

THE PHILIPPINES



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



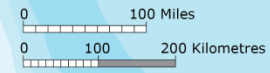
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2017 Updates..

Reported for November 2016- November 2017



Country Focal Points – **MECDM & MFMR CTI FPs**

Technical Working Groups

Seascapes	Lead – MECDM: Agnetha Vave-Karamui supported by Duta Kauhiona
EAFM	Lead – MFMR: Rosalie Masu supported by Ronnelle Panda & Paul Jay
MPA	Lead – MECDM: Agnetha Vave-Karamui supported by Rosalie Masu & Paul Jay
CCA	Lead – MECDM: Agnetha Vave-Karamui supported by Nancy Diamana & Nelly Kere
Threatened Species	Lead – MFMR: Ivory Akao supported by Agnetha Vave-Karamui

Governance Working Groups

FRWG	Alick Misibini (MFMR) & Matthew Walekworo (MDPAC)
CMWG	Rosalie Masu, Ronnelle Panda & Agnetha Vave-Karamui (MFMR & MECDM)
MEWG	Rosalie Masu, Ivory Akao & Agnetha Vave-Karamui (MFMR & MECDM)

Cross-Cutting Groups

University Partnerships	Solomon Islands National University supported by MECDM/MFMR
LGN	MECDM in consultation with Ministry of Provincial Government & Institutional Strengthening
RBF	MFMR & MECDM (<i>MCT, SI Chambers of Commerce & SIVB</i>)
WLF	MECDM & MFMR (MWYCFA)

Partners and Status of Partnership –

Partners	Status	Projects and Programs
Regional & National (CTI-aligned)		
Australia CTI Support Program - through Conservation International	Ongoing	Expanding Reach of CBRM in SI and Sea Turtles Project (Data and Knowledge, Capacity Building, CBRM and TS)
Australia CTI Support Program - through CSIRO	Completed	Enhancing Pacific Ocean Governance (Data and Knowledge Management)
ADB RETA 7753 - Through WorldFish Solomon Islands	Ongoing	Malaita Province ICM (EAFM, CBRM)
ADB RETA 7753	Initiation	SI NPOA and Costing Exercise
WWF	Completed	Regional Study: CTI-CFF Sustainable Nature-based Tourism
MFMR – SIG	Ongoing	Inshore Fisheries Division (CBRM Program)
MECDM – SIG	Ongoing	Environment & Conservation Division (CTI National Work Program) & Climate Change Division (CCA)
NGOs, Projects supporting with non-CTI funding (Site or Sector based)		
WWF	Ongoing	EAFM, MPAs,
TNC	Ongoing	MPAs, CBRM, EAFM, TS
SICCP	Ongoing	CBRM, TS,
WCS	Ongoing	Protected Areas – MPA, CBRM & Seascapes (proposed)
MSSIF Project	Ongoing	MFMR Institutional Strengthening
PROP Project	Ongoing	CBRM
MACBIO	Ongoing	Marine Spatial Planning (Ocean governance)

Activities conducted in support of CTI

- Hosted the 2nd Regional Exchange on Seascapes (Honiara)
- WED, WOD and Coral Triangle Day celebrations
- In collaboration with RS, WWF and CTC hosted CTI –Side event during the UNOC, New York, June 2017
- Participation and representation (WLF) during the ADB 50th Annual Meeting in Japan 2017

Progress towards NPOA

Goal 1: Priority seascapes designated and effectively managed

- **Achievements**

- Developed a national Seascapes Roadmap (Seascapes NCC TWG) as guide towards establishment of potential “priority seascapes”.
- Initiated Marine Spatial Planning process

- **Challenges**

- Limited technical and institutional capacity for large-scale marine planning and management – still learning
- Jurisdictional matters – communities v.s provinces v.s national government/ inshore v.s offshore priorities
- Engagement of private sector into the national discussions

- **Next Steps**

- Socialize Seascapes General Model and Regional Framework for national implementation
- Pilot test the General Model on a selected national seascape
- Seek support towards seascapes implementation from development partners (national/regional and international)

Progress towards NPOA

Goal 2: Ecosystems approach to management of fisheries and other marine resources is fully applied

