



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex –18
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Regional Priority Actions

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I. Background

RPW2, held in Manado, Indonesia last 20-22 August 2013, identified 22 Regional Priority Actions for the period 2014-16 and a number of thematic, governance and cross-cutting activities to support these actions. The Workshop also agreed on proposed country leads, and partners/collaborators on activities under each of the proposed Regional Priority Actions.

While all the actions generated are considered “priority” actions, their sheer number requires deeper analysis to determine the feasibility of implementing each activity given the short timeframe, resource limitations and the commitment of partners to assist. An RPW Analysis, supported by USCTI-PI and TNC, was carried out to further elaborate each action and its relative feasibility.

Using five criteria -- namely, a) do-ability, b) technical support availability, c) funding support availability, d) time requirement, and e) strategic value -- the assessment resulted in the following nine (9) highly rated Regional Priority Actions:

1. **Goal 1, Target 1, Regional Action 1:** Through regional collaboration, conduct Rapid Seascape Assessments for the entire region, in order to delineate seascape and identify priority seascapes for investment.
2. **Goal 1, Target 2, Regional Action 1:** *Adopt a general "model" for the sustainable management of seascapes*
3. **Goal 2, Target 1, Regional Action 2:** *Improve enforcement of IUU fishing through greater collaboration.*
4. **Goal 2, Target 4, Regional Action 2:** Establish an informal CTI Forum on management of and international trade in coral reef based organisms
5. **Goal 3, Target 1, Regional Action 1:** *Jointly establish overall goals, objectives, principles, and operational design elements for a CTMPAS centered on priority MPA networks.*
6. **Goal 3, Target 1, Regional Action 2:** Complete and endorse a comprehensive map of MPA networks to be included in CTMPAS.
7. **Goal 4, Target 1, Regional Action 3:** Complete and implement a Region-wide Early Action Plan for Climate Change Adaptation.
8. **Goal 4, Target 2, Regional Action 1:** Collaborate around the design and implementation of a Pilot Phase for National Centers of Excellence.
9. **Goal 5, Target 1, Regional Action 3:** *Complete and implement region-wide threatened species conservation and management action plans (sea turtles, marine mammals, sea birds, sharks)*

Note: Regional Actions in italics were priorities identified in 2010 and are still considered of high priority in 2013.

For the three governance WGs (CMWG, FRWG and MEWG), the following are the top priorities:

1. For the CMWG:
 - a. Support for WG coordination to enable implementation of the Regional Priority Actions as expressed by the MPA WG, CCA WG and MEWG;
 - b. Implementation of communication strategy and outreach including special and global events (*note: special and global events were initially identified as a cross-cutting theme rather than part of the communication strategy*);
 - c. Establishment of Permanent Secretariat (i.e., ratification, staffing, etc);
2. Under the MEWG:
 - a. Complete endorsement of M&E indicators for seascapes, EAFM and threatened species;
 - b. Establishment of baseline measures for all indicators;
 - c. Implementation of the M&E system from collecting baseline measures, data collection, submission, storage, analysis and reporting on a regular basis;
 - d. Utilization of the CT Atlas for spatial data needs by each WGs or themes (*note: The CT Atlas was initially categorized as a cross-cutting mechanism rather than an integral part of the M&E system but it is now generally recognized that the M&E process cuts across all the themes and that the CT Atlas is the supporting information system that serves the M&E system*);
3. Under Cross-Cutting Themes – There are several activities in the priority list that relate to cross-cutting themes such as the RBF, LGN, and Learning Networks.

II. Decisions

Considering the presentations made by the IRS and discussions during the session on *Regional Priority Actions* at SOM9, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Adopt the RPW as a formal regular planning meeting of CTI-CFF and further consider implementation activities;
2. Endorse the Priority Actions and Activities identified at RPW-2;
3. Encourage WGs, partners, countries and the IRS to apply assessment results in the implementation of the Priority Actions and Activities.