**III LEARNING EXCHANGE WORKSHOP FOR CTI-CFF**

**between MPA managers from Southeast Asia and the Atlantic**

Bali (Indonesia)

3-5 July 2023

# CONCEPT & DRAFT AGENDA

# Context

Already in 2021 the Marine Protected Areas Working Group of the CTI-CFF (MPA WG) planned in its workplan for 2021 the 9th MPA regional Exchange (MPA REX) and 9th Technical Working Group (MPA TWG) Meeting in Papua New Guinea. But, due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this event could not take place. With the aim to support CTI-CFF activity on MPAs, the EU Ocean Governance project, organized a first virtual Learning Exchange that contributed to create regional exchanges around different topics related to MPAs and its management between the Atlantic and SEA Basins. The exchanges took place 3-5 November and allowed participants from Atlantic, SEA, and other ocean areas of the world, to share experiences, and it confirmed the importance of enabling spaces for permanent exchanges between MPA managers, networks of MPA managers, and other relevant stakeholders, to improve their management skills and the MPA management effectiveness.

As a continuity of this previous on-line event, the EU Ocean Governance has organized a second Learning Exchange, this time in a hybrid format (virtual and in presence at Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, 12-14 October 2022), to go deeper on the topics identified and for establishing new cooperation activities between participants and to continue supporting CTI-CFF activity on MPAs. The themes of the sessions were about: Networks of MPA managers; MPA Management effectiveness; Resilience and Marine Mammals Self-Assessment Tools; Fundraising strategies for MPAs and MPA networks; Protection of Marine Turtles and their Habitats; Ecosystem, Mangroves and Coral Reef Restorations; Agreements for Transboundary and Regional Cooperation for Marine Protection; Networks of MPA managers supporting policy implementation.

Following this second learning exchange at Kota Kinabalu in October 2022, the CTI-CFF’s 17th Senior Official’s Meeting has officially requested in November 2022 EU Ocean Governance project assistance to the MPA Working Group in organizing another learning exchange in 2023. With the 6 countries, considering the importance of this second event. Furthermore, the Regional Plan of Action (RPoA) adopted by the CTI-CFF Ministerial meeting of the 29 November 2022 for the next 10 years highlights the needs of capacity building in the Coral Triangle, and especially to support the achievement of 30% ocean protection by 2030.

# The EU Ocean Governance Project

The EU Ocean Governance project is a four-year project (January 2020 – December 2023) funded by the European Union’s (EU) Partnership Instrument. Commissioned by the European Commission’s Service for Foreign Policy Instruments, the project is a response to the EU Joint Communication on International Ocean Governance and the Global Strategy for the European Union’s Foreign and Security Policy. It builds on the EU Transatlantic MPA Network Project (2016 – 2019), and it[[1]](#footnote-1) aims to contribute to delivering on EU global commitments under the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the Convention for Biological Diversity (CBD). Its overall objective is "to increase the EU´s role as a global actor in international Ocean Governance by fostering regional and international cooperation relevant to the protection and restoration of marine and coastal ecosystems”. By working in two focus areas – South East Asia and the Atlantic Basin, with its neighboring seas, and now beyond with the East Pacific, Indian ocean and Yellow Sea – and applying an integrated and cross-sectoral approach the project uses regional and interregional cooperation to restore and protect marine and coastal ecosystems. It implements and connects ocean governance activities and actions going from the local, national, and regional to the global level. To do this, the Ocean Governance project has a main cross-cutting topic which is to promote and strengthen the MPA managers networking as a direct way to improve their skills, their management effectiveness and to support the implementation of international and national policies for MPAs.

The project is organized in four components:

* Component 1- Increased knowledge and practice of protecting and **restoring marine and coastal ecosystems** in three selected areas of Marine Protected Areas in the South East Asian region
* Component 2- **Improved management** of Marine Protected Areas around the Atlantic Ocean using the concept of shared environmental protection
* Component 3- Strengthened **knowledge exchange** between Atlantic and South East Asian marine and coastal regions
* Component 4- Improved **basis for dialogue** amongst marine and coastal stakeholders in the South East Asian region

The four components offer different topics of interest for exchanges.

