

## Towards ecological and social impact through collaborative governance of a seascape of marine protected areas in Honduras

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SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL 1 Interviewees and interview details, ordered by interview date.

Date	Length (hh:mm)	Interviewee position	Organisation/Community	Language	Interview location	Translator	Organisation category	Project role	Total stories
30 Apr. 2019	00:51	Executive Director	La Asociación Pro Comunidades Turistica de Honduras (LARECOTURH)	Spanish	LARECOTURH office, La Ceiba	Alina Amaya	NGO	Partner	11
30 Apr. 2019	00:59	Organizational and Institutional Strengthening Specialist	La Asociación Pro Comunidades Turistica de Honduras (LARECOTURH)	Spanish	LARECOTURH office, La Ceiba	Alina Amaya	NGO	Partner	16
30 Apr. 2019	00:33	Professor, Chemistry Department	Centro Universitario Regional del Litoral Atlántico (CURLA)	English	LARECOTURH office, La Ceiba	n/a	Academia	Associated organisation	3
30 Apr. 2019	00:43	Founder	Asociación de Pescadores de Santa Ana	Spanish	FCC office, La Ceiba	Alina Amaya	Fishing association	Associated organisation	9
30 Apr. 2019	01:15	Executive Director	Fundación Cayos Cochinos (FCC)	Spanish	FCC office, La Ceiba	Alina Amaya	NGO	Partner	13

1 May 2019	00:58	President and seven other community members	Comite de Turismo, Boca del Toro	Spanish	Boca del Toro village	Alina Amaya	Community association	Associated organisation	9
1 May 2019	01:20	President and one other fisher	Asociación de Pescadores de La Rosita y Cuero y Salado (APROCUS)	Spanish	Salado Barro village	Alina Amaya	Fishing association	Associated organisation	9
1 May 2019	01:04	Executive Director	Fundación Cuero y Salado (FUCSA)	English	FUCSA office, Cuero Y Salado Wildlife Refuge	n/a	NGO	Partner	13
2 May 2019	00:48	Executive Director	Centro de Estudios Marinos (CEM)	English	Hotel Carnaval, La Ceiba	n/a	NGO	Partner	9
3 May 2019	01:14	Regional Director	Instituto Nacional de Conservación y Desarrollo Forestal (ICF)	Spanish	ICF office, La Ceiba	Alina Amaya	National government	Associated organisation	3
3 May 2019	01:11	Director	Unidad Municipal de Ambiente (UMA), El Porvenir	Spanish	LARECOTURH office, La Ceiba	Alina Amaya	Local government	Associated organisation	13
3 May 2019	01:02	Tourism Specialist advisor	Fundación Islas de le Bahia (FIB)/ Camara de Turismo de La Ceiba (CTLCEiba)	English	LARECOTURH office, La Ceiba	n/a	Local government	Associated organisation	15
3 May 2019	00:38	Coordinator	Fundación Islas de le Bahia (FIB)	Spanish	Captain Morgan's Dive Shop, Utila	Quentin Marchais	NGO	Partner	13
3 May 2019	00:36	President	Comision de Pescadores de los Cayitos de Utila (CSnapper)	English	Captain Morgan's Dive Shop, Utila	n/a	Fishing association	Associated organisation	12

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4 May 2019	00:38	Director	Unidad Municipal de Ambiente (UMA), Utila	Spanish	Captain Morgan's Dive Shop, Utila	Quentin Marchais	Local government	Associated organisation	17
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## SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL 2 Interview opening statement.

### [For non-partner organisations] Who is FFI?

Fauna & Flora International (FFI) is an international biodiversity conservation organisation that has been working with local Honduran environmental and social NGOs in Atlántida since 2013. FFI is helping to co-ordinate a project between five local NGOs (LARECOTURH, FIB, FCC, CEM, FUCSA) in order to ensure better management of the Atlántida “seascape” and has co-ordinated funding from the UK government – under their “Darwin initiative” – to help these local NGOs deliver the project.

As the Darwin funding from the UK government is coming to an end, FFI is required to evaluate the achievements of the project by collecting feedback from the people who participated in it.

