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**SOM19**

# The 19<sup>th</sup> SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING

..... Technical Working Group Report .....

## Marine Protected Areas (MPA)

Dr. Firdaus Agung  
Chair of MPA TWG

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# Focal Points



## Focal Points

Member Country	Focal Points
<b>Indonesia (Chair)</b>	Dr. Firdaus Agung, Director for Conservation Ecosystem and Aquatic Biota, MMAF Alternate: Mr. Amehr Hakim, Coordinator for Marine Protected Areas Designation, MMAF
<b>Malaysia (Co-Chair)</b>	Dr. Maklarin Lakim, Director of Sabah Parks Ms. Rimi Repin, Principal Assistant Director of Research and Education Division, Sabah Parks Mr. Adam Malik Masidi, Marine Research Officer, Sabah Parks
Papua New Guinea	Bernard Kombeng Suruman, Manager MPA Branch, Conservation and Environment Protection Authority Alternate: <b>TBD</b>
Philippines	Mr. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Biodiversity, In concurrent capacity as Director Biodiversity Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources Alternate: Mr. Isidro M. Velayo, Jr., MDM Officer-in-Charge, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Solomon Islands	Mr. Peter Husi'au'ana Kenilorea, Chief Fisheries Officer, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Alternate: Mr. Trevor Maeda, Principal Conservation Officer, Ministry of Environment, Climate change, Disaster Management and Meteorology and Meteorology
Timor-Leste	Orlando Halle Kalis, Chief Department for Development Investigation of Fisheries and Aquaculture. Alternate: Mr. Artur Maria Pereira, Technical Staff under the Department of Art and Fishing Gear, Ministry of Agriculture Livestock, Fisheries, and Forestry

# Action Taken for SOM-18 Decisions

## Action Taken for SOM 18 Decisions

Decisions	Status
1. Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by MPA Working Group (Annex 8.7).	Done
2. Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of Workshop on Protecting Marine Migratory Species and Achieving the 30x30 Target Through Transnational Approaches, organized by CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, WWF, and EU Ocean Governance Project in Manado on 15-17 May 2023.	Done
3. Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of III Learning Exchange Workshop between MPA managers from Southeast Asia and the Atlantic back-to-back with the MPA WG meeting in Bali, Indonesia on 3-6 July 2023 organized by the European Union, WWF and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.	Done
4. Acknowledged and noted the needs of Learning Exchange as Capacity Building for the CT6 member countries under EU Ocean Governance Project regarding the Coral Restoration, during which the need for a Network of MPA managers in the CT region was identified and discussed. Member countries also acknowledged needs of the MPA Network in the CT region.	Done
5. Acknowledged and expressed the need of developing an effective Network of MPA managers in the CT region to support capacity building through training and sharing of knowledge and best practices, which would contribute to achieving the targets and objectives of RPOA2.0	Done

## Action Taken for SOM 18 Decisions (Cont.)

Decisions	Status
6. Requested EU Ocean Governance to continue assisting the CTI-CFF MPA Working Group activities including the development of a Network of MPA managers in the CT region considering the importance of the Network for supporting global and regional goals in marine and coastal conservation.	Done RS to provide means of verification
7. Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of 9th MPA Regional Exchange hosted by Papua New Guinea on 11 October 2023 through in-situ online meeting.	Done
8. Acknowledged the interest of IUCN to collaborate with the CTI-CFF in the MPA space in CT6 (MPA TWG activities) and requested RS to explore the interest of IUCN to move forward for the formal agreement process (Annex 8.8).	Done MOU Signing between RS and IUCN on 3 September 2024
9. Requested the CT6 member countries to update the MPA data in CT-Atlas by Q2 2024.	CT6 to update ID: Done, MY: End of Q4 2024, PG: By 2025 & Request RS support, PH: Revisit the CT Atlas Indicators, SB: By Q1 2025, TL: End of Q4 2024
10. Appreciated the excellent contribution of Mr. Benvindo Maria de Deus Araujo dos Santos as Chair from Timor Leste and Dr. Firdaus Agung as Co-Chair from Indonesia in year of 2021-2023.	Done
11. Approved the recommendation of the MPA working group to turn over the Chair from Timor-Leste to Indonesia and the turnover of the Co-chair from Indonesia to Malaysia in the year of 2024 - 2025, based on the provision stipulated in the rules and procedure of the CTI-CFF MPA working group.	Done
12. Approved the MPA Working Group 2024 Workplan.	Done



Update on Workplan and Budget by the Chair of MPA  
TWG for 2024



## Workplan and Budget for 2024

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Proposed Budget (USD)
<p>MPA REX and MPA TWG Meeting</p> <p>Develop the regional guideline for SMTTF (engaging consultant) by adopting the existing national guideline from the CT6 for Sustainable Marine Tourism (ID, MY, PG, PH, SB, TL: Postpone TBD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalizing Regional Level Guideline for SMTTF</li> <li>Identifying activities that integrate with other TWG in Priority MPA Site</li> </ul> <p>Workshop on CTMPAS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CTMPAS Advisory committee recommend replacements (Refer CTMPAS Advisory Committee TOR)</li> <li>Round 3 CTMPAS nomination</li> <li>Completion of CTMPAS Certification Process</li> </ul>	Q4	<p>USD 30,000</p> <p>Venue: Manado, 7-10 October 2024, co-funding with IUCN</p> <p>- Data Collection and Verification workshop</p> <p>Integrated into Work Plan 2025</p>
<p># of creative economies and innovative financing options developed by SMTTF, in view of the present and future pandemic risks and other types of hazards in terms of code of conduct, branding, guidelines, sustainable financing mechanism, projects, and capacity building, by 2023</p> <p>(Output Indicator BI.2.1.a)</p>	Q2 – Q4	Looking for potential partner's support
Other activities related to RPOA 2.0	Q1 – Q4	Long-term: Looking for partner's support

