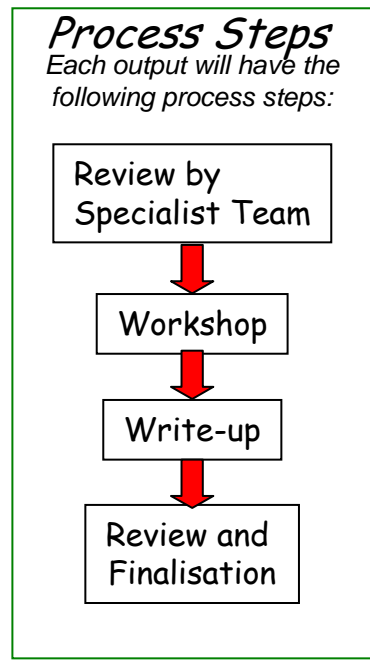
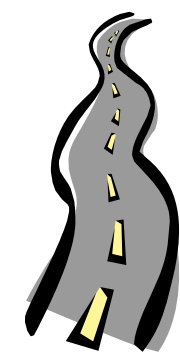
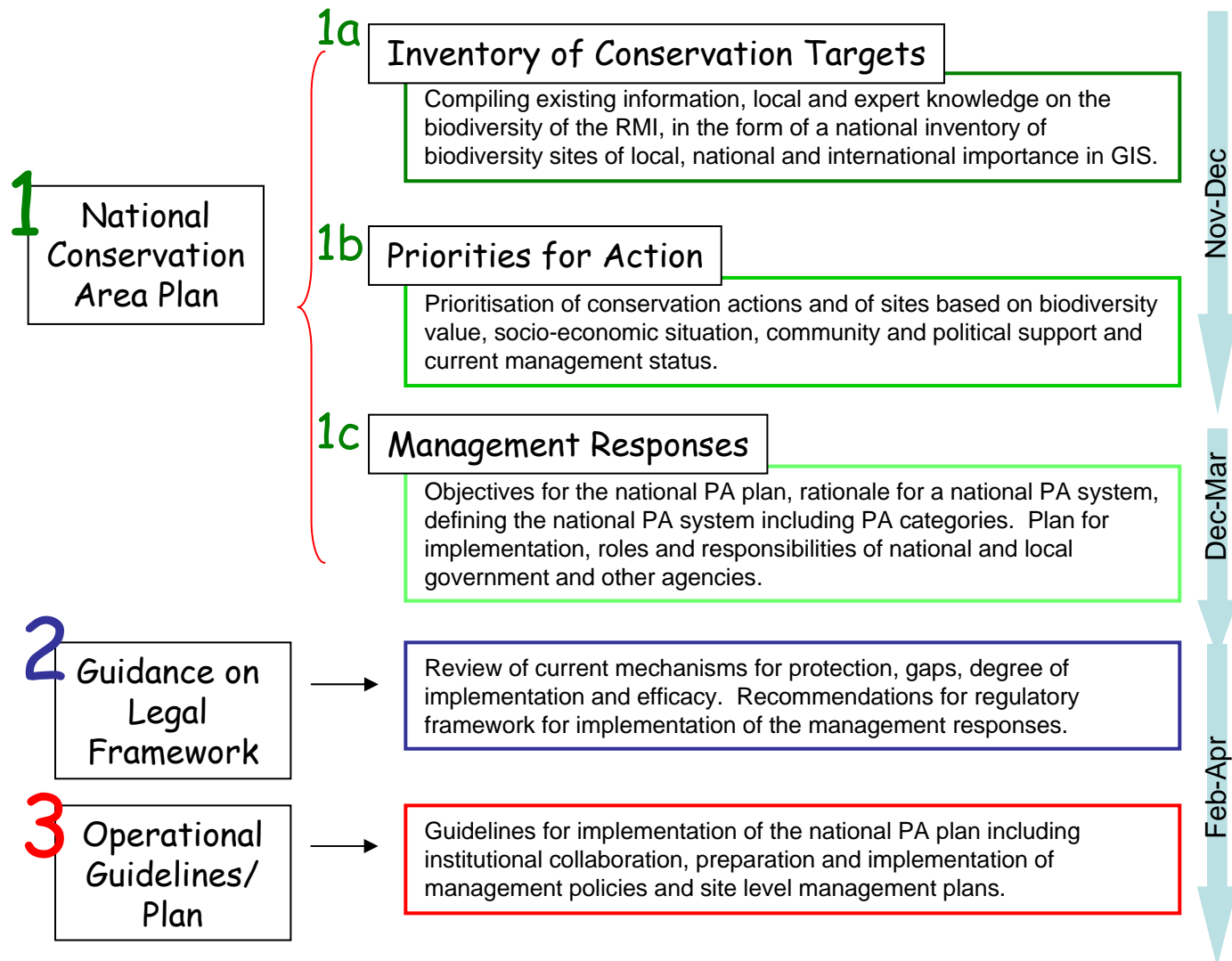


