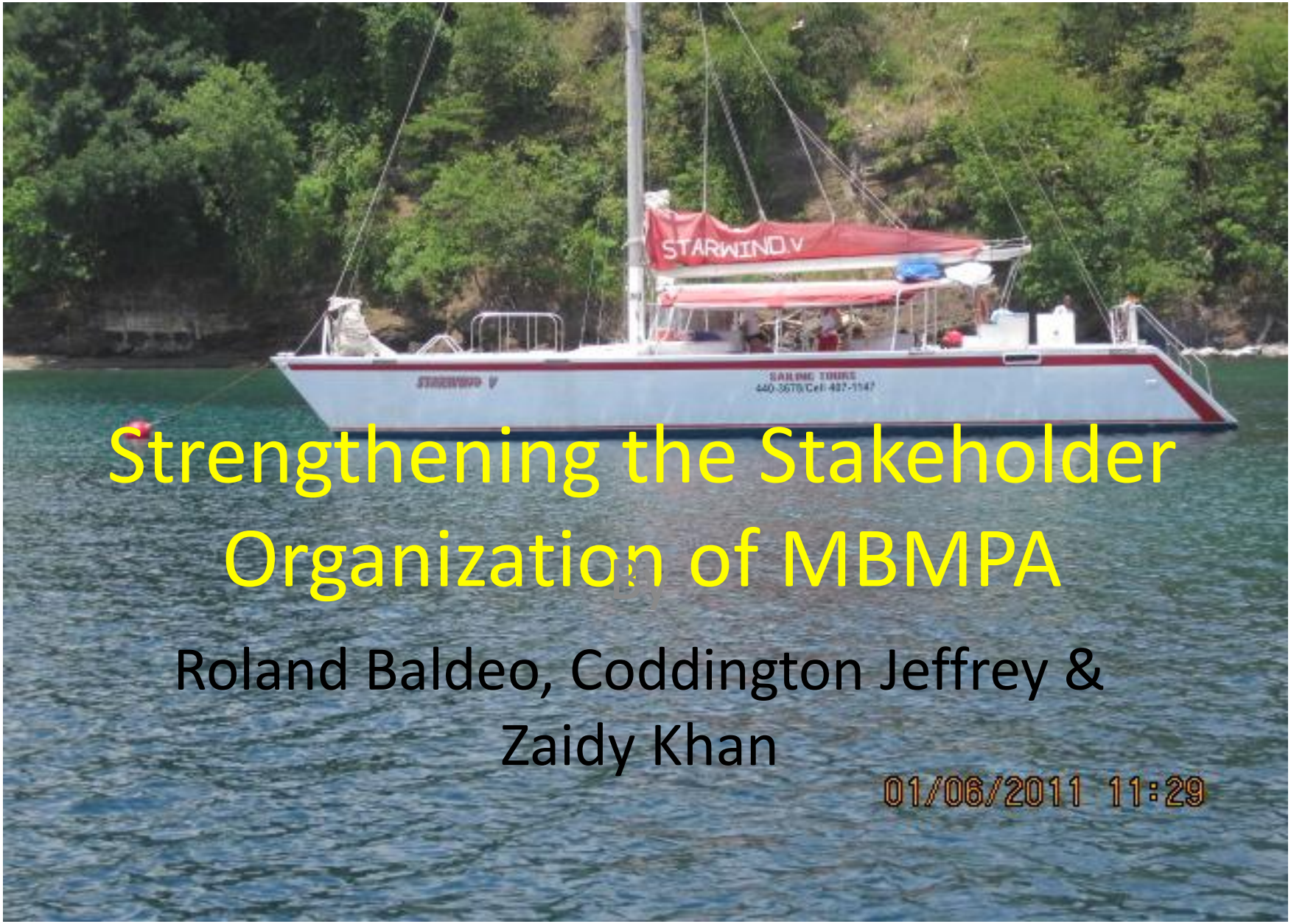

Strengthening the Stakeholder Organization of MBMPA

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Introduction

- The MBMPA was designated 2001
- No formal management structure until 2009
- The MBMPA Stakeholder Committee was formed in 2009

Introduction

- Acted as an advisory committee to the Fisheries Division for the day-to-day operation of the MBMPA
- Not formalized as there was no provision in the legislation for this Committee

Issues/Concerns

- Communication protocols
- Outcomes of meetings (minutes)
- Unfamiliarity with the MBMPA management plan
- Members unclear of theirs and other persons roles and responsibilities
- Morals of members affected
- Reduced voluntary participation

Strengthening

- There was need for training capacity to address these concerns and issues
- Board Effectiveness workshop (Nov. 2011)

Strengthening cont'd

- Half-day Consultation meeting for members
- Facilitated by an independent facilitator

- Highlighted the reasons for evolving into a Board and to discuss this new arrangement

Specific objectives

- To discuss the roles, responsibilities and limitations of current MBMPA management committee.
- To announce the formation of MBMPA board.
- To revisit the issues of the MBMPA management plan
- To finalize the draft terms of reference of the MBMPA board.

Method

- The activity concept and agenda was planned and discussed with project team members
- An independent facilitator was hired to facilitate focal group discussion for the activity

Method

- Date and agenda was confirmed in this meeting for the follow up activity two weeks prior the activity
- A draft terms of reference was distributed to members' prior 1 week before the activity for members to review and bring their concerns and issues to the workshop for discussion.

Results

- The final terms of reference to presented to the National MPA Committee for endorsement

Results

Discussion

- TOR to be presented to National MPA Committee
- Financial challenges under the current institutional and management arrangement
- Progress in the formation of a Board is key in addressing management issues
- The present MPA regulations do not provide the provisions of the legal mandate for co-management arrangement.

Discussion cont'd

- FD has committed for amendments of the MPA regulation before the end of 2012
- The endorsement of the MPA Board will further assist in the review of the regulations

Key learning

- MBMPA providing livelihood benefits to adjacent communities in the MPA and further provision will be needed to promote the livelihood activities

- More than one community rep from the site based MPA community to be on the Board to strengthen community ownership and MPA livelihood benefits.

Key Learning cont'd

- MPA management and operation rules may be different for private sector and local communities

- Revisit to MPA regulations to meet the current arrangements will make the policy review process an adaptive process

Key Learning cont'd

- A synthesised MPA management plan linking to the yearly MPA activity action plan is to be developed. This would incorporate monitoring of biophysical indictors and report status of the resource being managed.

References and appendices

References

- MBMPA management plan

Appendices

- Workshop agenda
- Participants list
- Draft TOR
- Copy of Management Framework