

**BELIZE:**

**FISHERIES RESOURCES (HIGH PROTECTION FOR  
BIODIVERSITY MARINE RESERVES) ORDER, 2022**

**ARRANGEMENT OF PARAGRAPHS**

1. Citation.
2. Declaration of Marine Reserves.
3. Maps of Marine Reserves.

**SCHEDULE I**

**SCHEDULE II**

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STATUTORY INSTRUMENT

No. 69 of 2022

*ORDER made by the Minister responsible for fisheries in exercise of the powers conferred upon him by section 14(1)(b) of the Fisheries Resources Act, Chapter 210 of the Substantive Laws of Belize, Revised Edition 2020, and all other powers thereunto him enabling.*

*(Gazetted 21st April, 2022)*

1. This Order may be cited as the

Citation.

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2. The areas referred to as High Protection For Biodiversity Zone 1, High Protection For Biodiversity Zone 2, High Protection For Biodiversity Zone 3, High Protection For Biodiversity Zone 4, High Protection For Biodiversity Zone 5, High Protection For Biodiversity Zone 6 and High Protection For Biodiversity Zone 7, as more fully described in Schedule I, are hereby declared to be marine reserves for the purposes of the Fisheries Resources Act.

Declaration  
of Marine  
Reserve.  
Schedule I.

3. The maps of the Marine Reserves listed in paragraph 2 are set out in Schedule II.

Maps of  
Marine  
Reserves.

## SCHEDULE I

*[paragraph 2]***HIGH PROTECTION FOR BIODIVERSITY ZONE 1**

**ALL THAT PORTION** of Caribbean Sea, zoned as **High Protection For Biodiversity Zone 1** and more fully described using the North American Datum of 1927 (NAD27) and scaling all coordinates, in meters, within Zone 16 of the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection.

Commencing at a point having coordinates 398381 East, 1967488 North; thence East for approximately 3.0 nautical miles (5.5 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 403855 East, 1967488 North; thence South for approximately 7.4 nautical miles (13.8 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 403855 East, 1953711 North; thence West for approximately 3.0 nautical miles (5.5 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 398381 East, 1953711 North; thence North for approximately 7.4 nautical miles (13.8 kilometers) to the point of origin and encompassing an approximate area of 7540 Hectares (75.4 square kilometers).

**HIGH PROTECTION FOR BIODIVERSITY ZONE 2**

**ALL THAT PORTION** of the Caribbean Sea, zoned as **High Protection For Biodiversity Zone 2** and more fully described using the North American Datum of 1927 (NAD27) and scaling all coordinates, in meters, within Zone 16 of the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection.

Commencing at a point having coordinates 428221 East, 1907625 North; thence East for approximately 4.8 nautical miles (8.8 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 437020 East, 1907625 North; thence South for approximately 1.3 nautical miles (2.4 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 437020 East, 1905274 North; thence West for approximately 1.1 nautical miles (2.1 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 434923 East, 1905274 North; thence South-West for approximately 3.6 nautical miles (6.8 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 432119 East, 1899108 North; thence West for approximately 2.1 nautical miles (3.9 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 428221 East, 1899108 North; thence North

for approximately 4.6 nautical miles (8.5 kilometers) to the point of origin and encompassing an approximate area of 5,337 Hectares (53.4 square kilometers).

### **HIGH PROTECTION FOR BIODIVERSITY ZONE 3**

**ALL THAT PORTION** of the Caribbean Sea, zoned as **High Protection For Biodiversity Zone 3** and more fully described using the North American Datum of 1927 (NAD27) and scaling all coordinates, in meters, within Zone 16 of the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection.

Commencing at a point having coordinates 448498 East, 1915014 North; thence East for approximately 4.9 nautical miles (9.0 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 457557 East, 1915014 North; thence South for approximately 10.5 nautical miles (19.5 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 457557 East, 1895552 North; thence West for approximately 9.6 nautical miles (17.8 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 439721 East, 1895552 North; thence North for approximately 2.2 nautical miles (4.2 kilometers) to a point, being the South-Western corner of Halfmoon Caye Natural Monument (S.I. No. 30 of 1982), having coordinates 439733 East, 1899721 North; thence East, along the Southern boundary line of Halfmoon Caye Natural Monument, for approximately 3.8 nautical miles (7.1 kilometers) to a point, being the South-Eastern point of the aforementioned reserve, having coordinates 446823 East, 1899701 North; thence North, along the Eastern boundary line of the aforesaid reserve, for approximately 3.0 nautical miles (5.5 kilometers) to a point, being the North-Eastern corner of the same said reserve, having coordinates 446837 East, 1905233 North; thence North-East for approximately 5.4 nautical miles (9.9 kilometers) to the point of origin and encompassing an approximate area of 23,011 Hectares (240.4 square kilometers).

