

THE PHILIPPINES



CORAL TRIANGLE  
INITIATIVE  
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES  
AND FOOD SECURITY

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## WWF Report

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WWF Regional Work Plan – 2018

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## Goal 1 Seascapes

- **Sulu Sulawesi Seas Seascape** – Engagement at national level through WWF Philippines, WWF Indonesia, WWF Malaysia.
- **Bismarck Solomon Seas Ecoregion** – Engagement at national level through WWF Papua New Guinea, WWF Solomon Islands and WWF Indonesia
- **Lesser Sunda Seascape** – Engagement at national level through WWF Indonesia



## Goal 2 Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management

**Addressing IUU Fishing:** traceability systems, electronic catch documentation, mobile phone app reporting, WWF-ID develop community based IUU assessment performance tool

**Fisheries Improvement & Aquaculture Improvement Projects:**

- ~ 36,000 tonnes of fish production under improvement;
- ~ 30,000 fishers & farmers benefitting from Improvement Projects

**Capacity Building** for Marine Stewardship Council /Fishery Improvement

**Fisheries Standards:** with ASC developed draft Tropical Fin Fish Standard; WWF ID member of Seaweed Stakeholder Council to develop MSC/ASC Seaweed standard

**Tuna Recovery** strategy for restoring health of tuna populations through protection of spawning & nursery areas and migratory pathways

**Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES)-** Economic modeling for a PES mechanism to address fishing of yellow fin juvenile tuna – aim to pilot in Philippines

**Informal Regional Fisheries Collaboration on Shared, Straddling & Highly Migratory Species in Coral Triangle:** Tuna Governance Workshop (July 2017)

**CT Fisheries Forum & Technology Marketplace –** July 2017 (Funding from *Apple Apps for Earth* and the *Henry Foundation*)



# Goal 3 Marine Protected Areas



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**CT countries declare 4 M ha of MPAS in 2016/2017:**

- **Tun Mustapha Park Sabah Malaysia**– 898,763 ha
- **Palawan Province, Philippines:** 2 M ha. Network of locally-managed marine protected area covering 8 municipalities in Central Sulu Sea and Northeastern Palawan
- **Kei Kecil Island & surrounding waters of Southeast Maluku Regency** of Maluku Province, Indonesia - 150,000 ha
- **Maluku Tenggara Barat** Indonesia - 783,806 ha
- **Pantar Straits & surrounding ocean Alor District** Indonesia 276,693 ha

**MPA design & Effectiveness:** Approaches for MPAs design in collaboration with stakeholders - govt, community, private sector (e.g. fisheries, tourism) – objectives to protect biodiversity, people, livelihoods; Improved management effectiveness

**Coastal resource management:** Community Based and Rights Based Management approaches; PES, Sustainable Financing

**Women's Economic Empowerment:** Capacity building, financial inclusion and micro-finance schemes in Papua New Guinea & Solomon Islands, linked to coastal resource management and livelihoods

## Goal 3 Marine Protected Areas

### Developing & Promoting Sustainable Nature Based Tourism in the Coral Triangle –

- 2 year Project funded by Government of Australia & implemented by WWF - **3 destination plans and investment prospectus**
- Participation & support to **West New Britain Tourism Policy Workshop**, Papua New Guinea, Nov 2017
- Participation in the **Global Tourism Conference**, July 2017, Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia.
- **True Blue Tourism**, WWF presentation at **OECD Greening the Ocean Economy Forum**, Paris, Nov 2017
- ADB-WWF Session on Nature-based Tourism in the Coral Triangle, **ADB Green Business Forum**, March 2017



# Goal 4 Climate Change Adaptation

- Participation in **CCA TWG Blue Carbon Workshop**, Aug. 2017.
- Member of **International Partnership for Blue Carbon** and **Global Mangroves Alliance**
- **CCA TWG Meeting** Oct. 2017 – Draft Communique
- **UNFCCC COP23** - High-level side event organized by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, WWF and IUCN - **Mangroves for climate action – a key ecosystem for blue carbon and effective adaptation....**



**Blue Carbon**  
A new concept for reducing the impacts of climate change by conserving coastal ecosystems in the Coral Triangle



**INVITATION**  
BMZ, WWF and IUCN invite you to attend a high-level event at COP23  
**Mangroves for Climate Action**  
A key ecosystem for blue carbon and effective adaptation

**We need mangroves for Climate Action!**  
Mangroves have remarkable climate change mitigation and adaptation capacities – they store carbon and protect coastal areas. However, global mangrove cover is decreasing at alarming rates.

This event highlights the importance of blue carbon and related coastal ecosystems in mitigating climate change – with a special focus on the need for intensified protection and conservation of mangroves.

