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Threatened Species Working Group

1st Threatened Species Working Group Regional Exchange

April 24-26, 2018 - Manila, Philippines

Background:

During the first Threatened Species Working Group Meeting in Putrajaya, Malaysia on March 2017, the group decided to create a pool of experts on threatened species particularly on marine turtles, sharks and rays and marine mammals to provide technical guidance and support to the TSWG as it strives to achieve the targets of Goal 5 of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA). Initially, Philippines was tasked to develop the first draft of the terms of reference (TOR) for the creation of the pool of experts. The draft TOR was circulated to all member countries for their additional inputs and comments. During the Pre-SOM meeting in November 2017, the revised draft was presented to the group again for further discussion and development. A number of comments and suggestions were raised to further enhance the TOR and so the group decided to hold another workshop to fully develop the TOR before the pool of experts can be established

In the same Pre-SOM meeting, the group also decided to develop the monitoring and evaluation indicators for Goal 5 which has long been targeted. Since the M&E indicators has to be approved by SOM before it can be utilized, the WG agreed to begin the initial discussions on the indicators during the first TSWG event in 2018 and develop it further in the succeeding TSWG activities and finalized the draft in time for SOM14.

Hence, the focus of this TSWG meeting is to finalize the draft TOR for the creation of a pool of experts on threatened species and to initiate the drafting of the TSWG M&E indicators (please see CTI ME Operations Manual 2014). Additionally, discussions on the targets of Goal 5 will also be conducted particularly on how to complete the region-wide conservation plans on TS and the region-wide TS status report.

Objectives:

Bring together TSWG focal points, partners, collaborators and resource persons to:

- a. Further develop the terms of reference (TOR) for the creation of a pool of experts on threatened species;
- b. Discuss or validate and finalize the TS monitoring and evaluation indicators based on the formulated 2014 indicators and update the indicators to comply gender and SDG markers
- c. Develop the ME flow chart (data gathering, collation, analysis, data banking and feed backing/reporting)
- d. Identify concrete actions or steps to complete the status report and region-wide conservation plan on threatened species

Expected Outputs:

- Revised version of the TOR and selection criteria for the creation of a pool of experts on TS
- Initial draft of the updated TS monitoring and evaluation indicators
- Draft ME flowchart and responsible persons/agencies (data gathering, collation, analysis, data banking and feed backing/reporting)
- Concrete action steps to complete the region-wide conservation plan on TS and the region-wide TS status report

Proposed Program Flow

Time	Agenda	Responsible Person
Day 0: Arrival of participants Welcome Dinner		
Day 1: Development of the TOR on the creation of pool of experts on TS		
8:30 - 9:00	Opening Ceremonies	Host Country
9:00 - 9:30	Session 1: Overview of Goal 5 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the targets of Goal 5 based on the RPOA (2014) • Recall the outputs of the First TSWG meeting in 2017 • Review the status of the TSWG roadmap • Present the results of SOM13 on TSWG • Q and A 	TWG Coordinator
9:30 - 10:00	Session 2: Enhancement of the Objectives of the TOR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present back the working objectives • Solicit additional ideas to enhance the objectives • Improve the style or wording 	Facilitator
10:00 - 10:15	Tea Break / Photo Op	

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10:15 - 11:00	Session 3: Responsibilities and Functions of the Experts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the current responsibilities and functions • Solicit additional tasks, if any • Finalize the statements 	
11:00 - 12:00	Session 4: Terms of Membership and Structure <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Duration of the membership and number of terms • How often are the members nominated • Who will nominate • Voluntary system? 	
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 - 1:30	Session 5: Composition and Membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the proposed composition and membership • Consider nominations from the development partners in addition to the current list of members • Other thoughts and insights on the membership (criteria?) 	
1:30 - 2:30	Session 6: Collaborative Mechanism <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How do they share information, data, etc. • Platform or ways to provide advise or assist on urgent concerns or matters • Communication concerns 	
2:30 - 3:30	Session 7: Finalize the List of Nominees <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who are the initial members of the pool of experts 	
3:30 - 3:45	Tea Break	
3:45 - 4:00	Session 8: Next Steps for the Pool of Experts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any activity or involvement in the near future • Development of the Directory of Experts • Registration form? 	
4:00 - 5:00	Session 9: Development of the region-wide TS Status report and conservation plans <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where are we now? • How do we move this forward 	
5:00 - 5:15	Wrap up and Close	

