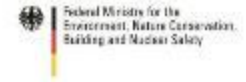




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SULU-SULAWESI SEASCAPE Regional Convergence Meeting Report

5th Seascapes Working Group Meeting

18-19 October 2018

Banten City, Indonesia

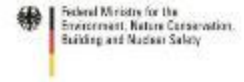




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CTI-Sulu Sulawesi Regional Convergence Meeting delegates, partners, collaborators, and guests at Bai Hotel, Mandaue City, Cebu, Philippines (3-6 July 2018).



3-6 July 2018
Bai Hotel, Mandaue City, Cebu, Philippines



Background

- Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project in partnership with the USAID Oceans Project and Conservation International Philippines organized the convergence meeting in close collaboration with the CTI-CFF Seascapes Working Group through the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat
- CT6 Country delegates: 6 Indonesia, 2 Malaysia, 10 Philippines
- Representatives from 11 Partners and Collaborators



Objectives and target outputs

Objectives: To discuss regional concerns on implementation of the RPOA and explore possible actions and coordination mechanisms for the Seascape as well as to review and finalize the draft Sulu-Sulawesi Seas Sub-Regional Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Plan.

Outputs:

- 1) proposed transboundary seascape coordination mechanisms;
- 2) updated draft “Sub-Regional Plan for Managing Transboundary Fisheries in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seas”; and
- 3) road map for the coordination mechanisms and the Sulu-Sulawesi EAFM framework plan



Highlights

- Revisited **Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion (SSME)** experience from conceptualization up to the implementation of the three country agreement from 2006-2016
- Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines shared regional and national **achievements/milestones and implementation challenges** in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape.
- Updates were provided on the results of regional researches (whale-shark, marine turtles, tuna) and transboundary initiatives (e.g. Marine turtle PA Network – Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project, USAID Oceans Project, Coral reef resilience concept note).



Highlights

- Participants identified past, present, and possible **transboundary synergies** across the RPOA goals.
- Reviewed of various **regional governance and coordination mechanisms** eg Micronesia Challenge, SSME as inputs to the discussion on the potential mechanisms for Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape under the CTI-CFF Framework
- Review and updated the **draft Sulu-Sulawesi Sub-regional EAFM Framework Plan**. Participants also agreed on a roadmap for the approval of the Framework Plan on SOM14.