### **HIGH PROTECTION FOR BIODIVERSITY ZONE 4**

**ALL THAT PORTION** of the Caribbean Sea, zoned as **High Protection For Biodiversity Zone 4** and more fully described using the North American Datum of 1927 (NAD27) and scaling all coordinates, in meters, within Zone 16 of the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection.

Commencing at a point having coordinates 415528 East, 1880957 North; thence East for approximately 7.3 nautical miles (13.4 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 428985 East, 1880957 North; thence South for approximately 5.8 nautical miles (10.7 kilometers) to a point, being the North-Eastern point of the Glover's Reef Marine Reserve Seasonal Closure Zone (S.I. No. 137 of 2001), having coordinates 428983 East, 1870287 North; thence West for approximately 0.7 nautical miles (1.4 kilometers), along a portion of the Northern boundary line of the aforementioned zone, to a point, on the hundred-meter fathom depth contour, having coordinates 427623 East, 1870287 North; thence in a generally on a West-North-Westerly direction for approximately 7.6 nautical miles (14.0 kilometers), along the hundred-meter fathom depth contour, to a point, on the hundred-meter fathom depth contour, having coordinates 415528 East, 1872205 North; thence North for approximately 4.7 nautical miles (8.8 kilometers) to the point of origin and encompassing an approximate area of 12,034 Hectares (120.4 square kilometers).

### **HIGH PROTECTION FOR BIODIVERSITY ZONE 5**

**ALL THAT PORTION** of the Caribbean Sea, zoned as **High Protection For Biodiversity Zone 5** and more fully described using the North American Datum of 1927 (NAD27) and scaling all coordinates, in meters, within Zone 16 of the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection.

Commencing at a point having coordinates 398395 East, 1839688 North; thence East for approximately 5.4 nautical miles (10.0 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 408416 East, 1839688 North; thence South for approximately 5.7 nautical miles (10.6 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 408416 East, 1829071 North; thence West for approximately 5.4 nautical miles (10.0 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 398395 East, 1829071 North; thence North for approximately 5.7 nautical miles (10.6 kilometers) to the point of origin and encompassing an approximate area of 10,639 Hectares (106.4 square kilometers).

## HIGH PROTECTION FOR BIODIVERSITY ZONE 6

**ALL THAT PORTION** of the Caribbean Sea, zoned as **High Protection For Biodiversity Zone 6** and more fully described using the North American Datum of 1927 (NAD27) and scaling all coordinates, in meters, within Zone 16 of the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection.

Commencing at a point, on the South-Eastern boundary line of the Gladden Spit and Silk Cayes Marine Reserve (S. I. No. 68 of 2000), having coordinates 392574 East, 1817701 North; thence North-East for approximately 4.8 nautical miles (8.8 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 400149 East, 1813192 North; thence South-West for approximately 5.4 nautical miles (10.0 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 393165 East, 1805995 North; thence North-West for approximately 4.6 nautical miles (8.4 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 385526 East, 1809598 North; thence North-East for approximately 4.0 nautical miles (7.3 kilometers) to a point, being the most Southern point for the Gladden Spit and Silk Cayes Marine Reserve (S. I. No. 68 of 2000), having coordinates 390332 East, 1815123 North; thence further North-East, along a portion of the South-Eastern boundary line of the aforementioned Marine Reserve, for approximately 1.8 nautical miles (3.4 kilometers) to the point origin and encompassing an approximate area of 8,665 Hectares (86.6 square kilometers).

