



# **CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE**

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

## **Annex – 10(c)**

### **Decision Document on**

### **Marine Protected Area Working Group**

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**The 11<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-11)**

**2 - 3 December 2015**

**The Coral Triangle Information and Learning Center  
(the CTI Learning Center) Building  
Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia**

**Adopted on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015**

**by**

**the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,  
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

## I. Background

The SOM10 in November 2014 in Dili, Timor-Leste made a number of decisions which included the endorsement of the MPA Technical Working Group Regional and National Roadmaps. The Regional and National actions included the completion of round-1 Coral Triangle Marine Protected Area System (CTMPAS) site nominations and to initiate nominations for round-2, support the MPA Coordinator position, country data inputted in CT Atlas, completion of MPA Management Effectiveness Assessment Systems, and the development of Regional Recognition Awards.<sup>1</sup>

Furthermore, SOM10 also endorsed country roadmaps generated during the 5th MPA Regional Exchange (REX).<sup>2</sup> Activities to be undertaken are the development of sub-national MPA networks, the completion of national MPA management effectiveness assessment systems, the designation of focal points for CT Atlas and to complete the national database among others.

Due to lack of funding support for program activities, some of the planned activities, like the 6th MPA REX, did not take place. However, despite the limited resources, the WG was still able to accomplish some of its targets. The group completed the round-2 CTMPAS nominations. It has also completed the design for the Regional Recognition Awards and identified the focal points for the CT Atlas. Monthly TWG call meetings were also conducted regularly to ensure the continuity of the MPA activities and discussions. The group also pursued the MPA Coordinator position with the support from the Asian Development Bank.

## II. Decision

Based on the presentation by the Philippines as the WG Chair and discussions during the session on *Technical Work Group Reports - MPA* at SOM11, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Acknowledged the support provided by the Asian Development Bank in supporting the MPA TWG Coordinator position and noted the key role and significant contribution of the Coordinator in facilitating the accomplishment of targets and the priority actions;

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<sup>1</sup> Annex 21 - Decision on the MPA Working Group Report, SOM10 Chairman's Summary, November 2014

<sup>2</sup> Activity Report: MPA REX 5, 14-18 July 2014, Cebu, Philippines

2. Noted the progress made by the MPA WG and also the need for further financial resources;
3. Adopted the results of the round-2 CTMPAS nominations made by the MPA Working Group and external reviewers and tasked the Working Group to initiate the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of CTMPAS nominations;
4. Endorsed the design of the Regional MPA Recognition Awards and agree to start the awarding next year, 2016 and called on development partners for support; and
5. Endorsed the MPA TWG Work Plan 2016.

**Attachments:**

**Attachment 10.5** MPA Working Group Report for SOM11

**Attachment 10.6** MPA Regional Recognition Awards Design

**Attachment 10.7** Results of the round-2 CTMPAS nominations