

16th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-16)



CORAL TRIANGLE
INITIATIVE
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES
AND FOOD SECURITY



COUNTRY REPORT

PAPUA NEW GUINEA



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I. Introduction

- **Papua New Guinea has been a member of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs Fisheries and Food Security since 2009**
- **The Implementation for the Regional Plan of Action (NPOA) has progressed at a measured pace.**
- **This brief presentation will outline the efforts and activities undertaken by each Agency and focal point for each Goal of the NPOA from 2020-2021.**



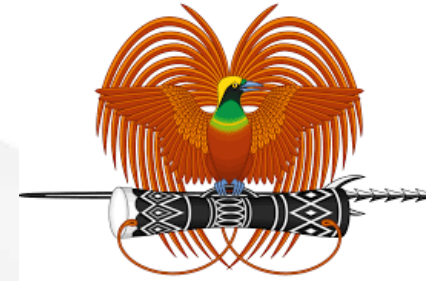
II. Background

- **Papua New Guinea (PNG) has an Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) covering an estimated 3,120,000 sq. km of marine waters with a long coastline of approximately 17,110 km extending along 15 Maritime Provinces.**
- **The National Plan of Action (NPOA) integrates work carried out by all stakeholders including Provincial and Local Level Governments, Non-Government organization and Development Partners who all play an important role in working with resource owners to ensure proper management and protection of coastal and marine resources of PNG.**



III. Members (Agencies) of the National Coordinating Committee

- Conservation and Environment Protection Authority
- National Fisheries Authority
- Climate Change Development Authority
- Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade
- Department of Finance and Treasury
- Tourism Promotion Authority
- Department of Justice and Attorney General
- Partners (WCS, WWF, TNC, Eco custodians, Piku Biodiversity Network)
- Donors (USAID, UNDP)



Conservation and Environment
Protection Authority



Climate Change and Development Authority



IV. Progress/Accomplishments towards National Plan of Action

a. SEASCAPES

CTI-CFF NATIONAL PROGRAMS

SOMACORE Project

*Wildlife Conservation Society funded through GIZ
National Consultative Workshop held 1 physical
and 1 virtual*



PROGRAMS/PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES RELATED TO CTI-CFF GOALS *(BUT NOT DIRECTLY BUDGETED UNDER CTI-CFF PROGRAMS)*

- **Rapid Assessment for East New Britain and West New Britain Province**
- **Collection and updating of environmental and socio-economic information for provinces in the BSSE region**

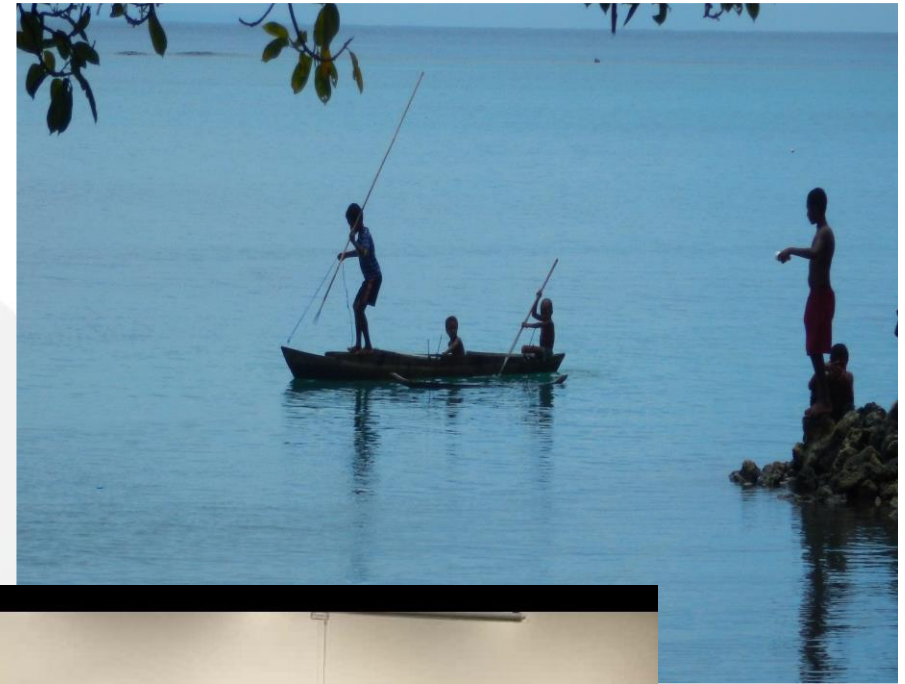


b. EAFM

Programs/projects/activities related to CTI-CFF goals *(but not directly budgeted under CTI-CFF programs)*

