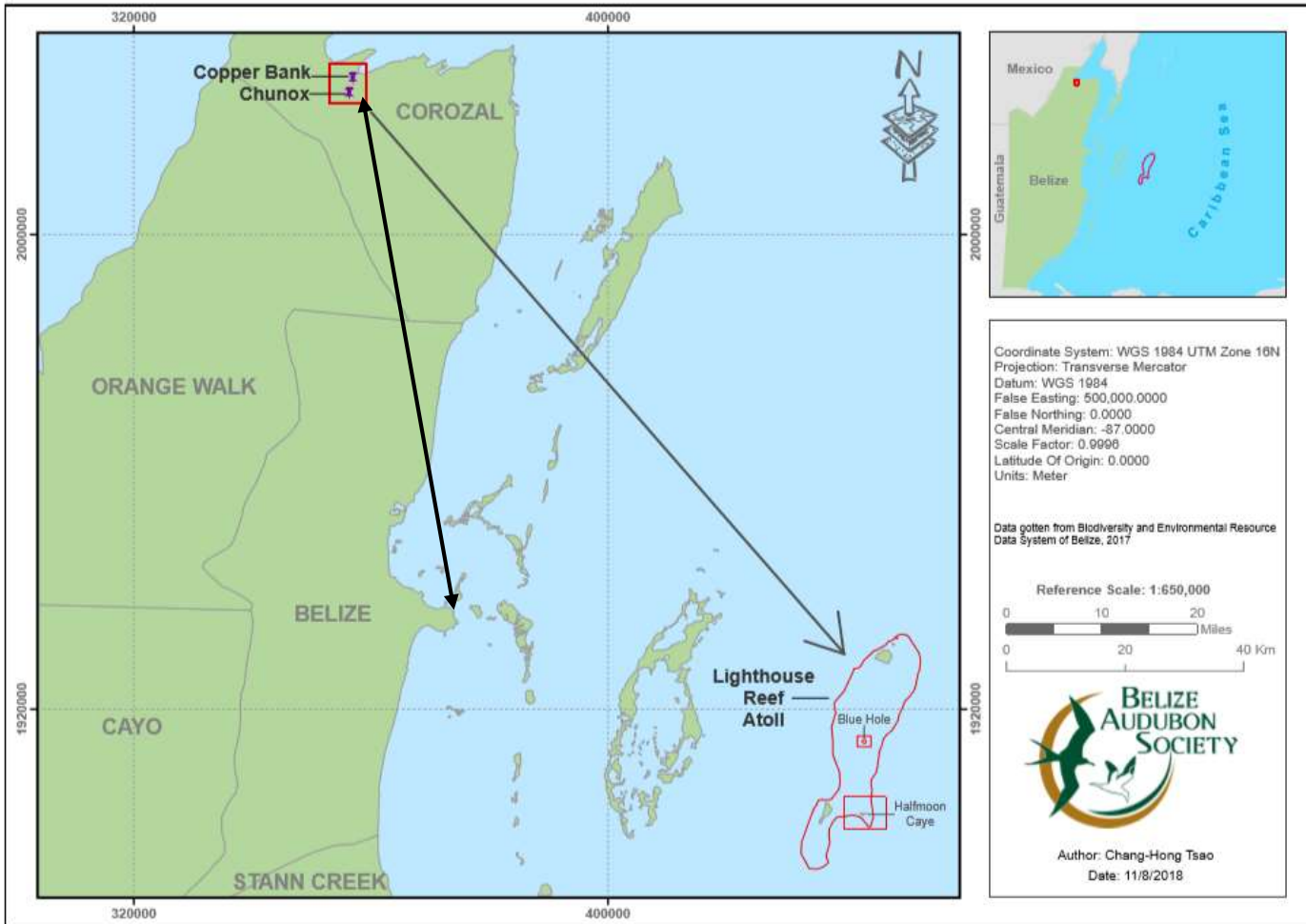
Programme Overview

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Project Location



Goal

Raising awareness on marine protected areas through the implementation of a conservation-based, out-of-school educational program for youths.