**Component 1** is the basis for exchanging knowledge and experience in the Coral Triangle Region about ecosystem restoration. This component is being implemented in Tun-Mustapha NP in Malaysia and Derawan Islands MPA in Indonesia for the restoration of coral reefs; and in Balabac, in the Philippines, for mangrove restoration. Sharing those three experiences of ecosystem restoration in MPAs, implemented with the local communities, and indigenous peoples, is the **main topic of this third learning exchange for MPA managers** for the countries of the Coral Triangle.

**Component 2** builds on the experience of the EU-funded project (2016-19) to promote a transatlantic partnership through developing partnerships and twinning activities between marine protected areas (MPAs) in the Atlantic basin and recognizes the contribution of MPAs to tackling biodiversity loss and climate change impacts in marine and coastal ecosystems, as well as to food security, economic wellbeing, and livelihoods of local populations in coastal areas. This component provides continuity to the three twinning projects already established:

* Cooperation and common strategy between MPA networks of managers in the Atlantic region, and beyond: **Networks Twinning**
* **MPAs and coastal resilience**, coping with rapid changes: **Resilience Twinning**
* Marine mammals’ protection, a way to enhance transatlantic cooperation between MPAs: **Marine Mammals’ Twinning**

Furthermore, the EU Ocean Governance, added a new topic to this component which targets the protection of **Marine Turtles** a**nd their habitats**, from an MPA management approach.

The EU Ocean Governance Project takes advantage of its Component 2 to share the Atlantic experience with CTI-CFF countries participants on different topics such as the development of networks to support MPA managers on capacity building, fundraising, communication, etc. And here, for the coral reef restoration methodologies that have been used elsewhere than in South East Asia.

**Component 3** offers the framework to formally organize exchanges between MPA managers and other relevant actors from the Atlantic and South-East Asia.

Through Component 3, the EU Ocean Governance invites to the Learning Exchange its partners from Component 2 and SEA. This inter-basin exchange was expressed as of interest for the CTI-CFF country members. Indeed, and following the second learning exchange at Kota Kinabalu in October 2022, the CTI-CFF’s 17th Senior Official’s Meeting has officially requested in November 2022 EU Ocean Governance project assistance to the MPA Working Group in organizing another learning exchange in 2023. With the 6 countries, considering the importance of this second event.

**Component 4** of the EU Ocean Governance allows to go in deep on the transboundary exchanges in the Coral Triangle area by targeting different levels of cooperation: from the MPA management level on specific topics such as coral reef restoration and protection, or marine turtles’ protection; to more strategic discussions that could lead towards the debate to establish large transboundary protected areas in the Coral Triangle seascape. Again, the OG can provide different experiences from the Atlantic partners or other ocean areas, on this complex topic of marine transboundary cooperation that could serve as inspiring models for the identification of new initiatives of coral reefs restoration and protection in the Coral Triangle.

**A key cross-cutting topic**

In addition of the four above mentioned components, the Ocean Governance project has a key cross-cutting topic: **strengthening the MPA managers networking**. This has been part of Component 2 for the Atlantic, and now it’s going to be developed as well in South East Asia, as an overall request for project that responses to the demands and needs expressed by several countries in the region, as well as by key regional institutions, such as the CTI-CFF, the ASEAN-CB and other relevant stakeholders. So, strengthening the MPA managers networking is the framework with - in which the Learning Exchanges are organized.

# PROPOSAL

1. **APPROACH**

As indicated, the main objective of the Learning Exchange is promoting the sharing of information between MPA managers from different countries and regions and promote further periodical exchanges and networking between them. As in the previous Learning Exchange at Kota Kinabalu in 2022, the proposed approach includes two main area of exchanges along the duration of the event:

1. Exchange sessions around technical aspects of coral reef restoration and their connections to MPA management. Main target participants are MPA managers and other stakeholders.
2. Exchange sessions about strategic topics for cooperation and networking around coral reef restoration, either at national or regional level. In addition of MPA managers, the target participants include governmental staff of CTI-CFF country members, other key regional institutions, and experts.
3. **TOPICS**

The aim of the learning exchange is to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences on coral reef restoration. Those exchanges will target few specific aspects of restoration of this ecosystem and will count with examples of restoration in MPAs from the Atlantic, Indian Ocean and the Coral Triangle.

