



COUNTRY REPORT OF PHILIPPINES



THE 11TH SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM) OF CTI-CFF, MANADO – INDONESIA, 2-3 DECEMBER 2015

TOPIC OUTLINE

1. Country TWG Focal Points
2. Progress towards NPOA
3. Lessons Learned
4. Challenges
5. Next Steps



COUNTRY TWG FOCAL POINTS

TWG	Focal Point
Seascapes	<i>Dr. Theresa Mundita S. Lim</i>
EAFM	<i>Ms. Jessica Munoz</i>
MPA	<i>Dr. Theresa Mundita S. Lim</i>
CCA	<i>Ms. Luz Baskiñas</i>
Threatened Species	<i>Dr. Theresa Mundita S. Lim</i>



PROGRESS TOWARDS NPOA

Goal 1: Priority Seascapes Designated and Effectively Managed

Total Actions

9

Completed

3

On-Going

4

Not Started

2*

- **Implementation of the SSME Comprehensive Action Plans in Priority Conservation Areas**
- **Development of the 2nd Priority Seascape – West Philippine Sea MPA Network**
 - Drafted the Strategic Plan

*Aligning Seascapes models with policy and legal framework

*Implement IEC Campaign based on SSME best practices



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PROGRESS TOWARDS NPOA

Goal 2: Ecosystem approach to management of fisheries and other marine resources is fully applied

Total Actions	Completed	On-Going	Not Started
24	5	18	1*

- **RA 10654 – An Act to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing**, amending RA 8550 (The Philippine Fisheries Code of 1998)
- **EAFM training** for Local Government Units and National Government Agencies
- **Seasonal fisheries closure** in selected parts of the country
- **Capacity Building** on law enforcement and Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance (MCS)
- **Research and management measures** for tuna fisheries

*Updating of the Fisheries Code (RA 8550) reflecting Live Reef Fish Trade (LRFT)

PROGRESS TOWARDS NPOA

Goal 3: Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) established and Effectively Managed

Total Actions	Completed	On-Going	Not Started
8	0	8	0

- **Expanded National Integrated Protected Areas System Act (Senate Bill No 2712)**
- **“Adopt-a-Marine Protected Area” Project (AMPA project)** organizing MPA guards to intensify the campaign against illegal fishing, and anti-pollution campaign
- **Capacity Building** on Coral Reef and Associated Habitat Assessment; Fundamentals of MPA Management; and Vulnerability Assessment
- **Outstanding MPA and MPA Networks:** Para El Mar 2015
- **MPA Management Effectiveness Tools and MPA Database**
- **Professional Masters in Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management**
- **Rehabilitation and Protection of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems**
- **Updating of MPA management plans and establishment of MPAs and MPA Networks** (e.g., Sea Turtle MPA Network)

PROGRESS TOWARDS NPOA

Goal 4: Climate Change Adaptation Measures Achieved

Total Actions	Completed	On-Going	Not Started
11	2	8	1*

- **“National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Plan”**
- **Expansion and climate-smarting of the MPA network**
- **Community-based adaptation measures** in terrestrial, coastal and marine regions
- **Biophysical and Socio-Economic Vulnerability Assessments** – continuing activity
- **Climate-smart rice varieties**
- **Capacity Building** for various sectors on CCA and disaster preparedness

*Mobilize financial and technical resources to support the national center of excellence



PROGRESS TOWARDS NPOA

Goal 5: Threatened Species Status Improving

Total Actions

8

Completed

2

On-Going

4

Not Started

2*

- **Information Campaign** on protected Philippine Aquatic Wildlife
- **Science-based expansion of the Tri-national Sea Turtle Corridor**, Marine Research Foundation
- **Capacity Building of protected area managers and practitioners** on Sea Turtle Research Project of the Tubbataha Management Office
- **Publication and dissemination** of relevant knowledge products
- **Local government policies** for the proper handling of large marine mammals

*Implementation of NPOA on Sharks

*National Committee on Dugongs and Marine Turtles



PROGRESS TOWARDS NPOA

Goals	Accomplishments
<i>Cross Cutting Activities</i>	<p>Communication Campaigns conducted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Month of the Ocean 2015• International Coastal Clean-Up• CT Day Celebration• Developed AV material for sardines management <p>Integration of Population, Health, and Environment in Coastal and Marine Resources Management</p> <p>Costing of the CTI National Plan published</p> <p>Capacity assessment and strengthening of the NCCC</p> <p>Strengthening of the coastal and marine sector of the DENR</p> <p>Program on recognizing Women Leaders from various sectors in environmental management</p> <p>Consideration of the Indigenous People's Rights Act in project and program design</p>

PROGRESS OF NPOA AND CTI M&E INDICATORS

Goal	Total Actions	Completed	Ongoing	Not Started
1 Seascapes	9	3	4	2
2 EAFM	24	5	18	1
3 MPA	8	0	8	0
4 Climate Change	11	2	8	1
5 Species	8	2	4	2
Total	60	12	39	9

Source: NPOA Costing

LESSONS LEARNED

- ★ **Close coordination** with other project implementors particularly development partners and government agencies working in the same project sites create complementation and synergy
- ★ Environmental law enforcement enhanced through **formal Inter-agency collaboration at national and local levels**
- ★ **Community of practice**
- ★ **Incentive system for effective MPA and MPA Networks management** results in sustainability
- ★ **Value of science-based decision and policies**



CHALLENGES

- ✦ Mainstreaming of the goals and actions of the CTI-NPOA to the local government plans
- ✦ Peace and Order
- ✦ Limited logistics of local law enforcement teams
- ✦ Lack of support for the operations of the Regional Working Groups
- ✦ 2016 National Elections may change the priorities of national agencies and local government units

Next Steps

- ✦ Review the NPOA implementation - articulate the higher level targets and determine the financial gaps in the NPOA
- ✦ Pilot various modalities for sustainable finance and ensure policy support for sustainable financing
- ✦ Develop and finalize the M&E indicators for the NPOA
- ✦ Ensure the alignment of the goals and actions of the NPOA to the local government plans



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