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## SEASCAPES

Mr. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr.

Chair of Seascapes TWG

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# Focal Points



## Focal Points of Seascapes-TWG

Member Country	Focal Points
<b>Indonesia (Co-Chair)</b>	<p>Mr. Suharyanto, M.Sc , Director of Marine Spatial Planning, Directorate General Marine Spatial management, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries.</p> <p>Alternate: Mr. Abdi Tunggal Priyanto, S.Si, M.T.,M.Sc., Associate Expert Marine &amp; Coastal Ecosystem Manager</p> <p>Ir. Nilfa Rasyid, Intermediate Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Manager, Directorate General Marine Spatial management, MMAF</p>
Malaysia	<p>Datuk Azhar Haji Kassim, Director, Department of Fisheries Sabah</p> <p>Alternate: Mr. Lawrence Kissol Jr., Deputy Director (Operation) Department of Fisheries Sabah</p>
Papua New Guinea	<p>Ms. Yvonne Tio, Executive Manageress, Conservation and Environment Protection Authority</p> <p>Alternate: Mr. Aisi S. Anas, Principle of National Fisheries College, National Fisheries Authority</p>
<b>Philippines (Chair)</b>	<p>Mr. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Biodiversity, In concurrent capacity as Director Biodiversity Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources</p> <p>Alternate: Mr. Isidro M. Velayo, Jr, MDM, OIC Director, Bureau Fisheries and Aquatic Resources</p>
Solomon Islands	<p>Mr. Trevor Maeda, Principal Conservation Officer, Environment and Conservation Division, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology</p> <p>Alternate: Mr. Fredrick Dotho , Senior Conservation Officer, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology</p>
Timor-Leste	<p>Mr. Fidelino Sousa Marques, National Director of Aquaculture</p> <p>Alternate : Ms. Geovania Baquita do Nascimento Sampaio , Technical Staff, Department of Aquaculture.</p>

# Action Taken for SOM-18 Decisions

## Action Taken for SOM 18 Decisions

Decisions	Status
1. Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by Seascapes Technical Working Group (Annex 8.1).	Done
2. Acknowledged and appreciated the support of USAID SuFiA -TS to conduct the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Regional Exchange (SSS REX) during the 8th EAFM Technical Working Group Meeting on 13-16 June 2023 in Manila, the Philippines.	Done
3. Acknowledged and appreciated three members of the CT6 countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines for providing the secretary/ministers signatories for the Regional Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) as the requirement for CTI-CFF/UQ/GEF project proposal (GEF-8) (Annex 8.2).	Done
4. Acknowledged and appreciated Professor Peter Mumby of the University of Queensland and CI-Philippines in developing the ongoing CTI-CFF/UQ/GEF project proposal (GEF-8) together with the three countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines) from the CT6 countries.	Done
5. Recognized SpaceTec's expressed interest in collaborating with CTI-CFF initiatives through their introduction to the Seascape and EAFM TWG (Annex 8.3).	In Progress
6. Agreed on the conduct of the 7th Seascapes Working Group Meeting together with Seascapes Working Group Regional Exchange for CT6 in-person meeting to be undertaken in 2024 subject to funding availability and welcoming potential partner support.	Done

## Action Taken for SOM 18 Decisions (Cont.)

Decisions	Status
7. Appreciated the excellent contribution of Ms. Yvonne Tio as Chair from Papua New Guinea and Mr. Fidelino Sousa Marques as Co-Chair from Timor-Leste from the period of 2021-2023.	Done
8. Approved the recommendation of the Seascapes Technical Working Group to turn over the Chair from Papua New Guinea to Philippines and Co-chair from Timor-Leste to Indonesia, in the year of 2024 – 2025, as stipulated in the rules and procedure of the CTI-CFF Seascapes Technical Working Group.	Done
9. Approved the Seascapes Technical Working Group 2024 Workplan.	Done


A photograph of an underwater scene. In the foreground, a large sea turtle with a patterned shell is swimming towards the right. In the background, a diver is visible, illuminated by a bright light, swimming away from the camera. The water is dark blue, and the seabed is covered in coral and other marine life.

