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The Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Sub-Regional EAFM Plan

The USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership | October 2018

Provisional Agenda

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- History of plan and links to previous SSS initiatives
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USAID Oceans' Approach

To enhance **marine biodiversity** conservation and increase sustainability of Southeast Asian **seafood trade** through:



Catch Documentation
and Traceability



Ecosystem Approach to
Fisheries Management



Human Welfare: Labor
Rights and Gender Equality



Public-Private
Partnerships

EAFM Strategic Approach



Strategies

Regional

- Develop Sustainable Fisheries Management Plan (SFMP) for Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape
- Strengthen regional capacity on fisheries management planning

National

- Develop and build capacity to use eCDT to inform fisheries management

Learning Site

- Develop SFMP that incorporates eCDT and human welfare considerations

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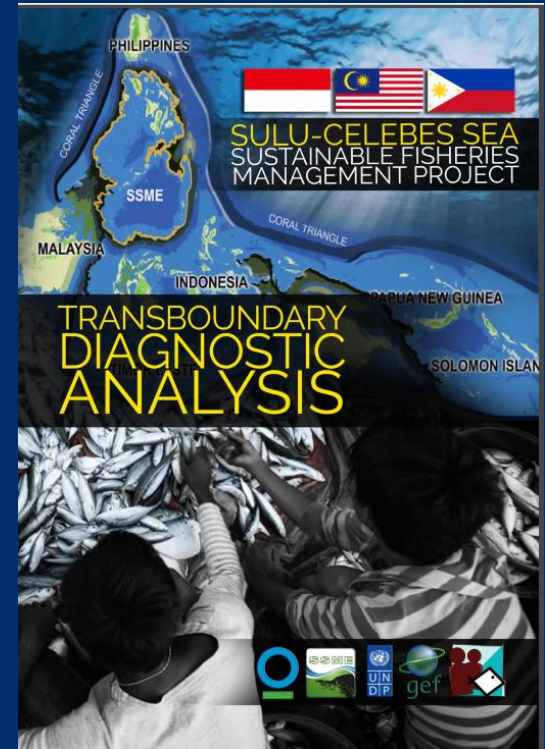
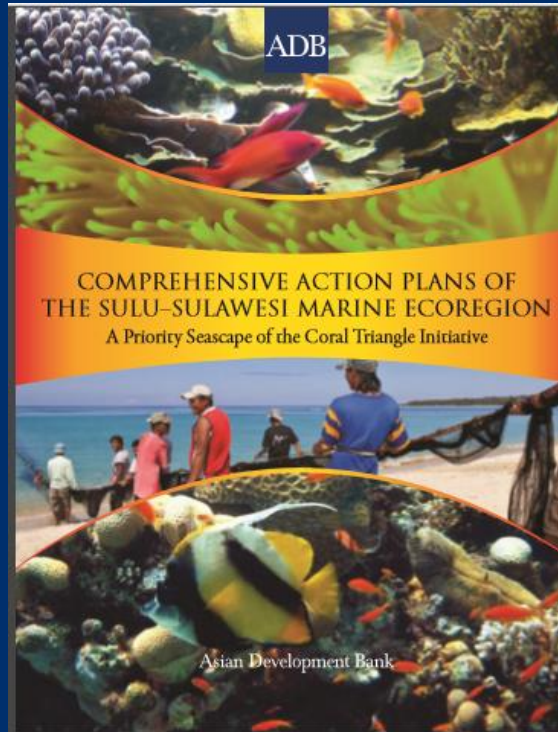
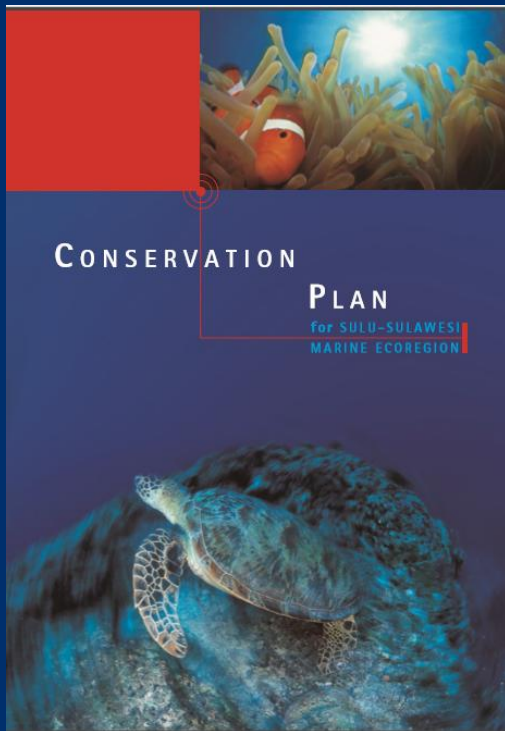
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History of the Sub-Regional Plan

