



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex 8.5

Decision Document on

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Threatened Species Working Group

The 13th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-13)

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Makati City, Philippines

Adopted on 30 November 2017
by
the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste

I. Background

With the endorsement of SOM12 and the technical and financial support of the partners and collaborators the first TSWG workshop and TWG meeting was conducted on March 22-23, 2017 in Putrajaya, Malaysia. All member countries were represented and some threatened species experts from Malaysia and other regional organizations were also at hand to provide technical inputs and guidance as the group navigated towards developing the outline for the regional TS assessment report, the region-wide conservation plan outline on TS and in formulating the regional roadmap of the TSWG to achieve the fifth goal of the RPOA.

In addition to these developments, the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project is also making history with the establishment of a network of MPAs on the Philippine side of the transboundary Marine Turtle Protected Area Network (MTPAN) as safe havens for the Green Turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) in Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape. The network was launched during a CMS-COP12 side event in Manila, Philippines last October 24, 2017. This was facilitated by GIZ in collaboration with Conservation International – Philippines with support from the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety.

II. Decision

Based on the presentation by the WG and discussions during the session on *Technical Working Group Reports - Threatened Species* at SOM13 (*Attachments 8.5.a, 8.5.b*), the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Commended the achievement of the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project for having established the network of MPAs on the Philippine side of the Marine Turtle Protected Area Network as safe havens for the Green Turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) and acknowledged the support of the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety through GIZ and CI-Philippines to make this happen (*Attachment 8.5.c*).

2. Tasked the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project to include the Transboundary MPA Network for Marine Turtles in the regional conservation plan for marine turtles and for the Project through the Regional Secretariat coordinate with TSWG for the next steps.
3. Noted the progress made by the countries in formulating their assessment report on threatened species, hence, tasked the WG to develop a regional profile/report based on the national reports on the status of the TS in the Coral Triangle Region;
4. Noted the progress made by the countries in formulating their national conservation plans for marine mammals, sharks and rays and marine turtles, thus, tasked the WG to put together a region-wide conservation plan for these threatened species;
5. Tasked the Working Group to finalize the proposed Terms of Reference for the creation of a pool of experts on threatened species (*Attachment 8.5.d*);
6. Noted the progress of the TSWG to plan the development of the TSWG monitoring and evaluation indicators;
7. Agreed to endorse the recommendation of the WG to turnover the TWG Chairmanship from Malaysia to Papua New Guinea and for Indonesia to be the next Co-Chair based on the TSWG Terms of Reference under 3.2 of Section 3 on Membership and Structure which states that the term of the WG Chair and Co-Chair is 2 years starting 1 January of the year, subject to the confirmation of the SOM;
8. Approved the TSWG Work Plan 2018 and called on the partners and collaborators to continue to provide technical and financial support to Goal 5.

Attachments:

- 8.5.a. Threatened Species Working Group Report for SOM13
- 8.5.b. Minutes of the 1st TS TWG meeting
- 8.5.c. MOA of the Philippines MTPAN (Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project)
- 8.5.d. Terms of Reference for the creation of a pool of experts