ATSEA PHASE 2

- National Consultation on the regional Mechanism for collaborative action And Stakeholder Partnership Forum In The Arafura And Timor Seas Region funded by UNDP GEF PEMSEA through National Fisheries Authority
- Training on EAFM principles-Training of Trainers carried out by Fishwell consultancy, NFA and CEPA officers trained on EAFM principles, enabling them to become trainers to provincial fisheries officers from 2022 onwards

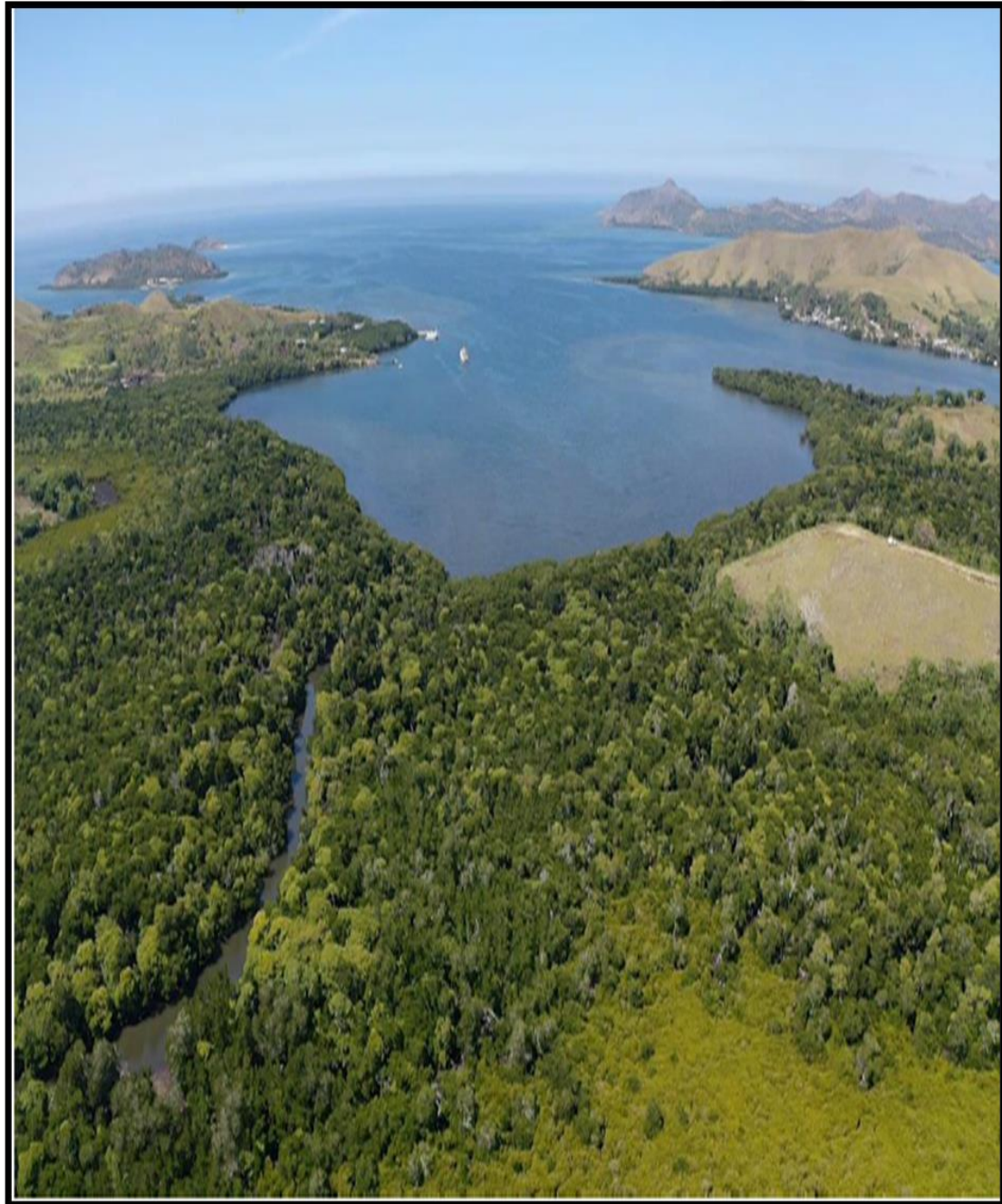


c.MPA

CTI-CFF National Programs

Bootless Bay National Marine Sanctuary (BBNMS) – activities carried out within Bootless Bay after the CEPA-JICA Biodiversity Project ended in 2020

