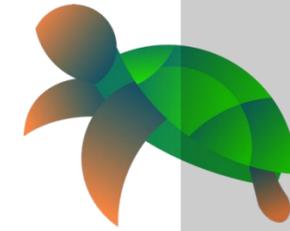
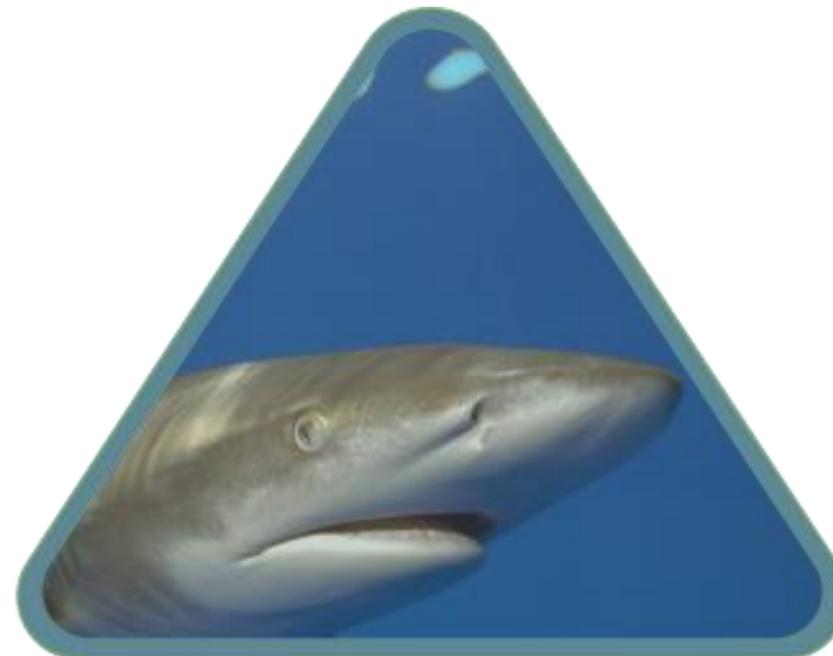


TRIPOD



Targeting Regional Investigations for Policing Opportunities & Development Combating wildlife trafficking between Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines

Adapted from Threatened Species Working Group presentation (November) for CTI-CFF PRE-SOM16 – 7 December 2021



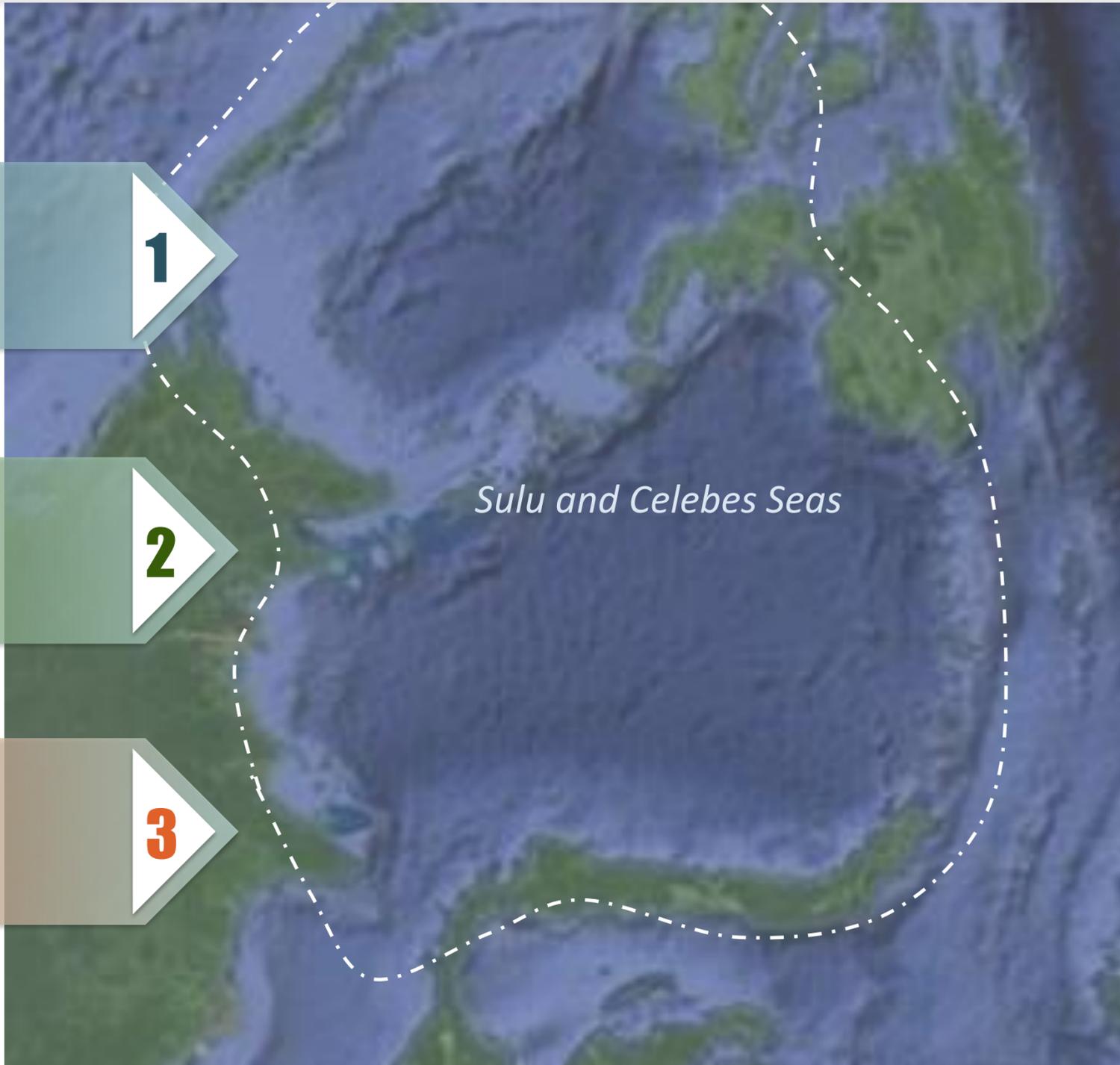
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GOAL: Decrease wildlife trafficking between Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines, with a geographic focus on the shared territory around the Sulu and Celebes Seas.

