

# OCEAN GOVERNANCE

Protecting and restoring marine ecosystems,  
catalysts for building peace and security and  
fostering sustainable economies,  
Southeast Asia and Atlantic Ocean basin

**Proposal for virtual Learning Exchange  
for the Coral Triangle Initiative**



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## BACKGROUND

- The CTI-CFF MPA WG planned in its workplan for 2021 the 9<sup>th</sup> MPA REX and 9<sup>th</sup> MPA TWG Meeting in Papua New Guinea.
- Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, this event cannot take place.
- During the on-line meeting for the MPA WG conducted on 11<sup>th</sup> February, the CTI-CFF country members agreed to accept the proposal of the EU Ocean Governance project, presented by WWF, to organize a **virtual learning exchange that can contribute to maintain the regional exchanges around MPAs.**

# BACKGROUND

The Ocean Governance project is organized in four components that may offer different topics of interest for CTI in terms of exchanges:

- **Component 1-** Increased knowledge and practice of protecting and restoring marine and coastal ecosystems in three selected areas of Marine Protected Areas in the South East Asian region
- **Component 2-** Improved management of Marine Protected Areas around the Atlantic Ocean using the concept of shared environmental protection
- **Component 3-** Strengthened knowledge exchange between Atlantic and South East Asian marine and coastal regions
- **Component 4-** Improved basis for dialogue amongst marine and coastal stakeholders in the South East Asian region



# DRAFT PROPOSAL



# APPROACH

- We propose to include **two levels of exchanges** along the duration of the event:
  - A. Exchange sessions around **technical MPA management topics**. Target participants are MPA managers and other stakeholders.
  - B. Exchange sessions about **strategic regional topics for cooperation**. Target participants are governmental staff of CTI-CFF country members, regional institutions invited and experts.
- This approach would allow people not necessarily attend all the sessions, but just those of their interest in a daily basis. For certain sessions of sessions of group A, a large audience could be allowed to follow the exchanges.

# TOPICS

- **A. Exchange sessions around technical MPA management topics**
  - ❖ Target participants: **MPA managers and other stakeholders**
  
- 2. **Supporting MPA management at regional and national scale**
  - Different models for regional networks or institutions that support MPA managers.
  - Different examples of national networks or institutions that support MPA managers.
  - Challenges and strategies to mobilize funds for MPA management and MPA networking
  
- 3. **New tools for MPA management: Coastal Resilience**
  - Session devoted to the presentation of the Resilience R-SAT tool developed by the Ocean Governance Resilience Twinning and how to apply it to the MPA management plans
  
- 4. **New tools for MPA management: Marine Mammals' protection**
  - Session devoted to the presentation of the Marine Mammals' tool developed by the Ocean Governance Marine Mammals Twinning and how to apply it into the MPA management plans.
  
- 5. **Exchanges around the protection of marine turtles and their habitats**
  
- 6. **Restoration of marine and coastal habitats in MPAs**



# TOPICS

- **B. Exchange sessions about strategic regional topics for cooperation**
  - ❖ Target participants: **governmental staff of CTI-CFF country members, regional institutions invited and experts**
- 6- **Institutions supporting Cooperation between countries.**

Session of exchanges between the Coral Triangle and the Atlantic. Exchanges about different models of institutions that support regional cooperation, e.g. CTI-CFF, the MPA networks partners of the Ocean Governance; CMAR... and others. Exploring their contribution to the regional and international targets for MPAs.
- 7- **Agreements for Transboundary Cooperation.**

Session of exchanges about different agreements that lead to the protection of large marine areas under a seascape or a migratory corridor approach. Some examples from the Atlantic partners would be shared, e.g. Pelagos Sanctuary, etc... Possibility to think on opportunities to apply any of those models in the Coral Triangle (if of interest for the CTI-CFF country members).



## TOPICS

- TOPICS and subtopics: To be agreed with CTI-CFF MPA WG (and if possible with other relevant working groups)
- Maybe all those included in this proposal or just a selected number.





## SEVERAL AGENDA OPTIONS

- 2 to 4 days
- Maximum 2 sessions per day of 1h 30
- Morning or afternoon sessions depending on participants from other regions
- Plenary sessions
- Break-out sessions in small groups





Thank you for your attention



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