## HIGH PROTECTION FOR BIODIVERSITY ZONE 7

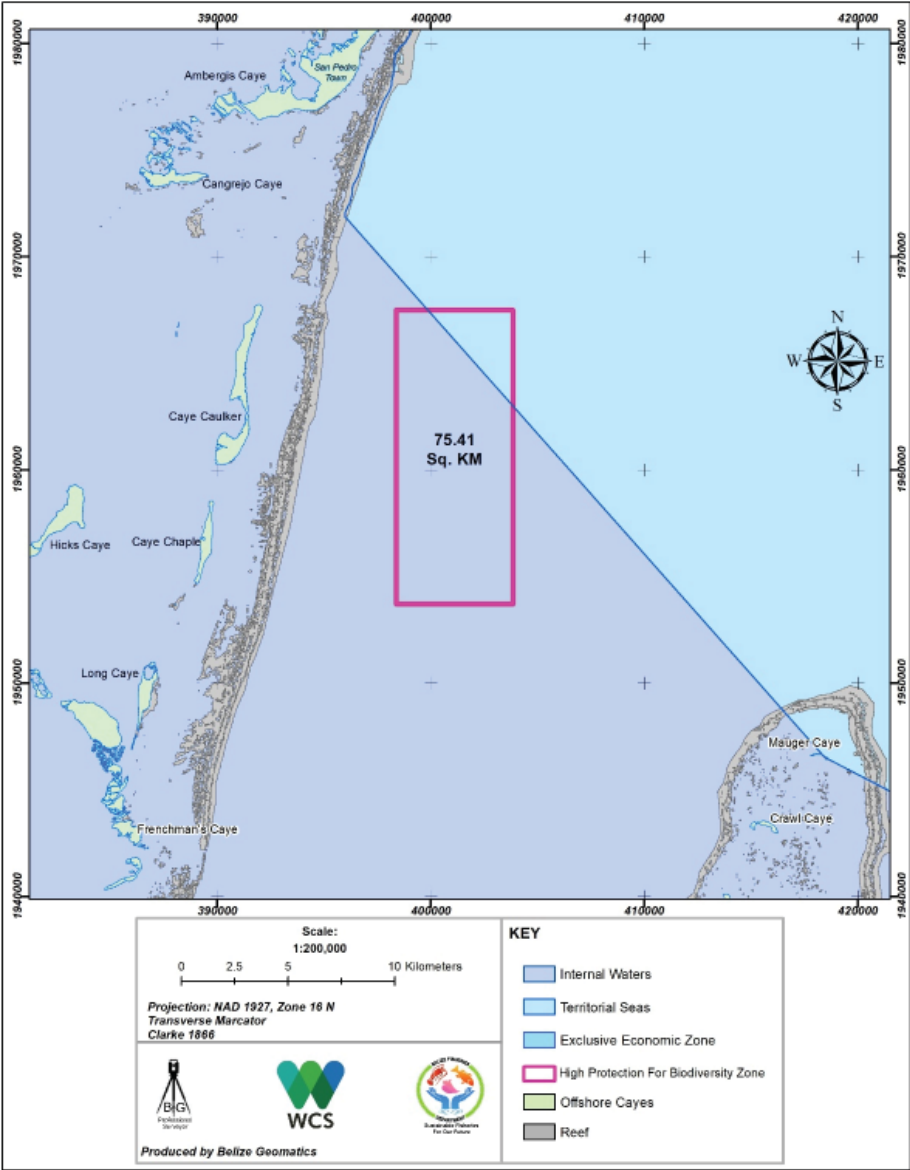
**ALL THAT PORTION** of the Caribbean Sea, zoned as **High Protection For Biodiversity Zone 7**, and more fully described using the North American Datum of 1927 (NAD27) and scaling all coordinates, in meters, within Zone 16 of the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) projection.

Commencing at a North-Eastern point on the boundary between the Belize's Territorial Sea and Belize's Exclusive Economic Zone having approximate coordinates 434228 East, 2010726 North; thence in a generally Southern direction on the same said boundary line for approximately 138.9 nautical miles (257.3 kilometers) to a point on the same said boundary line having approximate coordinates 407424 East, 1804373 North; thence West for

