

Country Focal Points

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CMWG	Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA)
MEWG	Dir. Theresa Mundita S. Lim DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau

Partners and Status of Partnership

Partners	Projects and Programs	Status
GIZ	Sulu- Sulawesi Seascape Project	Ongoing
UNDP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Marine Protected Area to Conserve Marine Key Biodiversity Areas 	Completed; June 2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SmartSeas 	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Action Plan for the Sustainable Fisheries Management of the Sulu Celebes (Sulawesi) Large Marine Ecosystems 	
ADB	RETA 7813: CTI Support for Southeast Asia	Completed;
UP-Marine Science Institute (UPMSI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MPA Support Network 	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Project (CMEMP) 	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PMTMEM 	Ongoing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCA 	Ongoing

Partners and Status of Partnership

Partners	Projects and Programs	Status
US-NOAA	MPA Capability Building Program	Ongoing
	EcoFish Project	Completed
USAID	Protect Wildlife Projec	Ongoing
	Oceans Partnership	Ongoing
Conservation International	Seascapes, MPA, EAFM, CCA and Threatened Species	Ongoing
UN Environment	Green Fins Code of Conduct (Reef World Foundation)	Ongoing
	The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB)	Completed; June 2017

Partners and Status of Partnership

Partners	Projects and Programs	Status
WWF	MKBA, EAFM (Tuna), Threatened Species, CCA	Ongoing
World Fish	COASTFISH	Ongoing
BFAR-NFRDI	Tuna Genetics, Threatened Species, CCA	Ongoing
PEMSEA	SDS-SEA	Ongoing
COBSEA	South China Sea Project	Ongoing
ASEAN	Coastal and Marine Environment Nature Conservation and Biodiversity	Ongoing
World Bank	PhilWAVES	Completed; June 2017
IFAD		
Marine Wildlife Watch of the Philippines	Sharks and Marine Turtle Conservation	Ongoing

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Partners	Projects and Programs	Status
RARE	SmartSeas CMEMP	Ongoing
Marine Wildlife Watch of the Philippines	Sharks and Marine Turtle Conservation	Ongoing
LAMAVE	Large Marine Vertebrates (Sharks) Conservation	Ongoing
Coastal Conservation and Education Foundation	MPAs	Ongoing

Partners/Collaborators - 20+

Nature of Engagement and/or – MPAs, Fisheries, Biodiversity, Social Networking, Resource Valuation, Conservation Masteral Program,

Activities conducted in support of CTI

- Launching of the Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program
- Coral Triangle Day
- UPMSI-MSN *Para el Mar* Awards
- CMS COP12 – Approval of COP Resolutions (provide photos and resolutions adopted)
- Sulu Sulawesi Seascape
- West and North Philippine Seas
- Philippine Rise – designated as proposed MPA
- Marine Debris (Office of Senator Villar) (get more info)
 - Leader's Breakfast (Marine pollution) (get copy of output from UNEP)
- NPOA Review
- Initiated discussions within NCCC on the RPOA Review

Progress towards NPOA

Goal 1: Priority seascapes designated and effectively managed

1. Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Implementation continued: Lessons learned and best practices documented in Seascape model and Regional Framework of CTI-CFF
2. West Philippine Sea Expedition
3. North Philippine Sea Expedition (including Philippine Rise)
4. Ongoing implementation of EO No. 533

Challenge/s

Absence of a policy framework to designate an in country seascape under CTI definition

Lessons Learned

Sulu Sulawesi Priority Conservation Areas are mainstreamed in the Philippine Key Biodiversity Areas where conservation programs and investments are focused

Next Steps

Research and exploration of new seascapes

Link with other regional cooperation mechanisms (e.g. BIMP-EAGA, ASEAN, PEMSEA, COBSEA, etc.)