IMPROVE counter wildlife trafficking enforcement

REDUCE wildlife trafficking in target areas

ENHANCE care and repatriation of confiscated animals



Sulu and Celebes Seas

WHY: Asia-Pacific is a key biodiversity hotspot and significant source and destination for Illegal Wildlife Trade

Headliners

- Illicit flows of goods and persons in South-East Asia are worth between US\$73bn and US\$114bn per year.
- Combined all global, transnational organized environmental crime is worth between US\$70bn and \$213bn per year, with **Southeast Asia accounts for up to a quarter of global demand for illegal wildlife.**

Original Research Article

Mass sea turtle slaughter at Pulau Tiga, Malaysia: Genetic studies indicate poaching locations and its potential effects

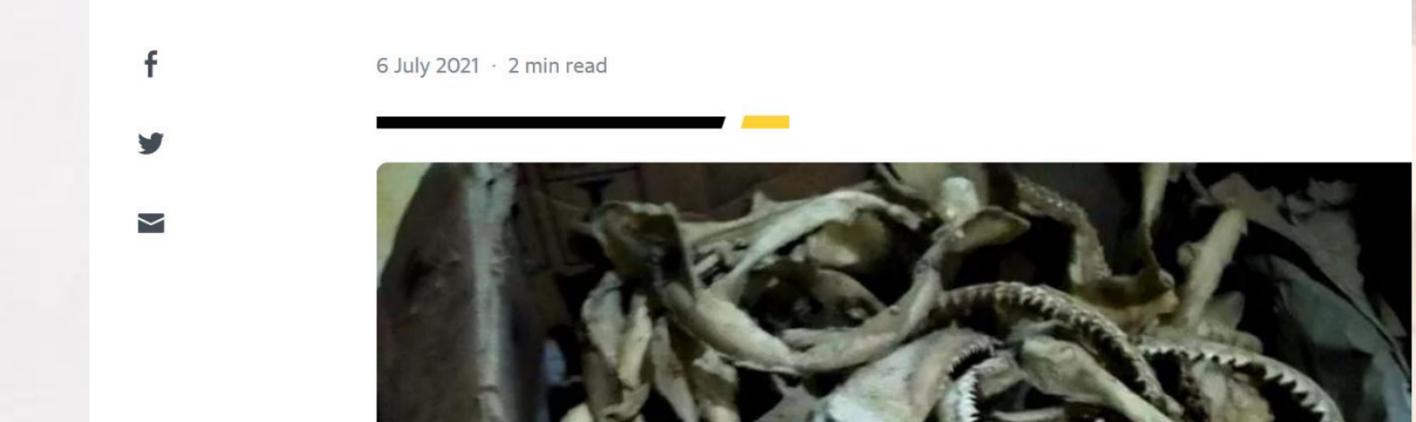
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the natal origin was mainly from the Sulu and Celebes Seas

