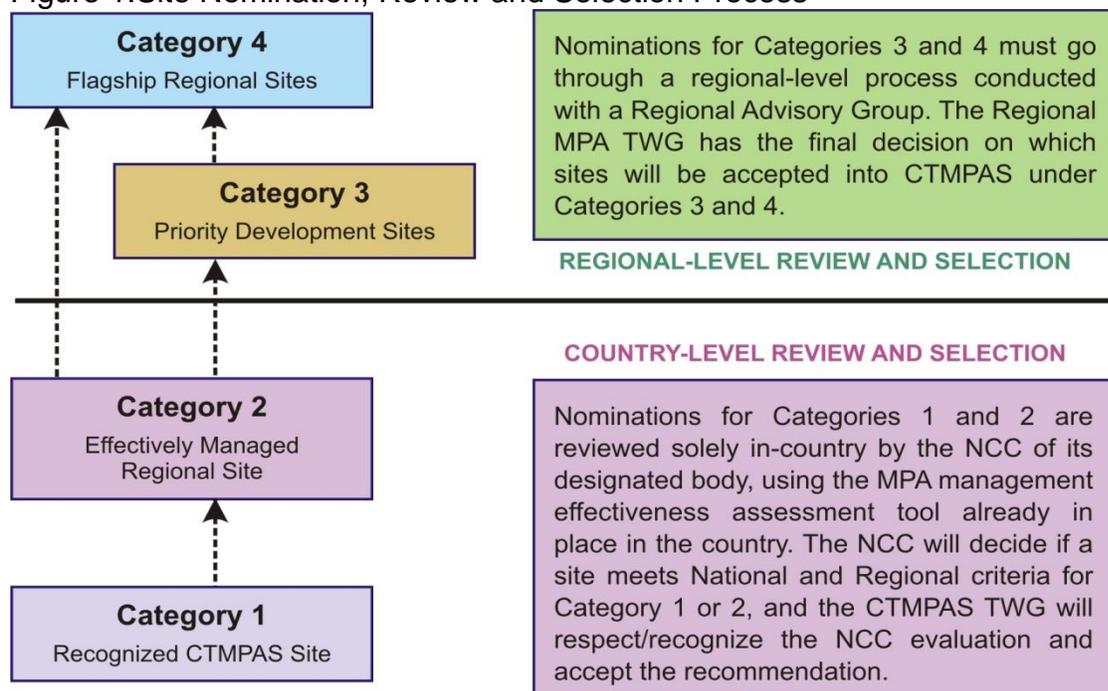# Coral Triangle Marine Protected Area System (CTMPAS) Nomination Form for Categories 3 and 4[a]

Background

The Coral Triangle Marine Protected Area System (CTMPAS) aims to foster a comprehensive, ecologically-representative and well-managed region-wide system of prioritized individual marine protected areas (MPAs) and networks of MPAs that are connected, resilient, and sustainably financed thereby contributing towards (i) generating significant, income, livelihoods, and food security benefits, (ii) conserving the region's rich biological diversity, and (iii) climate change adaptation and mitigation. The CTMPAS is expected to synergize with and complement existing initiatives in the region such as the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion and the South Pacific Regional Environment Programs.

The CTMPAS will include four categories of MPAs and MPA networks, namely, Category 4 – Regional Flagship Sites; Category 3 – Priority Development Sites; Category 2 – Effectively Managed CTMPAS Sites; and Category 1 – Recognized CTMPAS Sites as shown in the conceptual framework below. These categories are not strictly hierarchical, but Categories 3 and 4 are intended to contain sites of special or exceptional regional importance and must be reviewed by a Regional Advisory Committee working with the Regional MPA-TWG.

Figure 1.Site Nomination, Review and Selection Process

Category 4
Flagship Regional Sites

Category 3
Priority Development Sites

Nominations for Categories 3 and 4 must go through a regional-level process conducted with a Regional Advisory Group. The Regional MPA TWG has the final decision on which sites will be accepted into CTMPAS under Categories 3 and 4.

REGIONAL-LEVEL REVIEW AND SELECTION

COUNTRY-LEVEL REVIEW AND SELECTION

Category 2
Effectively Managed
Regional Site

Category 1
Recognized CTMPAS Site

Nominations for Categories 1 and 2 are reviewed solely in-country by the NCC of its designated body, using the MPA management effectiveness assessment tool already in place in the country. The NCC will decide if a site meets National and Regional criteria for Category 1 or 2, and the CTMPAS TWG will respect/recognize the NCC evaluation and accept the recommendation.

Data and Information Requirements for Sites Nominated for Category 3 or 4

To be accepted under Category 3 or 4, a site must comply with requirements under Category 1 and satisfy the criteria to pass the regional review. Below are the basic data requirements for Category 1 (required for entry in the Coral Triangle Atlas) and the data requirements to help the regional review process objectively assess the nominated MPAs for possible inclusion in CTMPAS Categories 3 or 4. Please provide attachments or weblink for available supporting documents.

