

Project #6

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Marine Protected Area Establishment

Project Duration: 48 months

Link to the CTI Timor-Leste National Plan of Action:

Goal 2 - marine protected areas (MPA) proposed, managed, and established.

Geographic Areas: Covalima and Viqueque districts.

Overview: Rich in biodiversity and commercially valuable species, the marine and fisheries resources of Timor-Leste is in general facing low level of pressure to the resources. The Government, however, aims at protected important areas as early as possible, including gazettement them as protected areas. Currently, there are no marine protected areas in the southern coast of the country.

Project Objectives: Establishment of marine protected areas in Covalima and Viqueque districts.

The Strategic Approach/Methodology: Previous approaches to establishment of protected areas (Batugade MPA, Atauro Island MPA, and Nino Konis Santana National Park) have been relatively successful, and these models will be used to replicate further establishment of MPAs in the southern part of the country. Establishment will be based on scientific information (e.g for boundary) and design for a protected area management regime.

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Project Activities and Cost:

Activities	Cost in US\$			
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4
Salaries	\$162,400	\$170,520	\$179,046	\$187,998
Meeting and training	\$132,620	\$2,500	n.a.	\$16,000
Equipment and materials	\$61,530	\$6,338	\$6,698	\$7,083
Education & awareness	\$5,000	\$155,000	\$170,300	\$178,175
Institutional support & administration	\$7,450	\$2,438	\$2,431	\$2,463
Total cost	\$369,000	\$336,795	\$358,475	\$391,719
Grand total				\$1,455,990
Government of Timor-Leste contribution				\$130,887
Funding sought				\$1,325,102

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