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In Southeast Asia, illegal hunting is a more threat to wildlife than forest degradation
Date: October 30, 2019

P13M worth of banned fishery products seized



RM80mil of ivory and pangolin scales seized in Sabah

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APPLIED ECOLOGY

The historical development of complex global trafficking networks for marine wildlife

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trade in critically endangered hawksbill sea turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*). We find that trade networks concentrated in Southeast Asia harvested 9 million turtles, over six times previous estimates. These networks spread from within the Pacific, to the Indian and Atlantic basins, and became markedly more complex after 1950. Our

Why Sulu Celebes Seas?

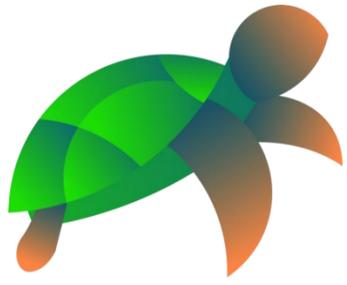
- Has high biodiversity and value
- Is a wildlife transit point
- With high numbers of seized cases

TRIPOD Mission

Support **joint training, capacity building and increased cooperation for law enforcement**, and provide technical assistance to:

- increase interdiction of trafficked wildlife
- build investigative and enforcement functions
- develop cross-border regional cooperation
- improve procedures for handling seized wildlife

... with a focus on marine species
(including marine turtles and sharks)
and highly trafficked species (e.g.
pangolin)



Implementing Partners

CTOC Trainings | WildScan smartphone app | Regional Task Force support
Assessments | National Task Force Support



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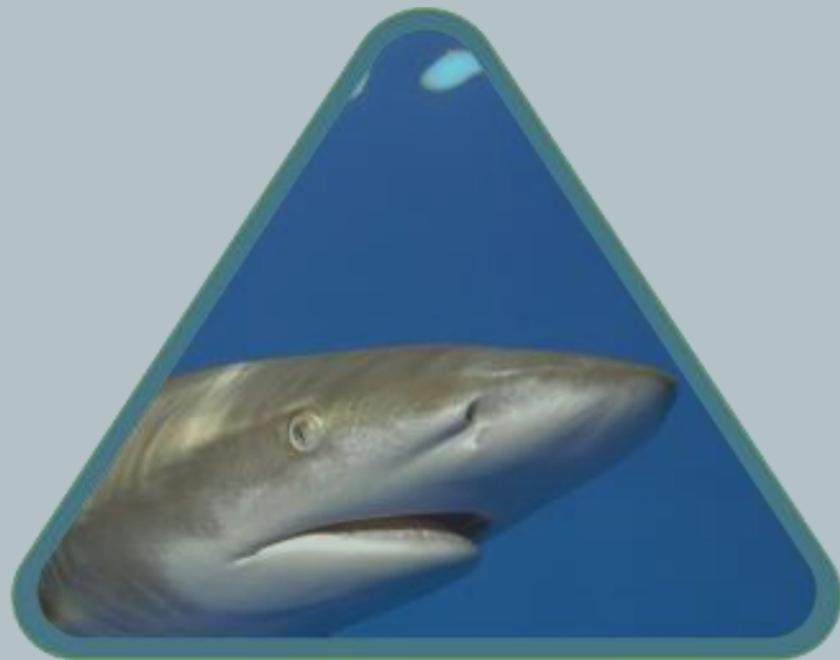


Care of Confiscated Wildlife trainings & equipment | Best Practices
on confiscated wildlife

Assessments | WildScan smartphone app



Strategy



Build National Task Forces and tools

- Undertake Rapid Assessments to identify gaps and needs (replicable for monitoring and scale to other countries)
- Build task force & tailor tools according to needs in each country:
 - Provide Counter Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC) training
 - Build national taskforces
 - Refine WildScan species ID tool
 - Provide genetic traceability 'know-how' training on turtles
 - Develop Rapid Reference Guide (RRG) to counter wildlife trafficking
- Offer CTI-CFF to:
 - Participate, and be trained



