



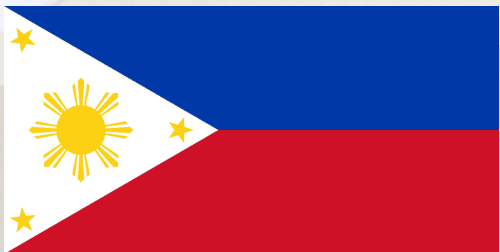
**CORAL TRIANGLE
INITIATIVE**
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES
AND FOOD SECURITY



6-7 November 2023

18TH SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING

Country Report Philippines



Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Biodiversity Management Bureau



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Department of Environment and Natural Resources Biodiversity Management Bureau **Chair**
Department of Agriculture Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources **Co-Chair**

National Government Agencies

- DENR- Climate Change Service
- DA - National Fisheries Research and Development Institute
- Department of Foreign Affairs Maritime and Ocean Affairs Office
- DFA- United Nations and International Organizations
- National Economic Development Authority
- Climate Change Commission
- Department of Tourism
- Department of Finance International Finance Group
- Department of Interior and Local Government
- University of the Philippines Marine Science Institute- Academe

Non-Governmental Organizations

- World Wildlife Fund for Nature Philippines
- Conservation International Philippines

**There is a need to engage organizations from the business sector.*



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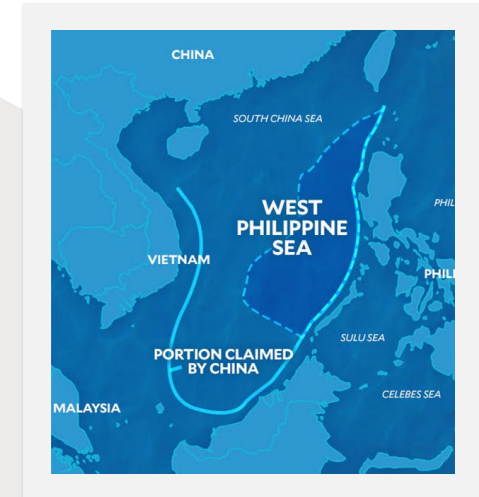


Progress/Accomplishments Towards NPOA

| 7-10 February 2023 | 28 March 2023 | 23-28 July 2023 | 7-10 November 2023 |
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| <p>Workshop on the CT-CFF RPOA 2.0 Monitoring and Evaluation Plan Framework</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M&E Plan Framework submitted to the Regional Secretariat on 22 March 2023; • Draft outline of the NPOA 2.0; • 1st NCCC Meeting. | <p>2nd NCCC Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on the conduct of Multistakeholder Forum; • NCCC Operations (e.g., TOR, revision of EO, reportorial format) | <p>CT-CFF NPOA 2.0 Development cum NSOC Updating Workshop</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stocktaking of NSOC; • Accomplishments of NPOA version one (1); • Vision/mission setting; • Goal setting; | <p>M&E Plan Framework and Investment Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize specific activities per thematic objective of the NPOA; • Identify responsible offices per determined activities; • Allocate funds on respective activities including fund source and timeframe; and • Identify opportunities to leverage resources across agencies to create partnership and mainstream NPOA objectives and targets |

OBJECTIVE A: By 2030, health of coastal and marine ecosystems, priority threatened species and fisheries in the Coral Triangle region are improved through effective management actions

- Conducted the National Marine Scientific Research Initiatives and Related Activities (CONMIRA) Stakeholder Meeting in Philippine Rise;
- West Philippine Sea (WPS) Policy Orientation;
- Conducted levelling off meeting on Blue Carbon Policy and Assessment for habitat assessment, monitoring and protection of Legislated and Proclaimed NIPAS MPAs on 8 March 2023;
- Conducted the 1st National Multi-stakeholder Consultation Workshop to map out initiatives and other policy measures that must be taken for the Philippines to meet its commitment to the 30x30 global conservation pledge on August 29-September 2, 2023;
- Provide capacity building on MPA Networking to the Regional Offices of DENR;



Sea Turtles and Sea Cow (Dugong)

Conducted Activities in 2023

- Continued monitoring of marine turtle nesting and foraging habitats (including flipper tagging of encountered marine turtles)
- protection and management of habitats: declaration as local conservation area/s, critical habitat/s, marine protected area

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Budget**

Planned Activities in 2023

- Review, finalization and adoption of the National Marine Turtle Conservation Action Plan and National Dugong Conservation Action Plan
- Continued implementation of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Plan
- Implementation of the activities under the BMBBFAR Convergence Memorandum of Agreement



