



CTI-CFF MPA TWG REPORT

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ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

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FOCAL POINTS AND PARTNERS

Member Country	Focal Point
Indonesia (Vice Chair)	Mr. Agus Dermawan, Director of Marine Biodiversity and Conservation
Malaysia	Sabah Parks, Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Environment Sabah
Papua New Guinea	Ms. Kay Kalim, Director, Dept. of Environment and Conservation
Philippines (Chair)	Ms. Theresa Mundita Lim, Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Solomon Islands	Mr. Peter Kenilorea, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
Timor-Leste	Mr. Lino De Jesus Martins, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

FOCAL POINTS AND PARTNERS

**Primary
Partners:**

Technical lead: TNC & NOAA (Alan White & Anne Walton)
Coordination support: ADB (Lynette Laroya)
Mapping/CT Atlas support: World Fish & TNC (Nate Peterson)
Philippine Technical support: BFAR, WWF, CI, UPMSI



MPA TWG GOALS AND TARGETS

Goal 3: MPAs established and effectively managed

By 2020: *“Region-wide Coral Triangle-MPA-System (CTMPAS) in place and fully functional”*

1. **CTMPAS Framework** developed and adopted by CT6
2. Percent/area of total **marine habitat** area in CT region in marine protected or managed areas
3. Percent/area of each major marine and coastal habitat type in protected **“no-take replenishment zones”**
4. Percent/Area of MPAs under **“effective”** management
5. Percent/Area of **MPAs included in CTMPAS**

BRIEF BACKGROUND/HISTORY OF THE WG

- 7th CTI-CFF SOM, 27th October 2011, Jakarta
- Endorsed the establishment of the MPA TWG with the Philippines as Chair and Indonesia as Vice Chair

DECISIONS ENDORSED BY SOM10

1. **Acknowledged progress made in the implementation of MPA Regional Priorities;**
2. **Endorsed MPA TWG Regional and National Roadmaps for 2014-2015 that include:**
 - ✦ **Complete nominations of round 1 and initiate site nominations for round 2**
 - ✦ **Country input data to CT Atlas to allow tracking of indicators in M&E System**
 - ✦ **Assist each country to complete MPA management effectiveness systems through a 6th MPA REX in 2015**
 - ✦ **Develop regional recognition awards**


DECISIONS ENDORSED BY SOM10

3. **Endorsed country roadmaps generated in the 5th MPA REX that include:**
 - **Complete national MPA management effectiveness systems**
 - **Assign CT Atlas focal points and complete national databases**
 - **Develop sub-national MPA networks**
 - **Develop sustainable financial management systems for one or more sites**

4. **Endorsed need for regional funding through GEF or other sources to support the \$US1.5 million annual cost to maintain a functional regional system per the CTMPAS Framework roadmap**


STATUS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF PRIORITY ACTIVITIES

Regional Action 1: Jointly establish overall goals, objectives, principles, and operational design elements for a CTMPAS-centered around priority MPA networks.

Regional Activities/Actions	STATUS
Share the results of the first round of nominations with the CTMPAS Review Committee	Completed
Submission of nominations for country Flagship and Priority Development sites (Categories 3 & 4) for inclusion in CTMPAS (second round)	Completed (September 2015)
Appoint the MPA Coordinator to guide CTMPAS implementation and provide overall support to MPA TWG	On-board since January 2015
Conduct periodic CTI MPA-TWG meetings and MPA Advisory Group meetings:	 Monthly Conf. calls CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE <small>ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY</small>

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Regional Activities/Actions	STATUS
Conduct MPA Regional Exchange for CTMPAS implementation in mid-2015	Needs Financial Support
Review and refine the CTMPAS nominations (2 nd round)	Completed (October 2015)
Review by the external/independent CTMPAS review committee	Completed (October 2015)
Mobilize partners and other donor projects to support (including funding) for CTMPAS implementation during CTI and other international workshops	<p>On-going</p>  <p>CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY</p>

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Regional Activities/Actions	STATUS
Communicate the findings and recommendations from the review committee regarding CTMPAS sites	World Park Congress in 2014; SSME SC MPA Meetings (2014 - 2015); EAS Congress 2015; Philippine PM-TMEM 2015
Provide recognition (awards) of CTMPAS sites and progress every two years starting 2016 to coincide with the CT Day and/or other CTI related celebrations	The Design of Regional Outstanding MPA Awards has been developed and will start in 2016.



