



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex 8.3

Decision Document on

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by
the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste

I. Background

The year 2016 was a very busy year for the MPA TWG with so many regional activities pursued and conducted by the working group, partners and collaborators. The working group itself conducted several workshops and meetings to refine the CTMPAS nomination process and criteria and at the same time conducted and completed the 2nd round of CTMPAS nomination. The group also developed the criteria for the Regional Recognition Award for Coral Triangle MPAs. Meanwhile, partners like the WWF went on to work on the nature-based tourism governance framework while the Coral Triangle Center focused on the capacity building needs of the working group. Indonesia and CTC also collaborated together with other stakeholders on the development of the TOR for the establishment of the Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force. The year also saw the opportunity to train new CT Atlas focal points in order to update the country data and hopefully to generate an updated CT MPA map.

This year, however, due to numerous hosting commitments to both regional and international events and conferences and at the same time the Philippines is the current CT COM Chair, the Philippine MPA Working Group was tasked to focused on the organizational development of the CTI Regional Secretariat and other CTI administrative concerns and issues. Hence, the regional MPA TWG concerns may not have been given the needed focus.

II. Decision

Based on the presentation by the WG and discussions during the session on *Technical Working Group Reports - MPA* at SOM12 (*Attachment 8.3.a*), the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Mandated the MPA Technical Working Group to accomplish all the tasks and decisions made during SOM12 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.
2. Called on all Partners to assist the MPA Working Group in accomplishing all the tasks and target activities in the 2017 Work Plan.

3. Recognized the efforts and the progress of the countries on their MPA programs and activities, which are contributing to the regional and global targets.
4. Recognized the urgency for Regional Secretariat to resolve the technical issues in accessing CT Atlas.
5. Supported the recommendation of MPA Working Group to turnover the Chairmanship from Philippines to Indonesia and Solomon Islands as the next Co-Chair based on the provisions stipulated in the MPA Working Group Term of References.

Attachments:

- 8.3.a. MPA Working Group Report for SOM13