Progress towards NPOA

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

- Achievements
 - Adopting EAFM in BFAR Programs and activities (as stipulated in RA 10654)
 - Development/Customization of EAFM Modules in Philippine Setting
 - Identification of Pilot Sites for Fisheries Management Areas
 - Continued Municipal Fisherfolk Registration and Boat Registration
 - Vessel Monitoring System/Vessel Monitoring Measures and Fisheries Observers Programs
 - Collaboration with DSWD in the implementation of Sustainable Livelihood Program
 - Consultation of and adoption of Reference Points and Harvest Control Rules
 - Continued Mangrove Reforestation activities through Philippine National Aquasilviculture Program
 - Conducted Essential EAFM Trainings and Training of Trainers

Progress towards NPOA

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

- Achievements
 - National Stock Assessment Program
 - Implementation of Seasonal Closures in several Major Phil Fishing Grounds
 - Adoption and publication of the Philippine Status Reports and National Plan of Action (NPOA) of Napoleon Wrasse, Sharks and Rays 2017-2022
 - Napoleon Wrasse Non-Detrimental Findings Study
 - Formulation of policy and regulation on capture and transport of live reef fish trade
 - Produce quad media (TV, print, radio and social media) materials to promote fisheries management and conservation e.g. *MMK*, *Capture Fisheries Atlas of the Philippines*, *FishBOOK*, etc.

Progress towards NPOA

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

- Challenges
 - Destructive and illegal fishing practices
 - Limited institutional capacity (assets and resources)
 - Complexity of multiple stakeholders (overlapping governance responsibilities)
 - High Disaster Risk Areas
- Lessons Learned
 - Forging strong linkage with concerned Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) and other academic and research institutions helped in maximizing efforts and resources

Progress towards NPOA

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

- Next Steps

- Implementation of Mainstreaming EAFM nationwide
- Update the NPOA costing and determine budget allocations for this goal
- Pilot various modalities for sustainable finance and ensure policy support for sustainable financing
- Develop and finalize the EAFM M&E for the NPOA, and
- Ensure the alignment of the NPOA to the Philippine Development Plan

Progress towards NPOA

Goal 3: Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) established and effectively managed

