



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



SEASCAPE TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

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GROUP

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16th Senior Officials' Meeting

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Focal Points

Member Country	Focal Points
Indonesia	<p>Focal Point: Mr. Suharyanto, Director of Marine Spatial Planning, Directorate General Marine Spatial management, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries.</p> <p>Alternate: M. Rasman Manafi, Director for Coastal and Marine Spatial Management, Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Investment</p>
Malaysia (Chair)	<p>Focal Point: Dr Norasma Dacho, Principal Assistant Director for Resource Management and Conservation Office, DOF-Sabah</p> <p>Alternate: Ms. Sylvia Scholastica Michael Dalansing, Fisheries Officer, Department of Fisheries Sabah</p>
Papua New Guinea	<p>Focal Point: Ms. Yvonne Tio, Executive Manageress, CEPA</p> <p>Alternate: Ms Grace Kaue, National Oceans Office, DJAG</p>
Philippines	<p>Focal Point: Datu Tungko M. Saikol, Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau-DENR BFAR</p> <p>Alternate: Mr. Eduardo B. Gongona, Director Bureau Fisheries and Aquatic Resources</p> <p>Support Staff: Ms. Janice Tuante Cubo, Aquaculturist II, BFAR and Ms. Nilda Baling, Supervising Ecosystem Management Specialist, Biodiversity Management Bureau, DENR</p>
Solomon Islands (Co-Chair)	<p>Focal Point: Ms . Assaneth Buarafi, Principal Fisheries Officer, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources</p> <p>Alternate: Ms. Agnetha Vave - Karamui, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology and Mr Brian Akwasia, Ocean and Climate Desk Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade.</p>
Timor-Leste	<p>Focal Point name : Mr. Fidelino Sousa Marques, Chief Department of R&D for Fisheries and Aquaculture.</p> <p>Alternate name : Mr. Delio da Costa Technical Staff for Department of R&D for Fisheries and Aquaculture.</p>

Action taken for SOM-15 Decisions

10.1 Seascope Working Group	Status
1. Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Seascope Technical Working Group (Annex 23);	Done
2. Noted the suggestion from the Regional Secretariat to produce a knowledge product i.e. audio-visual production, infographic with support from Development Partners to highlight the success of the Sulu Sulawesi Seascapes Project as a promotional tool for raising awareness and appreciation among key leaders of CT6 Member Countries and potential donors;	infographic similar to “The Story of Stewardship”, GIZ SOMACORE has agreed to provide support for this infographic
3. Acknowledged and accepted the Project Concept entitled “ <i>Seascope Approach to Securing Coral Reef Fishery and Biodiversity Resources in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascope</i> ” to be implemented in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines in collaboration with University of Queensland, Australia.	At the Seascope Working Group virtual call meeting held on 13 August 2020, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines National Coordinating Committees unanimously agreed and decided that their Governments would not propose the RSAP project but move forward with the project proposal by Professor Peter Mumby on “ <i>Seascope Approach to Securing Coral Reef Fishery and Biodiversity Resources in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascope</i> ” GEF expect Ministerial level signatures from ID,MY and PH for the Revised RSAP for the new Project . The new draft endorsement RSAP and related Documents were circulated to SEA NCCs for their Minister’s names and Signatures.
4. Agreed that the submission of the Seascope Working Group on its position for the inclusion of the Seascope General Model and Regional Framework for Priority Seascapes in the RPOA 2.0 through the Regional Secretariat;	Draft RPOA 2.0 is ongoing Seascope is in the draft RPOA 2.0

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<p>5. Tasked the Seascapes Sub-Working Group to develop their Terms of Reference (ToR);</p>	<p>The final version of the draft TOR for the Establishment of Sub-Group for Priority Seascapes in the Coral Triangle and final version of the draft TOR for establishment of SSS Sub-Group was discussed and reviewed. The two documents were circulated on the 30th March 2020</p> <p>The draft TOR for the establishment of BSSE sub-regional Seascape Working group and the draft TOR for the establishment of LSS sub-regional Seascape Working group was circulated to member countries for comment on the 22nd of September but no feedback so far</p> <p>The Two TORs were discussed, reviewed and Agreed at the Seascape meeting held on 19th February 2021.</p>
<p>6. Endorsed the Solutions for Marine and Coastal Resilience in the Coral Triangle (SOMACORE) Project proposal aiming to request support from the German Federal Government (Annex 24);</p>	<p>Done. GIZ has submitted proposal to the German Government and waiting for approval. On 26th November 2021 SWG meeting, member countries present requested GIZ to present and discuss Steering Status and management of the project once project is approved” (CT6 requesting RS to follow up with GIZ).</p>
<p>7. Recognized the recent legislations in the Philippines i.e. Bangsamoro Organic Law and the Expanded National Protected Area System (NIPAS), both aimed to protect and guide the management of the coastal and marine environments particularly in the southern Philippines abutting the Sulu Sea of the Sulu Sulawesi Seascapes; and</p>	<p>Noted</p>
<p>8. Endorsed the Seascape TWG Workplan for 2020 (Annex 25).</p>	<p>Done</p>