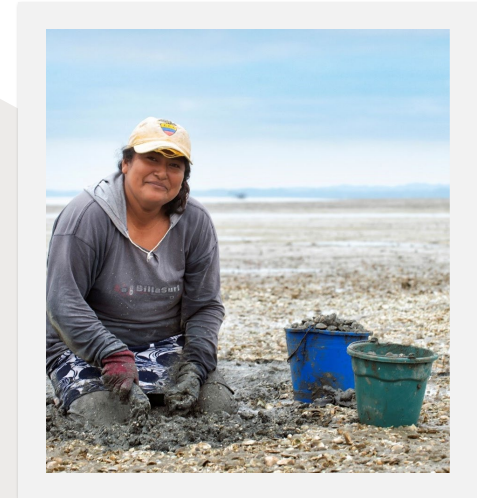
Coastal and Marine Ecosystem

- Benthic Habitat Mapping to determine extent of coastal and marine ecosystems
- Implementation of Malinis and Masaganang Karagatan (improvement of criteria and incentive mechanism)
- Launching of the Environment and Natural Capital Accounting Roadmap
- Implementation of the National Plan of Action on Marine Litter



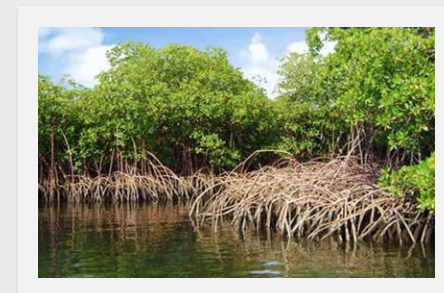
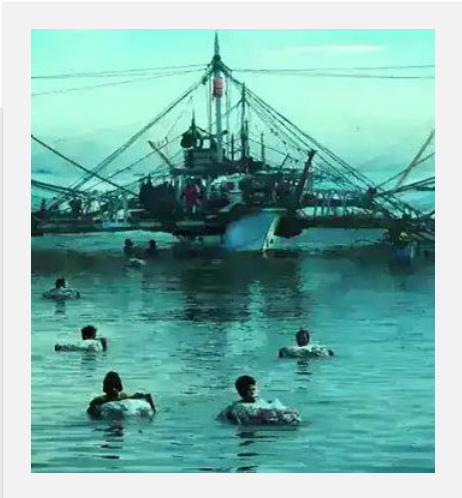
SocioEconomic

- Implementation of CMEMP (BDFE and Technical Assistance)
- Implementation of the COASTFISH regional framework for sustainable coastal fisheries and poverty reduction initiatives in achieving food security and improving coastal livelihoods
- Lobbying of the Magna Carta for Workers in the Informal Economy and Magna Carta for Rural Women (2022-2028)
- Development/updating and implementation of National Ecotourism Strategic Action Plan (NESAP) 2023
- Implementation of Gender Mainstreaming and Action Plan for GF-funded and UNDR-supported projects (i.e., BD Corridor, ETP MW, SGP, SHIELD, etc) (2023-2028)
- development damage assessment for natural resources protocol inclusion to NDRRM framework
- Enhance the integration of climate change and DRR (2023-2027)



Policy and Governance

- Implementation of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program (seven components);
 - Mainstreaming Integrated Coastal Management Approach into the Comprehensive Land Use Plans
 - Implementation Green Fins
- Enhanced National Greening Program Implementation
- Reconstitution and strengthening of NCCC through inclusion of the Philippine Commission on Women, Philippine Coast Guard, and Business and private sector
- Integration of the National Stock Assessment Program, including the existing policy brief of ~~DM~~FRDI
- Support to PMTMEM Program (UP and DENR)
- Mainstreaming CC vulnerability assessments e.g. Climate Risk Vulnerability Assessment (CRVA) for investment planning and implementation

