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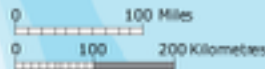
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Threatened Species Working Group

Tan Geik Hong
Chair, Threatened Species WG
Malaysia



Focal Points

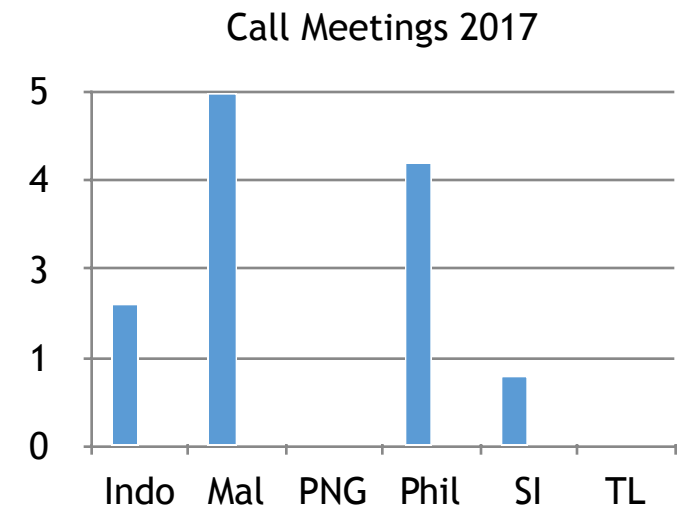
| Member Country | Focal Point |
|------------------------|--|
| Indonesia | Andi Rusandi, Director for Conservation and Marine Biodiversity, MMAF <i>Supported by: Setiono</i> |
| Malaysia (Malaysia) | Tan Geik Hong, Deputy Director General, Department of Fisheries Malaysia <i>Supported by: Mr. Bohari Hj. Leng</i> |
| Papua New Guinea | Kumaras Kay Kalim, Director, Conservation and Environment Protection Agency <i>Supported by: Vagi Rei</i> |
| Philippines (Co-Chair) | Theresa Mundita Lim, Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau, DENR |
| Solomon islands | Ivory Akao, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources <i>Supported by: Agnetha Vave-Karamui, Chief Conservation Officer, MECDM</i> |
| Timor-Leste | Jose Monteiro, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries <i>Supported by: Junior Pascoal de Carvalho</i> |

Development Partners

| Role | Primary Partners |
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| Technical Lead | World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) |
| Coordination Support | Regional Secretariat |
| Technical Support | GIZ, Conservation International Philippines, SEAFDEC |

TSWG Activities and Milestones since SOM12

| Activities | Date | Venue | Technical Support | Funding Support |
|---|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| Conducted 5 working group call meetings | January - September | | | |
| Conducted the 1st TSWG Meeting | March 22-23 | Putrajaya, Malaysia | CI, GIZ, WWF | GIZ, RS, NCCC Malaysia |
| Developed the TS Assessment Report Outline | | | CI, GIZ, WWF | |
| Developed the Region-wide TS Conservation Plan Outline | | | CI, GIZ, WWF | |
| Drafted the Regional Threatened Species Roadmap (2017 - 2019) | | | CI, GIZ, WWF | |



MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT ON THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
PHILIPPINE MARINE TURTLE PROTECTED AREA NETWORK

This Memorandum of Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered on the 24th day of October 2017 in the City of Pasay, by and among:

The DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES, hereinafter referred to as "DENR", with office address at Visayas Avenue, Diliman, Quezon City, represented by its Secretary, **ROY A. CIMATU**;

The PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF PALAWAN, hereinafter referred to as "Province of Palawan", with office address at Provincial Capitol Building, Rizal Ave. cor. Fernandez St. 5300, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, represented by its Governor, **HON. JOSE CHAVES ALVAREZ**;

The PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF TAWI-TAWI, hereinafter referred to as the "Province of Tawi-Tawi", with office address at Provincial Capitol, Tubig-Buh, Bongao, Tawi-Tawi, represented by its Governor, **HON. RASHIDIN MATRA**;

