

# Press Release

## Appointment Announcement

### Valarie Lanza



The International Merchant Marine Registry of Belize (IMMARBE) is delighted to announce the appointment of Mrs. Valarie Lanza as the Senior Deputy Registrar (Acting), effective from June 17, 2024.

In her new role, Mrs. Lanza will assume key responsibilities, including team leadership, revenue generation, client relationship management, general management duties, and service development oversight.

A dedicated member of the Women in Maritime Association Caribbean (WiMAC) Belize Chapter, Mrs. Lanza brings an extensive maritime experience of twenty-seven years to her position. She embarked on her career in the maritime industry as a Registration Officer and subsequently made significant contributions to the development of the Certification Department. Later, Mrs. Lanza played a vital role in the growth and expansion of the high seas fisheries sector within the Fishing Administration Department. She has also held positions such as Quality Management and Documents Control officer, as well as Deputy Registrar with special responsibilities for seafarer services. Notably, in 2013 Mrs. Lanza was appointed as Belize's first Director of High Seas Fisheries with the Belize High Seas Fisheries Unit, where she led the implementation of new legislation to enhance Belize's management and control regime for high seas fisheries.

Throughout her tenure at IMMARBE and BHSFU, Mrs. Lanza has accumulated a wealth of knowledge and expertise across various operational functions, including maritime business management, oceans governance, fisheries management, adherence to quality management standards, and legal familiarity. Her work remains focused on strategic planning and development to effectively address the evolving needs of the industry.

IMMARBE wholeheartedly welcomes these changes and reiterates its commitment to enhancing and improving its registry processes.