Each nomination is rated by assigning points to each criterion listed in the table below. To be accepted as a Category 3 site, an MPA or MPA network must achieve a minimum total score of 50 points (out of 100). To be accepted as a Category 4 site, it must score 80 points or more. This rating system will be used by the Regional Advisory Committee and MPA-TWG for all nominations.

CTMPAS NOMINATION FORM

	Part 1. Data Attributes in the CT Atlas; and Core (Minimum) Data Requirements [b]	
	Attributes	**Explanatory notes**
1.	CT Atlas ID #	From http://ctatlas.reefbase.org. If this is identified, you may leave blank all the responses for attributes in bold type and attributes that are already in the CT Atlas.
1.1.	**Country**[b]	Select from: Indonesia | Malaysia | Papua New Guinea | Philippines | Solomon Islands | Timor-Leste
1.2.	**Longitude**[b]	Longitudinal coordinates (e.g. 127.159624 degrees or minimum to maximum coordinates)
1.3.	**Latitude**[b]	Latitudinal coordinates (e.g. -8.445775 degrees or minimum to maximum coordinates)
1.4.	**Name**[b]	The official name of the protected area.The name of the MPA should include its location to avoid confusion over MPAs with similar names (e.g. Apo Island Protected Landscape/Seascape, Dauin, Negros Oriental; Apo Reef Natural Park, Occidental Mindoro).
1.5.	**Designation**[b]	The type of protected area as legally/officially established/recognized (e.g. national park, world heritage site, locally managed marine area)
1.6.	Legal/Formal Instrument	Legal Code/Number based on country systems (e.g. Protected Areas Act of Solomon Islands with gazette number).This refers to the number or code used to identify the legal/formal instrument that established the MPA. The full title/name of the law or formal declaration may also be provided, and when available, the full text of the document should be provided as an attachment. See also options in Annex 7 of CTMPAS.
1.7.	**Designation Type**[b]	Select from: Local | Provincial | National | International
1.8.	**Domain**[b]	Select from: Marine | Marine-Terrestrial Where the protected area includes both terrestrial and marine components, the marine area should be disaggregated (countries will be responsible for providing data, e.g. size of marine area).
1.9.	**Status**[b]	Select from: Designated | Proposed | Draft | Voluntary • "Designated" means legally and formally designated under national legal framework. • "Proposed" means formally proposed as an MPA and under review for elevation to Designated status. • "Voluntary" means formally recognized by local community. • "Draft" means accuracy of boundary, location, and attributes are under review before elevation to one of the other three values under Status.

1.10.	**Date Established[b]**	Date/Year of the MPA established legally/formally in DD/MM/YYYY
1.11.	**Reported area[b] (ha)**	Total size of protected area in hectare(s) (ha) based on legal/formal status/declaration
1.12.	**Total marine area[b] (ha)**	Total size of marine area in ha within protected area. The default unit of measure is hectare.
1.13.	**Management Plan[b]**	Select from: Yes | No | Unknown | Drafted
1.14.	IUCN Management Category	Select from: Ia, Ib, II, III, IV, V or VI
1.15.	International Convention	Designation of MPA by an international convention/program (e.g. Ramsar site, World Heritage Site, Unknown)
1.16.	Administrative unit level-1	Government level that administers or holds jurisdiction over MPA (e.g. in Malaysia, an MPA may be administered by either the federal government or state government; in the Philippines, MPAs are typically administered either by the national government (NIPAS) or the municipal/local government (e.g. Isabela Province or a village level government of body). "1" refers to the first level of administrative unit after country level, e.g. Malaysia has 13 "states".
1.17.	Zonation	Select from: Yes | No | Unknown
1.18.	No Take	Select from: All | Part | Seasonal | None | Unknown
1.19.	Reported No Take Area (ha)	Total area of no take zones in hectares. The default unit of measure is hectare.
1.20.	Management Effectiveness Model	Model used (e.g. METT / MEAT/ E-MPA) to assess management effectiveness
1.21.	Management Effectiveness Rating	Management Effectiveness(ME) rating based on MPA ME system used in country
1.22.	Source	Source/provider of the data (e.g. name and email of individual, or name of department with email/weblink
1.23.	Validated	Select from: Yes | No | Unknown. If Yes, name of person/organization who validated the MPA and date of validation (DD / MM / YYYY)

1.24.	Consent to display and share	Select from: Yes | No | Point only Consent should be given by governing body or community to display or share the location and information of the area. Values here are defined as follows: • "Yes" means that the full record including polygon can be displayed on maps and made available for download • "Point only" means that only the point location can be displayed and downloaded. This includes attribute values • "No" means that all information must remain confidential but that it can be included in statistical summaries and analyses.
1.25.	Notes	Additional notes/remarks about the MPA