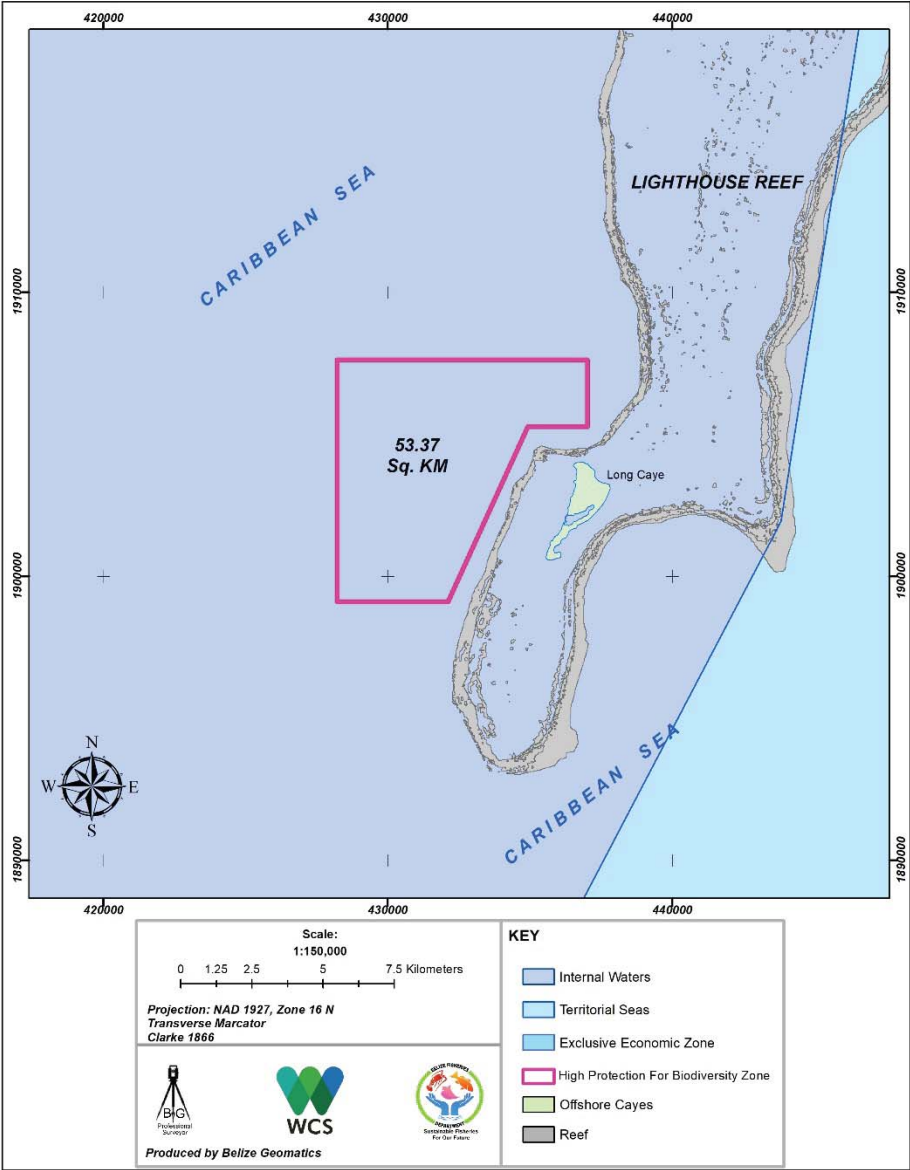
approximately 1.8 nautical miles (3.4 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 404072 East, 1804388 North; thence in a generally Northern direction, along an approximate 1.8 nautical miles offset West of the boundary line between Belize's Territorial Sea and Belize's Exclusive Economic Zone, for approximately 139.2 nautical miles (257.8 kilometers) to a point having coordinates 431814 East, 2010736 North; thence East for approximately 1.3 nautical miles (2.4 kilometers) to the point of origin and encompassing an approximate area of 62,167.8 Hectares (621.7 square kilometers).

SCHEDULE II  
[paragraph 3]