- **Consultative Meetings – meeting with community representatives regarding land use and ownership.**
- **Bootless Bay Community Training Workshop – 2 days training for communities within Bootless Bay on mangrove and coral rehabilitation.**
- **Bootless Bay Strategic Planning Workshop**
- **Issuance of Stop Work Notices**
- **Signboard Installation**



c.MPA

PROGRAMS/PROJECTS/ACTIVITIES RELATED TO CTI-CFF GOALS *(BUT NOT DIRECTLY BUDGETED UNDER CTI-CFF PROGRAMS)*

NEW IRELAND PROJECT – WCS

- **Scaling up MPAs in Melanesia for biodiversity conservation, food security, livelihoods**
- **Establishing two marine protected areas (MPAs) in New Ireland Province**

UNDP GEF 6 PROJECT –

- **Kimbe Bay Socioeconomic Beach Der Mer Survey**
- **Kimbe Bay LMMA Financial Literacy Training**
- **Kimbe Bay LMMA Management Effectiveness Tracking Tool (METT) Assessment**
- **Kimbe Bay Gender Participatory Workshop**



c. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION (CCA)

Programs/projects/activities related to CTI-CFF goals *(but not directly budgeted under CTI-CFF programs)*

- **Green Climate Fund approved PNG's National Adaptation Plan proposal for USD 1.89 million**
- **Initial drafting of provincial mainstreaming CCA into plans and budgets for two maritime provinces, Milne Bay and New Ireland Province fully funded by Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI)**
- **Vulnerability Assessments undertaken for 5 maritime Provinces (Manus, East New Britain, Morobe, Milne Bay and AROB)**



Climate Change and Development Authority



d. Threatened Species

Programs/projects/activities related to CTI-CFF goals *(but not directly budgeted under CTI-CFF programs)*

WWF

- **Regional Consultation of Draft Shark and Ray National Plan of Action**
- **Official Launch of National Plan of Action for Sharks and Rays (June 2021)**

WCS

- **Threatened sawfish and rhino ray monitoring and management surveys**

SPREP

- **Regional Marine Species Programme and Action Plans**

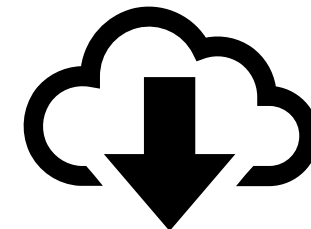
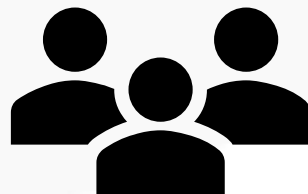
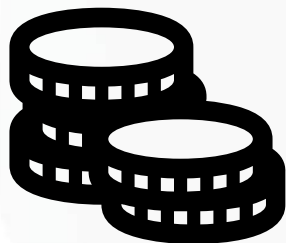
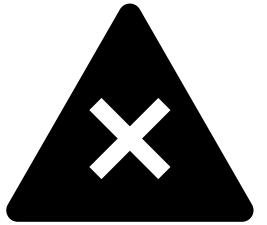


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River Shark, Gogol River Madang
Province*



V. Challenges/Constraints Affecting Implementation of Activities

- Lack of funding
- Territorial over information and data sharing
- COVID -19 pandemic restrictions reducing face to face meetings and workshops, difficulty of provincial stakeholders in joining virtual meetings
- During COVID pandemic priority in budgetary allocation was given to the Health sector for in-country health measures. Hence, contributed towards the delay in payment of country contributions to CTI-CFF from 2018-2021.



