



Minister of Blue Economy and Civil Aviation

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100 Day Plan Progress Report

It gives me great pleasure to share with you that our Ministry's Progress Report presented to the Prime Minister's Office demonstrates incredible accomplishments in a short-period of time. With the support of our staff at the Fisheries Department, Coastal Zone Management and Institute, Belize Department of Civil Aviation and the Belize Airport's Authority, we will without a doubt meet and surpass the goals set in our 100 day plan. Below we highlight some of our major accomplishments of our first 100 days.

- 1.) Establishment of the Ministerial Offices fully staffed, furnished and equipped with budget for 2020/21
- 2.) Commenced the establishment of a Policy and Planning Unit to guide the process of developing the Ministry's 5 year strategic plan for Blue Economy as well as for Civil Aviation as well as to develop policies which will facilitate the implementation of the plan.
- 3.) Continued support of the fishing industry and fisherman cooperatives to manage their resources in a safe and sustainable manner including visit to cooperatives and meetings with fisherfolks in Sarteneja, San Pedro and Caye Caulker. Lobster season extended in response to the call from cooperatives.
- 4.) Sustainable management and use of the Belize Reef System, coastal and marine resources for the socio-economic development of Belize. Exploring interests expressed for management of Corona Reef in recently declared expansion of Sapodilla Cayes Reserves; Acquisition of funds from PACT to address infrastructural needs of facilities and Marine Reserve Stations; Stony coral nurseries established in Bacalar Chico, Hol Chan and Caye Caulker Marine reserves
- 5.) Development plan for deep sea fishing industry in our Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). Funds identified for training in deep slope fishing technology and data collection for finfish and 420 licensed fishers for finfish are actively involved in harvesting of finfish for domestic mark.
- 6.) Establishment of a new Board of Directors and a new business plan for the Belize Airports Authority.
- 7.) Newly reconstituted and empowered Airline Development Committee to enable and foster the development of new air routes and markets to Belize
- 8.) Improved facilitation services offered at the PGIA with the intent of making mentioned process more user friendly
- 9.) Re-constitution of a new Board of Directors for the Coastal Zone Management Authority (CZMA)
- 10.) Initiation of an external evaluation of the implementation progress of the Belize Integrated Coastal Zone Management Plan (2016) in order to address bottlenecks/challenges and identify specific recommendations/solutions to improve delivery in an updated version of the ICZM Plan
- 11.) Have started the updating Process of the Belize National Marine Habitat Map that will provide current, accurate information on the spatial coverage of natural assets in the coastal zone and the Blue Economy sector
- 12.) Protecting Belize's Coastal Ecosystems through the NDC Process given their role in climate regulation, mitigation and adaptation. This includes completion of national target setting and rationalization exercise.



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