

7th CTI-CFF MPA TWG Meeting

Raja Ampat Marine Park, Indonesia

October 04, 2018

Minutes of the Meeting

Attendees:

Chair: Mr. Andi Rusandi (Indonesia)

Co-Chair: Mr. Peter Husiauana Kenilorea (Solomon Islands)

Country Delegates:

Indonesia: Mr. Amehr Hakim (HOD)
Ms. Sri Atmini

Malaysia: Mr. Albert Apollo Chan (HOD)
Mr. Adam Malik bin Masidi

Philippines: Mr. Pablo de los Reyes (HOD)
Ms. Janice Tuante

Papua New Guinea: Ms. Sharon Koitut (HOD)
Ms. Beatrix Keleli Oni

Solomon Islands: Mr. Trevor Maeda (HOD)

Observers:

Regional Secretariat: Mr. Gregory Bennett

MPA Coordinator: Ms. Lynette Laroya

Secretariat: Mr. Agus Sapari

Provisional Agenda

1. Approval of the Agenda;

2. Review and adoption of the minutes and matters arising from the 6th CTI-CFF MPA TWG meeting;
3. Progress on execution of SOM 13 decisions;
4. Recognition of the progress on MPA management in the CT6;
5. Recognize the challenges in operationalizing the M&E system in particular the CT Atlas;
6. Review and adoption of the roadmap for the 3rd round of CTMPAS nomination;
7. Review and adoption of the program for the recognition of effectively manages MPAs;
8. Review and recognize the progress on the development of the CTI-CFF MPA sustainable marine tourism indicators, criteria and brand;
9. Acknowledge the contribution of the Partners; SEA Project Indonesia, WWF, NOAA, CTC, CI Indonesia, and WCS on Sustainable Marine Tourism;
10. Acknowledge the need to constitute the Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force;
11. Recognize the need for continued engagement of the MPA Coordinator;
12. Other Matters;
 - 12.1 MPA REX 2019
 - 12.2 OOC
 - 12.3 SOM 14

Opening: The Chairperson of the MPA TWG, Mr. Andi Rusandi, Director for Marine Conservation and Biodiversity, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia, opened the 7th CTI-CFF MPA Working Group Meeting. He explained that the MPA Working Group takes the lead in working towards achieving the MPA goals and targets of the RPOA. He added that the Region-wide Coral Triangle MPA System (CTMPAS) Framework and Action Plan is a major accomplishment of the MPA TWG, wherein the first and second round of CTMPAS nominations were completed and currently in the process of collecting nominations for the third round. He added further the finalization of indicators for the MPA goals and target and the progress in collecting data on MPAs/ marine managed areas.

He emphasized the seven Regional Exchanges which provided a venue for the CT6 to share the progress on MPA management and also learning from the experiences and best practices being shared by the other CT countries. He also mentioned that the just concluded 7th MPA REX that discussed sustainable marine tourism, among others, is another milestone of our accomplishments.

Lastly, he further emphasized that this 7th Meeting of the MPA TWG will review the outputs of the 7th CTI-CFF MPA REX and will agree on the MPA TWG's recommendations for SOM 14. He thanked the countries for their active participation in the 7th MPA REX and in coming to the 7th MPA TWG meeting.

- 1. Approval of the Agenda:** The Chair asked the members to review and comment to the agenda as presented.

Decision: The Meeting adopted the proposed 7th MPA TWG meeting agenda.

- 2. Review and Adoption of the Minutes and Issues Arising from the 6th CTI-CFF MPA TWG Meeting:** The Chair requested the MPA Coordinator to go through the Minutes of the 6th CTI-CFF MPA TWG Meeting. The MPA Coordinator explained the key outcomes, discussions and decisions made in the agenda items of the 6th MPA TWG Meeting. She explained further that the decisions made during the meeting were already presented to SOM 12 and 13 in 2016 and 2017, respectively.

Decision: The Meeting approved the minutes of the 6th MPA TWG Meeting.

- 3. Progress on Execution of SOM 13 decisions:** The Chair requested the Regional Secretariat to present the SOM 13 decisions on MPA TWG recommendations and the progress on its implementation. The Regional Secretariat presented the SOM 13 decisions and explained the progress on its implementation.

Decision: The Meeting recognized the progress on execution of SOM 13 decisions.