	Attributes	Explanatory notes
Part 2. Information Requirements Showing Regional Significance of Sites Nominated for Category 3 or 4[c]		
2.1.	**Site forms a network (or an equivalent)**	Give a summary description that the nominated MPA forms or supports a network (ecological, governance or social-learning network) that achieves regional or trans-boundary objectives or that the site has large fully no-take or zoned MPAs, and attach or provide [weblink] to access relevant document(s**). This attribute accounts for up to 10% of the score[e] for assessing Category 3 & 4.**
2.2.	**Site targets an identified regional priority area, habitat or species**	Give a summary description that the nominated MPA targets: key biodiversity areas; world heritage sites; biosphere reserves, global priorities, priority seascapes; critical or threatened habitats; threatened, charismatic or migratory species; national priority/heritage or other identified priorities, and attach or provide [weblink] to access relevant document(s). **This attribute accounts for up to 10% of the score[e] for assessing Category 3 & 4.**
2.3.	**Site adheres to at least two of the following ecological design criteria:**	Check the box if the nominated site adheres to the ecological design criteria. Attach or provide [weblink] to access relevant document(s).**This attribute accounts for up to 10% of the score[d] for assessing Category 3 & 4.**
2.3.1.	Representation	Give a summary description showing that the nominated site represents the full diversity of species and habitats within their region.
2.3.2.	Replication	Give a summary description showing that habitats and species are replicated within highly protected areas to safeguard against disturbance events.
2.3.3.	Resilience	Give a summary description showing that critical sites for ensuring the resilience of coral reefs and associated habitats are identified and protected.
2.3.4.	Connectivity	Give a summary description showing that the size, spacing and location of MPAs are informed by the home range, larval dispersal distances, and habitats utilized by focal management species.
2.3.5.	Critical areas protected	Give a summary description showing that the nominated site protects spawning aggregations, nesting and nursery areas, critical habitats for key species, etc.
2.4.	**Site achieves a threshold level of management effectiveness**	Give a summary description showing some level of management effectiveness (i.e. elements outlined below) of nominated sites and attach or provide [weblink] to access relevant document(s). **This and the next 4 attributes account for up to 40% of the score[e] for assessing Category 3 & 4.**

Part 2. Information Requirements Showing Regional Significance of Sites Nominated for Category 3 or 4c		
	Attributes	**Explanatory notes**
2.4.1.	Formal or legal basis for establishment	Legal or formal document establishing MPA
2.4.2.	Management body established and functioning	Management body structure in place (e.g. formal appointment of members of management body) Record from regular meetings (or similar)
2.4.3.	Management and/or zoning plan approved and implemented	Management plan document including clearly stated objectives, standard operating procedures for monitoring & enforcement, staffing and sustainable financing strategy/budget.
2.4.4.	Resource and socio-economic baseline assessment completed	Baseline assessment reports e.g. biophysical, socio-economic, governance etc.
2.4.5.	Site conducts regular biophysical and socioeconomic monitoring and analysis of results	Give a summary description of status and changes in the past 3-5 years for each management plan objective per monitoring results. **This attribute accounts for up to 20% of the score[e] for assessing Category 3 & 4.**
2.4.6.	Site conducts Information, Education, Communication (IEC), awareness programs	✓ Communication plan ✓ Communication materials ✓ Improvements in knowledge, attitudes and practices of target audiences ✓ This and the next 4 attributes account for up to 10% of the score[e] for assessing Category 3 & 4.
2.4.7.	Site conducts effective enforcement	✓ Enforcement plan ✓ Violators apprehended and penalized
2.4.8.	Multi-stakeholder involvement and participation in management	✓ Community members participate in resource assessments, and/or on enforcement team, and/or in management body. ✓ E.g. multi-stakeholder management body ✓ Collaborative programs ✓ Various levels of stakeholder engagement

Part 2. Information Requirements Showing Regional Significance of Sites Nominated for Category 3 or 4[c]		
	Attributes	**Explanatory notes**
		✓ Stakeholder consultative body
2.4.9.	Increased livelihood opportunities	✓ Alternative livelihoods program linked to MPA ✓ Income from MPA tourism
2.4.10.	Research and development	✓ Applying science to inform management ✓ Adaptive management cycle

	Attributes	**Explanatory notes**
3.1.	Endorsement of CTI Country Focal Point	Please provide name, signature and date as well as name of organization, full address and contact information

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[a] This form is developed to assist countries in nominating their CTMPAS sites in response to the criteria set out in the CTMPAS Framework and Action Plan as explained in Annex 3, page 63 in the CTMPAS Framework document.

[b] Core (minimum) attributes required for an MPA to be included as a recognized CTMPAS site (Category 1 or higher).

[c] This form is intended to guide the countries in submitting their information. Not every site or country will be able to fill in all the categories of information but if information is lacking, a simple assessment, summary or explanation will help guide the CTMPAS Advisory Committee.

[d] To be accepted as a Category 3 site, an MPA or MPA network must achieve a minimum total score of 50 points (out of 100). To be accepted as a Category 4 site, it must score 80 points or more.