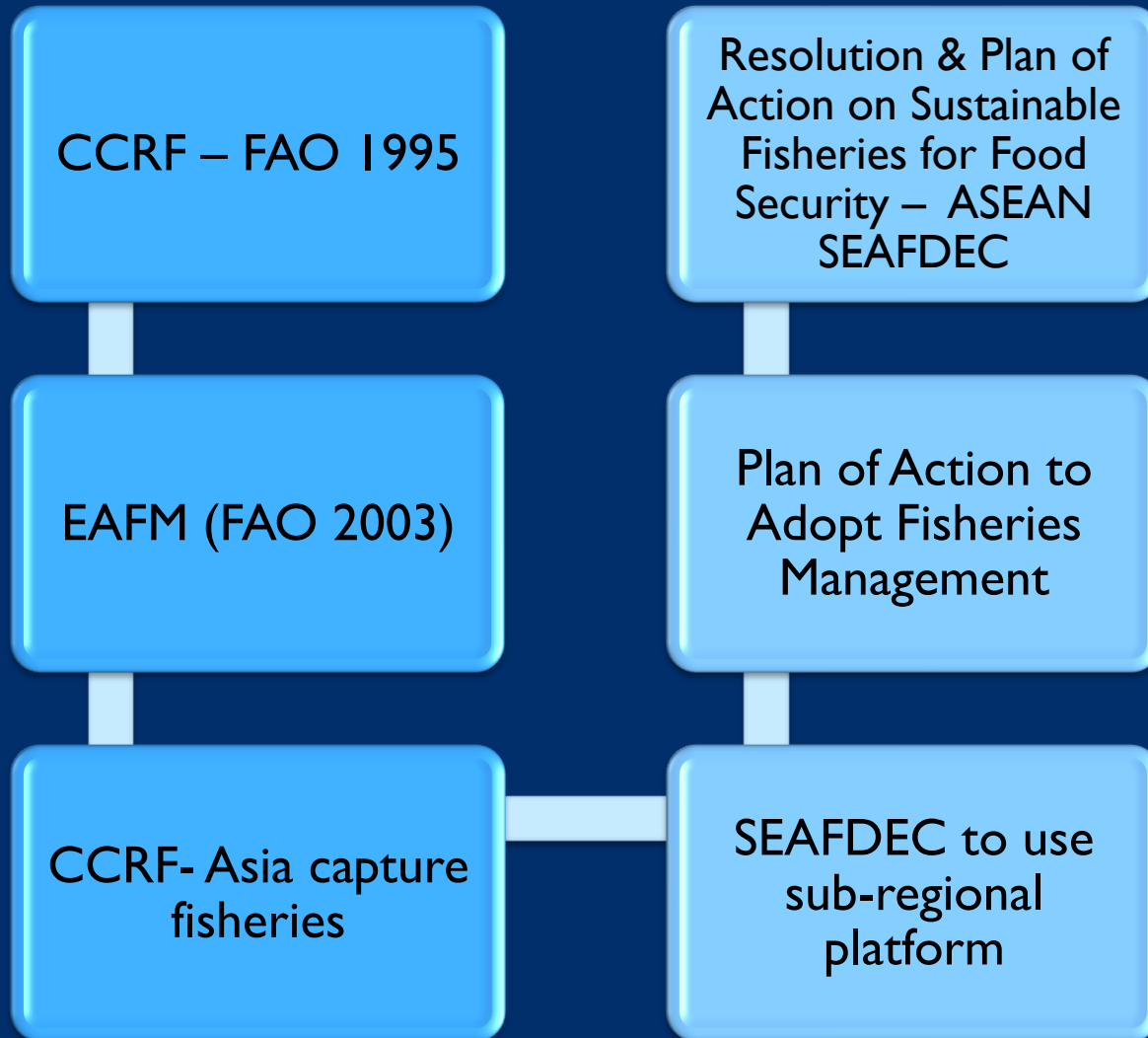
- From 2015 – 2018, key stakeholders have convened and contribute to the design of the updated sub-regional plan.
- Defined vision, scaled set of goals, objectives, and activities.
- Proposed sub-regional goals were developed based on the three pillars of an EAFM:
 - ecological well-being,
 - human well-being, and
 - good governance.