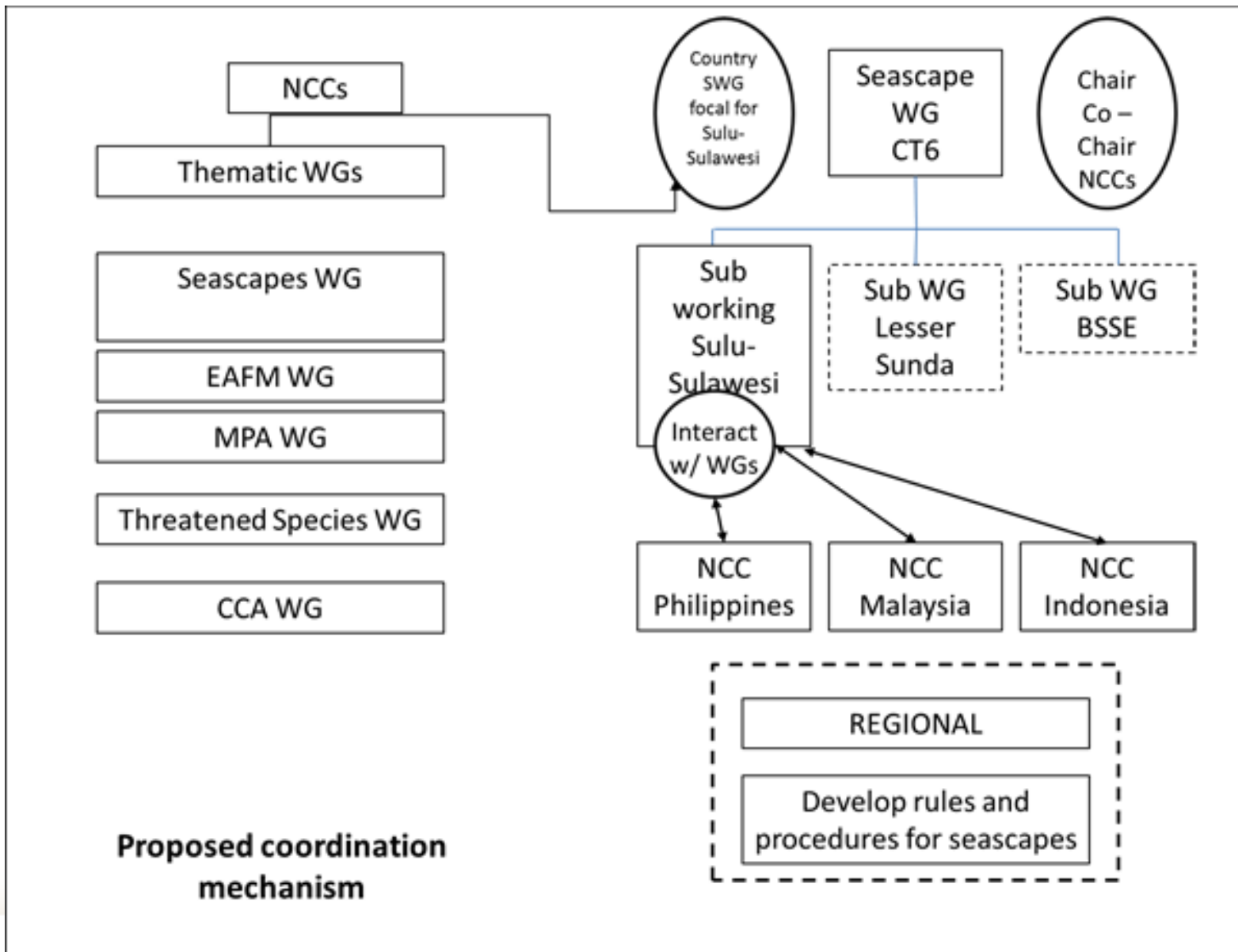


Future topics

- IUU Fishing
- Bycatch mitigation for sea turtles and sharks;
- CITES enforcement for sharks and rays
- Development of fisheries management tools (e.g., Harvest Control Strategies, Stock Assessment, etc.)
- Illegal Wildlife Trade.
- Ecosystem evaluation to support management decisions.
- MPA-CC adaptation and/or resiliency
- Blue carbon
- Coral bleaching rapid action;
- Whale shark studies
- Establishment of a Palawan - East Coast Sabah - Berau - Turtle Corridor
- MPA establishment based on the presence of TS as a contribution to MPA networking.
- marine key biodiversity areas (mKBAs) refinement and/or prioritization
- Sustainable tourism development in MPAs
- Climate change research, monitoring, and risk impact analysis on threatened species.
- Other cross-cutting concerns: marine debris, fund raising, monitoring and evaluation, and project development.