- 4. Recognition of the Progress on MPA Management in the CT6.**

Decisions:

- a. The Meeting recognized the progress of implementation of MPA management in the CT6 and endorsed for continued implementation.*
- b. The Meeting encouraged Timor Leste to submit to the MPA TWG Chair the progress of their MPA management.*

- 5. Recognize the Challenges in Operationalizing the M&E System, in Particular the CT Atlas.**

Decisions:

- a. The Meeting recognized the urgency to resolve the challenges on monitoring and evaluation particularly operationalizing and accessing the CT Atlas.*
- b. The Meeting tasked the Regional Secretariat to resolve the issues in accessing the CT Atlas.*
- c. The Meeting will call upon the Partners to support the management of the CT Atlas.*

- d. *The Meeting tasked the NCCs to update and submit the list of CT Atlas Focal Points to the Chair of MPA TWG.*
- e. *The Meeting tasked the Regional Secretariat to facilitate capacity building for the CT Atlas Focal Points.*

6. Review and Adoption of the Roadmap for the 3rd Round of CTMPAS Nomination.

The Chair requested the MPA Coordinator to go through the roadmap of the 3rd round of CTMPAS nomination. The MPA Coordinator presented the roadmap for the 3rd round of CTMPAS nomination and explained that the Advisory Committee was not created and there was no submission of nominees from the CT6. She recommended to extend the implementation of the roadmap to 2019.

Decisions:

- a. *The Meeting adopted the recommendation to extend the implementation of the roadmap for the third round of CTMPAS nomination until 2019 and to start the creation of the External Advisory Committee on November 2018.*
- b. *The Meeting recommended to invite South Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP), International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), Great Barrier Reef Authority (GRBA), James Cook University (JCU), and ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment.*

7. Review and Adoption of the Program for the Recognition of Effectively Managed MPAs.

The Chair requested the MPA Coordinator to present and discuss the proposed program for the recognition of effectively managed MPAs. The MPA Coordinator presented the proposed programs wherein the recognition ceremony will be held back to back or as a side event to other CTI related activities such as the Regional Business Forum or during SOM/MM or during the 8th MPA REX.

Decision: The Meeting recognized and endorsed the program for the Recognition of Effectively Managed MPAs.

8. Review and Recognize the Progress on the Development of the CTI-CFF MPA Sustainable Marine Tourism Indicators, Criteria and Brand.

Decision: The Meeting recommends that the Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force begin their duties by reviewing the Global Sustainable Marine Tourism Council's guidelines and criteria.

9. Acknowledge the Contribution of the Partners; SEA Project Indonesia, WWF, NOAA, CTC, CI Indonesia, WCS on Sustainable Marine Tourism.

Decision: The Meeting acknowledged with appreciation the contribution of the Partners; SEA Project Indonesia, WWF, NOAA, CTC, CI Indonesia, WCS in advancing the Sustainable Marine Tourism program on developing the indicators, criteria and brand.

10. Acknowledged the Need to Constitute the Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force.

Decision: The Meeting acknowledged the urgency to constitute the Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force (SMT-TF) and request the NCCs to submit the names of their respective focal points to the Chair on or before November 9, 2018 for endorsement at SOM 14.

11. Recognize the Need for Continued Engagement of the MPA Coordinator.

Decision: The Meeting recognized the efforts and performance of the MPA Coordinator and recommend to Regional Secretariat and Partners for continuous engagement.

12. Other Matters.

12.1 Venue for MPA REX 2019. The Chair asked the CT6 for possible host for the 8th MPA REX.

Decisions:

- a. Malaysia agreed in principle to host the 8th MPA REX subject to approval of Malaysia NCC.*
- b. Philippines agreed in principle to host the 8th MPA REX subject to approval of Philippines NCC.*
- c. Papua New Guinea agreed in principle to host the 8th MPA REX subject to approval of Papua New Guinea NCC.*
- d. Solomon Islands declined to host the 8th MPA REX due to change of government leadership in 2019.*

12.2 Our Oceans Conference. The Chair announced that the Our Oceans Conference will be held in Bali, Indonesia on October 29-30, 2018.

12.3 SOM 14 and MM7. The Chair announced that the 14th CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting and the 7th Ministerial Meeting will be held at Dusit Thani Manila, Makati, Philippines on December 9-15, 2018.

There being no other matters to discuss, the meeting was closed by the Co- Chair, Mr. Peter Husiauana Kenilorea of Solomon Islands, and the Meeting ended at 5:35 in the afternoon.