The PALAWAN COUNCIL FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, hereinafter referred to as "PCSD", a government entity created under Republic Act No. 7611 [Strategic Environmental Plan (SEP) Act], with principal office at PCSO Building, Sports Complex Road, Sta. Monica, Puerto Princesa City, Palawan, represented by its Executive Director, **NEUSON P. DEVANADERA**;

The PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT BOARD OF TUBBATAHA REEF NATURAL PARK, hereinafter referred to as the "TRNP", represented by its Co-Chairperson, **HON. JOSE CHAVES ALVAREZ**, authorized under Protected Area Management Board Resolution No. 17-096;

The PROTECTED AREA MANAGEMENT BOARD OF EL NIÑO-TAYTAY MANAGED RESOURCE PROTECTED AREA, hereinafter referred to as the "ENTMRPA" represented by its Chairperson, **NATIVIDAD Y. BERNARDINO**, authorized under Protected Area Management Board Resolution No. 2017-28, Series of 2017;

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TSWG Activities and Milestones since SOM12

CMS-COP12 side event:
Establishing a Network of Safe Havens for Green Turtles in Sulu-Sulawesi Seascapes

*October 24, 2017
Philippine International Convention Center (PICC)*

Status on Decisions Endorsed by SOM12

| Decisions Endorsed by SOM12 | Status |
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| Acknowledged the SSSP supported by the German Government through GIZ and is implemented in the Southeast Asia Member countries: Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines with marine turtle management and protection as one of its priority actions. | Ongoing |
| Endorsed the conduct of the TSWG workshop to develop the roadmap toward the achievement of the targets of Goal 5 as outlined in the RPOA. | Done |
| Endorsed the conduct of the first TSWG meeting to strengthen the WG along with its plans and programs. | Done |
| Tasked the TSWG focal points of each country to submit TSWG reports a month before SOM | In progress |
| Approved the TSWG Work Plan 2017 | Ongoing |

Status of 2017 Work Plan

| Planned Activities | Status |
|---|-------------|
| Continue to hold regular call meetings with TSWG members and partners | Ongoing |
| Conduct the first TSWG workshop and TSWG meeting | Done |
| Conduct initial baseline assessment of existing initiatives on the conservation and management of sharks, marine turtles, seabirds, marine mammals, corals, seagrass, mangroves | Ongoing |
| Develop the TSWG monitoring and evaluation indicators by SOM13 | Not started |
| Initial draft of the region-wide Sea Turtle Conservation Action Plan | Initiated |

TS Goals and Targets

Goal 5: Threatened Species Status Improving

Target 1: Improved status of sharks, sea turtles, seabirds, marine mammals, corals, seagrass, mangroves and other identified threatened species.

RA 1: By 2012, assess species status by supporting ongoing and new assessment programs

RA 2: By 2012, complete and implement region-wide Sharks Conservation Action Plan

RA 3: By 2012, complete and implement region-wide Sea Turtles Conservation Action Plan

RA 4: By 2012, complete and implement region-wide Sea Bird Conservation Action Plan

RA 5: By 2012, complete and implement region-wide Marine Mammals Conservation Action Plan

RA 6: By 2012, complete and implement region-wide Conservation Action Plan for Targeted Reef Fish and invertebrate Species that are threatened

RA 7: By 2012, complete and implement region-wide Invasive Action Plan on Biosecurity of Marine Species

RA 8: By 2013, Adopt and strengthen (i) local and national legislative, policy and regulatory frameworks; and (ii) regional and international agreements on threatened species, and put in place supporting networks and information management systems.