• Achievements

- Developed MFMR Strategic and Corporate Plan
- Completed Finfish market surveys – Honiara and Western Province
- Completed Invertebrates survey - Honiara
- Support to establishment of Constituency Fisheries Centers = 16 target sites
- Establishment /capacity building for new CBRM Unit within MFMR
- Expansion/support of FAD Program (livelihoods and food security)
- Supporting Partners projects – R2R, Provincial networking and exchanges, research, women empowerment through micro-financing schemes
- Expansion of Seaweed Farming
- Complete phase 1- Pilot research of sea-cucumber (peanut fish) breeding and hatchery – Guadalcanal Province

• Challenges

- Remoteness – access to EAFM information and support
- Limited finance, technical capacity and human resources
- Research expansion support
- Price fluctuations of the world market

• Next Steps

- Complete Lata and Malaita market surveys and analysis
- Development of MFMR CBRM policies
- Finalize fisheries inshore regulations for gazettal
- Development of Aquatic Biosecurity Guidelines (Aquaculture)
- Expansion of Sea-cucumber research sites
- Hand over of CFCs to constituencies



Progress towards NPOA

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

- **Achievements**

- Officially declared the first National Marine Park in SI under the PA Act 2010, the Arnavons Community Marine Park (in collaboration with Choiseul and Isabel Provincial Governments, TNC and ACMCA).
- Submission of MPAs/MMAs (use of CT Atlas) into SPREP Protected Areas Portal, WDPA and SOLGEO platforms.

- **Challenges**

- Consistent updating of MPAs, MMAs and taboos into the national and regional M&E platforms – time and capacity issues
- Data sharing and feedback from implementing partners and communities

- **Next Steps**

- Update status of MPAs or MMAs in CT Atlas and other relevant platforms (BIOPAMA & WDPA)
- Finalize SI MPA Management Effectiveness Tool (SI MAME tool)
- Progress official designations of other managed marine areas (submissions or EOIs made) under the Fisheries Management Act or Protected Areas Act.
- Ongoing – training and awareness

Progress towards NPOA

Goal 4: Climate change adaptation measures achieved

- **Achievements**

- Kick-start development of CC Legislation – drafting instructions
- REAP and LEAP as guide for implementation by CCA partners and projects
- Completed the V&A assessment profile for Choiseul Province
- Re-vitalized the National Climate Change Working Group
- Establish within CCD – Geospatial Unit for CC data storage and analysis plan
- Introduction through CCATWG – Blue Carbon initiative

- **Challenges**

- Competing priorities – marine sector low support vs. land-based CCA activities
- Limited capacity – technical and financial
- Most projects occur in Western Bloc of SI – needed attention for eastern parts

- **Next Steps**

- Finalize drafting of Climate Change Bill for submission to Cabinet
- Review National Climate Change Policy (opportunity to include BC and ocean focus)
- Initiate the second provincial-wide V&A assessment (Malaita Province)



Progress towards NPOA

Goal 5: Threatened species status improving

- **Achievements**

- Gazettal of the Wildlife Protection and Management Amendment Act 2017
- Completed national Sharks list

- **Challenges**

- Limited government budgets for threatened species programs
- Limited capacity – technical, financial and institutional for protection and management of TS
- Data-sharing issues

- **Next Steps**

- Finalize regulations for FMA 2015 and WPMA (Amendment) 2017
- Review and Update the National Marine Turtles Action Plan
- Develop the dugongs and seagrass management strategy
- Develop Coral Management Plan

Status of NPOA (Note – initial stocktake as *national review to be undertaken soon*)

Goal	Total Actions	Completed	On-Going	Not-Started
Seascapes	1		1	
EAFM	12	2	9	1
MPA	5		4	1
CCA	4	1	3	
Threatened Species	3		1	2
Total:	25	3 (12%)	18 (72%)	4 (16%)

Other Highlights:

- In partnership with MACBIO Project (SPREP, IUCN and GIZ) established the *Ocean 12* (incl. TWG) – 12 Government Agencies
 - Progress towards development of SI National Oceans Policy
 - Development of a National MSP Roadmap – drafted SI Special Unique Marine Areas and Zones Typology Maps
 - Launched the SI Marine Ecosystems Valuation Report
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- UNOC, New York June 2017 (Voluntary Contributions)
 - Develop and Implement Integrated National Oceans Policy and MSP
 - Support Community-based Resource Management
 - Review Pollution control component of Environment Act (incl. Marine Pollution)
 - Improve Fisheries Management using VDS
 - Finalize Maritime boundaries and zones
- New Collaborations - Wildlife Conservation Society (MOU); CTI-CFF RS & SINU (MOU);
- Supported by ADB TA 7753 commenced the NPOA Review and Costing exercise.

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