# Update on Workplan and Budget by the Chair of Seascapes TWG for 2024



# Workplan and Budget for 2024 of Seascapes-TWG

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Budget (USD)
7th Seascapes Working Group Meeting together with Seascapes Working Group Regional Exchange for CT6	Q2 – Q3	SSS 2 and BSS REX back-to-back with TWG meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia on 12-16 August 2024
Infographics on Priority Seascapes by GIZ through SOMACORE	Q1 – Q2	GIZ to update
<p><b>Workshop</b>  <b>Output B1.1.1.a</b>            Output: By 2023 an updated assessment of resources, needs and opportunities of sustainable livelihoods and enterprises in targeted coastal areas including Priority Seascapes is conducted and completed, based on 2020 baseline information</p> <p><b>Output Indicator B1.1.1.a</b>            An assessment of resources, needs, and opportunities of sustainable livelihoods and enterprises in targeted coastal areas including Priority Seascapes is conducted and completed, by 2023</p> <p># of Capacity Assessment Reports prepared by 2023</p>	Q2 – Q4	<p>RS to lead further discussion with SuFiA TS/USAID RDMA, and other potential partners.</p> <p>Transferred into EAFM TWG 2025 Workplan (COASTFISH Activity)</p>
<p><b>Strengthen work planning with the Threatened Species-TWG</b>            - Discussions to develop and implement projects within the 3 priority Seascapes.</p>	Q2 – Q3	<p>Discussions held in Kota Kinabalu, MY. Ongoing collaboration with WWF and other potential partners.</p> <p>(Long term activity)</p>
Review the progress of RPOA 2.0 in relation with the Seascapes TWG to determine the current status and to identify the way of moving forward (i.e. Workshop Exercise).	Q1 – Q2	<p>RS is done with preliminary review of Seascape related RPOA 2.0 activities. Ongoing: Request CT-6 inputs for Seascapes activities.</p>

A vibrant underwater photograph of a coral reef. The foreground is dominated by a large, textured, brownish-orange coral structure. To the left, there are various other coral species, including some with pink and white hues. In the background, a scuba diver is visible, swimming towards the right. The water is a clear, deep blue, and the overall scene is well-lit, suggesting a healthy reef environment.

# Workplan and proposed Budget by the Chair of Seascapes TWG for 2025

## Seascapes - TWG Workplan and Budget 2025

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget (estimation) USD		Objective	RPOA 2.0 – Objective A		
			CTI	Partners		TARGET A1		
						Outcome	Output	Indicators
1	Strengthen collaboration, and creating partnership within the 3 Sub-regional Seascape: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSS</li> <li>LSS</li> <li>BSS</li> </ul>	Q1-Q2 2025	-	15,000 (5k each seascape)  SOMACOR E	To strengthen sub-regional Seascape partnerships through national parties and the local private sector, through the respective seascapes dialogue set by the convenor.	A1.1.1	A1.1.1a A1.1.1b	A1.1.1 A1.1.1a A1.1.1b
2	Identify existing and potential collaborators for the Seascape work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SEAFDEC</li> <li>ATSEA</li> <li>SeaConnect (GEF-8 Prop)</li> <li>MSG</li> </ul>	Q1	-	Seeking 3,000  SOMACOR E	To strengthen Seascape TWG and the sub-regional Seascape partnerships through potential collaborators	A1.1.1	A1.1.1a A1.1.1b	A1.1.1 A1.1.1a A1.1.1b
3	Develop Capacity building program for each sub-regional Seascape	Q1-Q3 2025	-	CTC and SOMACOR E	To identify the needs of the sub-regional Seascapes and improve resource and human technical capacity. This will be an output for from the 3 Seascape dialogues.	A1.1.1	A1.1.1a A1.1.1b	A1.1.1 A1.1.1a A1.1.1b
4	Identify, assess and approach potential partners and sustainable financing models to support each sub-regional seascapes	Q2-Q3 2025	-	10,000 SOMACOR E	To increase financial self-reliance for the management of coastal and marine ecosystems in the sub-regional seascapes	A1.2.1	A1.2.1a A1.2.1b	A1.2.1a A1.2.1b