1. To raise awareness about marine protected areas and their role in natural resources management and sustaining livelihoods

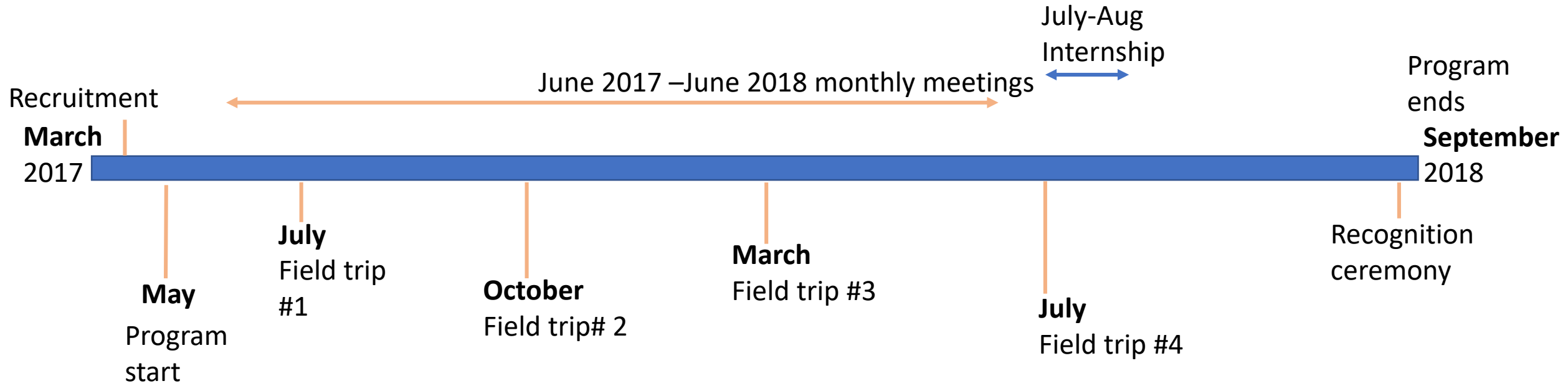
2. To developed leadership skills through mentoring and fostering stewardship

3. To introduce and provide practical experience in marine research and monitoring methodologies



Programme Implementation

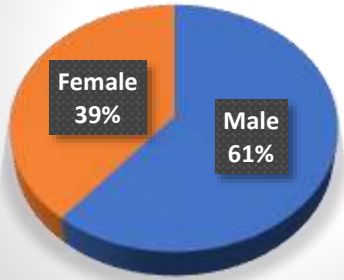
18 Months Model



An estimated investment effort BZ\$205,876 over 5 years



Table 1: Showing the total # of students participating in programme and success in becoming environmental stewards and pursuing non-fishing careers

Total # of students participating between 2014-2018	% Uptake of non-fishing careers in 5yrs	Outcomes						
<p>Since the program was initiated in 2014*, 44 youths have been sensitized in the protection of marine resources and have been exposed to marine science careers.</p> <div data-bbox="321 711 1054 1196"> <p># Male versus Female participants</p>  <table border="1"> <caption># Male versus Female participants</caption> <thead> <tr> <th>Gender</th> <th>Percentage</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Male</td> <td>61%</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Female</td> <td>39%</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> </div>	Gender	Percentage	Male	61%	Female	39%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ 2 student have worked as community researchers at an MPA ✓ 1 student does community outreach at an NGO ✓ 10 students have completed tertiary education in the sciences ✓ 3 are primary school teachers ✓ 2 are apprentice tour guides ✓ 9 are currently pursuing tertiary level education with 4 studying sciences 	<p>The youths who participated in the program are now more conscious of their role in protecting marine resources and possible careers they can pursue in the marine science field.</p> <p>8 participants are open water dive certified and have basic research and monitoring skills.</p>
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What's next?



- Create a **model** of the programme for other *organizations* to replicate
- Develop manual with best practices, safety policy, and parental involvement
- Develop “engagement” plan appealing to participants beyond the life of the programme

If resources are available to continue to run the program there is high expectations that youths from fishing families would engage in career options other than fishing...



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