Key related documents used to guide the sub-regional plan



Journey towards EAFM in Southeast Asia



Journey toward the SSS Sub-regional Plan

SULU-SULAWESI SEASCAPE
 ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO FISHERIES MANAGEMENT (EAFM)
 IMPLEMENTATION PLANNING MEETING

June 2-5, 2015
 Manado, Indonesia




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Sub-Regional Plan for Managing Transboundary Fisheries in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seas:
 TAKING AN ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

The USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership (USAID Oceans)
 November 2017 - Draft




2015

2017

2018

Linking the Sub-Regional Plan

The SSS Sub-regional EAFM Plan is linked to several existing regional fisheries organizations and legal and policy instruments, including the:

- FAO Code of Conduct of Responsible Fisheries (CCRF)
- CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action, specifically to Goal Two for “strong legislative, policy and regulatory frameworks in place for achieving EAFM”
- Southeast Asia’s regional implementation of the FAO CCRF through SEAFDEC
- 2007 Regional Plan of Action to Promote Responsible Fishing Practices including Combating IUU Fishing in the Region (RPOA-IUU)
- Conservation and Management Measures of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
- Philippine Fisheries Code (RA 10654)
- Sarangani Bay SFMP & LGU CRMPs



Linking the Sub-Regional Plan

The SSS sub-regional EAFM plan supports existing, related management efforts also focused at the same sub-regional scale:

- Ecoregion Conservation Plan (ECP) for the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion (2003)
- Comprehensive Action Plan for SSME (2011)
- SSME Regional Strategic Action Program (2013)

Scaling EAFM at the Sub-regional Level: The Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape

