

Project #4

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Coastal Habitat Mapping and Biodiversity Research

Project Duration: 24 months

Link to the CTI Timor-Leste National Plan of Action:

Goal 2 Target 1: Generate and consolidate data management systems and procedures to enable adequate management of coastal resources

Geographic Areas: six districts - Covalima, Ainaro, Manufahi, Manatuto, Viqueque and Lautem

Overview: The coastal waters of Timor-Leste comprise a rich variety of species and seascape, however there is no comprehensive data on coastal habitats yet. Habitat mapping of the north coast has been completed for Timor-Leste, as well as some site-level underwater surveys and habitat maps. The southern coast is relatively unknown as detailed mapping and systematic surveys have not yet been done.

Project Objectives: To obtain relatively complete information about the habitat types and conditions, underwater ecology, and create maps for the southern coast of Timor-Leste.

The Strategic Approach/Methodology: Underwater survey, ecological sampling, habitat mapping will be conducted in the coastal waters of 6 districts. Activities will be undertaken with participatory means including the support of other stakeholders, with MAF as the coordinating agency and depository of data. Further, the initial activities will act as basis for the

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design and planning of regular monitoring in the future.

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Project Activities and Cost:

Activities	Cost in US\$
Salaries	\$201,600
Training and meeting	\$170,940
Equipment and materials	\$186,550
Field operations	\$619,140
Education and awareness	\$73,500
Laboratory fees	\$210,000
Total cost	\$1,461,730
Government of Timor-Leste contribution	\$230,740
Funding sought	\$1,230,990



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