

Workshop on Protecting Marine Migratory Species and Achieving the 30x30 Target Through Transnational Approaches

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Where

Meeting Hall CTI-CFF Building, Manado, Indonesia

Co-Conveners

European Union Ocean Governance project, Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) MPA Working Group

Background

Transboundary area-based conservation measures including networks of marine protected and conserved areas can play an important role in improving the conservation status of migratory species. They do this by contributing to ecological networks and promoting connectivity particularly when marine mammals migrate for long distances across or outside national jurisdictional boundaries.

The newly agreed Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, agreed at the 15th Meeting of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity includes Target 3 that calls for 30% of marine protected and conserved areas to be protected by 2030. The full text of Target 3 is:

Ensure and enable that by 2030 at least 30 per cent of terrestrial, inland water, and of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem functions and services, are effectively conserved and managed through ecologically representative, well-connected and equitably governed systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, recognizing indigenous and traditional territories, where applicable, and integrated into wider landscapes, seascapes and the ocean, while ensuring that any sustainable use, where appropriate in such areas, is fully consistent with conservation outcomes, recognizing and respecting the rights of indigenous peoples and local communities including over their traditional territories.

Resolution 12.24 of the Convention on Migratory Species¹ (UNEP/CMS/Resolution 11.25²), Advancing Ecological Networks to Address the Needs of Migratory Species, adopted by the

¹ https://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/cms_cop12_res.12.24_mpa-network-asean_e.pdf

² https://www.cms.int/sites/default/files/document/mos2_inf13_cms_res_11_25_e_0.pdf

Conference of the Parties at its 12th Meeting (Manila, October 2017) calls upon Parties to *“continue development of transboundary area-based conservation measures including marine protected areas”*.

The resolution also urges Parties and other Range States of the ASEAN Region to *“participate in promoting marine protected area networks and connectivity that will improve the identification and governance of important sites for migratory species and support internationally coordinated conservation and management”*. The resolution urges Non-Parties to *“collaborate closely with Parties in the management of transboundary populations of CMS-listed species, including by acceding to CMS and its associated instruments, to support the development and implementation of ecological networks globally”*. The resolution furthermore urges Parties to *“to expedite efforts in increasing the number and coverage of protected areas, and addressing continued losses in biodiversity, particularly to coastal and marine ecosystems”* in line with the Global Biodiversity Framework.

Lastly, the resolution urges both Parties and Non-Parties to *“to collaborate with existing region-wide networks which includes PEMSEA, CTI-CFF, the ASEAN Working Groups on National Conservation and Biodiversity (NCB), Coastal and Marine Environment (CME), Climate Change (CC) and mechanisms associated with ASEAN State Officials for Environment (ASOEN) and various other national and regional programs that promote the establishment of marine protected area networks.”*

The CTI-CFF MPA Working Group

The Marine Protected Areas Working Group of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF MPA WG) is a working group developed by the six CTI Member Countries to help implement Goal 3 of CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action, Region-Wide Coral Triangle Marine Protected Area System (CTMPAS) in place and fully functional. The MPA Working Group assists the CT6 to identify and nominate CTMPAS comprising prioritized individual MPAs and networks of MPAs that are connected, resilient and sustainably financed and designed in ways that generate significant income, livelihoods, and food security benefit for coastal communities and conserve the region’s rich biological diversity.

The EU Ocean Governance Project

The EU Ocean Governance project³ aims to contribute to delivering on EU global commitments under the UN 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, and the Convention for Biological Diversity (CBD). The project is implemented in the Atlantic and South East Asia regions, with a special focus in the Coral Triangle area, and its overall objective is *“to increase the EU’s role as a global actor in international Ocean Governance by fostering regional and international cooperation relevant to the protection and restoration of marine and coastal ecosystems”*. It implements and connects ocean governance activities and actions going from the local, national, and regional to the global level. To do this, the Ocean Governance project has a main cross-cutting topic which is to promote and strengthen the MPA managers networking as a direct

³ <https://oceangovernance4mpas.eu>

way to improve their skills, their management effectiveness and to support the implementation of international and national policies for MPAs.

The project is organized in four components:

- Component 1- Increased knowledge and practice of protecting and **restoring marine and coastal ecosystems** in three selected areas of Marine Protected Areas in the South East Asian region
- Component 2- **Improved management** of Marine Protected Areas around the Atlantic Ocean using the concept of shared environmental protection
- Component 3- Strengthened **knowledge exchange** between Atlantic and South East Asian marine and coastal regions
- Component 4- Improved **basis for dialogue** amongst marine and coastal stakeholders in the South East Asian region

It is in the context of Component 4 that this workshop is proposed.

Workshop Goals and Objectives

The overall goal of the workshop is to support the implementation Target 3 of the new Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework that includes traditional marine protected areas, but also through other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) as well as area-based conservation with non-traditional governance types, such as Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas (ICCAs). This goal is also in line with CMS Resolution 12.24, to promote marine protected area networks in the ASEAN Region.

