

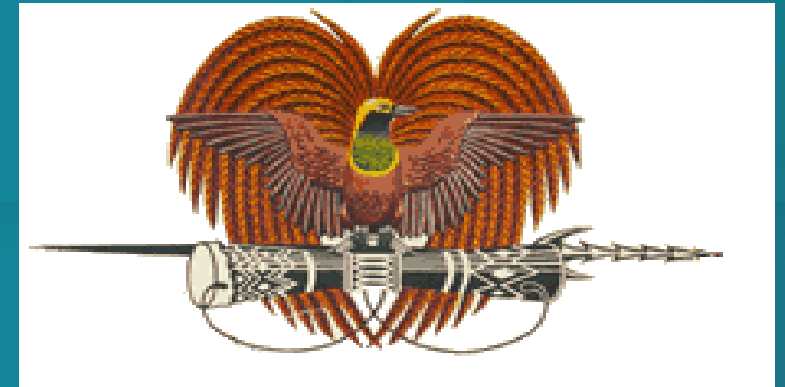
THE PHILIPPINES



**CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE**  
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

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## Country Presentation

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# Topic Outline

- Technical Working Group and Focal Points
- Partners and Status of Partnership
- Activities conducted in support of CTI
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  - Marine Protected Areas
  - Ecosystems Approach Fisheries Management
  - Climate Change
  - Threaten Species
  - Status of NPoA
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# Country Focal Points

<b>Technical Working Groups</b>	
Seascapes	The Technical Working Group Focal Point is CEPA Co-Chair is TNC
EAFM	The Technical Working Group is NFA,
MPA	The Technical Working Group is CEPA
CCA	The Technical Working Group is CCDA
Threatened Species	The Technical Working Group is CEPA
<b>Governance Working Groups</b>	
FRWG	The Technical Working Group is CEPA
CMWG	The Technical Working Group is CEPA Co-Chaired by NCC,TNC
MEWG	The Technical Working Group is CEPA Co-Chaired by NCC, NFA

# Partners and Status of Partnership

Partners	Status	Projects and Programs
The Nature Conservancy	On going	Support the NCC on the Ridge to Reef Sustainable Natural Resources management planning for New Britain Island
Wildlife Conservation Society	On going	Marine Program in Manus
Rainforest, Reef Conservation	On going	Building Resilience on Developing a National Ranger Program Ranger program
World Wildlife Fund for Nature	On going	Research and distribution of Hawksbill Turtles, in Milne Bay
Live and Learn	On going	Capacity Building on Education and Awareness programs
Centre for Locally Marine Areas	On going	Mangrove Rehabilitation and capacity building and enhancement program
Centre for Community Law Rights	On going	Paralegal training for local coastal community on Laws for protected areas
Department of Environment Australia & CSIRO	On Going	Database development on Marine Values for New Britain Island pilot study
Partners with Melanesia	On going	Mangrove restoration project, Marsh



# Activities conducted in support of CTI

- PNG Maritime Governor Roundtable conference. Got 14 Maritime province Governors to sign the CTI MoU to pledge support to promote CTI CFF under the PNG Marine Program 2017 – 2021
- Conducted 1<sup>st</sup> Ranger Training program in support of Threaten Species in the Southfly District
- Conducted the CT Day and released 3 green marine turtle
- PNG through the Oceans Conference made a voluntary commitment of Bootless Bay on the Coral Triangle Day
- PNG conducted NPA consultation on Marine Pas, Reserves, Parks
- Protected Areas Bill to become endorsed by parliament for PA conservation
- Developed a Protected Areas Implementation Plan for PNG aligned with the CTI Marine Programs
- Conducted the Marine Value Database pilot project in East New Britain Province
- Attended the Blue Carbon Research hosted by Philippines government