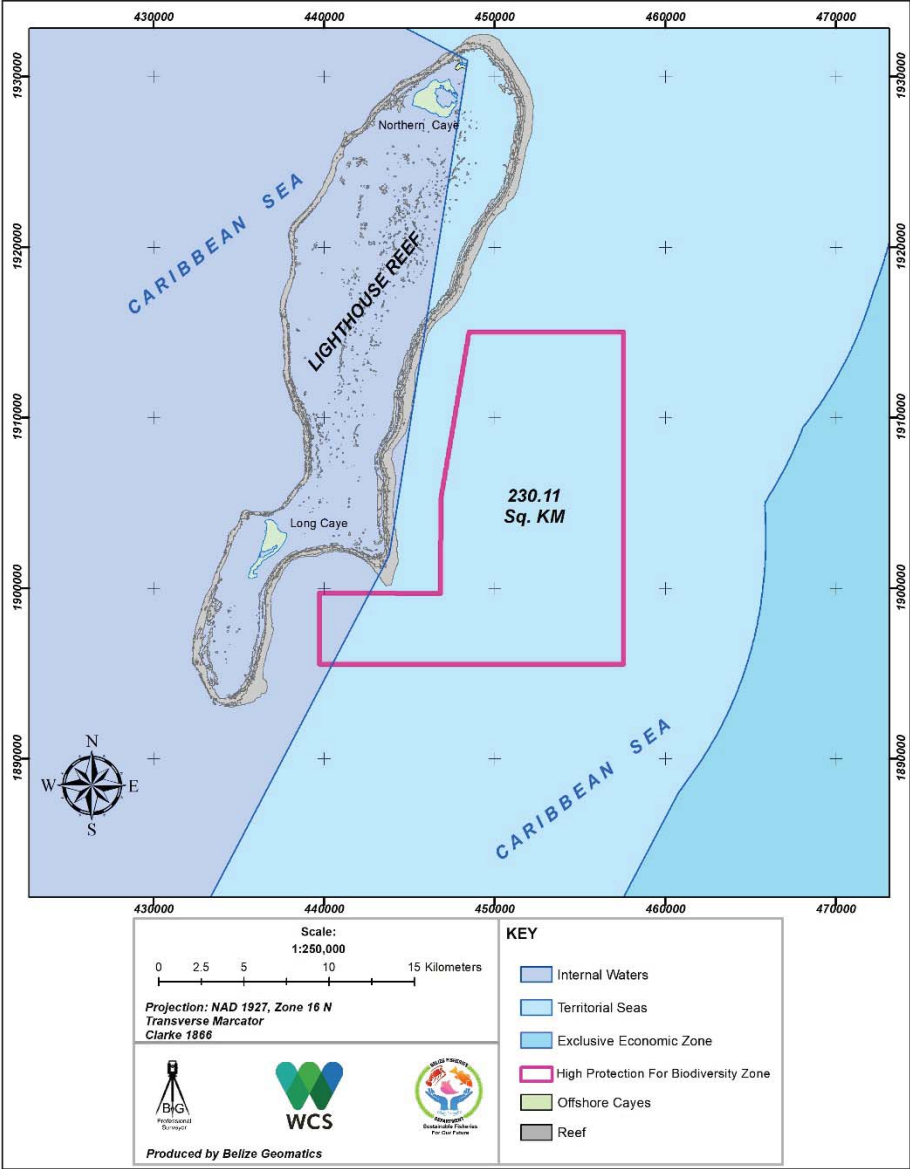
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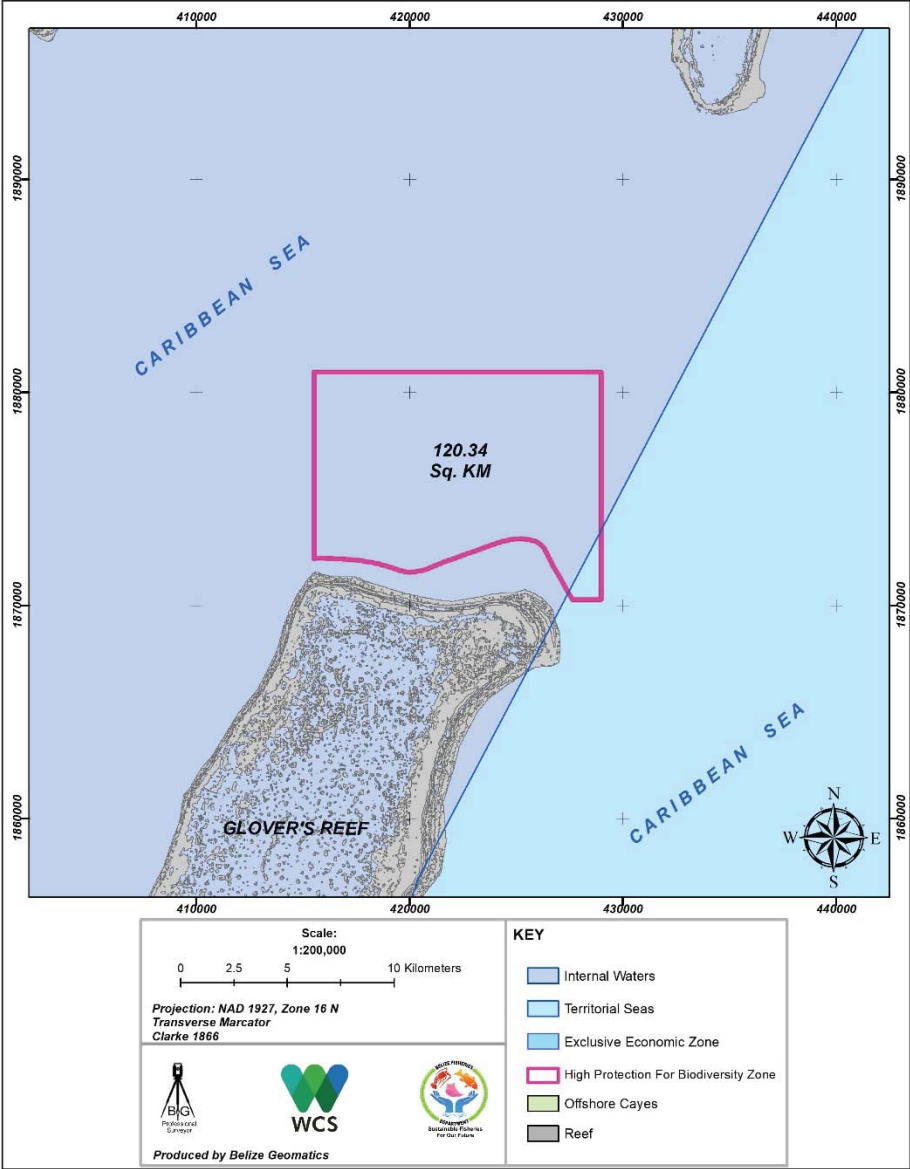
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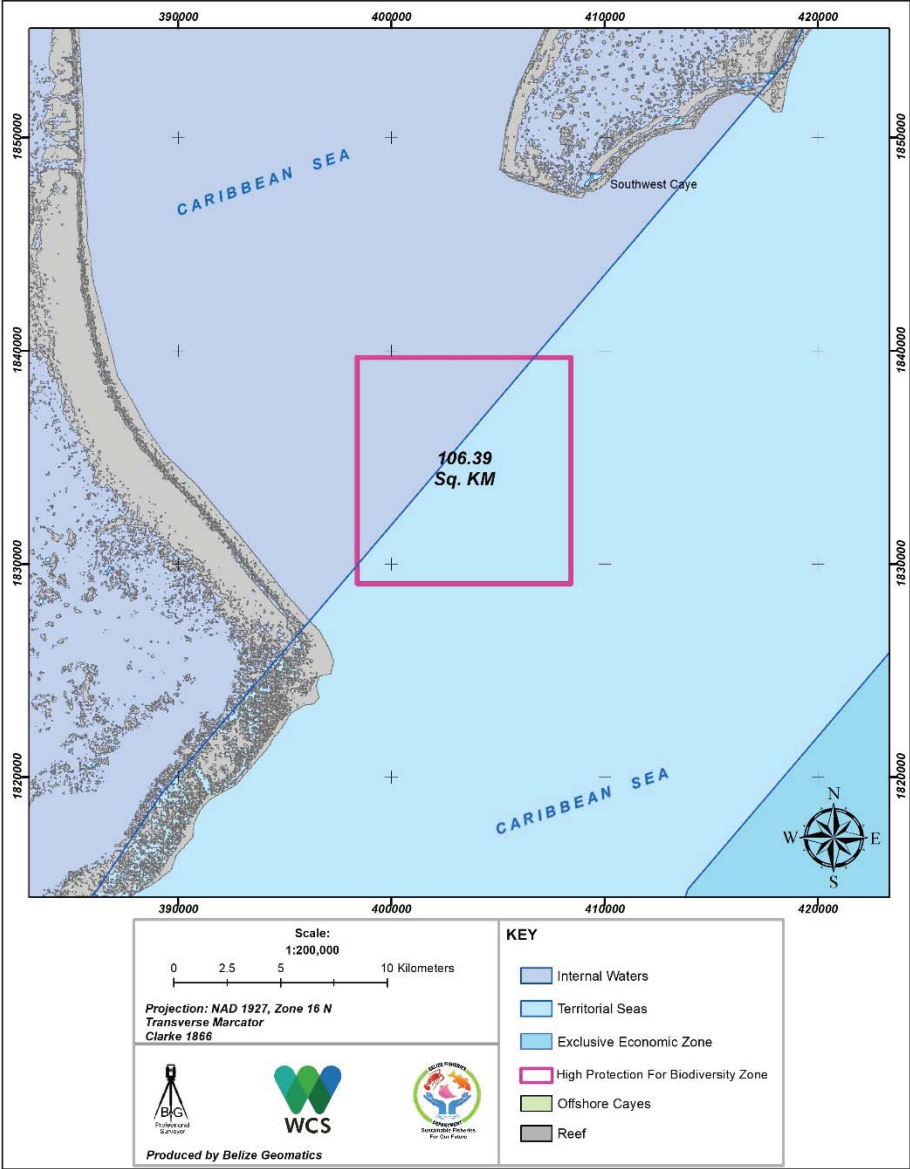