“Save our mangroves now!”, an initiative by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), WWF, and IUCN, invites high-level government representatives and global initiatives to present existing efforts on the protection of mangroves as a blue carbon ecosystem.

**DATE**  
Thursday, 16 November, 2017

**TIME**  
12:45 to 1:55 pm

**VENUE**  
#PANDAHUB, WWF Pavilion, Bonn Zone, COP23



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**SPEAKERS**

- Thomas Silberhorn, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, Germany
- Bénédicte Ndahimmanjara, Minister of Environment, Ecology, Sea and Forests, Madagascar
- Bambang Brodjonegoro, Minister of National Development Planning, Indonesia
- Representative of the Australian Government (to be confirmed)
- Keesia Tabanokawa, Representative WWF Pacific

**PANELISTS**

- Eric Rabenasco, General Director of Forests, Ministry of Environment, Ecology and Forests, Madagascar (to be confirmed)
- Andreas Dahl-Jørgensen, Deputy Director for Norway's International Climate and Forest Initiative
- Jared Runkle, Conservation Director WWF Kenya
- Kathy B. McLeod, Managing Director, Climate Risk & Investment, The Nature Conservancy (TNC)

**MODERATOR**

- Inger Andersen, Director General of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)



# Goal 5 Threatened Species



## Illegal Trade in Marine Turtles & their Products – Policy & Advocacy:

- Side event at CMS COP12 in Manila, Oct 2017 – *Illegal Trade of Marine Turtles in the Asia-Pacific Region*
- Advocacy on Single Species Action plan for Hawksbill Turtles in the Asia Pacific region, CMS COP12.

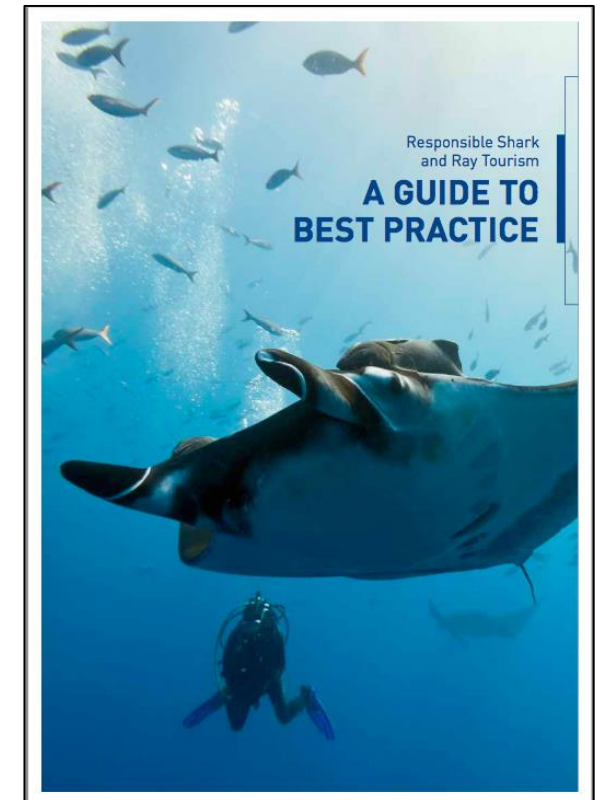
The CoP adopted a Hawksbill Action Plan under joint aegis of CMS and the Indian Ocean-Southeast Asia Marine Turtle Memorandum of Understanding (IOSEA)

## Tourism Best Practice:

WWF, Project AWARE and The Manta Trust developed the world's first *Responsible Shark & Ray Tourism: A Guide to Best Practice...*

[http://wwf.panda.org/what\\_we\\_do/endangered\\_species/sharks/responsible\\_tourism/](http://wwf.panda.org/what_we_do/endangered_species/sharks/responsible_tourism/)

**IUCN Red List Assessment for Sharks:** WWF is investigating funding opportunities for an assessment



# Cross Cutting - Regional Activities

- **Coral Triangle Futures Think Tank - Expediting outcomes & impact at scale:** Community of Practice to accelerate / identify collaborative approaches that achieve greater impact to improve sustainability outcomes for small scale fisheries and marine managed areas.
- **Capacity Building modules for conservation practitioners** (3 developed and 4 in production)
- **Coral Triangle Day 9th June 2017 #sayno2plastic** digital awareness campaign: **Total Contest Posts/Entries:** 1056 (5% increase on 2016); **Twitter Reach:** 6,226,964; **Instagram Reach:** 3,816,615; **Facebook Reach:** 258,281; <http://www.coraltriangleday.org/contest> and [www.thecoraltriangle.com](http://www.thecoraltriangle.com)
- **TheCoraltriangle.com – Tourism/media platform** contributing to CTI-CFF Communications Strategy -increase public awareness of CT global importance
- Established **tourism portal and investment page** on [www.thecoraltriangle.com/invest](http://www.thecoraltriangle.com/invest)