# Progress towards NPOA

## Goal 1: Priority seascapes designated and effectively managed

- Achievements: *Building Capacity for Sustainable and Responsible Development in the Bismarck Sea*
  1. Ridges to Reefs Planning (TNC lead)
    - Mapping WHERE resources are
    - Assessing the VALUE of the resources - Ecosystem Goods and Services (EGS)
  2. Values Database (CSIRO lead)
    - Framework to collate and illustrate the EGS values
    - Interactive interface is in development to aid in decision making
  3. Decision Making Process (CSIRO lead)
    - Research and assessment of decision making processes to guide Ridges to Reef Planning, application of Values Database, and to target key capacity gaps.
- Project timeframe: Oct 2015- Oct 2017

# Progress towards NPOA

## Goal 1: Priority seascapes designated and effectively managed

### Challenges

- We are working in collaboration with:
  - Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA)
  - United Nations Development Program (UNDP)
  - East and West New Britain Provincial Governments
- Stakeholders include:
  - Communities across New Britain
  - Community Based Organizations (CBOs)
  - Industry (primary engagement has been with oil palm and tourism)
  - All levels of government in PNG
- Funding provided by Australian Government through the Department of Environment and Energy



# Progress towards NPOA

Goal 1: Priority seascapes designated and effectively managed



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## Goal 1: Priority seascapes designated and effectively managed

### • Lessons Learned

#### Challenge #1:

- Where to draw the “seascape” line?

#### Solution #1:

- Listen to the people and include the full island and the marine areas they depend on.

#### Challenge #2:

- Technical capacity and communications

#### Solution #2:

- Reach out to all communities and provide a variety of tools



# Progress towards NPOA

**Goal 1: Priority seascapes designated and effectively managed**

## Next Steps

In the same way that PNG is full of both challenges and opportunities, This project, “Building Capacity for Responsible and Sustainable Development in the Bismarck Sea” also has it’s fair share.

CEPA, TNC & CSIRO have taken on this task in partnership and have realized the benefits of working in collaboration with a wide range of stakeholders to address the pressing needs of New Britain, the Bismarck Sea, and let’s not forget the south coast shores on the Solomon Sea!

# Progress towards NPOA

**Goal 2: Ecosystem Approach to Management of Fisheries and other Marine Resources fully applied**

## **Achievement**

- 2016 National Beche-de-mer Fishery Mgt Plan
- Implementation of CBRM is largely done by NGOs: WWF, TNC, WCS
- Vessel Monitoring Scheme and Observer Program in place  
EU Yellow Card lifted
- Inshore FADs  
Seaweed  
Trapnet  
Deep water snapper
- EAFM Training
- Information system under the creel market surveys

# Progress towards NPOA

## Goal 2: Ecosystem Approach to Management of Fisheries and other Marine Resources fully applied

- **Challenges**

- Capacity to maintain the implementation of key projects eg: CBRM, FMA, Special Spawning area
- Enforcement on IUU Fisheries
- Political support to meet international obligation

- **Lessons Learnt**

- Cross-cutting agencies, legislation gaps, duplication, consultants and contractors, sustainable financing,

- **Next Step**

- Establishment of Fisheries TWG, Support coastal fisheries management plans, Support the Provincial Fisheries Heads forum, Linkages of Fisheries activities with the WPRFC aligned with EAFM activities.



# Progress towards NPOA

## Goal 3: Marine Protected Areas established and managed

### Achievements

- Successfully conduct the inventory of the Protected areas in PNG
- Conduct the Public consultation of the PA Policy which an implementation plan has been developed and will be costed through support from ADB TA
- Protected Area new bill has been endorsed by DJAG and has gone from the first reading to 2<sup>nd</sup> reading and ready for parliament endorsement by 2017
- Working on demonstration site on Bootless Bay with funding support from JICA to develop a national MPA process for the country

# Progress towards NPOA

**Goal 3: Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) established and effectively managed**

## Challenges

- Lack of political support for endorsement of the new PA Bill
- Lack of support and awareness with cross-cutting government and NGO collaboration
- Lack of sustainable funding to support provincial and national agencies to perform other duties under the PA policy