Strategy



Connect National Task Forces

- Seek regional participation from:
 - Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF)
 - ASEANAPOL
- Create **TRIPOD regional taskforce** with national task forces
- CTI-CFF, ASEANAPOL potential to participate in on-the-job joint exercises, instructor training, and develop Standard Operating Procedures
- **Offer CTI-CFF to:**
 - Become trainers
 - House TRIPOD regional taskforce in a working group, with all ready-made tools to scale to CT6 for IMPACT

Strategy



Care of Confiscated Wildlife

- Train stakeholders on:
 - Caring for and ultimately repatriating confiscated wildlife
- Distribute field kits and train stakeholders on using them
- Train stakeholders on species identification
- Develop best practices on care and repatriation

Impact

- Enforcement agencies professionally trained
- Enhanced tri-nation enforcement cooperation
- Tri-nation collaboration significantly more active and visible



... criminal supply chain disrupted and dismantled by enforcement chain ...



... Live animals seized in trade will be handled & repatriated properly, creating a new, high, sustained standard in target areas ...

- Seized wild animals traced (for turtles), handled and repatriated properly
- Standard procedures for handling seized animals created



What TRIPOD will deliver

... Criminal rings no longer find the sub-region's wildlife an easy target and are deterred from using the area as a source and transit for wildlife trafficking operations ...

Tax Inspection

FIU

Police

Customs

Prosecutor

Anti
Corruption

NGO

Syndicate
Finances

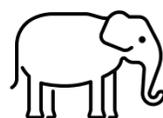
Syndicate
Logistics

Corruption

Syndicate
Social
Network

Buyers of
illicit Products

- Task forces to counter wildlife trafficking in the Sulu and Celebes Sea
- A new regional task force tied to National Task Forces and with bridges to regional entities CTI-CFF, ASEANAPOL, MARSEC
- Model counter wildlife trafficking actions:
 - Successful cross-border coordination of cases (including by money laundering agencies)
 - Successful care and repatriation of confiscated animals



... between March 2021 to March 2023...

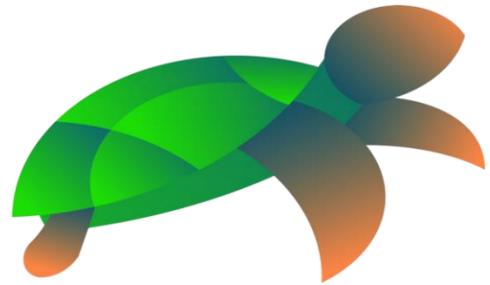


Outputs to house and scale

TRIPOD toolkit:

- CTOC national training + regional OJT and instructor course
- Species ID Application (WildScan)
- Turtle Traceability Training
- Care-for-Confiscated Wildlife Kits and Training
- Rapid Reference Guides with regional transboundary lift-out field guide





Opportunities Between March 2021 – March 2023 and beyond +++

To be trained and/or become a trainer/facilitator

... intersecting with RPOA 2.0 under Threatened Species and/or Seascape Working Groups...

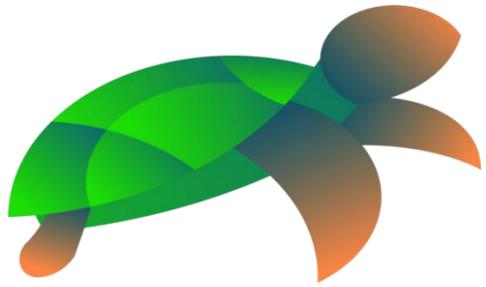
House and scale:

- TRIPOD tools
 - Greater capacity building to identify and disrupt organized wildlife crime
- Interagency counter CWT regional taskforce
 - Co-host*, convene, support and sustain +++ scale to other CT6 countries

** Noting: Opportunity to work with ASEANAPol as they have been engaged too*

Financing:

- TRIPOD comes established, ready-made
- No CT6 funds required if embedded within existing working groups



Draft Recommendations & Next Steps

It is proposed that the following recommendations be considered by PRE-SOM

- 1) SOM **endorse** CTI-CFF participation in Project TRIPOD as it aligns with RPOA 2.0 and is a funded project for three of the CT countries; and
- 2) Request the Regional Secretariat, with WWF and TRIPOD partners, **further explore opportunities** for CTI-CFF **ongoing engagement** in Project TRIPOD to ensure all CT countries benefit from this project.

An underwater photograph showing a large sea turtle swimming towards the right. The turtle has a dark, patterned shell and a lighter, spotted head. It is surrounded by various fish, including several striped fish. The background is a vibrant coral reef. The entire image has a blue color overlay.

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