

THE PHILIPPINES



CORAL TRIANGLE
INITIATIVE
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES
AND FOOD SECURITY

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SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING
MANILA, 29 - 30 NOVEMBER 2017

Australian Government Investment

Andrew Chek – Dept. of the Environment & Energy

Australia – CTI program overview

- Official Partner since inception (2009)
- Lead agency is Department of the Environment and Energy
- > \$13M investment to 2017 – funding from Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Current tranche of funding (ends June 2018) focused on regional benefits (seascapes, tourism, scale up of community based initiatives, regional secretariat and enabling conditions – e.g. co-fund with ADB of financial architecture study)
- Awaiting results of independent evaluation of Australia's CTI investment.

Recent and concluding projects

- CBNRM projects including scaling up approaches
- Seascapes regional investment
- PNG Seascape development (ask me about the video!)
- Arafura fisheries pilot project
- Nature based tourism investment
- Independent evaluation of Australia's CTI program investment (2009-2017)

Recent announcements & activity

International Partnership for Blue Carbon

- 25 member Australia led partnership => awareness, knowledge, action on mangrove, seagrass and tidal marsh habitats
- Support for CTI CCA WG to meet on blue carbon earlier this year
- \$6M => Blue Carbon projects in the Pacific

ICRI - International Coral Reef Initiative

- \$2M => knowledge, experience and innovation between countries through ICRI

Coral Reef Innovation Facility

- \$5M => find, incubate, and accelerate solutions to coral reef management challenges

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