### Why we have picked Dan to do these interviews

The interview will be conducted by Dan Steadman and his role within FFI is focussed on monitoring, evaluation and learning for FFI’s global portfolio of marine projects. While he has a sound working knowledge of the project, he does not play any role in co-ordinating or managing it and can therefore be considered “independent” (from a project perspective).

Dan does not speak Spanish and interviews will therefore be conducted either in English or via a translator. We appreciate your patience and cooperation in conducting interviews in this way; while it was hoped that an additional Spanish-speaking evaluator would also be able to attend, the logistics of this opportunity did not work out.

### What is the Most Significant Change (MSC)?

The interview will use a method known “most significant change” (MSC), which was created in the UK in the mid-1990s and is a form of participatory monitoring and evaluation; it is widely used in the development sector. The process involves the collection of significant change stories emanating from the field level. We are trying to capture stories of who did what, when and why – and the reasons why the event was important.

The MSC interview is not a structured survey; it is more like a guided conversation. The interviewer has a few prompts to help steer the dialogue but is principally focussed on allowing the interviewee the time and space to explain how they have experienced change through the project so far, as well as to reflect on what changes they would hope to see in the future of the project.

FFI has chosen this method because – although there are a lot of quantitative indicators in the Darwin – the project is focused on complex changes around governance and collaboration; changes that cannot all be captured through indicators. The MSC technique is also known as “monitoring and evaluation without indicators”.

### What is being evaluated?

This is not an evaluation of your organisation or you as an individual; it is an evaluation of the project and the changes it has led to. We are here because we want to understand how we can learn from what has been done so far and to help to plan for the project post-Darwin.

We really encourage you to be as open and honest as possible; the changes you have experienced may not all be positive and we want to ensure you feel comfortable to share concerns and failures as well as successes.

### What the information will be used for

Interviews will be used internally (within the partner network) to inform the workshop and to develop an evaluation report for final reporting to Darwin. Quotes from interviews may be attributed to individuals but only for discussion within the partner network; any external use of interview material will be confirmed with you directly.

### Consent

Having heard the details of how the interview will take place – are you happy to participate?

SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIAL 3 Positionality/background statement by author.

Daniel Steadman is the lead author on this paper and is originally from the United Kingdom. What follows is his statement of positionality/reflexivity:

I was born and grew up in Sussex in south-east England in the UK, in an affluent inland community, around 30km from the ocean. I enjoyed a financially secure and emotionally stable childhood and early adulthood, living with my two parents – who ran their own small legal firm in Kent – and my two sisters. The ocean's role in my life has been – like many people – as a place I consciously associate with happiness (particularly “skimming stones” on Hastings beach with my grandfather), as well as a place whose mystery fascinated me.

In my adult life, I was fortunate enough to go to university (the first person in my family to do so) and gained under-graduate and post-graduate qualifications in English Literature. After several brief roles in a variety of sectors, I retrained and completed a second post-graduate degree in marine environmental management, focussing primarily on whether marine protection in Scotland contributes to fisheries productivity. My first job after this post-graduate degree was working in inshore fisheries management for a local government body on the English east coast and then a variety of marine conservation-focussed roles at international conservation NGO Fauna & Flora International.

I believe in people's ability to make change and am, fundamentally, a humanist. I appreciate the wonder of the natural world and have a “conservationist” response to its degradation, but my belief is that humans' inherent moral duty to preserve the earth outweighs their urge to overexploit it. With regards to this topic, I believe that this perspective makes me a compassionate interviewer but I should also state that the majority of my academic training has been in ecological, rather than social, sciences and therefore the “Most Significant Change” technique (and those similar to it) were new to me prior to this study. While the MSC technique attempts to strongly diminish the intrinsic bias of how questions are formulated (by essentially letting interviewees explain their own experience), I am aware that my background is likely to play a role in interviewees' perceptions of the power dynamics of their conversations with me.

I have a small amount of work experience in Central America, but had never been to Honduras before this study. Although I have spent several years interacting with marginalised fishers and coastal communities in many countries around the world, I appreciate that my life experience profoundly differs from many of the interviewees in the study and that this social and cultural dynamic influences my assumptions as both an interviewer and an interview analyst.