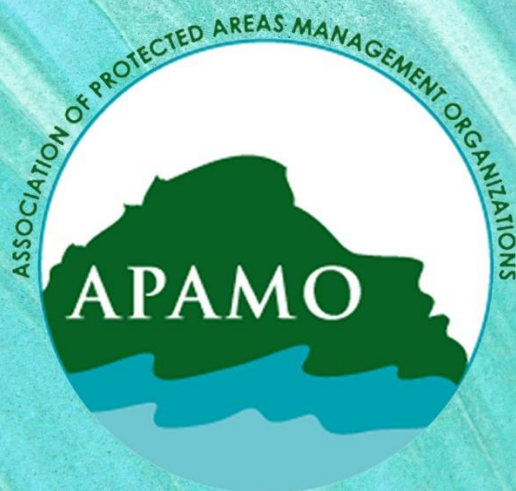


APAMO

2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT



The Voice of Belize's Protected Areas

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APAMO's MISSION STATEMENT

To safeguard the integrity and diversity of Belize's protected areas system and to ensure that any use of Belize's natural resources sustainably benefits the Belizean society.

Donors & Partners

The year was a productive one thanks to the generous support by its main donors. The organization was able to diligently work to meet its mandate. To all the local and international NGOs that expressed solidarity and that assisted the organization in some form, we are grateful.

We thank the Ministry of Forestry, Fisheries, Sustainable Development and Environment for their support and look forward to a continued dynamic and productive partnership in the interest of national objectives. We salute and thank our main donors and partners:

- Protected Areas Conservation Trust (PACT)
- International Union for Conservation of Nature
- Accounting for International Development
- International Community Foundation

APAMO's Vision Statement

APAMO, Belize's foremost association of committed protected areas management organizations, contributes to and advocates for the maintenance in perpetuity of a well-managed and functional protected areas system that plays an integral role in national development, and contributes directly to the well-being of communities and the nation.

Critical Objectives

The critical objectives of APAMO are:

- To provide a forum for increased communication, discussion and networking primarily among its members as well as other NGOs/CBOs
- To create a network voice for member agencies
- To represent its member agencies
- To proactively lobby for actions related to protected areas issues
- To build the institutional capacity for the financial sustainability of its members
- To secure the financial sustainability of protected areas in Belize

Support APAMO

Grant funds help to sustain APAMO and enable us to fund essential program expansions and organizational improvements. Your support, in any amount, will help us continue advocating for and contributing to the proper management of our protected areas ensuring the integrity of these are maintained. It will allow us to continue to be the ***VOICE OF BELIZE'S PROTECTED AREAS.***



GUEST SPEAKER

Guest Speaker was Dr. Percival Cho, for the Ministry of Forestry Fisheries and Sustainable Development. Dr. Cho shared his thoughts on APAMO and the importance of relationships at every level. His approach was not a speech but a conversation that was welcomed. Mr. Andrade and Mr. Romero lead the discussion on behalf of APAMO on the topics of co-management agreement, filling the financial gap and taxes. Dr. Cho has extended an invitation to APAMO to engage the Ministry on newly passed pieces of legislation (PACT Amendment ACT and NPAS ACT).



Elected New Executive Council Members

The newly elected members on the Executive Council are the following: Antony Hislop (STACA)- Vice Chair; Valdemar Andrade (TASA)- Secretary; Briony Ysaguirre (FOSC) - Councillor. The seat of RDEDG represented by Ms. Lin Smith is being followed up on as she has not been attending meetings. A resolution to write her querying her absence and interest to continue serving her term was agreed. Based on a response the Executive Council will make a decision.

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution #1 of July 29, 2017

The decisions of APAMO are made by majority votes. Members have the right to have a difference of opinion and vote. However, once a decision has been made by APAMO, the members who have a difference of opinion and vote must respect the decision of APAMO and should not make public declaration or do anything to jeopardize the credibility of the organization.

Any breach on this can result in the termination of membership if so approved by the Executive Council and the Membership.