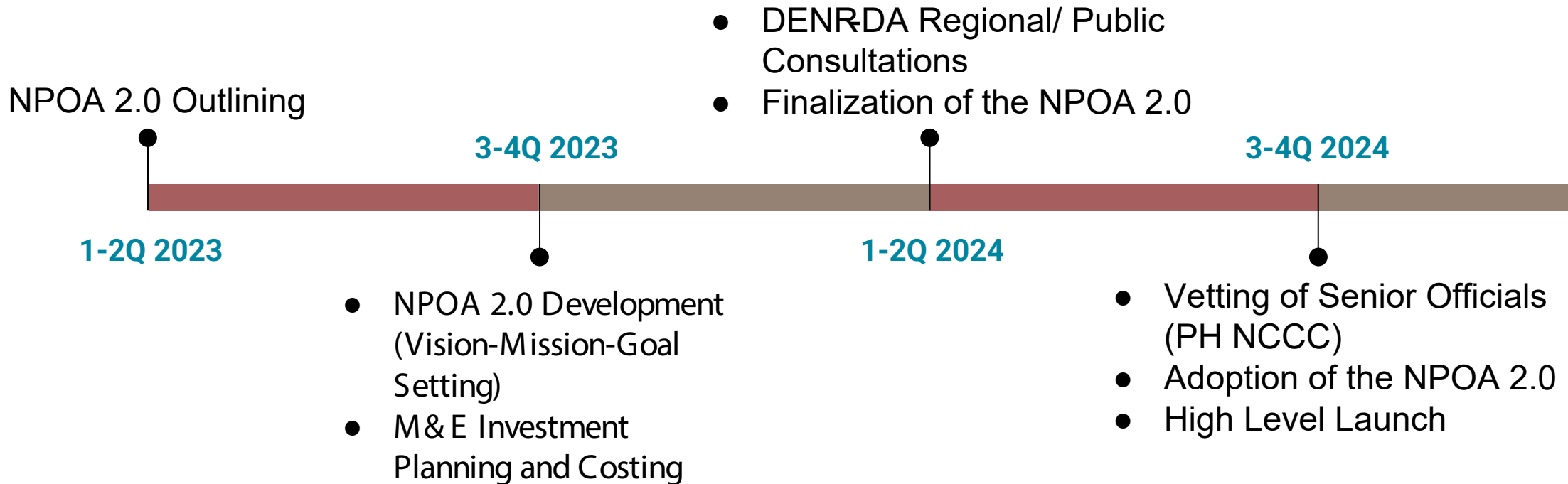




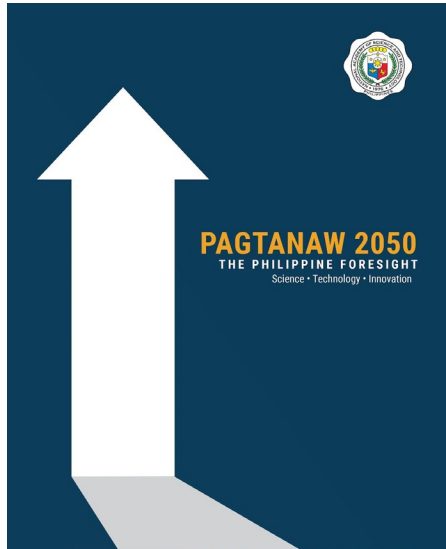
CHALLENGES AND CONSTRAINTS

- Frequent turnover and transitions in government personnel, often in response to evolving events, can disrupt the continuity of data management and compromise the quality of information collected.
- Reduced financial allocations and constrained budgets pose significant challenges to the effective implementation
- Enforcing environmental laws and regulations within the CTI faces a series of challenges, including limited resources, complex jurisdictional issues, and the need for strengthened legal frameworks to combat illegal activities.

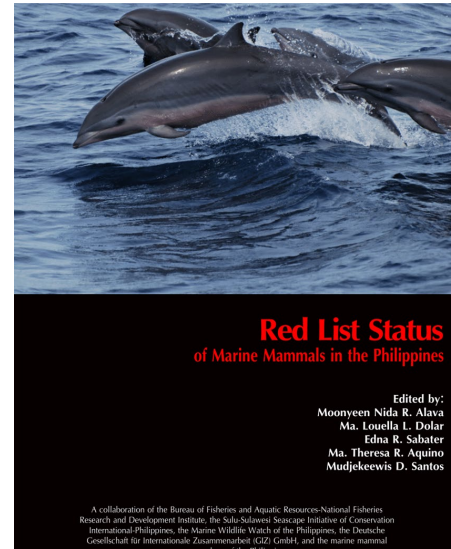
National Roadmap 2024



PUBLICATIONS



Pagtanaw 2050, the Philippine Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) Foresight. National Academy of Science and Technology Philippines. 3rd Level Science Heritage Building DOST Complex Bicutan, Taguig Metro Manila 1631 Philippines. <https://www.nast.ph>



Updating of Marine Species Red List Assessments under IUCN. <https://www.iucnredlist.org/>



Various scientific articles related to CTI published under the Scopus indexed The Philippine Journal of Fisheries (TPJF). <https://www.nfrdi.da.gov.ph/tpj>



National Stock Assessment Program: Interactive Atlas. <https://nsap.nfrdi.da.gov.ph/>

CORAL TRIANGLE DAY 2023

Mural Painting

Social Media Posting



  DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau
Jun 17 · 🌐

IN PHOTOS: Third (3rd) Batch of DENR-BMB personnel participating in the Mural Painting Activity as part of the Month of the Ocean (May), World Oceans Day (June 8) and Coral Triangle Day (June 9) Celebrations. 💙💚💚

Painting is seen along North Avenue and Elliptical Road sides of the Ninoy Aquino Parks and Wildlife Center, Quezon City.

#MOO2023 #OceanDecade #BiodiversityPH #CTDay2023 #WOD2023



**“WE, THE LEADERS ENTRUSTED WITH THE MANAGEMENT OF THE
WORLD’S MOST PRISTINE CORAL REEFS, PLEDGE TO CONSERVE THEIR
BIODIVERSITY AND PRODUCTIVITY FOR GENERATIONS TO COME”**

**Leaders of the Coral Triangle
6-7 November 2023
Virtual Meeting**

Salamat po!

