

THE PHILIPPINES



CORAL TRIANGLE  
INITIATIVE  
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES  
AND FOOD SECURITY

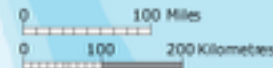
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# PRESOM13

SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING  
MANILA, 27 - 28 NOVEMBER 2017

Marine Protected Areas  
Working Group

Theresa Mundita Lim  
Chair of MPA Working Group  
Philippines



# Country Focal Points

Country	Focal Points
Indonesia (Co-Chair)	<b>Mr. Andi Rusandi, Director for Marine Conservation and Biodiversity</b> Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries
Malaysia	<b>Dr. Jamili Nais, Director for Sabah Park, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment, Sabah</b>
Papua New Guinea	<b>Ms. Kay Kalim, Director of Environment and Conservation</b>
Philippines (Chair)	<b>Ms. Theresa Mundita S. Lim, Director</b> Biodiversity Management Bureau, DENR
Solomon Islands	<b>Agnetha Vave-Karamui, Chief Conservation Officer</b> Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology ; Supported by Mr. Paul Jay Tua of Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
Timor-Leste	<b>Mr. Jose Monteiro</b> Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

# Partners

Role	Primary Partners
Technical Lead	Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force - CTC Nature-based Tourism - WWF Capacity Building - CTC
Coordination Support	Regional Secretariat
Mapping/CT Atlas Support	Pacific countries - Nate Peterson Philippines - UPMSI
Technical Support	CIP, GIZ, UNEP, UNDP

# Status on Decisions Endorsed by SOM12

Decisions Endorsed by SOM 12	Status and Way Forward
Acknowledge with appreciation the contribution of the partners on sustainable marine tourism	The nature-based tourism project of WWF is ongoing in PNG, SI and TL and will be completed by January 2018.
Acknowledge the outputs of NCC Indonesia, Regional Secretariat and the CTC for the development of the Terms of Reference as revised of the Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force	The MPA WG will organize a WG meeting to orient the countries on the revised TOR of the SMT-TF
Acknowledge the CT- Atlas Focal Points with endorsement of NCC who are tasked to update the CT-Atlas MPA Database	The CT-Atlas MPA Database is currently not accessible so the RS is tasked to reach out to WorldFish and report the matter through MEWG.

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Called for financial support to operationalize activities under MPA Goal	On-going
Endorsed the implementation of the 2017 Work Plan and the Roadmap for the 3rd Round of CTMPAS Nomination Recognition.	The group is proposing to carry out the activities of the 2017 work plan in 2018.
Endorsed the TOR and composition of Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force	Initiate discussions on the formation of the Task Force in the next working group call meeting.
Endorsed the development of a sustainable nature tourism brand for the Coral Triangle, which would be presented to the SMT-TF for consideration and adoption if approved.	WG to seek the technical assistance of the WWF/NOAA on the development of the sustainable nature tourism brand for CT.

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Endorsed the proposed nature-based tourism governance framework and corresponding M&E indicators linked with the CTMPAS by SOM13.	WG to seek the technical assistance of the WWF/NOAA on the development of the sustainable nature tourism brand for CT.
Endorsement the establishment of a system to enable countries to prioritize their MPA capacity building needs annually, through the MPA TWG platform, and disseminate these priorities to all capacity provider (supported by Regional Secretariat and CTC)	Work in progress
Endorse the establishment of a process to systematically capture progress date with regards to how capacity needs for MPAs are being met in the region moving forward; facilitated through the MPA TWG	For discussion in the next WG meeting.
Endorsed the engagement and support of an experienced MPA Coordinator at the Regional Secretariat	Funding to be confirmed.

# Updates on the Goals and Targets of the MPA WG

**Regional Action 1 : Jointly establish overall goals, objectives, principles, and operational design elements for a CTMPAS-centered around priority MPA networks**

<b><i>Activities/Actions</i></b>	<b><i>Status and Way Forward</i></b>
Implementation of CTMPAS nomination (3rd round)	To be launched once the Review Committee is organized
Creation of the External Advisory/Review Committee	TOR for the review committee is in place.
Regional Recognition and Awards of effectively managed MPAs	Review the TOR of the Regional Recognition and Awards for implementation.
Conduct periodic CTI MPA-TWG meetings and MPA Advisory Group meetings.	To be organized
Engagement of a MPA Coordinator to guide CTMPAS implementation and provide overall support to MPA TWG.	Funding to be confirmed

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CT Atlas Focal Points of the CT6 to update the CT Atlas MPA database as endorsed by each NCCs to report to SOM13	CT Atlas is currently unavailable
Continue to develop/implement/refine the MPA M&E tools	For follow up
Undertake activities for year 1 of the Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force (SMT-TF) as outlined in the roadmap	Review the Roadmap in the call meeting
Formally launch SMT-TF and review results of year 1 activities at 2017 RBF	Organize the SMT-TF
Undertake annual prioritization of capacity building needs for each CT6 country through MPA REX (with support from RS and CTC)	RS to coordinate with CTC in moving this forward.



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<b><i>Activities/Actions</i></b>	<b><i>Status and Way Forward</i></b>
Input all national MPA data into the CT Atlas for tracking national and regional progress	CT Atlas currently unavailable
CT Atlas annual report on the country MPA status to the NCCs and MPA TWG	CT Atlas currently unavailable
MPA M&E indicators are tracked with data inputs/updates from countries for progress and change	Completed in 2013; targeted to be updated
Request for technical assistance to each country to improve national MPA data quality and consistency for CT Atlas tracking following CT Atlas protocols	Development of GEF proposal with ADB - TBC

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<b><i>Activities/Actions</i></b>	<b><i>Status</i></b>
CT Atlas institutional base is supported and expanded to perform data management, analysis and reporting functions	Development of GEF proposal with ADB - TBC
Establishment of the Marine Turtle Protected Area Network on Green Turtles, <i>Chelonia mydas</i> , in the Philippines under the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project	Completed

# Milestones to Date

- Official declaration of the Arnavon Community Marine Park as the first National Marine Park in Solomon Islands
- Establishment of Tun Mustapha Park in Malaysia, Berau Conservation Areas in East Kalimantan Indonesia, and Marine Turtle Protected Area Network in the Philippines paving the way for the Tri-National MPA Network in Sulu Sulawesi Seascape
- Establishment of the 2 million-hectare locally managed MPA in Northern Palawan, Philippines
- Development of the National Protected Areas Policy in Papua New Guinea

# Challenges

- Lack of sustainable financing in the sustainable management of the marine protected areas
- Manpower and security problem in the area
- Lack of technical capacity to manage the MPAs
- How to be strategic in achieving the targets and priority actions of Goal 3 of the RPOA considering that there are 2 more years left.
- Enforcement of the laws and the lack of resources to enforce the laws
- How to increase the awareness of the community on the benefits of MPA

# Recommendations for SOM13 Consideration

- Mandate the MPA Technical Working Group to accomplish all the tasks and decisions made during SOM12 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea by SOM14.
- Call on all Development Partners to assist the MPA Working Group in accomplishing all the tasks and target activities in the 2017 work plan.
- Recognize the efforts and the progress of the countries on their MPA programs and activities which are contributing to the regional and global targets.
- Recognize the urgency for RS to resolve the technical issues in accessing CT Atlas
- Support the recommendation of MPAWG to turnover the Chairmanship from Philippines to Indonesia and recommend the turnover of the Co-Chairmanship from Indonesia to Solomon Islands of the MPA WG based on the provisions stipulated in the MPAWG TOR

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