



THREATENED SPECIES TWG

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TOPIC OUTLINE

1. Goal 5 of the RPOA, Target and Regional Priority Actions
2. Background of information on the Development of Threatened Species Working Group
3. Status of the Working Group and Priority Action
4. Working Group Accomplishment 2015
5. Challenges
6. Work Plan for 2016
7. Recommendations



THREATENED SPECIES WG GOALS AND TARGETS

Goal 5: Threatened species status improving

Target 1: By 2020, improved status of sharks, sea turtles, seabirds, marine mammals, corals, seagrass, mangroves and other identified threatened species

RA 1: By 2012, assess species status by supporting ongoing and new assessment programs

RA 2: Complete and implement region-wide Sharks Conservation Action Plan

RA 3: Complete and implement region-wide Sea Turtles Conservation Action Plan

RA 4: Complete and implement region-wide Sea Bird Conservation Action Plan

RA 5: Complete and implement region-wide Marine Mammals Conservation Action Plan

RA 6: Complete and implement region-wide Conservation Action Plan for Targeted Reef Fish and Invertebrate Species that are threatened



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RA 7: Complete and implement region-wide Invasive Action Plan on Biosecurity of Marine Species

RA 8: Adopt and strengthen (i) local and national legislative, policy and regulatory frameworks; and (ii) regional and international agreements on threatened species, and put in place supporting networks and information management systems

RA 9: Jointly develop and implement capacity building activities that support the above actions on threatened species



2. BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF THE TSWG

2014

Development of the TOR and formalizing the membership of the Working Group



MM5: Formalizing a separate working group for threatened species



- Special SOM: Recommended Council of Minister to approve the establishment of TSWG;
- Endorsed the approval of the TOR for the TSWG; Endorsed the appointment of Malaysia as the Chair effective immediately;
- Request the countries to nominate and confirm respective focal points as member of the TSWG

2015 WG Activities

March

- Preparation for the formal turn-over of TSWG Chairmanship.

April

- Formal turn-over of TSWG Chairmanship from Philippines to Malaysia through a conference call

July

- Letters of request for technical assistance were sent to WWF and GIZ

August

- Start communications with SPREP for possible MOU

September

- CTI-CFF signed an MOU with SPREP to collaborate on ...
- SPREP furnished CTI copies of their marine program for threatened species

October

- WWF forwarded through the RS technical papers and reference materials for the development of regional conservation plans.

November

- Circulated letters requesting member countries to submit reporting on initiatives on the protection and conservation of threatened species
- Conducted TWG meeting to prepare report for SOM

2014: DECISIONS ENDORSED BY SOM10 (5-7 NOVEMBER 2014, DILI, TIMUR LESTE)

- Agreed to expedite formal turn-over of the TSWG Chairmanship to Malaysia and acknowledge progress made in the implementation of Threatened Species Regional Priorities
- Noted the need for more coordinated and timely flow of reports on regional Threatened Species-related activities from countries to Threatened Species WG and to Regional Secretariat (or CT Atlas on behalf of the Regional Secretariat) as defined in the M&E Operations Manual.
- Requested countries to nominate respective focal points as member of TSWG

Status
Completed

**Not yet
initiated**

Completed



2014 :

DECISIONS ENDORSED BY SOM10 (5-7 NOVEMBER 2014, DILI, TIMUR LESTE)

- Called on development partner's technical and logistical support to facilitate TS regional priority actions
- Tasked the TSWG to finalize the threatened species M&E indicators and to utilize the CTI-CFF M&E System in preparing and consolidating regional Threatened Species reports
- Tasked the TSWG to complete and map out the respective monitoring and evaluation indicators and targets with reference to RPOA

Status
Ongoing

Not yet
initiated

Not yet
initiated

STATUS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PRIORITY ACTIVITIES

Regional Activities/Actions	Status
<p>Target 1, RA3: Complete and implement region-wide threatened species conservation and management action plans (sea turtles, marine mammals, sea birds, sharks)</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Undertake baseline assessments of existing initiatives on the conservation and management of sharks, marine turtles, seabirds, marine mammals, corals, seagrass, mangroves 	<p>Collate country baseline reports to come up with region-wide TS baseline data.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct regional exchanges to complete the Conservation Action Plans for Sharks, Marine Turtles, Mammals, and seabirds 	<p>Not Started</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expand implementation of the SSME Comprehensive Action Plan for Charismatic, Threatened and Migratory species to the CTI 	<p>Not Started</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate sustainable financing and partnership-building for the implementation of the above-mentioned action plans 	<p>Not Started</p>

COUNTRY REPORTS

C = Complete ; ON = Ongoing ; NS = Not Started

Activities	Ind	Mal	PNG	Phil	SI	TL
Baseline Assessments conducted	ON	ON		ON	ON	ON
Shark Conservation Action Plan	C	ON		C	ON	NS
Sea Turtle Conservation Action Plan	C	ON		ON	ON	ON
Sea Bird Conservation Action Plan	ON	NS		ON	NS	NS
Marine Mammal Conservation Action Plan	ON	ON		ON	ON	NS
Conservation Action Plan for threatened Targeted Reef Fish and Invertebrate Species	ON	ON		ON	ON	NS
Action Plan on Biosecurity of Marine Species	ON	NS		ON	ON	NS
Laws, policies and regulations on threatened species	ON	C		C	C	ON

WORKING GROUP ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 2015

- Turnover Chairmanship from Philippines to Malaysia.
- Gathering of national baseline information from CTI Countries on progress towards achieving and activities.
- Submission reference materials from partners.



CHALLENGES

- Limited technical and financial support to be able to implement the priority actions outlined in the RPOA and RPW2
- Failure to inform RS and WG Chair of any changes on focal point from each country
- Enlisting the active participation from each member
- Change in focal point due to internal reorganization
- Communication and coordination among TSWG members



WORK PLAN FOR 2016

No.	Planned Activities	Timeframe
1.	Conduct of regular TSWG call conference	Every 2 months
2.	Follow up documents from GIZ	January 2016
3.	Threatened Species Working Group Meeting	April 2016
4.	Preparation for the 1st TS REX	May - July
5.	Threatened Species First Regional Exchange	August 2016
6.	Pre-SOM 12 working group meeting	November 2016



RECOMMENDATIONS

- Acknowledge the technical support provided by partners in developing the region-wide conservation plans.
- Report all results of the country baseline assessments during the first regional exchange.
- Task the Regional Secretariat to assist TSWG in fund sourcing for the implementation of all pending WG activities and priority actions
- Acknowledge the efforts of the Regional Secretariat in pursuing opportunities with SPREP for funding support.
- Approve and endorse the TSWG work plan for 2016





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