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Regional Action 2: Complete and endorse a comprehensive map of MPA networks to be included in CTMPAS. (e.g. CT Atlas).

Regional Action/Activities	Status
Determine the CT Atlas Focal Points per country	On-going (PH, SI, TL [needs updating])
Input all national MPA data (recognized category 1 sites) into the CT Atlas for tracking national & regional progress	On-going but slow
CT Atlas annual report on the country MPA status to the NCCs and MPA TWG	To be organized with WorldFish
MPA M&E indicators are tracked with data inputs/updates from countries to track progress and change	Accomplished thru 2013

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Regional Action/Activities	Status
Request for technical assistance to each country to improve national MPA data quality and consistency for CT Atlas tracking following CT Atlas protocols	Development of GEF proposal with ADB
CT Atlas institutional base is supported and expanded to perform data management, analysis and reporting functions	Development of GEF proposal with ADB



Progress towards CTI MPA Indicators...

Indicator	Target	Status of Target
1. CTMPAS Framework	Adopted/Launched 2013/14	Completed
2. Percent of total marine habitat in MPA/LMMA	20%	17.8% of reef habitat 9.4% territorial waters 1.6% of EEZ
3. Percent of each habitat in “no-take” area	10%	Approx 2%
4. Percent of MPAs under “effective” management	25% applying criteria in CTMPAS	Approx 1%
5. Percent of MPAs included in CTMPAS	All MPAs to be included by 2020	
Category 1	100%	Approx 80-90%
Categories 2, 3 & 4	TBD	TBD

Number and area of MPAs in the Coral Triangle

<i>CT Country</i>	<i>Total Number of MPAs</i>	<i>MPAs with Known Boundaries</i>	<i>Area (km²) for Known Boundaries</i>	<i>Percent of EEZ</i>	<i>Percent of Territorial Waters (12 miles)</i>
<i>Indonesia</i>	145	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<i>Malaysia</i>	54	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<i>Papua New Guinea</i>	74	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<i>Philippines</i>	1,785	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<i>Solomon Islands</i>	214	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
<i>Timor-Leste</i>	1	1	557 556*	1.3%	3.4%
REGION	2273				

Compiled by the Coral Triangle Atlas at WorldFish from sources including Reefbase, the World Database of Protected Areas (WDPA), national agencies and The Nature Conservancy, and validated with each country.

**Data as reported by governments and slightly different from the CT Atlas due to discrepancies from new or missing polygon data for a few MPAs.*

WORKING GROUP ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✦ CTMPAS Framework designed, endorsed and launched
- ✦ CTMPAS made operational
- ✦ CTMPAS sites nominated in 2014 and 2015 by CT6
- ✦ MPA management effectiveness systems developed
- ✦ CTMPAS framework brings consistent management effectiveness and design criteria to CT6
- ✦ Indicators tracked through CT Atlas database



CHALLENGES

1. Some CT countries cannot join the Working Group conference calls;
2. Other CT Countries need support to be able to submit CTMPAS nominations
3. Need support to review the CTMPAS nomination and Regional MPA Awards/Recognition process
4. Need support for the next MPA REX in 2016

RECOMMENDATIONS

- a) Endorsement of the design of the Regional MPA Recognition/ Awards**
- b) Endorsement for an MPA Regional Exchange in 2016**
- c) Call for financial support to operationalize the activities of the MPA TWG**
- d) Recognition of the results of the round-2 CTMPAS nominations**



WORK PLAN FOR 2016

Planned Activities	Timeframe
<i>Mini Workshop to review the nomination process for the CTMPAS and Regional MPA Awards (Chair)</i>	<i>Dec 2015 –January 2016</i>
<i>MPA REX</i>	<i>June 2016</i>
<i>CTMPAS Nomination (3rd round)</i>	<i>March -October 2016</i>
<i>Regional MPA Awards</i>	<i>March – October 2016</i>



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