The following would be the main general topics around coral reef restoration that we propose to be addressed, previous discussion and agreement with the CTI-CFF country members and the Regional Secretariat:

* Enabling conditions for restoration of coral reefs
* Common methodologies for coral reef restoration
* New technologies for restoration
* Monitoring & Evaluation of restoration efforts
* Stakeholders and community involvement and participatory processes
* Coral reef restoration and MPA management
* Restoration of coral reefs and coastal resilience
* National and international efforts for coral reef restoration
* Policies and planning for restoration at national and regional scales
* Networking to support coral reef restoration in the Coral Triangle
* Financing restoration works

1. **III Learning Exchange Objectives**

* Sharing experiences, lesson learned and best practices on coral reef restoration in MPAs to strengthen the capacity of MPA managers in the coral triangle region;
* Debating and contributing to the draft national guideline on coral reef restoration in Indonesian MPAs;
* Initiating the MPA managers’ network in the coral triangle region.

1. **Facilitators**

* Regional Secretariat (MPA WG) CTI-CFF
* WWF Coral Triangle Program
* CTC (Coral Triangle Center)

1. **Participants**

* Chair or co-chair of CTI-CFF MPA Working Group
* MPA TWG focal points from CT6 members country (max 1 per country)
* Regional Secretariat CTI-CFF (max 2 representatives)
* Coordinator of CTI-CFF University Partnership
* MPA Managers from CT 6 members country (Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Island, Timor Leste) (maximum 2 MPA managers per country with below criteria[[2]](#footnote-2))
* EU Ocean Governance Project sites MPA Managers : Derawan Islands MPA and Tun Mustapha Park, Balabac Islands
* Scientist, academician and practitioners on coral reef restoration (listed participants)
* International organisations supporting coral reef restoration (CORDAP, CRC, ICRI)
* Dr.Tries B Razak (BRIN-Indonesia)
* Dr.Beginer Subhan (IPB University-Indonesia)
* Dr. Munasik Montowi (UNDIP-Indonesia)
* Wilfredo Licuanan, PhD (UP-Philippines)
* Dr. Fikri Akmal (UMS-Malaysia)
* Philippa Mansell (MSS – Indonesia)
* Bali MPA Network Manager (Indonesia) \*
* Bali Barat National Park Manager (Indonesia) \*
* KKHL-Ministry of Marine Affair and Fisheries (Indonesia)\*
* Carol Phua (WWF Coral Reef Rescue Initiative)\*
* Australia Institute on Marine Science\*
* Representatives from Atlantic region MPA managers (in person or virtually)\*

# Logistics Support

* The EU Ocean Governance Project will provide support as follows for participants who agreed by EU Ocean Governance Project:
  + Travel ticket from/to place of origin. The tickets will be provided by the project based on registration form information from the participants.
  + Accommodation (bed and breakfast).
  + Local transport from/to the airport. The organizer will reimburse the local transport based on actual cost showed by the tickets or receipts.
  + Daily allowance for MPA WG focal points and CTI-CFF RS following CTI-CFF DSA rates.
  + Daily allowance for other participant is USD60 per day.
  + Costs of meals and services covered will be deducted from the DSA.
  + Meeting room, coffee breaks and lunches along the meetings for sponsored and self-funded registered participants.
  + Field trip
* The EU Ocean Governance will also provide limited seat for self-funded participants to join the learning exchange in person.

Participants should register in the following link:

<https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/OG-3rd_Learning_exchange_RSAT_training_SEA>

The contact point for travel arrangements are Barbara ([barbara.casado@gopa.de](mailto:barbara.casado@gopa.de)), and the participation must be validated by the EU Ocean Governance Core Team.