Workplan for 2021

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Budget and Status
VIRTUAL 7th Seascope Working Group Meeting TOR back-to-back with Seascope Working Group Regional Exchange for CT6		Postponed to 2022
<p>Drafting Committee for PIF and CTI-CFF/UQ/GEF project proposal</p> <p><i>Seascope Approach to Securing Coral Reef Fishery and Biodiversity Resources in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascope</i></p>	Q2	<p>USD 1,080</p> <p>3 rep per country * 3 meetings * CT3 SEA * USD 30 per half day honorarium + Internet cost for 3 Rep * 3 Countries * USD 10/pax (810+270) = 1080</p> <p>Drafting Committee for PIF</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> · 02-Jun-21 · 30-Jun-21 · 23-Jul-21 · 30-Jul- 21 · 09-Aug-21 · 26-Aug-21
NCCs procurement of Ministerial level signatures	Q2	--
Infographics on Priority Seascapes by GIZ through SOMACORE	Q3 -Q4	GIZ/SOMACORE

Workplan for 2022 and proposed Budget

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Proposed Budget Online
7th Seascope Working Group Meeting TOR (BSS, LSS) back-to-back with Seascope Working Group Regional Exchange for CT6	Q-2	USD 5,280
CT3 Southeast Asia NCCs procurement of Ministerial level signatures		
Infographics on Priority Seascapes by GIZ through SOMACORE		by GIZ through SOMACORE
<p>Output B1.1.1.a</p> <p>Output: By 2023, an updated assessment of resources, needs and opportunities of sustainable livelihoods and enterprises in targeted coastal areas including Priority Seascapes is conducted and completed, based on 2020 baseline information</p> <p>Output Indicator B1.1.1.a</p> <p>An assessment of resources, needs and opportunities of sustainable livelihoods and enterprises in targeted coastal areas including Priority Seascapes is conducted and completed, by 2023</p> <p># of Capacity Assessment Reports prepared by 2023</p>		Depending on funding

Change of Chair and Co-Chair

Support the recommendations of the SWG to turn over the Chair from Malaysia to Papua New Guinea and the turnover of the Co-Chair from Solomon Islands to Timor-Leste, based on the provisions stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the CTI-CFF Seascapes Working Group.

Papua New Guinea Ready to accept the chairship of Seascope WG

Timor-Leste Ready to accept the Co-chairship of Seascope WG

SOM-16 recommendations

1. Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by Seascope working group (Annex 1)
2. Agreed the Sub-Regional Working Groups for Priority Seascope (Annex 2), Sulu-Sulawesi Priority Seascope Sub-Regional Working Group Terms of Reference (Annex 3), Terms of References for Lesser Sunda Priority Seascope Sub-Regional Working Group (Annex 4) and Bismarck Solomon Sea Ecoregion Priority Seascope Sub-Regional Working Group (Annex 5).
3. Acknowledged and appreciated the support of USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership to the Regional Planning and Consultative Workshop for Priority Seascapes (In conjunction with the EAFM SSS Planning and the Regional Strategic Action Plan).
4. Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation and update by GIZ on SOMACORE project (Annex 6a & b) and requested GIZ to discuss to each CT6 NCCs and SWG particularly on the Steering structure and management of the project once it is approved
5. Acknowledged and appreciated the update by University of Queensland, CI Philippines and UNDP on the *Seascope Approach to Securing Coral Reef Fishery and Biodiversity Resources in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascope Strategic Action Plan* proposal, the formation of and intensive work by drafting committee for the merging of the previous and new SAPs into the draft GEF Project Identification Form (PIF)

SOM-16 recommendations (Con.)

6. Agreed to endorse the Strategic Action Plan (SAP) on *Seascape Approach to Securing Coral Reef Fishery and Biodiversity Resources in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape* (Annex 7).
7. Urged the NCCs (IN, MY) to procure the Federal Ministerial level signatures for the SAP on *Seascape Approach to Securing Coral Reef Fishery and Biodiversity Resources in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape* (Annex 8) as well as the GEF Country Nodes signatures for the PIF to the SAP on *Seascape Approach to Securing Coral Reef Fishery and Biodiversity Resources in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape* (Annex 9).
8. Acknowledged and appreciated the support of USAID RDMA and request SOM-16 to endorse the Sustainable Fish Asia (SUFIA) for Local Capacity Development Activity and programs related to Seascape
9. Acknowledged the current situation caused by the Covid-19 Global Pandemic which affects the Seascape Working Group to implement the Work Plan of 2020.
10. Noted the postponement of the 7th Seascape Working Group Meeting back-to-back with Seascape Working Group Regional Exchange to be undertaken in 2022.
11. Approved the Seascape Working Group 2022 Workplan (Annex 10).
12. Acknowledged the sincere gratitude of SWG to Dr Sharifah Nora Syed Ibrahim, former Deputy Executive Director for Program Services for her hard work and dedication throughout her tenure with the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. Her efforts to deliver high-quality work for the organization are commendable and we wish her all the best as she charts a new chapter in her professional journey.
13. Supported the recommendations of the SWG to turn over the Chair from Malaysia to Papua New Guinea and the turnover of the Co-Chair from Solomon Islands to Timor-Leste, based on the provisions stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the CTI-CFF Seascapes Working Group (Annex 11).
14. Acknowledged and appreciated the excellent chairship of Dr Norasma Dacho from Malaysia as Chair and Ms Agnetha Vave-Karamui from Solomon Islands as Co-Chair of the Seascapes Working Group for the period of 2018 – 2020.



Thank you!



A school in Raja Ampat, Indonesia
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