## Seascapes - TWG Workplan and Budget 2025 (Cont.)

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget (estimation) USD		Objective	RPOA 2.0 – Objective A			
			CTI	Partner		TARGET A1			
						Outcome	Output	Indicators	
5	Convene a SSS tri-lateral exchange to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Existing and potential overlapping synergies</li> <li>Integration of EAFM, TS, MPA, and CCA into the SSS workplan</li> <li>To support the Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) updating process in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape, guiding the identification of priority regional KBAs in alignment with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework (KMGBF)</li> </ul>	Q2-Q3 2025	30,000 For REX	Seeking additional support of 25,000	SOMACORE	To enhance and foster collaboration in the sub-regional Seascapes.	A1.1.1	A1.1.1a A1.1.1b	A1.1.1 A1.1.1a A1.1.1b
6	Facilitate a bi-lateral exchange for a (MoU) regarding LSS governance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ministerial level, Inter-ministry collaboration between two countries coordinated by NCC</li> <li>Develop networking and partnership with NGOs.</li> </ul>	Q1-Q4 2025					A1.1.1	A1.1.1a A1.1.1b	A1.1.1 A1.1.1a A1.1.1b
7	Convene a BSS tri-lateral exchange to discuss: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Tri-lateral overlapping synergies</li> <li>Develop and operationalize workplan 2025-2030.</li> </ul>	Q1 2025					A1.1.1	A1.1.1a A1.1.1b	A1.1.1 A1.1.1a A1.1.1b

## Seascapes - TWG Workplan and Budget 2025 (Cont.)

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget (estimation) USD		Objective	RPOA 2.0		
			RS	Partner		Outcome	Output	Indicators
			8	8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Seascape Technical Working Group Meeting		Q2-Q3	With REX events	
9	Conduct M&E assessment and establish data and reporting mechanism of the sub-regional seascapes	Q4 2025		10,000 SOMACORE	To create an environment that is feasible for the monitoring and evaluation of the activities under the three sub-regional seascapes.			
10	Building capacity of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat under the Seascapes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruitment of Seascapes Staff based in RS</li> </ul>	Q1 2025		GIZ- SOMACORE	To enhance the capacity of administrative staff in the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat focusing on the coordinating the implementation of the RPOA 2.0 activities related to Seascapes, and activities relating to the SOMACORE.			
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>			<b>30,000</b>	<b>63,000</b>				

# Draft Recommendations for SOM-19

## **SOM-19 Recommendation of Seascapes TWG**

1. Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by Seascope Technical Working Group (Annex 8.1);
2. Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of CTI-CFF Sulu-Sulawesi Seascope and Bismarck-Solomon Seas Seascope, Technical Regional Exchange back-to-back with EAFM, Seascope, and Threatened Species Technical Working Group meetings hosted by Malaysia on 12–16 August 2024 as the collaboration among CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, USAID SuFiA TS and GiZ–SOMACORE;
3. Acknowledged and appreciated the inclusion of the Lesser Sunda Seascope in the CTI-CFF Sulu-Sulawesi Seascope and Bismarck-Solomon Seas Seascope, Technical Regional Exchange back-to-back with EAFM, Seascope, and Threatened Species Technical Working Group meetings;
4. Acknowledged and appreciated the USAID SuFiA TS and GiZ–SOMACORE for the financial and technical aspect support of the CTI-CFF Sulu-Sulawesi Seascope and Bismarck-Solomon Seas Seascope Technical Regional Exchange back-to-back with EAFM, Seascope, and Threatened Species Technical Working Group meetings;
5. Acknowledged the 2024 M&E Report for Seascope TWG and the need to develop the reporting system and assessment mechanism (Annex 8.2);

## SOM-19 Recommendation of Seascapes TWG (Cont.)

6. Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to facilitate or explore the possibility of including discussions on the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Conference of Parties (COP) within the CTI agenda, such as the study of the Coral Triangle Region to be identified as an Ecologically and Biologically Significant Marine Area;
6. Acknowledged the concern of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste through the circular of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Forestry, Timor Leste No. 635/DGD/PAGRA/XI/2024 dated 2 December 2024 (Annex 8.3) to make a revision of the RPOA 2.0 with particular to change the word “transboundary” into the word “connectivity” and to remove the line which indicates national jurisdiction boundary;
6. Accepted the removal of all lines which indicated national jurisdiction boundary in Annex 4 of the RPOA 2.0 and retaining only the Coral Triangle Scientific Boundary and CTI-CFF Implementation Area;
6. Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to immediately follow up the removal of the lines which indicate national jurisdiction boundary in RPOA 2.0;
6. Approved the Seascape Technical Working Group 2025 Workplan and Budget;



An underwater photograph of a coral reef. The scene is dominated by large, fan-shaped corals in shades of brown and tan. The water is a deep, clear blue, and numerous small fish are visible swimming in the background. The lighting is soft, highlighting the textures of the coral.

# Thank You

Seascapes TWG Report - Mr. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr.

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