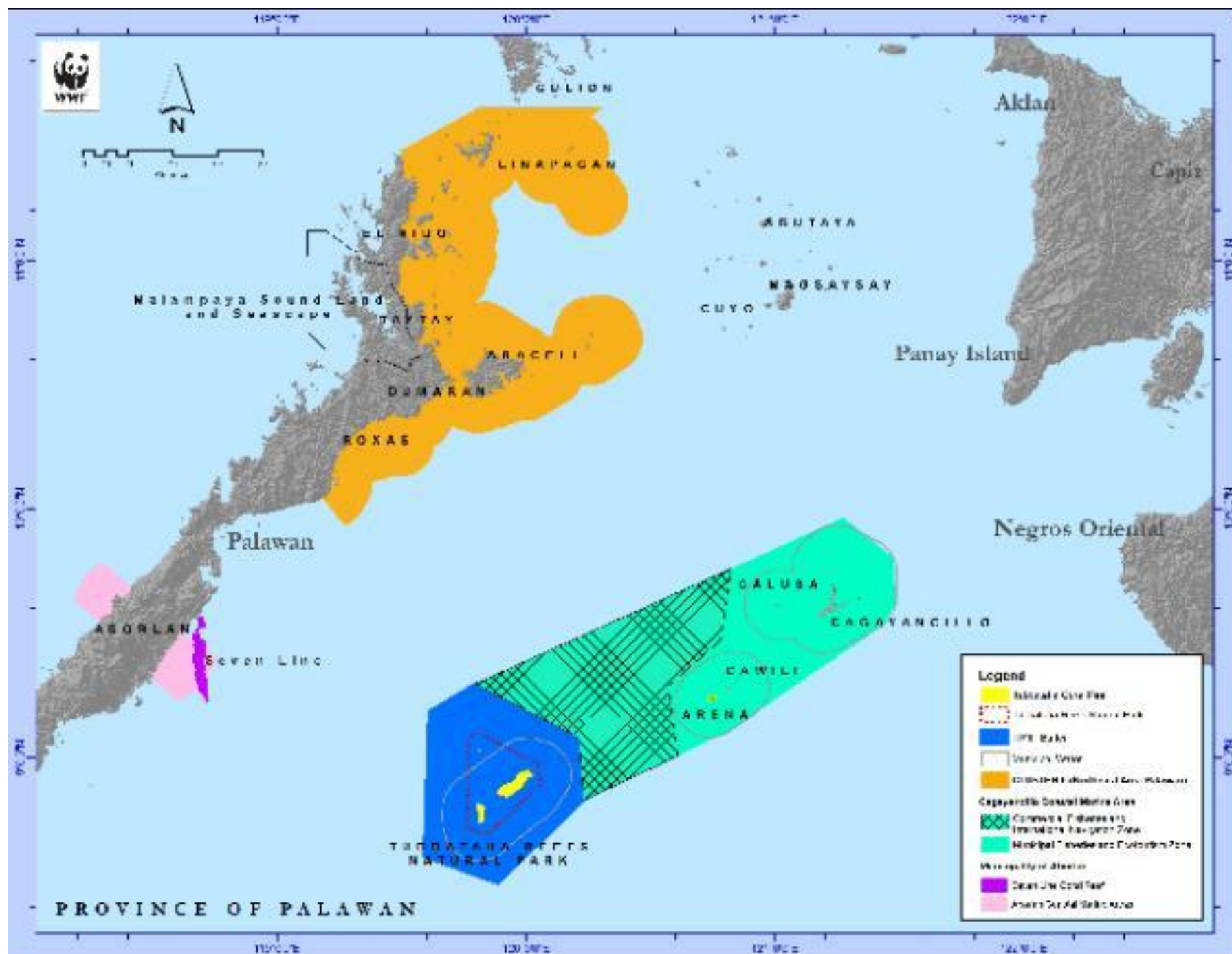
- Achievements

1. Establishment of Marine Turtle Protected Area Network (MTPAN)
2. SmartSEAS: establishment of locally managed MPAs and MPA networks within mKBAs
3. Recognition of best managed MPAs (national and local) and MPA networks (Para El Mar; regular METT/MEAT)
4. Updating of MPA database system
5. Nomination of EBSA (Benham Rise)

Progress towards NPOA

Goal 3: Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) established and effectively managed

- Achievements
 5. Nomination of EBSA (Benham Rise)
 6. Tubbataha designated as a PSSA
 7. Resumption of bilateral discussions with Malaysia on TIHPA
 8. Seagrass and intertidal flats protection and management are mainstreamed in national policies (CMEMP, Blue Carbon Initiative)
 9. Valuation of Coastal Ecosystems (Asanza et.al., 2017)
 10. Declared 1M hectares of MPA (Cagayancillo, Palawan)



Progress towards NPOA

Goal 3: Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) established and effectively managed

- Challenges
 - Incomplete technical description of MPAs
 - Many locally managed MPA have no Management Plan
 - Management Plan Implementation, Monitoring, and Evaluation
 - Sustainable financing for some MPAs
- Lessons Learned
 1. Multisectoral partnership
- Next Steps
 - Climate-smarting MPA management plans

Progress towards NPOA

Goal 4: Climate change adaptation measures achieved

- Achievements
 1. Coastal Vulnerability Assessment in El Nido
 2. People Survival Fund allocated for qualified municipalities (Lanuza, Surigao Del Norte and Del Carmen, Surigao Del Sur)
 3. Green-gray solutions project in Iloilo: awareness raising of local governments and communities, and capacity building on Ecosystem-based Adaptation/Eco-DRR, climate change adaptation and vulnerabilities, and DRR-CCA planning in preparation for pilot-testing of nature and engineering solutions to CCA.
 5. Blue Carbon Initiative
 6. Mangrove and Beach Forest Development

Progress towards NPOA

Goal 4: Climate change adaptation measures achieved

- Achievements
 7. Tool: Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment (CDRA)
 8. ADB TA 8493 “Climate Resilience and Green Growth in Critical Watersheds: Davao Or, CamSur and Lower Marikina” (With ADB and JFPR)
 9. Conduct of ENRA, PES, CCVA and GHG
 10. Demonstration of the Ecotown Framework in the Provinces of Romblon and Bohol
 11. Conduct of NRA and VA in Provinces of Romblon and Bohol
 12. Conduct of Training-Workshop on Planning for Climate Change in the Coastal and Marine Environment.
 13. Youth Camps and Inset training for Science teachers (Palawan, Zambo del Sur and Zambo Sibugay) on Climate Change and Adaptation and Coastal Resource management

Progress towards NPOA

Goal 4: Climate change adaptation measures achieved

- Challenges
 1. Development the LCCAP
 2. Institutional Arrangements
 3. Mobilization of CSOs and private sector in the implementation of adaptation measures
 4. Standardization of VA methodology
- Lessons Learned
 1. Linkage with other institutions (i.e. IRRI for climate smart rice)
- Next Steps
 1. Official creation of the Blue Carbon National Steering Committee and National Blue Carbon Technical Working Group
 2. Mainstreaming Blue Carbon into national policies