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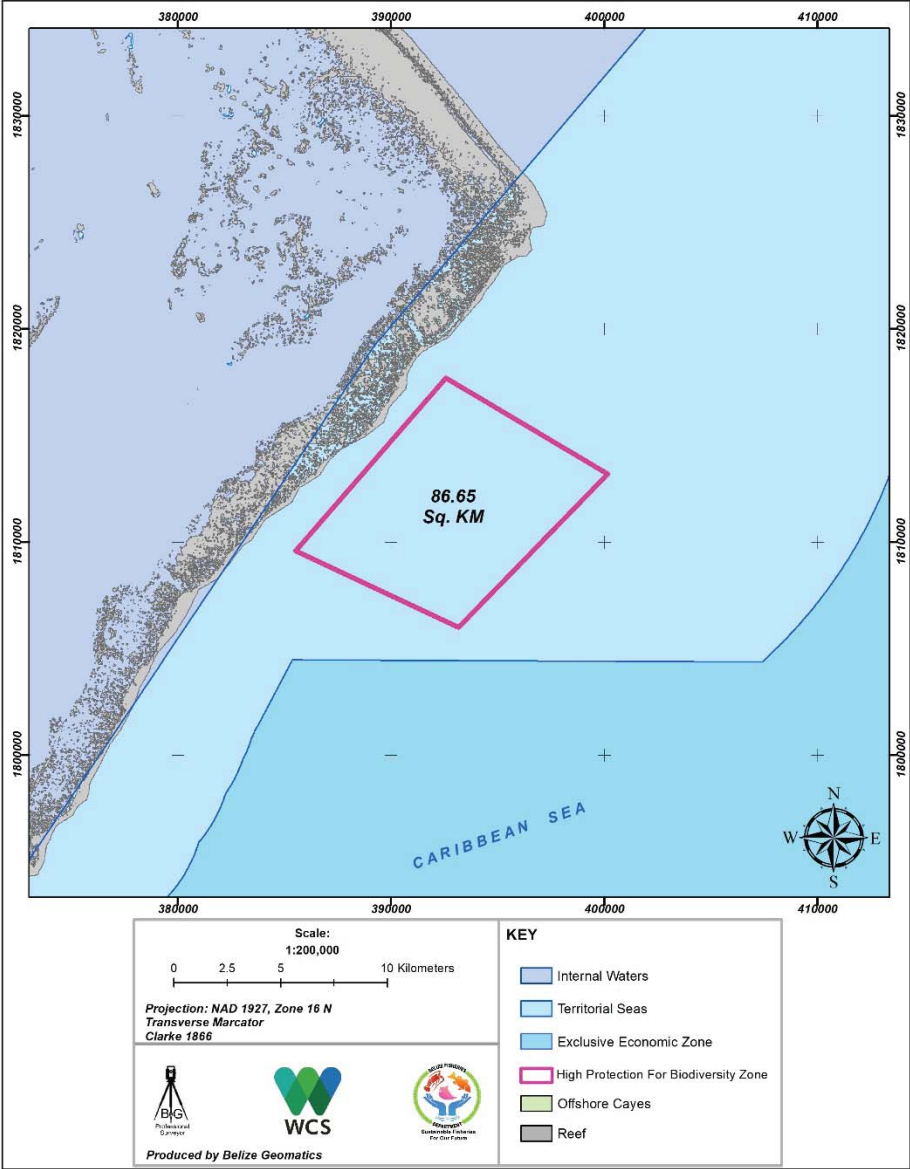
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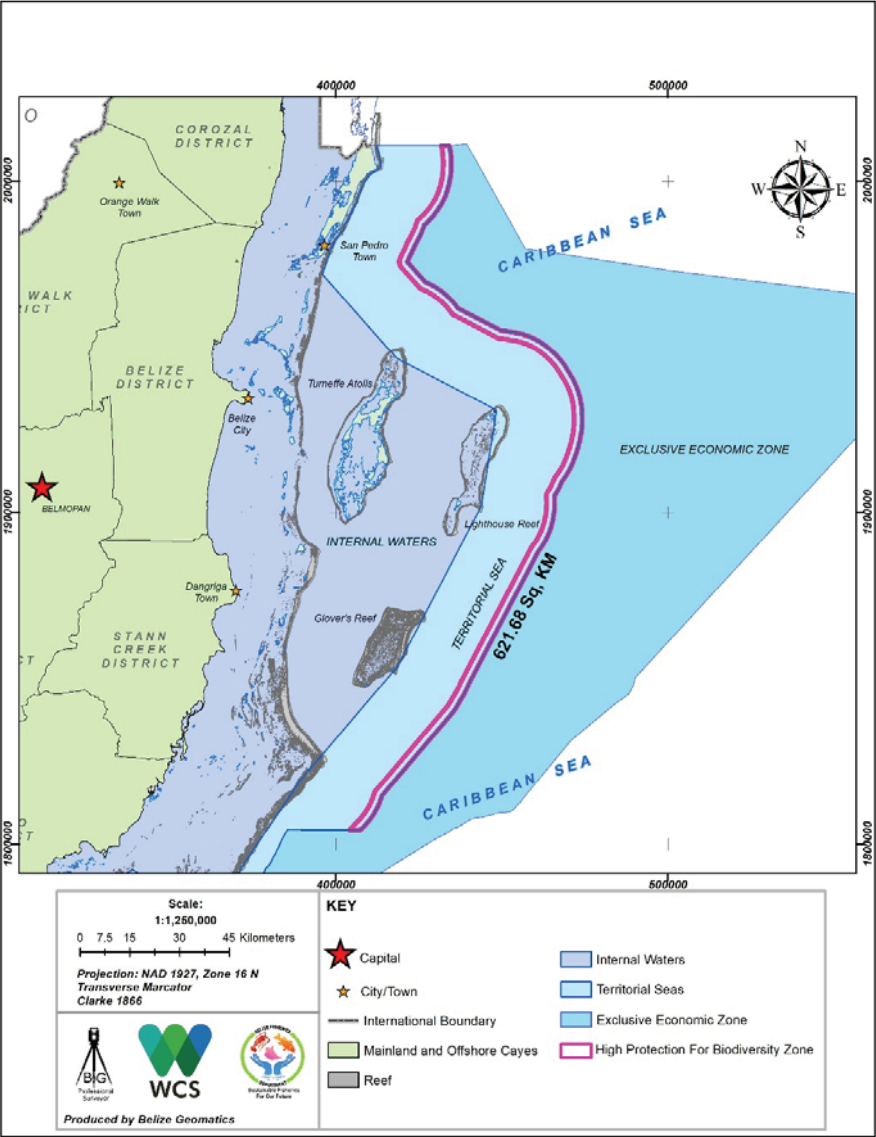
HIGH PROTECTION FOR BIODIVERSITY ZONE 5



HIGH PROTECTION FOR BIODIVERSITY ZONE 6



HIGH PROTECTION FOR BIODIVERSITY ZONE 7



**MADE** by the Minister responsible for fisheries this 19th day of April, 2022.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Abner Perez', written over the printed name.

**HON. ABNER PEREZ**

Minister of the Blue Economy and Civil Aviation  
*(Minister responsible for fisheries)*