

**TIMOR-LESTE**

**COUNTRY REPORT**

**2018**

Please submit the completed Country Report (including the presentation slides by November 23, 2018 via email to the Regional Secretariat at regional.secretariat@cticff.org with subject title: Country Report [country].

1. **Introduction/General Information**

The coastal and marine areas of Timor-Leste, which may be referred to collectively as the country’s oceans, are indispensable to the life and welfare of current and future generations of Timorese people. To ensure the development of the country, the oceans ecosystems and their resources (living and non-living) must be viewed as natural assets, to be protected while utilizing their goods and services sustainably.

1. Our nation has a coastline of about 730 km whilst our marine exclusive economic zone (EEZ), over which we hold exclusive fishing rights, covers approximately 79,309 km2. While this fishing area is small by international standards, it has the potential to provide valuable high grade protein to feed our people and to provide employment, significant income earning opportunities and foreign exchange from fish exports.
2. **Progress/Achievements Towards National Plan of Action (NPOA)**

*(Please outline the key outputs and activities that have been undertaken under CTI-CFF label; or programs related to CTI-CFF goals that are not part of national CTI-CFF budget. Particularly, please provide the following details: title and brief description of the activity, its location and date, funds received, partners/funding agency/ies partner(s)/funding agency, outputs and outcome.*

*Please provide both qualitative data (e.g.number of participants/beneficiaries) and qualitative data (description of activity). Add more rows as needed.)*