Coordination mechanisms with NCC interaction





Proposed coordination mechanism within the Seascapes Working Group

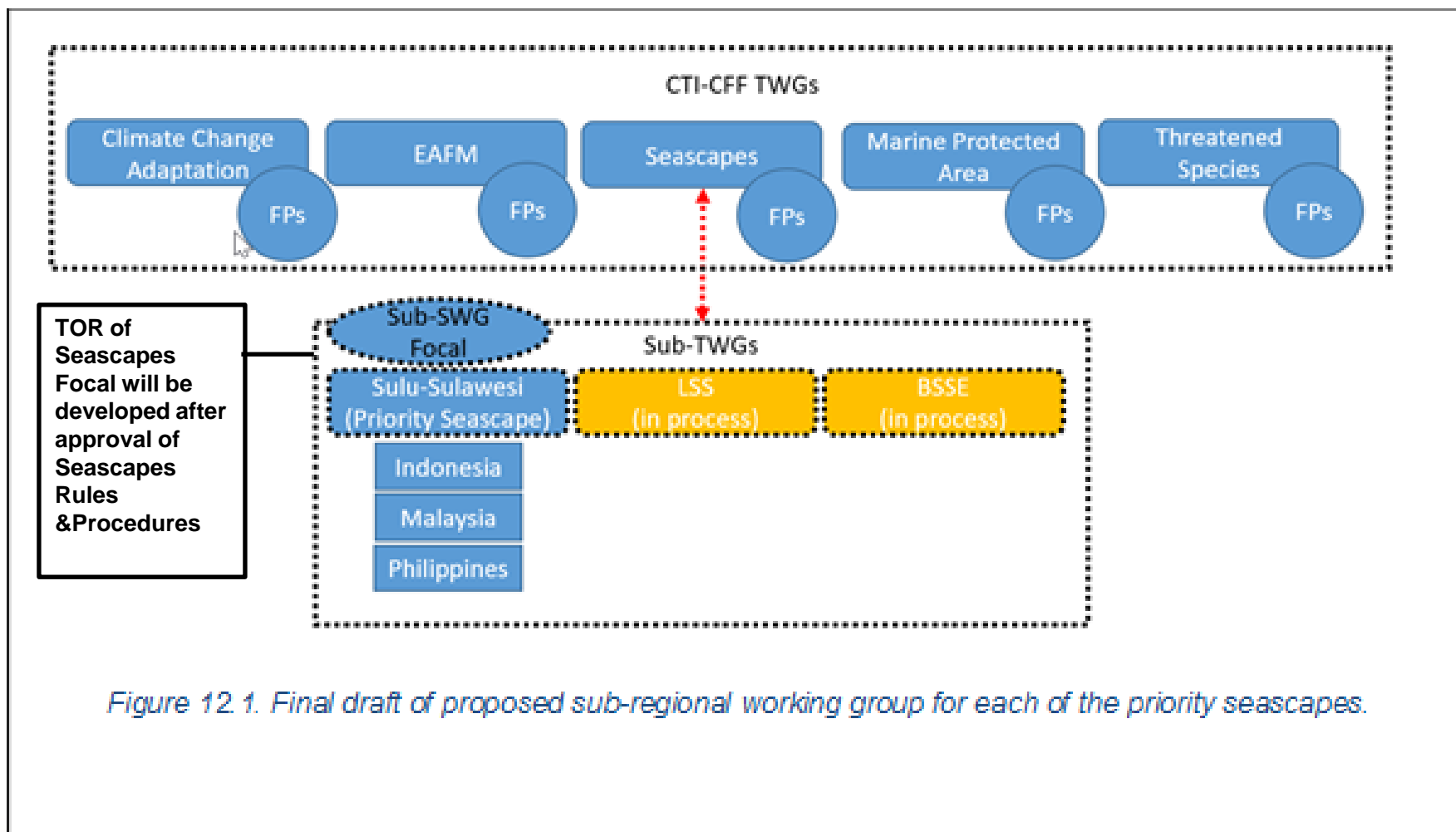
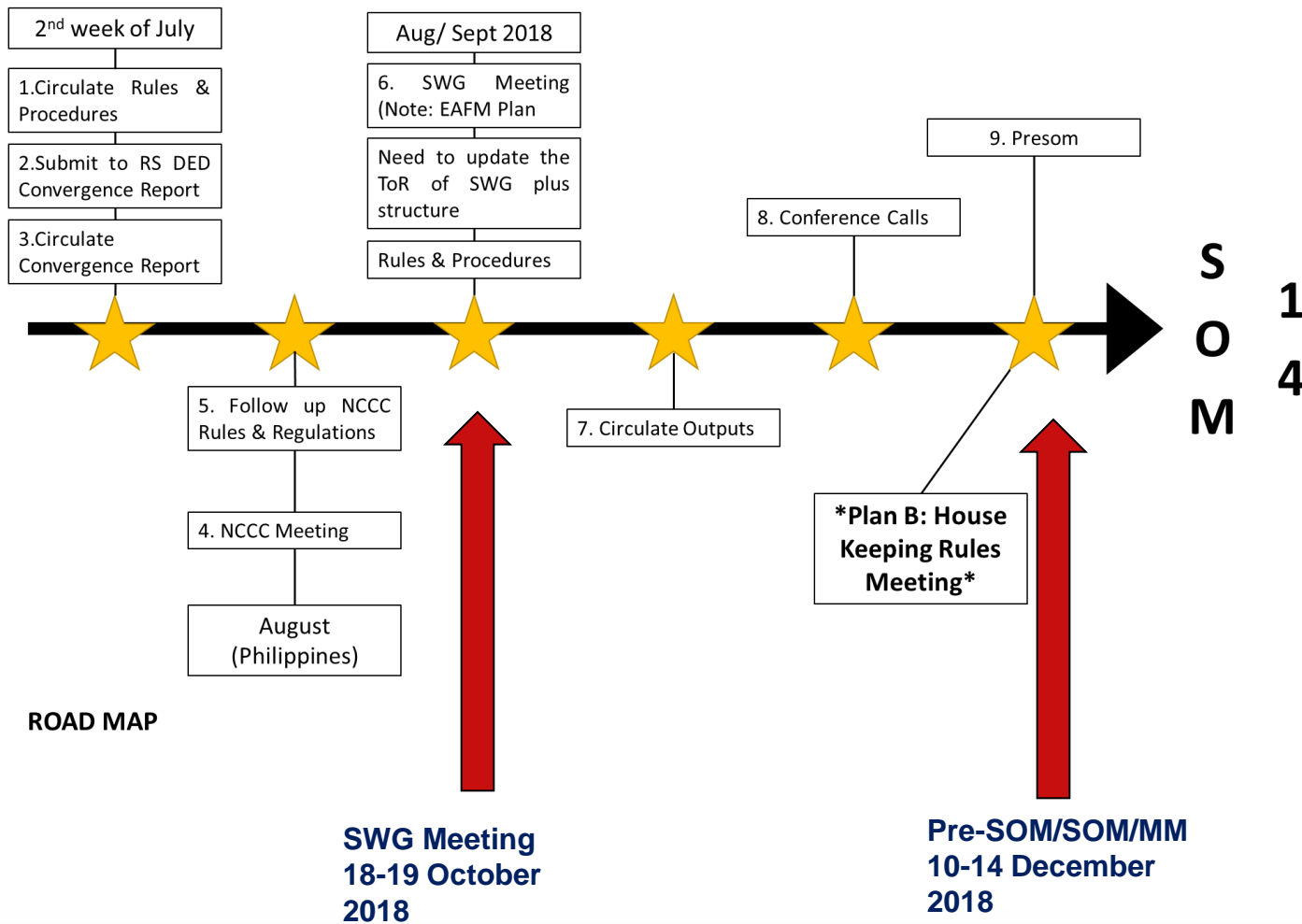


Figure 12.1. Final draft of proposed sub-regional working group for each of the priority seascapes.



Road map to the establishment of the coordination mechanism (with updates)





Agreements and updates

1. Following the CTI-CFF protocols, the Convergence Report will be circulated and discussed within NCCs and the SWG.
 - 8 August 2018, Convergence report was submitted to the Regional Secretariat; and circulated by RS on 14 August 2018
2. SWG Meeting agenda will include updated TOR of SWG plus structure; rules and procedure, including proposed details on the seascape coordinating mechanism such as the sub-regional working group and the seascape manager.
 - SWG to include the discussion of the Rules and Procedures on 18-19 October 2018, SWG Meeting]



3. [Draft Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape EAFM Framework Plan](#) will also be discussed with the NCCs and the EAFM WG as a parallel process.
 - USAID Oceans Project is consulting the NCCs on the draft document
4. Sulu-Sulawesi countries agreed to submit a joint communique to RS to highlight the need to continue Sulu-Sulawesi collaboration
 - SWG Chair joint communique to RS on 16 July 2018]

Thank you!



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