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# Workplan and proposed Budget by the Chair of MPA TWG for 2025

## MPA- TWG Workplan and Budget 2025

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget (estimation) USD		Objective/Remarks
			CTI	Seeking Additional Partner Support	
1	Establish and/or Improve collaborative partnerships on Marine Protected and Conserved Areas expansion and effectiveness	Q1	-	Seeking additional support from current and potential partners	Increase support towards the MPA TWG and the initiatives associated under the MPA related targets of the RPOA 2.0
2	11 <sup>th</sup> MPA REX and MPA TWG Meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ CT Atlas Data Reporting</li> <li>▪ Update of CTMPAS, using IUCN Green List Standards as a Guide.</li> <li>▪ Network of MPA Managers</li> <li>▪ Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force (SMTTF) Workshop</li> <li>▪ Socialization of the mechanism for describing and modifying ecologically and biologically significant marine area</li> </ul>	Q2-Q3	30,000	Seeking Addition Support: IUCN, USAID SCT, GIZ, WWF CTP, CTC, Ocean Foundation etc.	REX to progress decisions based on the benefits and interests of the MPA TWG. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTMPAS: 3rd round of nominations and improve regional and stakeholder collaboration to address improved requirements for CTMPAS.</li> <li>• Enhance the effectiveness of MPA Management in the CT region, considering the importance of supporting global and regional goals in marine and coastal conservation.</li> <li>• Discuss the proposed mechanisms to rehabilitate and strengthen the ecological resilience of marine tourism and related livelihood enterprises.</li> </ul>
3	Develop: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SMTTF Regional Level Guidelines</li> <li>• Identify SMTTF activities/workplan</li> <li>• Update on SMTTF Focal Point</li> </ul>	Q1-Q3	-	Seeking support: USAID SCT	To strategize the implementation of the SMTTF.
4	Recruitment of the MPA Coordinator	Q1-Q2	-	Support from IUCN (SOMACORE)	To enhance the implementation of the MPA related activities, and improve the MPA
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>			<b>30 000</b>		

# Draft Recommendations for SOM-19

## Draft SOM-19 Recommendation

1. Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Technical Working Group (Annex 8.8);
2. Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of Advancing Marine Conservation in the Coral Triangle Region Program, a side event on the 2nd UN Ocean Decade Regional Conference and 11th WESTPAC International Marine Science Conference organized by the IUCN in Bangkok, Thailand on 25 April 2024;
3. Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of 10th MPA REX and MPA TWG Meeting organized by CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the IUCN (through SOMACORE Project) in Manado, Indonesia on 7–10 October 2024;
4. Acknowledged and appreciated the IUCN (through SOMACORE Project), CTC, and WWF for the financial and technical support of the 10th MPA REX and MPA TWG Meeting;
5. Acknowledged and appreciated the 2024 M&E Report for MPA TWG and the need to develop the reporting system and assessment mechanism (Annex 8.9);
6. Acknowledged and appreciated Indonesia for updating the MPA data and requested the other CT6 Member Countries to update the MPA data in CT-Atlas by Q1 2025 and the need for in-country support;
7. Acknowledged and appreciated the initiation of CTI MPA Managers Network, to support capacity building through training and sharing of knowledge and best practices, contributing to achieving the Objective C on improving good governance of RPOA 2.0;

## Draft SOM-19 Recommendation (Cont.)

8. Acknowledged and appreciated the ongoing discussions between the IUCN (through SOMACORE Project) and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, on the recruitment of the IUCN Project Coordinator to be placed in the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to provide technical support for the Green List Program and coordinate IUCN related activities;
9. Acknowledged and appreciated the Memorandum of Understanding signing between CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the IUCN on 3 September 2024 and the further ongoing support on MPA activities supported by the IUCN (through SOMACORE Project) for 2025 (Annex 8.10);
10. Acknowledged the effort of the Ocean Foundation to support the intervention with MPA Technical Working Group to develop the Coral Triangle MPA managers network;
11. Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to invite the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Secretariat to present the modalities for the modification of descriptions of ecologically or biologically significant marine areas and the description of new areas, as adopted during the 16th Conference of Parties to the CBD, during the MPA REX and TWG in 2025;
12. Approved the Marine Protected Area Technical Working Group 2025 Workplan and Budget;

An underwater photograph of a coral reef. The scene is dominated by a large, flat, brownish-orange coral structure in the upper center. Below it, there are various other coral species, including a prominent white, branching coral in the foreground. The water is a deep blue, and many small fish are visible swimming in the background. The overall lighting is somewhat dim, typical of an underwater environment.

# Thank You

MPA TWG Report - Dr. Firdaus Agung

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