| **Title and Brief Description of Activity** | **Date and Venue**(if applicable) | **Funds Received and Partners or Funding Agency/ies** | **Outputs** *(no. of participants/beneficiaries)* |  **Outcome** *(describe the result/impact)* |
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| **A. Priority Seascapes are designed effectively managed** |
| **CTI-CFF National Programs** |
| 1. Built National Perspectives on the Seascape Management Concept (Seminar and NCC Focus Group Discussion)
 | Dili | Conservation International | More information from inter-ministerial meeting, stacholders and communities | Increasing the number persons of understanding coastal management resources |
| 1. Built spatial dataset and its support data through collation available secondary data nationally and globally
 | Dili | Conservation International | Data Available | Pruduction of seacape Map in North coast and South |
| 1. Develop scenario area of seascape referred to approximate line on EEZ (not officially) to help better understanding on the mapping and zoning for seascape management
 | Dili | Conservation International | Data Available | Pruduction of seacape Map in North coast and South |
| 1. Divided country EEZ into NORTH SEASCAPE and SOUTH SEASCAPE (As indicated in the Map below)
 | Dili | Conservation International | Data Available | Pruduction of seacape Map in North coast and South |
| **Programs / Activities in relation to CTI-CFF goals but not directly budgeted under national CTI-CFF programs** |
| 1. Actively engaged in the Lesser Sunda Priority Seascape to be manage as regional seascape with government
 | Jakarta-Dili | MAF- Ministry Coordinator Marine Affairs Indonesia | Proposal developed | To Management Fisheries Resources and aquatics resources |
| 1. Officially endorsed the readiness of the country to propose the country seascape (North and South Seascape into Lesser Sunda regional manage seascape
 | Dili-Jakarta | MAF- Ministry Coordinator Marine Affairs Indonesia | Legally Base to forward | To Management Fisheries Resources and aquatics resources |
| 1. Commit to provide necessary data required for the completion of its submission processes
 | Dili | Conservation International | Completed Data for the proposal | Data Available |
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| **B. An ecosystem approach to management of fisheries and other marine resources is fully applied** |
| **CTI-CFF National Programs** |
| 1. Installed FAD in selected sites ( Three Municipality)
 | Dili/Atauro, Vemasse-Baucau & Viqueque | Government TL, World Fish, Conservation International  | FADs installed | Increassing fish production and income of fishermens and communities  |
| 1. Initiative value chain function of fishermen
 | All teritorry of Timor-Leste | Government TL, World Fish, Conservation International  | Landing site establish and fishing gear | Income of fishermens and communities for sustainability resources |
| 1. Provide alternative livelihood (processing for diversification of fish product, Seaweed Farm)
 | Lautem-NKS, Bobonaro, Liquica, Dili-Atauro,  | Government TL, World Fish, Conservation International  | FADs installed & Fishing gear | Increassing fish production and income of fishermens and communities  |
| 1. Red Snapper Management in South coast
 | Viqueque | Government TL, World Fish, ATSEA  | Will be compaign or desimination | Increassing fish production and income of fishermens and communities for sustainability resources |
| **Programs / Activities in relation to CTI-CFF goals but not directly budgeted under national CTI-CFF programs** |  |  |  |  |
| 1. Desimination of Fisheries Decree law and Regulation
 | All teritorry of Timor-Leste | Government of Timor-Leste | More than less 6.000 fishermens understanding | Increassing fish production and income of fishermens and communities for sustainability resources |
| 1. Several article review of Fisheries Decree law and Regulation
 | All teritorry of Timor-Leste | Government of Timor-Leste | Fishermens and communities understanding of Fisheries Decree law and Regulation | For sustainability of Fisheries and aquatic Resources  |
| 1. Coral reef, seagrass and Mangrove monitoring
 | All teritorry of Timor-Leste | Government of Timor-Leste, Coral Triangle Center | 5 Municipalities under the monitoring | Increassing the fish production  |
| 1. Installed Pelagic Data Systems (PDS) in 8 municipalities
 | 8 Municipalities of Timor-Leste | Government of Timor-Leste and WorldFish | 8 Municipalities of Timor-Leste | More less 500 fishing vessel moviment of catch efforts and all fishing vessel controlled |
| **C. Marine protected areas (MPAs) are established and effectively managed** |
| **CTI-CFF National Programs** |
| 1. By 2018 has increase number of Community Based MPA. Established 12 new MPAs in 2017 and 2018 in Atauro Island and expand existing Vila MPA and its zoning
 | , Atauro-Dili | ADB/CI | 12 Sites of MPA | Concervation/Coastal resources management |
| 1. Established MPA for Dugong and Seagrass in Com in 2018
 | Com-Lautem | -GEF/Ci | Com areas | To concerve/protect the Duggong and Seagrass |
| 1. In total national MPA is 21 established
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| 1. Under progress to be launched 6 MPAs in the next 2 years namely MPA Kaitehu, MPA Maubara Lake, MPA Biacou-Palaka, MPA Be-Malai, MPA Lamsanak, Modomahut and MPA Adarai.
 | 4 Municipalities ; Liquisa, Dili, Bobonaro and iesManatuto  | CI, PEMSEA | 6 sites of MPA | To pprotect the area from destructive fishing and Coastal resources management |
| 1. Women’s household group established (Waste management)
 | North coast | PEMSEA | Coastal areas along the north coast | Coastal community awarness on health environment |
| 1. MAF & CTC; Establishment MPA in Atauro Island & Liquica (on progress)
 | Dili, Liquisa Municipality | MAF, CTC | 2 Municipalities | Coastal resources management  |
| **Programs / Activities in relation to CTI-CFF goals but not directly budgeted under national CTI-CFF programs** |
| 1. Bilateral cooperation under FAO Funded on the ISLME including share management of cross border MPA with Indonesia
 | Ongoing process | GEF/FAO | Marine culture and Cross boarder management between 2 Countries | Transboundary issus and marine biodiversity management |
| 1. NKSNP Marine Park submission as CT MPAs Flagship (But the processes is not completed)
 | Ongoing process | GEF | Natural Concervation | Ongoing process |
| **D. Climate change adaptation measures are achieved** |
| **CTI-CFF National Programs** |
| 1. Establish Center Climate Change and Biodiversity (CCCB-UNTL)
 | 2014/UNTL | ADB/CTI-CFF | COC-CB | Information center for Climat Changes and Biodiversity |
| 1. Develop and operate national information network on Climate Changes
 | 2014/UNTL | ADB/CTI-CFF | COC-CB | Information center for Climat Changes and Biodiversity |
| 1. Coastal community resilience program in sevens municipality
 | 2016 / Coastal areas in 7 Municipalities | ADB/UNDP-TL | Natural Concervation | To protect the coastal community resilience  |
| **Programs / Activities in relation to CTI-CFF goals but not directly budgeted under national CTI-CFF programs** |
| 1. Beach Cleaning
 | Dili Beach | ME,MCIA, MAF | Beach Cleaning | Healty Environment |
| 1. Zero plastic decree law in placed
 | 2017 all Territory | MCIA | Reduz of plastic utilities | Volution and Environment |
| **E. Threatened species’ status is improved** |
| **Programs / Activities in relation to CTI-CFF goals but not directly budgeted under national CTI-CFF programs** |
| 1. Built spatial datasets on cetacean movement in the EEZ Timor-Leste (Mega fauna survey, Whale migration, turtles nesting area, dugong sea grass conservation, cetacean scoping survey)
 | TL Seas | GEF | Cetacean survey and Spatial dataset for marine species | Cetacean and marine species migratory tracking. and protection |
| 1. Ministerial Diploma on Protected Aquatic Species
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| 1. Decree Law on Biodiversity (waiting for promulgation by President of Republic)
 | TL Territory  | Government of TL | Government regulation | Marine resorces and biodiversity concervation |
| 1. Cetacean watching guideline (drafted)
 | Timor-Leste | Government of TL- Conservation International | Guidline Book | To guide the cetacean watching  |
| 1. Tourism development policy which included marine based tourism management
 | TL Territory | Government of TL | Government Regulation | To develop Tourism sector in TL  |