The workshop objectives are to:

1. Assist CTI-CFF and the national governments and NGO partners in implementing transnational approaches to marine migratory species protection that help achieve regional and international conservation targets
2. Share experiences among Coral Triangle workshop participants, and participants across the Atlantic on successes and challenges in working across international boundaries for the protection of marine migratory species
3. Build resilient partnerships among intergovernmental organizations, national government agencies and NGOs to establish and maintain marine mammal and marine turtle sanctuaries as part of a seascape approach
4. Explore opportunities for funding these approaches

Participation

The workshop would take place over 2 consecutive days. Approximately 40 persons will be invited to the workshop with the EU Ocean Governance project covering the expenses for 20 of them (include CMS and CBD Secretariats). The EU Ocean Governance will work closely with the CTI-CFF MPA Working Group to invite relevant actors in the Coral Triangle region and across the Atlantic to participate in the workshop (*invited participants may be enlarged to the whole ASEAN countries - to be discussed*).

EU Ocean Governance project will cover the expenses of 2 participants from each CT6 member country (one person as focal point of MPA WG and one person of Threatened Species WG's focal point)

Workshop Format

The workshop will include plenary presentations, small group brainstorming with reports back to plenary. Key topical experts will be invited to provide their expertise on a number of different topics including establishing marine mammal and marine turtle corridors and developing partnerships to fund and sustain them.

A field visit may be organized if considered appropriate by the CTI-CFF MPA Working Group.

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DAY	TIME	TOPIC
DAY 1 Morning	8:30	Registration
	Session 1 Plenary 9:00-10:30	<p>Opening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome speeches of EUD, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, CTI-CFF MPA WG and EU OG • Presentation of key elements and progress of the OG project and cooperation with CTI-CFF • Presentation of the event. The CBD and CMS contexts
	Session 2 Plenary 11:00-12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Global, regional and national policies relevant to global marine protection targets • Awareness raising on important global marine elements (MPAs, OECMs, ICCAs). Presentations will include coverage, governance, legal frameworks, management effectiveness, etc. • Status of coastal and marine biodiversity in the CT in relation to MPA targets of the CBD GBF
DAY 1 Afternoon	Session 1 Plenary 13:30-15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations from experts on good examples from other ocean areas about the creation of MPA networks to support marine migratory species
	Session 2 Plenary 15:30-17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentations from each country on progress achieved in Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 and ambitions and challenges to achieve new Target 3 of the CBD GBF. Specific inputs from the countries regarding the CMS resolution • Evening cocktail and dinner
DAY 2 Morning	Session 1 Plenary 9:00-10:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuity of presentations from each country on progress achieved in Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 and ambitions and challenges to achieve new Target 3 of the CBD GBF. Specific inputs from the countries regarding the CMS resolution
	Session 2 Break-out Rooms 11:00-12.30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying barriers to the achievement of Target 3 with focus on corridors for migratory species • Identification of potential transboundary cooperation and partnerships necessary for the achievement of Target 3 for marine protected and conserved areas in the Coral Triangle
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DAY 2 Afternoon	Break-out Rooms 14:30-16:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identification of potential transboundary cooperation and partnerships necessary for the achievement of Target 3 for marine protected and conserved areas in the Coral Triangle
	Session 2 Plenary 16:30-18.00	Sharing findings from the break-out discussions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation of key findings/ conclusions/ recommendations of each session • Next steps • Debate
DAY 3⁴	9:00-18:00	Field Trip (to be discussed)
	18.00	MPA Visit Farewell

Logistics Support

- The EU Ocean Governance Project will provide support as follows to the above-mentioned participants:
 - Travel ticket from/to place of origin. The tickets will be provided by the project based on registration form information from the participants.
 - Accommodation (bed and breakfast)
 - Local transport from/to the airport. The organizer will reimburse the local transport based on actual cost showed by the tickets or receipts.
 - Daily allowance for meals not covered, following the DSA rates as per the EU Ocean Governance Project. Costs of meals and services covered will be deducted from the DSA.
 - Meeting room, coffee breaks and lunches along the meetings for sponsored and self-funded registered participants.
 - Field trip
- The EU Ocean Governance Project will cover travel, accommodation, meeting package, per-diem and field trip for participants who agreed by EU Ocean Governance Project
- The EU Ocean Governance will also provide limited seat for self-funded participants to join the workshop.

Participants can register in the following link:

https://ec.europa.eu/eusurvey/runner/OG_CTI-CFF_Workshop_Migratory_Species

For any logistics enquiry, please contact Ms. Barbara Casado (barbara.casado@gopa.de).

⁴ If it's agreed to organize a field visit to an MPA, this could also take place the 2nd day and allow for more informal exchanges between the participants.