# Progress towards NPOA

## Goal 3: Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) established and effectively managed

### Lessons Learned

- Create partnerships with all stakeholders in development of the PA work plan
- Joint submission for funding through government or other donor agencies
- Linkages with NGOs must be very strong to promote coastal community livelihood projects
- Strong LLG support to develop PAs/MPAs to attract good partnership and strong financial commitments



# Progress towards NPOA

**Goal 3: Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) established and effectively managed**

## Next Steps

- Parliament endorsement for the PA Bill to become a law is crucial at this stage
- Provide financial justification for the PA Work plan so that sustainable funding can be secured through PNG government and through donor agencies including UNDP and ADB
- PNG has made voluntary commitment for 2 protected areas, and 5 fisheries sites during the Global Oceans Conference under the SDG
- Demonstration MPA of Bootless Bay will become fully research commencing January 2018 for 3 months on its status to become 1<sup>st</sup> MPA model

# Progress towards NPOA

## Goal 4: Climate change adaptation measures achieved

### Achievements

- Able to achieve most of the policy targets set in the country Roadmap
- Adopted 7 other additional policies and strategies related to Climate change adaptation but not target in the roadmap
- Built the profile of the Blue Carbon in PNG
- Capacities built through knowledge and skills gained especially in the area of Blue Carbon
- Establish network and strengthen partnerships with experts and resources persons from CT6 member countries in the area of CCA
- Improve networking and participation among CCA stake holders in PNG
- Able to identify policy gaps on BC and initial discussion taken place

# Progress towards NPOA

## Goal 4: Climate change adaptation measures achieved

### Challenges

- Lack of up to date data on profile of BC ecosystems and other relevant data for CCA
- Lack of capacity in equipment and resources
- Coordination with local governments
- Lack of sustainable funding
- Policy gaps and legislation
- Cross cutting activities by other government agencies

# Progress towards NPOA

## Goal 4: Climate change adaptation measures achieved

### Lessons Learned

- Types of CCA (BC activities and projects implemented by CT members countries)
- Protocols and guidelines on mangroves restoration
- CCA policies and strategies of the other CT6 member countries
- Benefits of good networking and establishing partnership with experts, resources persons and other members countries
- Proper coordination with local government and national agencies
- Ready available up to date CCA

# Progress towards NPOA

## Goal 4: Climate change adaptation measures achieved

### Next Steps

- Strengthen partnerships and networking with national, regional, and international partners to implement effectively Blue Carbon activities
- Improve coordination with local government and national stakeholders
- Do a Blue Carbon ecosystems profile of the country
- Identify gaps on CCA (Mangroves)
- Take a stocktake of all CCA and BC activities in the country and do an inventory
- Identify funding options for CCA activities internally and through

# Progress towards NPOA

## Goal 5: Threatened species status improving

### Achievements

- Ranger training concentrated on Building Resilience in PNG
- Protected Areas Bill before parliament for endorsement

### Challenges

- Funding
- Political support

### Lessons Learned

- Building membership with cross-cutting agencies and NGOs

### Next Steps

- Coordinate through PNG NCC to invite inter-agencies through close collaboration



# Progress towards NPOA

## Goal 5: Threatened species status improving



# Status of NPOA

Goal	Total Actions	Completed	On-Going	Not-Started
Seascapes	4	2	2	2
EAFM	23	15	7	1
MPA	15	10	7	5
CCA	12	8	4	4
Threatened Species	9	5	3	4
<b>Total:</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>



# Other Highlights?

- Other highlights you might want to report or share, e.g. maybe hosting of CTI events and activities.
  - PNG attended the World Oceans Conference in New York and made 7 voluntary commitments to promoting Coral Reef, Fisheries and Food Security
- New partnerships or collaborations
  - PNG is now working very closely with WCS on the new Marine program in support to the PNG Marine Program
- PNG submitted ADB Technical Assistance to support PNG NCC 2018;
  - Drafting of the Dugong and Marine Turtle plan for selected maritime province for 2018
  - NCC enhancement
  - Review and amendments to PNG Marine Program 2017 -2021
  - PNG has through the UNDP GEF 5/6 is supporting the Pas through

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