1. **Constraints/Issues/Challenges Affecting Implementation of Identified Activities**

*(Please explain any constraints or issues which have affected implementation. Please be specific and concise as possible)*

* Lack of technical assistance & support of national level due to Limited human resources
* IUU-Fishing due to Lack of Inforcemant
* Limited of Infracstructure and Public Facilities
* Limited of Financial support
1. **National Roadmap 2019**

*(Please outline and briefly explain planned activities and possible funding sources under CTI-CFF national program or related to RPOA goals but not specifically labelled as CTI national programs)*

1. **CTI-CFF National Programs**
2. Complete Update NPoA
3. Strengthen NCC CTI CFF (Organizational, Funding, Human Resources)
4. Coordinate implementation of yearly NPoA priority for 2019
5. **National Programs in relation to CTI-CFF RPOA goals but not budgeted as CTI-CFF programs**
6. Contributing to the revision of RPoA Phase II
7. Commit to endorse and promote cooperation on the Lesser Sunda Seascape
8. **National Plan of Action Review (if any)**

*Please state the outcome of the NPOA Review, and if NCCs are planning to review the NPOA, what are the expectations from the review that would be useful for the RPOA 2.0 development in 2019.*

1. National Plan of Action CTI-CFF Timor-Leste (2010-2018) review to New NPOA on the progress
2. **Potential Regional Program &Support Required**

*(please outline and briefly explain potential regional programs and support that can be undertaken and provided to your country)*

* **Implementing Transboundry MPA Networking**
* **Conectivety Seascape Lesser Sunda ecoregion**
* **Identify potential North and South Seascape of Timor-Leste EEZ**
1. **Documents, Materials and Publications**

*(Please list all documents, materials and publications produced, if any)*

1. CI Marine RAP 2012
2. CI Marine RAP 2016
3. NOAA Fish Biomass Assessment
4. National Ocean Policy (Draft)
5. National Fisheries Strategy Plan (Draft)
6. **Any other remarks** (highlights, brief anecdotes, etc.)