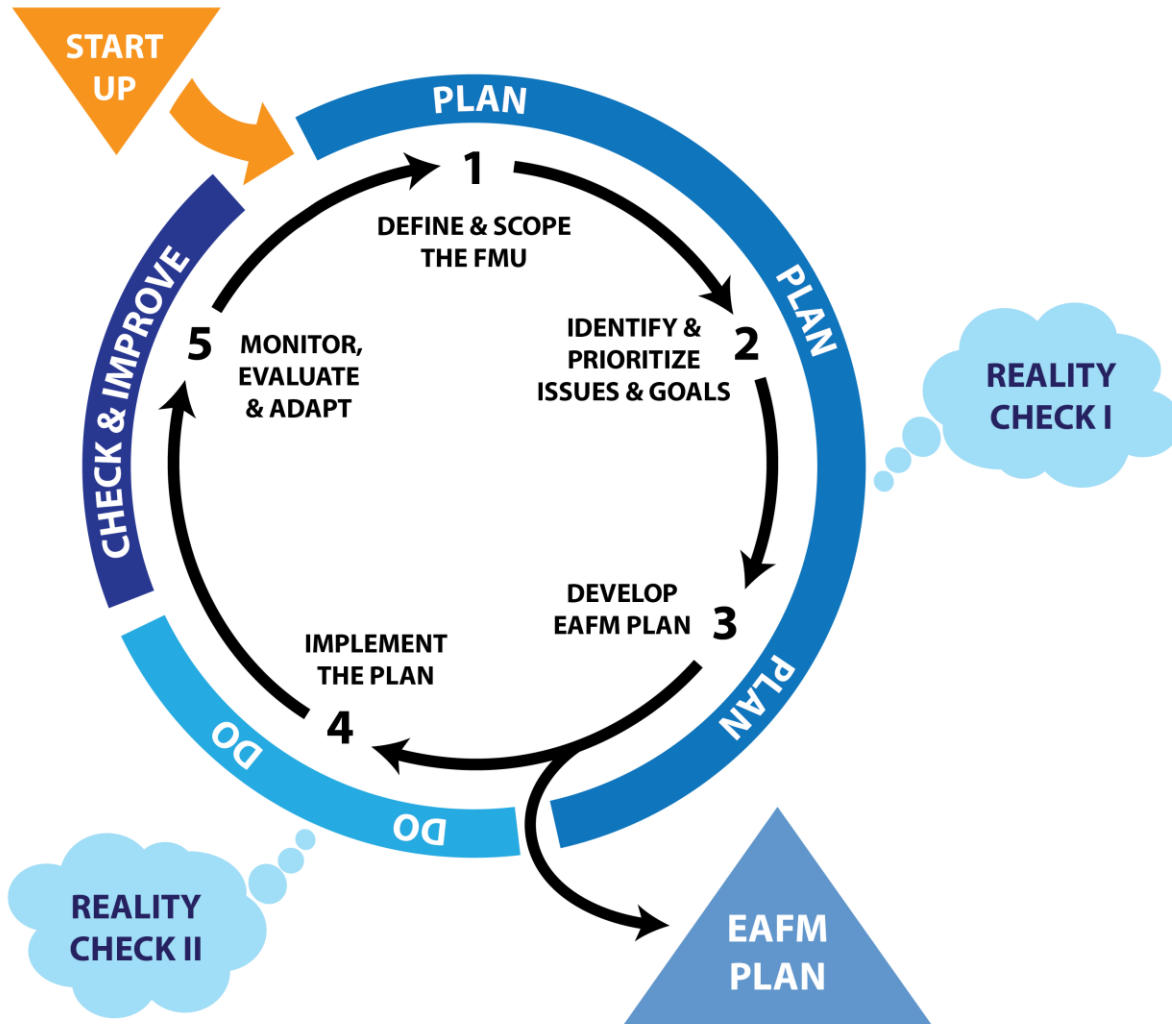
- Geographically defined as the waters encompassed by the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion (SSME) and bounded among **three nations**.
- Important for regional fisheries production, food security, economic development, and a **globally significant priority area for biodiversity conservation**.
- Shared boundaries, ecosystem dynamics and resources, as well as transboundary environmental issues (including human migration) justify using **a sub-regional approach**.



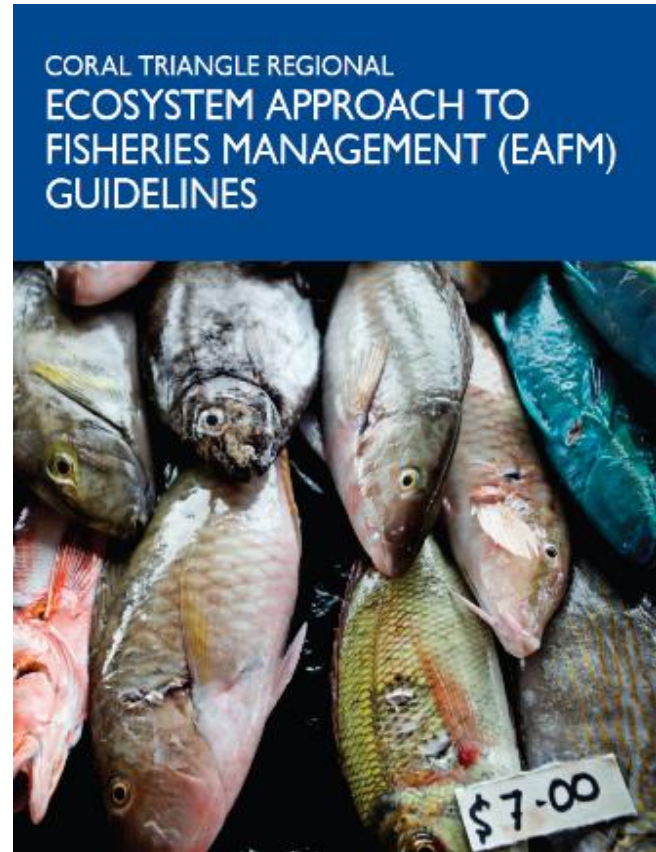
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The 5 steps of EAFM:



(source: "Essential EAFM" materials)



CORAL TRIANGLE
INITIATIVE
ON OCEAN, TERRESTRIAL, AND FOOD SECURITY

A publication supporting the Coral Triangle Initiative on
Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF)
www.coraltriangleinitiative.org

Typical EAFM (ecoFMP) plan outline:

(source: “Essential EAFM” materials)

1. Vision
2. Background
3. Major threats and issues
4. Goals (n=3)
5. Objectives, indicators, and benchmarks (n=19)
6. Management actions
7. Compliance
8. Data and info needs – source of data, etc.
9. Financing
10. Communications
11. Monitoring and evaluation (review of plan)
12. Next Steps

Vision statement:

“By 2030, the **transboundary fisheries** of the Sulu Sulawesi Seas are ecologically healthy and deliver ecosystem services that provide equitable benefits to our people through collaborative, safe, and legal regional fisheries management.”

- Initial focus on transboundary small pelagic species.
- Expanded focus later on transboundary large pelagics/neritic tunas and demersal (soft-bottom, hard/coral reef) fisheries.
- “Benefits” include socio-economic, livelihoods and cultural.

EAFM Pillars and Goals:

Ecological Well-being

“Improved long-term health of living marine resources and their habitats through responsible regional fisheries management for optimal benefits to our communities.”

Human Well-being

“Resilient, self-reliant, and empowered communities who benefit from inclusive, just, responsible, and economically- and socially-equitable fisheries management.”

Good Governance

“Improved governance and transboundary fishery policy capacity through a coordinated regional framework that is effectively implemented through a participatory, responsive, transparent, and adaptive process.”

EAFM Objectives (19):

Ecological Well-being

- EO-1: Maintain optimal exploitation rates
- EO-2: Maintain suitable water quality
- EO-3: Restore habitat & conserve marine biodiversity
- EO-4: Control by-catch
- EO-5: Minimize negative fishery impacts
- EO-6: **Increase science & information**

Human Well-being

- SO-1: Enhance income
- SO-2: Improve community resilience
- SO-3: Improve human well-being
- SO-4: Equity and social benefit for all
- SO-5: Enhance & stabilize consumption (food security)
- SO-6: **Improve seafood safety, traceability, and markets along the supply chain**

Good Governance

- GO-1: Reduce IUU fishing
- GO-2: Strengthen capacity (sustainable fisheries)
- GO-3: Climate adaptation & mitigation**
- GO-4: Strengthen regional MCS
- GO-5: Improve judicial & enforcement capacity
- GO-6: Enhance stakeholder participation
- GO-7: Strengthen regional coordination

* *cross-cutting*

Management Actions:

- Maintenance of national **sovereignty** with **guidance** through the sub-regional plan
- Guidance provided to participating countries on their management action '**contributions**' into sub-regional plan
- **3 types** of management actions:
 - Current **national** (i.e., country 'contributions')
 - Current multinational (e.g., CTI-CFF, RPOA); and
 - **Proposed** (new) management actions.



Scaling

In addition to being scaled to larger, regional initiatives, the SSS sub-regional EAFM plan is also scaled “down” to relevant national, provincial, and local fisheries management plans within each of the three implementing countries.



(Proposed) Governance

- Implementation proposed for the three national governments, with their fisheries authorities.
- Will require the coordination and cooperation of various government levels, as well as multiple sectors involved in the fishery ecosystem.
- Voluntary coordinating and governance mechanism recommended at the sub-regional level (i.e., the CTI-CFF, SEAFDEC, similar structure as the Tri-National SSME Committee, and/or the SSME Sub-committee on Sustainable Fisheries).

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Key Points of Discussion

Rationale:

1. The transboundary context of the plan?
2. The purpose/objective of the plan?
3. The sub-regional fisheries management unit?
4. Target fisheries?
5. Major threats and issues?