CTI-CFF National Programs

- **Marine Protected Area Regional Exchange**
- **Maritime Governors Roundtable**
- **National Conservation Plan for Threatened Species**
- **Collection and updating of environmental and socio-economic information for provinces in the BSSE Region**



VII. Potential Regional Program and Support Required

- **EAFM
ATSEA II**
Trans-boundary diagnostic analysis needs to be reviewed and prioritized

- **EAFM training to be conducted in South Fly and other Maritime provinces to fisheries officers and provincial resource persons**

THREATENED SPECIES

Papua New Guinea is interested to become a part of the TRIPOD Project (Targeting Regional Investigations for Policing Opportunities & Development) (ref to SOM recommendations)


- **Funding and technical support to complete its National Conservation Plan for Threatened Species.**
- **Preliminary work for the National Plan of Action for Turtles is also scheduled for 2022 through regional support from WWF and SPREP.**

SEASCAPES

Undertake Marine Spatial Planning and zoning for Bismarck and Coral Sea Region.



VIII. Publications



INDEPENDENT STATE OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

PAPUA NEW GUINEA MARINE PROGRAM

2019-2023





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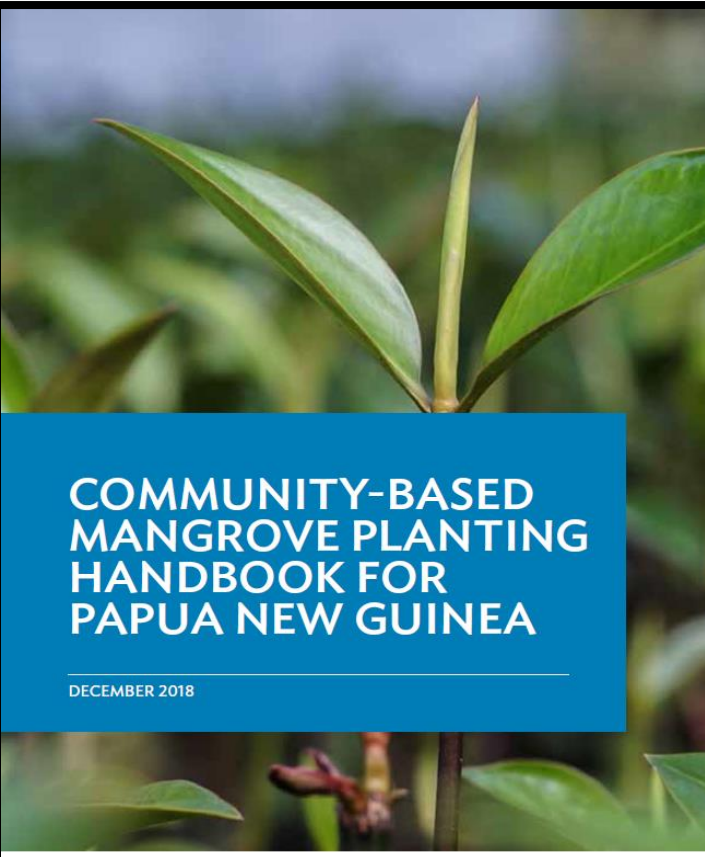


NATIONAL COORDINATION COMMITTEE FOR THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA MARINE PROGRAM AND THE CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY



Papua New Guinea


**National Plan of Action on
Sharks and Rays
2021 – 2024**

A National Policy for the Management and Conservation of
Sharks and Rays in Papua New Guinean Waters



**COMMUNITY-BASED
MANGROVE PLANTING
HANDBOOK FOR
PAPUA NEW GUINEA**

DECEMBER 2018



IX. Other Remarks

- **Improve its inter-government relations between Agencies and also review and update the NPOA (PNG Marine Program 2019-2023) to reflect the changes in the Regional Plan of Action 2.0**
- **Strong collaboration and co-ordination between technical working groups to increase outputs is also hoped for in the years after RPOA 2.0 is officially endorsed and adopted**
- **Sustainable Financing is important for implementation of projects and activities including Monitoring and Evaluation.**
- **Priority emphasis should be given to finalizing of the Host Country Agreement (HCA), Regional Plan of Action 2.0 (RPOA 2.0) and the Regional Conservation Trust Fund which requires technical and financial support and effective participation by all Stakeholders.**
- **The University Partnership will need to be revived and also MOUs on the University Partnership needs to be renewed.**





**Thank
you!**