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5:45 - 6:00 (30 mins and 15 mins Q&A)	Special Talk: ASEAN initiatives for Marine Biodiversity Conservation and Invasive Alien Species (IAS) by the ASEAN Center for Biodiversity (I am suggesting this to make use of the time of the participants and provide a brief orientation on the topic, ASEAN Center has documented National strategies on Marine Biodiversity Conservation and IAS)	ACB/GIZ ISB project-we can invite Dr. Sheila Vergara or from DA BFAR for Marine/Coastal/wetlands/FW IAS
7:00 - 8:00	Welcome Dinner	
Day 2: Formulation of the TS Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators		
7:30 - 8:00	Registration and recapitulation of previous day 1; review of day 2 program	
8:00 - 9:00	<p>Session 10: Review of CT M&E Indicators and Manual of Operations 2012</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Concepts of Monitoring and Evaluation in the context of CTI • Definition of Monitoring, Evaluation, Indicators and M&E Plans • Review of CTI CFF Monitoring and Evaluation Process • ME Manual of Operations flow: Data Gathering/ collection; Processing and Analysis; Data Banking/ Storage; Data feed backing/communication <p><i>Note: During this session, it would be good if the participants can already bring their own ME systems/tools/ etc. so that they can compare it. We can re-send the ME Manual of Operations to the participants and to external resource speakers.</i></p>	ME Chair of the WG – DENR or Ms. Luz of WWF (she has the institutional memory of the CTI/ME);
9:00 - 9:15	Tea Break	

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9:15-10:30 (with working break)	<p>Session 11: Facilitated discussion on the review (validation of existing) of the M&E Indicators for TS</p> <p><i>Note: Group may be divided by target indicators as indicated in the ME manual for TS:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Sharks and Rays b) Marine Mammals c) Marine Turtles <p>Instructions for the groupings (6CT reps, RPs, Projects) Breakout session: Faunal Clusters: 1. Sharks and Rays, 2. Marine Mammals, 3. Marine Turtle</p> <p>Discussion: Review of target 5.1: Improved status of sharks, sea turtles, seabirds, marine mammals, corals, seagrass, mangroves and other identified threatened species</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Define the targets and indicators; set minimum data requirements/limits (differentiate ecosystems vs. species protection/conservation e.g. coral reef MPAs vs ray MPA) • Review and presentation of matrix and format per faunal cluster group <p><i>(km²) of protected marine habitat that contributes to conservation of threatened and endangered species protected declared</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Updating and submission of reports/copies of declaration; status of the Protected Area, are there management activities? E.g. tourism, law enforcement etc. b. Issues and concerns on declaration of Pas or conservation areas 	<p>Resource speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Sharks and Rays – Moonyeen (CCEF)/BFAR/SEAFDEC b. Marine Turtles – DENR/SEAFDEC c. Marine Mammals – AA / BFAR <p>(Note: The WG/ Projects may recommend other resource speakers from their countries/ projects)</p>

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10:30-11:20	<p>Session 11 Continued</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion on Other TS indicators: • Seabirds (15mins) intro, survey methods, indicator species/proxy indicators, data sets, data banking, frequency of reporting, etc. • Targeted Reef fishes (e.g Napoleon Wrasse, aquarium fish (?)) • Invasive Alien Species (Marine and Coastal Wetlands) • Other recommendations: Flora (Mangroves and seagrasses must be properly defined that it is covered by the other WG – CC or MPAs or Seascapes?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Seabirds- Bird Life International, Haribon, DENR b. Reef Fishes – BFAR, World Fish, SEAFDEC
11:20-12:00	<p>Plenary 1: Output presentation per Faunal Cluster (10 mins each) with 10 mins Q and A</p>	
12:00 - 1:15	Lunch	

