

DRAFT ESSIM Spatial Conservation Action Plan

Goals	Actions	Outputs	Timeline						
<b>1. Share knowledge</b> on the concept of spatial conservation planning, areas that are currently managed for conservation purposes, and areas that have been identified as having conservation value									
			<b>Summer 2007</b>	<b>Oct-07</b>	<b>Nov-07</b>	<b>Dec-07</b>	<b>Jan 08</b>	<b>Feb-08</b>	<b>Spring 08</b>
<i>Define and build a common understanding of spatial conservation planning</i>	Discussion with ESSIM (Stakeholder Advisory Committee) on intent and outline of Action Plan	SAC aware of Action Plan process, and given opportunity to provide input at outset							
	Develop action planning page on SAC website for information management and sharing								
<i>Identify direct linkages with the ESSIM Strategic Plan objectives</i>	Identify direct linkages with the ESSIM Strategic Plan objectives by creating 'crosswalk' between ESSIM objectives and spatial conservation tools	Completed crosswalk.							
<i>Develop an inventory of existing spatial conservation measures that may contribute to ESSIM objectives</i>	Assemble inventory of existing spatial management tools as applied in the ESSIM area / on the Scotian Shelf	GIS file of existing measure boundaries and attributes.							
<i>Develop an inventory of areas of conservation value (e.g. EBSAs, WWF priority areas)</i>	Assemble inventory of areas that have been identified as a conservation priority	Inventory of areas of conservation value							
<i>Develop an inventory of management tools that can be used in spatial conservation planning</i>	Identify the range of legislative and other placed-based conservation tools that could be applied to achieve the conservation objectives	Inventory of management tools that can be applied to an area.							
	Request representatives from each designating agency to participate in process.	Relevant agencies participate in process		Extend invitations	Ongoing participation				
<b>2. Assess the contribution</b> of existing management areas and identify gaps in conservation efforts.									

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<i>Assess contributions and gaps.</i>	Classify levels of protection to facilitate gap analysis	Existing measures assigned to a class and included as an attribute in GIS layer.							
	Classification presented and refined through stakeholder feedback at Nov 14 workshop								
<b>3. Build agreement on areas of conservation priority and to put forward recommendations for action.</b>									
<i>Engage a broad range of stakeholders in spatial conservation planning</i>	SCAP Workshop I	Well-attended workshop with significant meaningful contributions from attendees							
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SAC members invite sector participants</li> </ul>								
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize relevant sessions to allow stakeholders to identify areas of importance and to build agreement on priority areas for action</li> </ul>								
<i>Identify conservation areas of importance to communities and resource users</i>	Discussion at Workshop I	Values and areas identified that will make meaningful contribution to planning process, including identification of potential sites or areas to put forward for action							
<i>Build stakeholder agreement on areas of conservation priority for action</i>	Discussion at Workshop I	Areas identified and recommendations identified to be put forward to relevant authority for management consideration							
	Post-workshop analysis and engagement with relevant sectors								
<i>Identify options for filling gaps</i>	Workshop II: Discuss linkages to ESSIM objectives; present and facilitate discussion on scenarios for fillings identified gaps								

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	Workshop follow-up: compile responses, recommendations/options, share with SAC								
	Present outcomes of SCAP Workshops at ESSIM Forum Workshop							?	
<i>Develop formal Action Plan</i>	Identify ESSIM objectives achieved by conservation priority areas identified at the workshop	Action Plan outlining stakeholder recommendations for spatial conservation planning							
	Identify appropriate tools for management								
	Further develop recommendations to put forward to relevant management authorities or community groups								
<b>4. Steward the implementation of recommendations.</b>									
<i>Recommendations put forward to competent agencies for implementation</i>	Work with competent agencies to implement sites / areas								
<i>Link to other regional conservation initiatives and obligations</i>	Coordinate with DFO MPA Network planning process								
	Identify linkages with other relevant conservation processes								
<i>Support community-based conservation initiatives</i>	Work with community groups to develop conservation plans (e.g. Canso)								