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**2 July** : Participants arriving in Bali

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| **DAY** | **TIME** | **ROOM** |
| **DAY 1**  **(3 July)** | 8:30 | **Registration** |
| **Session 1**  9:00-10:00 | Opening:   * *Welcome speeches of EUD, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, EU OG* * *Presentation of key elements and progress of the OG project* * *Presentation of the event and logistic (CTC)* |
| **Session 2**  10:00-11:30 | National Guideline on Coral Reef Restoration (Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia) – tools or guidance |
| **Session 3**  11:30-13:00 | Coral Reef Restoration in MPAs, progress and challenges (CT 6 Country) |
| **Lunch** | | |
| **DAY 1**  **(3 July)** | **Session 4**  14:00-15:30 | Science and policy on coral reef restoration - inputs on the National Guidance on Coral Reef Restoration |
| **Session 5**  15:30-17:00 | Best practices on coral reef restoration - inputs on the National Guidance on Coral Reef Restoration |
| **Coffee break** | | |
| **DAY 1**  **(3 July)** | **Session 6**  17:30-19:00 | Management and financing of coral reef restoration - inputs on the National Guidance on Coral Reef Restoration |
| **Dinner and exhibition hall tour** | | |
| **DAY 2**  **(4 July)** | 8:30-18:00 | Field Trip   * *MPA Visit* |
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| **Day 3**  **(5 July)** | **Session 1**  09:00-11:00 | Network development in the Coral Triangle Region   * Lesson Learned on MPA Manager Network from Atlantic Region, and others; * Talk on how important are the university and science to strenghten exchanges; * Discussion on the network development; |
| **Session 2**  11:00-12:30 | * Discussion on the network development; * Agreement on the network development for MPA Manager. |
| **12:30-13:00** | * Closing ceremony |
| **Lunch** | | |
| **Day 1**  **(5 July)** | 14:30 – 18:00  (For details see Attachment 3) | Training on Coastal Resilience : Resilience Self-Assessment Tool (for CTI MPA WG Focal Points and MPA Managers)[[3]](#footnote-3) |
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| **Day 2**  **(6July)** | 09:00 – 17:30  (For details see Attachment 3) | Training on Coastal Resilience : Resilience Self-Assessment Tool (for MPA Managers)3 |
| **Day 3**  **(7 July)** | 09:00 – 14:00  (For details see Attachment 3) | Training on Coastal Resilience : Resilience Self-Assessment Tool (for MPA Managers)3 |
| ***CTI-CFF MPA Technical Working Group Meeting (for MPA WG Focal Points)*** | | |
| **6 July** | **Session 1**  09:00 – 09:30 | * Opening Remarks from the Chair of MPA WG * Introduction of MPA WG Participants |
| **Session 2**  09:30 – 09:50 | * Agenda Adoption * Focal Points |
| **Session 3**  09:50 – 10:20 | SOM 17 Decisions |
| **Break** | |
| **Session 4**  10:30 – 11:00 | Partners Update |
| **Session 5**  11:00 – 12:00 | Discussion on 3rd round CTMPAS Nomination 2023 Process |
| **Session 6**  12:00 – 13:00 | CT-Atlas Update |
| **Lunch** | |
| **Session 7**  14:00 – 15:00 | RPOA 2.0 Objectives, Targets, Regional Activities, Outcome and Outputs in Relation to MPAs |
| **Session 8**  16:00 – 17:00 | Update on the Workplan and Budget for 2023 |
| **Session 9**  17:00 – 18:00 | * Other matters * Wrapped up and Way Forward |

1. <https://oceangovernance4mpas.eu> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Criteria proposed for the selection MPA Managers from CT6 countries who could joined in the learning exchange:

   - Have coral rehabilitation/restoration programs in their MPA for at least 2 years

   - Commit to do coral rehabilitation/restoration monitoring in the future for at least 3 years.

   - Willing to partnering with scientific institution and/or university partners of CTI-CFF

   - Eager to participate in the network of MPA managers to sharing their coral restoration status and progress and other relevant issues in managing their MPAs [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. Detail agenda see the RSAT training concept note [↑](#footnote-ref-3)