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1:15 - 1:25	<p>Session 11 Continued Instructions for Breakout Sessions into 3 groups:</p>	
1:25 - 3:25	<p>Group 1: Review of Policies and Conservation Plans Updating</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Review and update new policies or agreements adopted at the national and local levels (per NCC) that are in compliance with the international agreements on threatened species (focusing on the priority faunal cluster, IAS, Seabirds and Marine Invertebrates) b. Issues and concerns on policies and agreement developments e.g. political support? <p>Group 2: Review of Area, number of Protected Marine Habitats e.g. MPAs, LCAs, NIPAs, etc.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Definition of protected marine habitats (governance e.g. NIPAS vs Indigenous declaration, classification e.g. Indigenous Communities Conservation areas = ancestral waters, are we referring to Habitat or species specific declaration?) b. Stock taking per country on the number and areas (km²) of protected marine habitat that contributes to conservation of threatened and endangered species protected declared c. Updating and submission of reports/copies of declaration; status of the Protected Area, are there management activities? e.g. tourism, law enforcements, etc. d. Issues and concerns on declaration of PAS or conservation areas? <p>Group 3: Status of identified threatened Species per country</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> e. Definition of status and methodologies that will be adopted (IUCN vs others?) (to be decided by CTI as a body or by a forum designated by the CT6 according to IUCN-red list criteria assessment or other criteria to be determined by CTI) f. Stock taking per country on the status of the threatened species (focus on the 3 faunal cluster) re. surveys, reporting, data base g. Issues and concerns on survey methods, costs/ budget, frequency, reporting of status of threatened species? 	
3:15 - 3:40	Break	

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3:40 - 4:40	Plenary 2: Presentation per breakout group (10 mins each) and 15 Q and A	
4:40 - 5:00	Feedback from the group	
6:30 - 8:00	Dinner/Break	
Day 3: Region-wide TS Status Report and Conservation Plan		
8:30 - 9:00	Registration and recapitulation of previous day 2; review of Day 3 program	
9:00 - 11:00 (with working break)	<p>Session 12: Review of the CTI Regional Conservation Plan (based on 2017 agreements, this can be a stock taking, issues and challenges e.g. lack of data, no data banks, no writers or consolidators, etc)</p> <p>Draft CTI-CFF Region-wide Conservation Plan for Marine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group 1: Marine Turtles • Group 2: Sharks and Rays • Group 3: Marine Mammals 	
11:00-12:00	Plenary Session 3: Presentation per Faunal Clusters (15 mins), Q and A 15 mins	
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00 - 3:00	Session 13: Review, update Action Plan 2017-2019 as agreed last meeting (if available)	
3:00 - 3:15	Tea Break	
3:15 - 4:00	<p>Session 14: Summary and Synthesis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of the key points or highlights of the discussion • Important points to take note of • Important points for further national consultation or deliberation by the WG 	
4:00 - 4:30	<p>Session 15: Next Steps for the Indicators (in preparation for SOM 14) reporting format; available data?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roadmap towards adoption by SOM and MM 	
4:30 - 5:00	<p>Wrap up and Close</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next steps for the TSWG in general • What are the next activities of TSWG • Preparations to make for the succeeding activities • Any requirements • Closing message by the Chair 	

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Day 4: Coaching and Learning Visits for PNG and Pacific Islands (n=8)		
9:00 - 4:00	Coaching and learning visits to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DA BFAR database – fisheries and sharks • DENR Marine Turtle • UPMSI interaction with Scientists on MPAs, Marine Turtle, • Field trip to LLPACHEA nature center for migratory birds/RAMSAR area? 	
4:00 - 5:00	De-briefing and rest	
5:00 -	Departure to Airport	