Implementation:

1. Proposed Goals & Objectives?
2. Proposed Management actions?
3. Proposed Governance structure?
4. Financing?

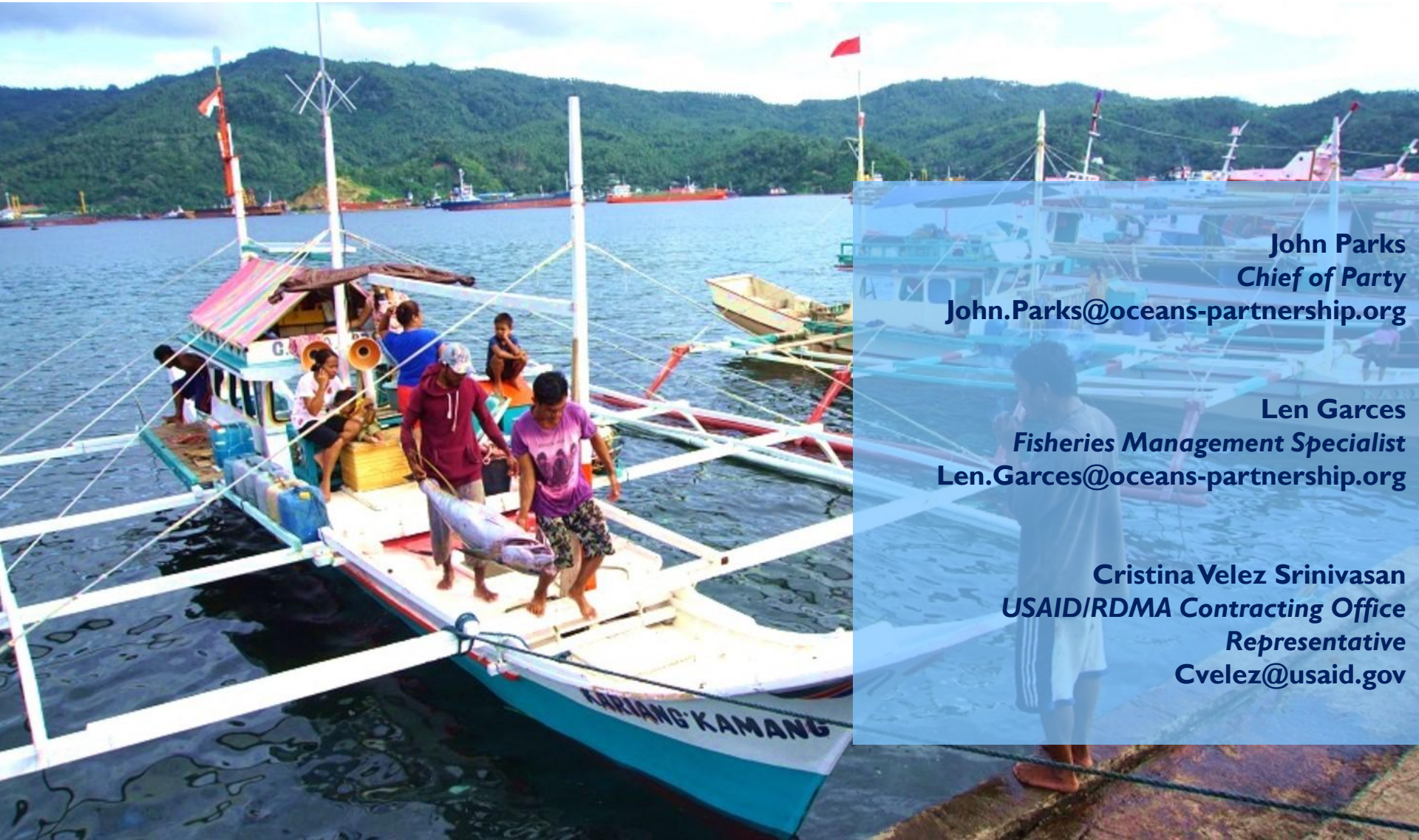
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Next Steps (2018):

- **Oct/Nov 2018:** Socialization with CTI NCCs + CTI RS to circulate updated draft plan for final review
 - 9-10 Oct: Sabah, Malaysia
 - 16 Oct: Manila, Philippines
 - 2 Nov: KL, Malaysia
 - 12 & 15 Nov: Jakarta & Manado, Indonesia
- **Nov 2018:** Finalization with EAFM TWG
- **Dec 2018:** sub-regional plan adoption (SOM 14) + **SEAFDEC** review process
- **Others?**

Thank you!



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