**WWF FACT SHEET 2017**

**RESPONDING TO CHANGE:**  
EXPEDITING AND SCALING UP INTEGRATED APPROACHES FOR SUSTAINABLE COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT THAT IMPROVE LIVELIHOODS AND FOOD SECURITY FOR COASTAL AND SMALL SCALE FISHING COMMUNITIES

**KEY MESSAGES**

- Planning for long-term sustainability is an essential part of community development
- Long-term success requires strong leadership, clear roles and responsibilities, and
- Multiple systems and institutions, as well as
- Long-term monitoring and evaluation, and
- Clear roles and responsibilities to manage projects effectively

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**WORKING WITH COMMUNITIES – BUILDING EFFECTIVE COASTAL CONSERVATION AND SUSTAINABLE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PARTNERSHIPS**

**KEY MESSAGES**

- Gaining an understanding of the context that there is broad support for implementation and long-term
- Active and meaningful participation in management planning and
- Building trust and mutual respect and responsibility is central to
- Establishing a strong culture of respect to building a successful conservation and resource
- Empowering women, youth and community-based conservation
- Integrating traditional knowledge with science-based fisheries and acceptance of management

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**INTEGRATING HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION WITH CONSERVATION**

**KEY MESSAGES**

- Many poor households in coastal communities rely on healthy ecosystems for survival and to defend against climate change, but poverty, food insecurity and vulnerability to social, environmental and economic shocks mean they're often driven to exploit these ecosystems unsustainably
- Protected or locally-managed areas can be used to create new income streams for local communities, compensating for restricted access to marine resources
- Understanding how social, cultural and economic factors interact with conservation goals is key to using development approaches to advance conservation goals
- livelihood-based development plans encompassing a 'population health-environment' approach are more likely to succeed than narrow initiatives
- Listening to the community to understand their needs and engaging them through participatory development approaches from conception to delivery and ongoing management is essential
- Approaches must be inclusive, with particular attention paid to addressing obstacles to the participation of women and other marginalised groups in any program

# Cross Cutting – Women’s Leadership

- **United Nations Oceans Conference** New York, June 2017  
WWF co-facilitated CTI-CFF and collaborators side event hosted by Solomon Islands Government - ***Coral Triangle Partnerships to Achieve SDG14 in the World’s Epicenter of Marine Biodiversity – Featuring Women Leaders Forum & Community Women Leader***
- **Healers of Our Oceans - Women leading ocean action to achieve SDG14** - side events at UN Oceans Conference and UNFCCC COP23.
- **Ocean Witness Video Launch at Pre-SOM 2017**



RoZIAH Jalalid, Chair,  
Women’s Association of  
Omadal Island (WAPO),  
Semporna, Malaysia



Rindah Melsen, President, Nusatuva Women’s  
Savings Club, Solomon Islands, UN Oceans  
Conference, New York, June 2017

# Work Plan for FY18

- **Collaborative management** approaches for **well designed, effective MPAs**
- **Tuna Blue Print** –protection & management of juvenile tuna nurseries & spawning areas;
- **Pilot Yellowfin Tuna PES mechanism** to reduce capture of juvenile tuna
- Launch **Regional Asia Pacific Seafood Collaborative** and identify new **Fisheries & Aquaculture Improvement Projects**



Addressing IUU fishing

- **Plastic Pollution Free Oceans** – pilot projects in 5 AP countries (Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam, Hong Kong, Thailand)
- **Regional policy & advocacy** for improved governance of key fisheries, species & marine ecosystems
- **Fundraising/ investment for Sustainable Marine Tourism** through CT Nature-Based Tourism governance framework & industry engagement on best practices

## Challenges:

- Need for a **sustainable financing architecture**
- Need for **Resources/technical support** for working groups & sustainability of frameworks e.g. CTMPAS, CT Atlas, M&E, Regional Business Forum
- How CTI-CFF can engage with **Regional & International Policy Fora**

## Recommendations:

- **Timely RPOA evaluation** and develop Road Map to 2020 and beyond
- Complete **NPOA costings**; and Progress a **Sustainable Financing Mechanism**
- CTI-CFF opportunities to take **shared, agreed messages & policy positions** to relevant international & regional policy fora
- Continue to **broaden govt sector engagement** in CTI-CFF (e.g. tourism)



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