

Status Update: Solutions for Marine and Coastal Resilience in the Coral Triangle

Programme data

Commissioning party and funding instrument:	Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety (BMU) – International Climate Initiative (IKI)
Countries:	Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste
Political Partner institutions:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Coordinating Ministry of Maritime and Investment Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia;• Ministry of Environment and Water (Malaysia);• Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (Papua New Guinea);• Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Biodiversity Management Bureau & Department of Agriculture - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (Philippines);• Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology (Solomon Islands);• Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (Timor-Leste)
Implementing organisations and Subcontractors:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conservation International (CI)• Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH• International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)• The Nature Conservancy (TNC)• Yayasan Konservasi Alam Nusantara (YKAN)• World Wide Fund for Nature Pacific – Solomon Islands (WWF Pacific – Solomon Islands)• World Wide Fund for Nature – Malaysia (WWF-MY)• Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)• Indonesia Locally Managed Marine Area Foundation (ILMMA)• Eco Custodian Advocates (ECA)
Programme duration:	5 years

Reminder: Appraisal Mission

The programme “Solutions for Marine and Coastal Resilience in the Coral Triangle” (SOMACORE) aims to strengthen the resilience of the region’s ecosystems and communities in selected transboundary seascapes through the scaling of solutions for protection, good governance and effective management of coastal and marine biodiversity.

An appraisal mission was carried out between October 2019 and September 2020 to support the design of the programme. During this time, the programme partners coordinated 23 country discussions, conducted three regional workshops (virtual), and presented the developments and results of the appraisal mission at CTI-CFF meetings. The appraisal mission mobilized over 150 stakeholders. The programme partners would like to extend their thanks to all who participated so actively to the development of the programme, despite the challenges related to the COVID-19 outbreak.

Status Update

The programme proposal was submitted to the International Climate Initiative (IKI) in September 2020 for examination. Based on the feedback received from BMU’s supporting company, the Zukunft – Umwelt – Gesellschaft (ZUG) gGmbH, the programme proposal was as requested by ZUG adjusted to meet the IKI requirements and guidelines, especially the formulations of the outcome, output and indicators. The overall purpose and idea of the project have remained the same as well as the activities remained largely unaffected by the revisions.

The ZUG has since finalized its technical and financial examination and passed the programme documents on to the BMU. The BMU’s feedback is pending. In addition, an **Exchange of Notes**, to be signed between the governments of Germany and Philippines, is currently pending and required for the commissioning of the programme by BMU. The BMU provided an indicative start date of Q1 2022, provided that the final examination is completed, and the Exchange of Notes signed.