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Overview of Outputs



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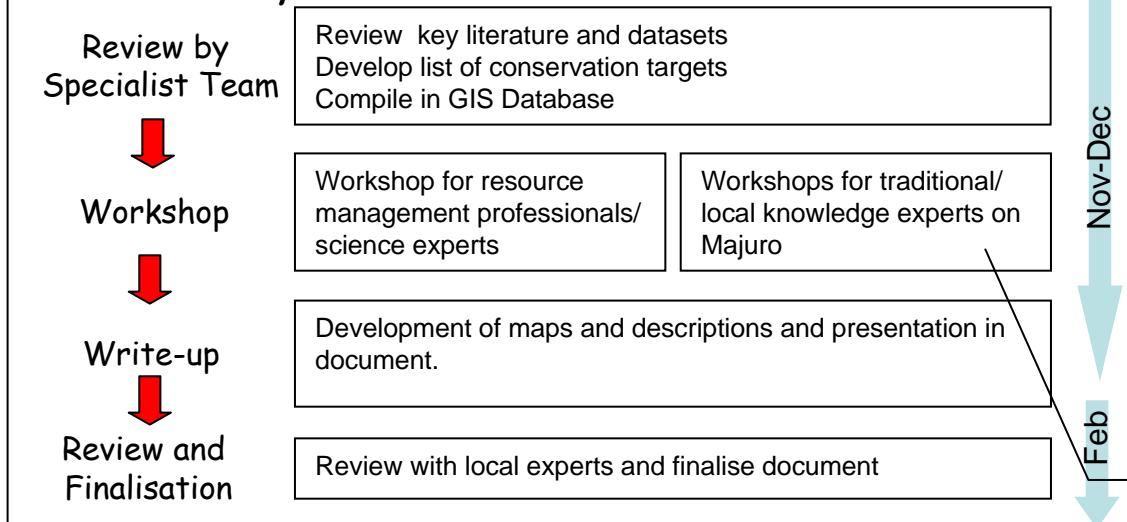
1a Inventory of Conservation Targets

Compiling existing information, local knowledge and expert knowledge on the biodiversity of the RMI, at a broad-brush national level. Prepare GIS database & document of maps and descriptions:

- Representative areas of habitat type (e.g. shallow reef flat, passes, seagrass beds, broadleaf forest, mangroves);
- Habitats of endangered species (e.g. turtle nesting and feeding sites, areas of high density of giant clams, trochus or coconut crabs);
- Bird roosting and nesting areas;
- Fish spawning aggregations sites;
- Areas of cultural/ spiritual significance;
- Areas of high biodiversity;
- Special features (such as unique arid atoll ecosystem on Bokak or high density of giant clams on Taka).



Process Steps



(Photo: Biodiversity Planning Workshop for Palau's Protected Areas Network. The Nature Conservancy 2006.)

Local Team members to develop a process and facilitate traditional/ local knowledge workshops

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1b Priorities for Action

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Prioritisation of conservation actions and of sites based on biodiversity value, socio-economic situation, community and political support and current management status.

There are two aspects to the prioritisation:

1. Setting of "Conservation Goals" which is an estimate of the amount of the Conservation Features/ Targets identified in the inventory that the Marshall Islands intends to protect. E.g. 80% of grouper spawning aggregation sites; 90% of turtle nesting sites etc. (Note: this is a TNC process that the Marshalls should do to come into line with other Micronesian plans).
2. Prioritisation of atolls for protection and management based on both biophysical criteria (ie. Biodiversity value or unique features) as well as socio-economic criteria such as degree of community readiness and political support, work already done on that atoll and resources available.