RA 9: Jointly develop and implement capacity building activities that support the above actions on threatened species

Status of Accomplishments of Priority Activities

| Priority Activities | Status |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| <p align="center">Goal 5: Threatened Species Status Improving</p> <p align="center">Target 1: Improved status of sharks, sea turtles, seabirds, marine mammals, corals, seagrass, mangroves and other identified threatened species.</p> | |
| <p>Conduct regional exchanges to complete the Conservation Action Plans for sharks, marine turtles, marine mammals and sea birds. TSWG agreed to include rays.</p> | <p align="center">Started</p> |
| <p>Undertake baseline assessments of existing initiatives on the conservation and management of sharks, marine turtles, seabirds, marine mammals, corals, seagrass, mangroves.</p> | <p align="center">Ongoing</p> |
| <p>Expand implementation of the SSME Comprehensive Action Plan for charismatic, threatened and migratory species to the CTI</p> | <p align="center">Ongoing</p> |
| <p>Initiate sustainable financing and partnership-building for the implementation of the above-mentioned action plans</p> | <p align="center">Ongoing</p> |
| <p>Finalize and endorse indicators for TSWG</p> | <p align="center">Not started</p> |

Status of Accomplishments of Priority Activities

| Priority Activities | Status |
|--|--|
| Baseline Assessments Conducted | <p>The WG has agreed during the 1st TSWG meeting to prioritize the collection and review of assessment reports at country level on marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays. Once data is ready this will be the bases for developing the region-wide assessment report on threatened species.</p> <p>To date, member countries are at various states in formulating their respective national assessments reports for the prioritized threatened species.</p> |
| Development of Conservation Plans | <p>The WG has agreed during the 1st TSWG meeting to focus this year on the formulation of national conservation plans for marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays. Once the national level conservation plans are ready, the TSWG will come together for a writeshop to draft the region-wide conservation plans for marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays.</p> <p>To date, some countries are in the process of finishing one (1) national level conservation plan of threatened species.</p> |
| Local and National Legislative, Policy and Regulatory Frameworks on TS | <p>Some countries have identified priority management areas for sea turtles, tagged certain species (e.g. whale sharks, turtles) to monitor/track their migration patterns and areas of interest, organized enforcement activities, enacted national laws and policies for the protection of threatened species</p> |

Challenges

- Technical assistance and support in the drafting of the national level assessment report and conservation plans for some member states.
- Technical assistance and support in formulating the region-wide conservation plans for marine mammals, sharks and rays and sea turtles.
- Technical assistance and support in the writing of the region-wide assessment report of threatened species in the Coral Triangle.
- Funds to support the 2018 TSWG regional workshops and capacity building activities.
- Turn around time for feedback / comments to documents and other required materials and resources that need decisions.

Work Plan for 2018

| Planned Activities | Time Frame |
|--|------------|
| Finalization of TOR for a pool of experts on threatened species | March |
| Draft the M&E Indicators for TS | March |
| Identification training on sharks and rays | May |
| Writeshop on the formulation of the Region-wide Conservation Plan for Marine Mammals, Sea Turtles and Sharks and Rays | May |
| Conduct IUCN Red List workshop | Tbd |
| Writeshop on the development of the Region-wide Assessment Report on Threatened Species (Marine Mammals, Sea Turtles, Sharks and Rays) | July |
| Production of maps identifying confirmed locations and migratory routes of the threatened species | September |
| Annual TS TWG meeting | October |

Recommendations for SOM13 Consideration

- Recognize the achievement of the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project in establishing the first network of MPAs in the Philippine side of the transboundary MTPAN as safe havens for the Green Turtles (*Chelonia mydas*).
 - Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Project proposed to include the Transboundary MPA Network for Marine Turtles in the regional conservation plan for marine turtles. The Project through RS will coordinate with TSWG for next steps.
- Note the progress made by the countries in formulating their assessment reports on threatened species and also in developing their national conservation plans for marine mammals, sharks and rays and marine turtles.
- Support the recommendation of the TSWG to turnover the Chairmanship from Malaysia to Papua New Guinea and for Indonesia as Co-Chair based on the provisions stipulated in the TSWG Terms of Reference
- Task the Working Group to finalize the proposed TOR for the creation of pool of experts on Threatened Species
- Note the progress of the WG to plan the development of the TSWG monitoring and evaluation indicators
- Endorse the implementation of the 2018 TS Work Plan and to call on the development partners and collaborators to continue to provide technical and financial support to Goal 5.

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