In the principle of natural justice, the member will be officially written with evidence and be given 30 days within which to respond.

OTHER AGREEMENTS

1. It was agreed that a position on Oil Exploration and Drilling will be discussed and revised at the next Executive Council meeting. IUCN assistance will be sought with the development of this policy.
2. A special meeting is being proposed for the 29 or 30 September 2017 to discuss and review the Articles of Association. Legal advice will be sought to aid the review.
3. The financial position and summary of activities will be presented by the secretariat at an Executive Council meeting. The audit financial report could not be presented as a draft was only completed the day before the AGM and it contains several discrepancies. The secretariat will follow up with this matter to get it completed as soon as possible.

The AGM was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

APAMO Guiding Principles

APAMO members have agreed to subscribe to the following values in carrying out the mission of the association.

- An integrated membership centered and driven approach (strength in unity);
- An unflinching belief in the continuous existence of naturally-functioning ecosystems;
- A belief that the abuse of power is unacceptable;
- Member agencies operate within a spirit of collaboration;
- Respect of differences of ideas and opinions among members;
- The practice of collective decision-making;
- Transparency and accountability in decision-making processes
- Members' ownership of decision-making processes and decisions;
- Empowering member agencies;
- A belief that behavioral and attitudinal change are essential for the good of natural resources and people; and
- APAMO will abide by a code of conduct based on its values.

Executive Council 2017-2018

Chairperson – Ms. Froyla Tzalam

Sarstoon Temash Institute for Indigenous Management

Vice Chair – Mr. Anthony Hislop

Steadfast Tourism and Conservation Association

Secretary – Mr. Valdemar Andrade

Turneffe Atoll Sustainability Association

Treasurer – Edilberto Romero

Programme for Belize

Council Member 1 – Mrs. Arreini Palacio Morgan

Southern Environmental Association

Council Member 2 – Mrs. Briony Ysaguirre

Friend of Swallow Caye

Council Member 3 – Mr. Simon Pau

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NATIONAL PROTECTED AREAS SYSTEM

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APAMO MANAGED AREAS

- Billy Barquedier National Park
- Caye Caulker Marine & Forest Reserve
- Community Baboon Sanctuary
- Cockscomb Basin Wildlife Sanctuary
- Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary
- Fresh Water Creek Forest Reserve
- Guanacaste National Park
- Gladden Split & Silk Cayes Marine Reserve
- Halfmoon Caye Natural Monument
- Hone Camp National Park
- Laughing Bird Caye National Park
- Mayflower Bocawina National Park
- Payne's Creek National Park
- Port Honduras Marine Reserve
- Rio Blanco National Park
- Rio Bravo Conservation & Management Area
- Sarstoon- Temash National Park
- Spanish Creek Wildlife Sanctuary
- Swallow Caye Wildlife Sanctuary
- St. Herman's Bluehole National Park
- Tapir Mountain Nature Reserve
- Turneffe Atoll Marine Reserve
- Victoria Peak National Monument



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M	Forest Reserves (17)
A	Nature Reserves (4)
P	National Parks (18)
K	Private Reserves (8)
E	Wildlife Sanctuaries (8)
Y	Marine Reserves (9)
	Natural Monuments (5)
	Archaeological Reserves (15)
	Bird Sanctuaries (7)
	Spawning Aggregation Reserves (12)
	Roads
	Communities

Map: Guadalupe V. Rosado

Date: October 2015

Projection: UTM Zone 16N

Datum: NAD 1927

NPAS Secretariat

Min. of Forestry, Fisheries & Sus. Dev.



Highlights



A Small Business Workshop was conducted and facilitated by Ms. Audrey Pascasio, of the University of Belize, for several of members. It focused on the basics of a small business- Supervision and Record management among other topics.



In 2017 the Rio Blanco Mayan Association commenced the enhancement of the medicinal trail at Rio Blanco National Park.



Improvements were made at Mayflower Bocawina National Park, the roof at the visitor centre was modified which improved the lighting. Also, the centre restrooms were refurbished (expanded and tiled).