



# **CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE**

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

## **Annex 10.3**

### **Decision Document on**

### **Marine Protected Area Working Group**

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**The 12<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-12)**

**1 - 2 November 2016  
Laguna Hotel, Waigani Drive  
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea**

**Adopted on 2 November 2016  
by  
the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,  
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

## I. Background

The SOM11 on December 2, 2015 in Manado, Indonesia endorsed the MPA TWG Work Plan 2016 of which two (2) activities were implemented: the mini workshop to review the CTMPAS nomination process, application form and the Regional MPA Awards, and the conduct of the 6th MPA Regional Exchange with a theme, "Sustainable Marine Tourism in the CTI-CFF Marine Protected Areas." During the MPA REX, member countries identified their new focal points for the CT Atlas and they were given a training on how to update their respective data and information in the database. The 3rd-Round of CTMPAS nomination and the Regional MPA Awards did not take place as targeted due to the revision of the nomination process and awards system which was ongoing until the conduct of the 6th MPA REX in September 2016.

SOM11 also acknowledged the support provided by ADB in supporting the MPA TWG Coordinator position, however, the position has expired in August 2016.

In another SOM11 session, the SOM also endorsed the creation of a task force under the MPA TWG that will identify ways to promote sustainable marine tourism standards in MPAs. Several meetings and workshops were conducted in the past year by the Coral Triangle Center in collaboration with Indonesia NCCC to develop the terms of reference (TOR) of the task force. The final draft of the TOR was presented during the MPA REX for further comments and inputs.

## II. Decision

Based on the presentation by the WG and discussions during the session on *Technical Working Group Reports - MPA* at SOM12, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Acknowledged with appreciation the contribution of the partners on sustainable marine tourism;
2. Acknowledged the outputs of NCC Indonesia, Regional Secretariat and the CTC for the development of the Terms of Reference as revised of the Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force (SMT-TF);
3. Acknowledged the CT-Atlas Focal Points with endorsement of NCC who are tasked to update the CT-Atlas MPA database;
4. Called for financial support to operationalize activities under MPA goal;

5. Endorsed the implementation of the 2017 Work Plan and the Roadmap for the 3rd Round of CTMPAS Nomination Recognition;
6. Endorsed the TOR and composition of Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force;
7. Endorsed the development of a sustainable nature tourism brand for the Coral Triangle, which would be presented to the SMT-TF for consideration and adoption if approved;
8. Endorsed the proposed nature-based tourism governance framework and corresponding M&E indicators linked with the CTMPAS by SOM 13;
9. Endorsed the establishment of a system to enable countries to prioritize their MPA capacity building needs annually, through the MPA TWG platform, and disseminate these priorities to all capacity provider (supported by Regional Secretariat and CTC);
10. Endorsed the establishment of a process to systematically capture progress data with regards to how capacity needs for MPAs are being met in the region moving forward; facilitated through the MPA TWG; and
11. Endorsed the engagement and support of an experienced MPA Coordinator at the Regional Secretariat.

**Attachments:**

1. MPA Working Group Report for SOM12
2. Minutes of the 6th MPA Regional Exchange
3. Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force Terms of Reference
4. Report on “Developing and Promoting Sustainable Nature-Based Tourism in the Coral Triangle” by WWF
5. Terms of Reference for the MPA TWG Coordinator