



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Designing and Supporting National and Regional MPA¹ Systems in the Coral Triangle Countries

A Regional Exchange and Workshop in Support of the Coral Triangle Initiative

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INTRODUCTION

The Coral Triangle Initiative's (CTI) Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) Goal 3 (*Marine Protected Areas established and effectively managed*) has one Target, to have a *Region-wide Coral Triangle MPA System in place and fully functioning*. The CTI Regional Priority Actions Workshop in May 2010 prioritized two actions from the RPOA towards this target and goal:

- **Action 1:** Jointly establish overall goals, objectives, principles, and operational design elements for a CTMPAS centered around priority MPA networks and
- **Action 3:** Build capacity for effective management of the CT MPAS.

Towards this end, a first workshop in June 2010 in Phuket, Thailand focused on *Designing and Operating MPA Networks and "Systems" in the Coral Triangle Countries*. This workshop resulted in a collective review of the current principles, models and regional case studies of MPA networks; the commitment to practical application of common network principles through the parallel designs of national MPA network pilot sites in each Coral Triangle country; a set of common objectives for a CTI Regional MPA system; and a short term plan for next steps towards developing a regional CT MPA System. A second MPA Regional Exchange was conducted in Batangas, Philippines in May 2011, focusing on *Monitoring and Evaluation for Improving MPA Management*.

This third CTI MPA Regional Exchange will return to the theme of MPA systems, checking on the progress of the national pilot MPA systems and acting on the needs for design and technical support for a regional MPA system. Another CTI regional MPA activity at the end of 2012 will support progress on improving management effectiveness of individual and systems of MPAs through the development of a system to track MPA effectiveness and a move towards the development of a regional system, building on the 2nd MPA Regional Exchange on MPA Management Effectiveness.

WORKSHOP OUTPUTS

- Draft Strategy for Developing, Supporting and Financing a Coral Triangle Marine Protected Area System
- Proposal for 2012-2013 Priority Actions Workplan in support of the RPOA MPA Goal

¹ Marine Protected Areas (MPA) can be managed individually. More advanced integrated and sustainable management of ecosystems advocates for developing and cooperatively managing networks or systems of MPAs.

- List of recommended tools and approaches to be used in developing and supporting the CTMPAS
- CTI-CFF MPA Technical Working Group Meeting #2

MPA Activity 1: *Designing and supporting national and regional Coral Triangle MPA Systems (CT MPAS)*. This 5-day workshop (March 26-30, 2012) is the 2nd to focus on the CTMPAS design and implementation. The workshop will also constitute an official CTI MPA Technical Working Group meeting with representatives from each of the CT6. The first half of the workshop will review progress on developing national MPA networks/systems, provide critical background information on designing MPA networks and systems that are resilient to climate change and that are integrated with fisheries management objectives, and further define common vocabulary and objectives for the CTI proposed system. This will include presentations from the CT6 countries and by MPA experts presenting the most recent guidance in designing MPAs/networks. The second half of the workshop will focus on development and refinement of a CTMPAS framework, preparing recommendations for the CT6 to adopt, and to develop a CTMPAS framework work plan that prioritizes actions leading to the adoption of the CTMPAS framework and work plan. Results will also support CTI priority setting activities later in 2012.

OBJECTIVES

- Share experiences and understand the status and context of progress on MPA networks/systems in each of the CT countries
- Share the latest technical and scientific guidance on MPA network design and implementation and discuss strategies to apply this new information in CT MPAS
- Review the regional context, including the contribution of CTMPAS to the region and countries, and refine the benefits and objectives for CTMPAS
- Develop a CT MPAS Framework (goal, objectives, strategies and actions)
- Develop a Roadmap to operationalize the framework and other recommendations to the MPA Technical Working Group
- Conduct a MPA Technical Working Group meeting with associated outputs including recommendations to the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) and the draft terms for the 4th Regional MPA Activity on MPA Management Effectiveness to be conducted in late 2012

Participants: Invited participant CT6 country teams will include up to 3 persons, with representation from the NCC, a technical leader from a responsible national agency, a manager from a field-site MPA, and a national MPA expert from an academic or non-government national organization from a MPA network pilot site. A quorum for the MPA TWG will be present.

Resource Persons: Resource persons will be attending and participating in discussions and activity planning from the CTI countries, National Coordination Committees, the US-NOAA Coral Reef Task Force and International Program Offices, The Nature Conservancy, Conservation International and James Cook University.

Support: The workshop will be hosted by the Government of Indonesia's CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committee and supported by USAID's U.S. Support to the Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI). The CTI MPA Technical Working Group, through its Chair and Co-Chair/Host, and USAID, through its Program Integrator for US Support to CTI will coordinate the exchange/workshop, including arrangements and costs for invited participants from each Coral Triangle country (travel, accommodation, per diem).

Online Interactive Workspace: Participants and resource persons can view, download and discuss workshop materials through a dedicated CTI workspace. Log on to the workspace via this link: <https://coraltriangleinitiative.teamworkpm.net/> using your email as username and password: **Learning**

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