Process Steps

Review by Specialist Team



Workshop



Write-up



Review and Finalisation

Review inventory and suggest conservation goals
Develop draft criteria for prioritisation

Workshop for resource management professionals/ science experts and traditional/ local knowledge experts to address:

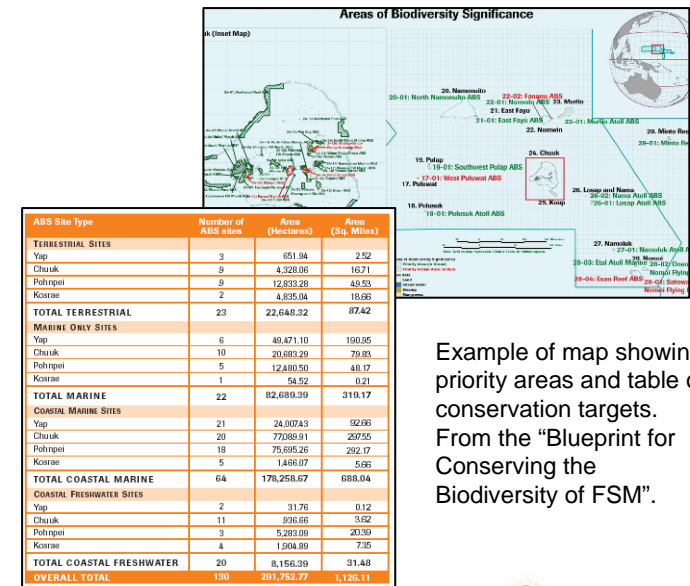
- Setting of "conservation goals";
- Prioritising sites/ atolls against biophysical and socio-economic criteria.

Drafting of document representing decisions made in workshop.

Review by local and international experts and finalisation.

Nov-Dec

Feb



Example of map showing priority areas and table of conservation targets. From the "Blueprint for Conserving the Biodiversity of FSM".

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1c Management Responses

This broadly describes the actions, responsibilities, resources that the RMI will use to meet their conservation goals and address priorities. It will include the following:

- Description of institutional arrangements and responsibilities (for national agencies, local governments, use of technical assistance, NGOs etc);
- Priorities and actions for 5-10 years;
- Process for protected area planning and management (at a broad level);
- Traditional resource management and modern management practices to be considered.



Process Steps

Review by Specialist Team



Workshop



Write-up



Review and Finalisation

Review current institutional arrangements
Review implementation of PAs, conservation plans and fisheries management plans
Review lessons learned from PA planning and management with local team

Workshop for resource management professionals

Drafting of document representing decisions made in workshop.

Review by local experts and finalisation.

Nov-Dec

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2 Guidance on Legal Framework

This will be a brief document containing the following:

- Review of legislation and regulations: identification, description and review of current mechanisms for protection, with respect to:
 - Areas covered and gaps w.r.t. MPAs and conservation areas/ protected areas;
 - Degree of implementation;
 - Efficacy.
- Review of other countries legislation/ regulations for protected areas.
- Recommendation of a regulatory framework that will implement the management responses described above.



3 Operational Guidelines or Plan

The final phase of this project includes a workshop to bring together all the work to date. This workshop may be used to discuss any key outstanding issues from this project, and to develop guidelines, procedures or plans to enable the implementation of the National Conservation Area Plan. This may include defining roles and responsibilities, specific actions and resources or budgets required.

Process Steps

Review by Specialist Team

Workshop

Write-up

Review and Finalisation

Record of Meetings and Attendance

Formal Project Meetings and Workshops	Date	Length	Core Team			MIMRA				OEPPC			EPA		MIVA	MICS	CMI		Alele					
			Caleb McClellan	Graham Baines	Joy Kawakami	Morana Phillip	Glen Joseph	Albon Ishoda	Terry Keju	Florence Edwards	Emma Kabua	Yumi Christostomo	Deborah Barker	Ned	Jeffrey Zebedy	John Bungitak	Riyad Mistry	Neiar Kabua	Steve Why	Don Hess	Dean Jacobson	Frankie Harriss	Terry Mote	Nancy Vanderveide
Inception Meeting	27/11/2006	2 hours	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1			1		1	1						Roadmap
Local and Traditional Knowledge 1 (Facilitator Workshop)	1/12/2006	5 hours	1	1	1	1	1	1			1	1	1		1									Workshop Plan, Draft Guidelines
Local and Traditional Knowledge 2	6/12/2006	2 hours		1	1			1				1			1									
Steering Committee 1	8/12/2006	2 hours		1		1					1			1										SC Terms of Reference, Agenda 1, Minutes 1.
1a Selecting Conservation Targets	12/12/2006	5 hours	1	1	1	1	1					1	1		1		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	Draft List of Conservation Targets
1c Conservation Objectives Discussion	15/12/2006	3 hours	1	1	1	1	1				1	1			1				1					Meeting outputs, Handout Discussion Paper