Progress towards NPOA

Goal 5: Threatened species status improving

• Achievements

1. Pool of Experts
2. Hosting of CMS COP 12 and promotion of CMS in the region
3. Elevate the protection status of species under the following:
 - a.) CITES
 - b.) CMS (resolutions)
4. Manado statement on the establishment of Marine Turtle MPA Network
5. IUCN Red Listing Workshop for Aquatic Wildlife Species
6. Development of In-Country Status Report for Sharks and Napoleon Wrasse with attached National Plan of Actions
7. Capacity Building on Aquatic Wildlife and Fishery Law Enforcement

Progress towards NPOA

Goal 5: Threatened species status improving

- Challenges:
 1. Trade-related issues
 2. Mobilization of aquatic wildlife funds
 3. Trans-boundary enforcement
- Lessons Learned:
 1. Importance of multi-sectoral cooperation
 2. Linking of wildlife protection with habitat management and social benefits
 3. Importance of alternative livelihood
- Next Steps
 1. Roll out and implementation of sharks and rays and napoleon wrasse NPOAs on the national and regional level
 2. Habitat assessment of areas for potential expansion of MTPAN

Other Highlights: Attendance to Meetings and Hosting

1. CTI-CFF 1st Threatened Species Working Meeting

Date: March 22-23, 2017

Venue: Putrajaya, Malaysia



2. FRWG, Proposed Budget for 2017 and Other Financial Matters Meeting

Date: March 29-31, 2017

Venue: Pasig City



Other Highlights: Attendance to Meetings and Hosting

3. Seascapes Technical Working Group Meeting

Date: May 15-19, 2017

Venue: Honiara, Solomon Islands

4. Partner's Meeting

Date: May 22-23, 2017

Venue: Pasig City



Other Highlights: Attendance to Meetings and Hosting

7. COASTFISH Workshop and EAFM TWG Meeting

Date: August 1-4, 2017

Venue: Tagaytay, Philippines



8. Blue Carbon Workshop

Date: August 28-30, 2017

Venue: Tagaytay City

9. CCA TWG Meeting

Date: October 12-13, 2017

Venue: Manila



Other Highlights: Attendance to Meetings and Hosting-

10. University Partnership Meeting

Date: August 7-8, 2017

Venue: Manado, Indonesia

11. SEAFDEC/USAID Regional Fisheries Management Planning Workshop (August 2017)

12. ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment (AWGCME) – DENR-BMB as the host

Date: May 2017

Venue: Conrad Hotel, Pasay City

Other Highlights: Attendance to Meetings and Hosting-

13. CTI-CFF Side Event at the UN Ocean Conference

Date: June 6, 2017

Venue: UN Headquarters, New York

14. Inception Workshop: Building-Up a Regional Catch Documentation and Traceability (CDT) System and Advancing Fisheries Management for Strengthening Food Security in Coral Triangle Region

Date: September 25-26, 2017

Venue: Manado Indonesia

12th Meeting of the Conference of Parties to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals

DATE and VENUE : October 23-28, 2017;

Philippine International Convention Center

PARTICIPANTS : 900 Delegates: Environment Ministers and other government officials from 124 Parties; International Organizations, scientist and private sector, and local Observers

THEME : *Their Future is Our Future*
Sustainable Development for Wildlife and People

PHILIPPINE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED DURING CMS COP12:

1. Manila Declaration on Sustainable Development and Migratory species;
2. Sustainable Tourism and Migratory Species;
3. Promoting Marine Protected Area Networks in the ASEAN Region;
4. Promoting conservation of critical intertidal and other coastal habitats for migratory species;
5. CMS COP12 Presidency;

Inclusion of migratory species to the CMS Appendices:

- a. Whale Shark (Appendix I)
- b. White-spotted Wedgefish (Appendix II)
- c. Christmas Island Frigatebird (Appendix I)
- d. Black Noddy (Appendix II)
- e. Yellow Bunting (Appendix II)



Species Listing Proposals developed by the Philippines



CHRISTMAS FRIGATEBIRD
- CMS I



YELLOW BUNTING - CMS II



BLACK NODDY - CMS II



WHALE SHARK- CMS I



WHITE-SPOTTED WEDGEFISH- CMS II

Status of NPOA

Goal	Total Actions	Completed	On-Going	Not-Started
Seascapes	9	3	4	2
EAFM	24	6	18	0
MPA	8	0	8	0
CCA	11	3	8	0
Threatened Species	8	2	6	0
Total:	60	14	42	2

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