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Building Capacity for Effective Participation in a Regional- Wide System of MPAs (CTMPAS) in the Coral Triangle

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Friday, 12 noon to 1:30 pm, November 14, 2014

Olympic Park, Southee Complex, Room 3

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF)

The six Coral Triangle countries – Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste - came together in 2007 to form a multilateral partnership to safeguard the marine and coastal resources of the Coral Triangle region. The landmark initiative is now known as the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF).

Under the CTI-CFF, the Coral Triangle (CT) countries adopted a Regional Plan of Action with five goals: 1) strengthening management of seascapes; 2) application of ecosystem approach to fisheries management; 3) developing and strengthening the management of marine protected areas; 4) implementing climate change adaptation measures; and 5) protecting threatened marine species.

The Coral Triangle Marine Protected Area System

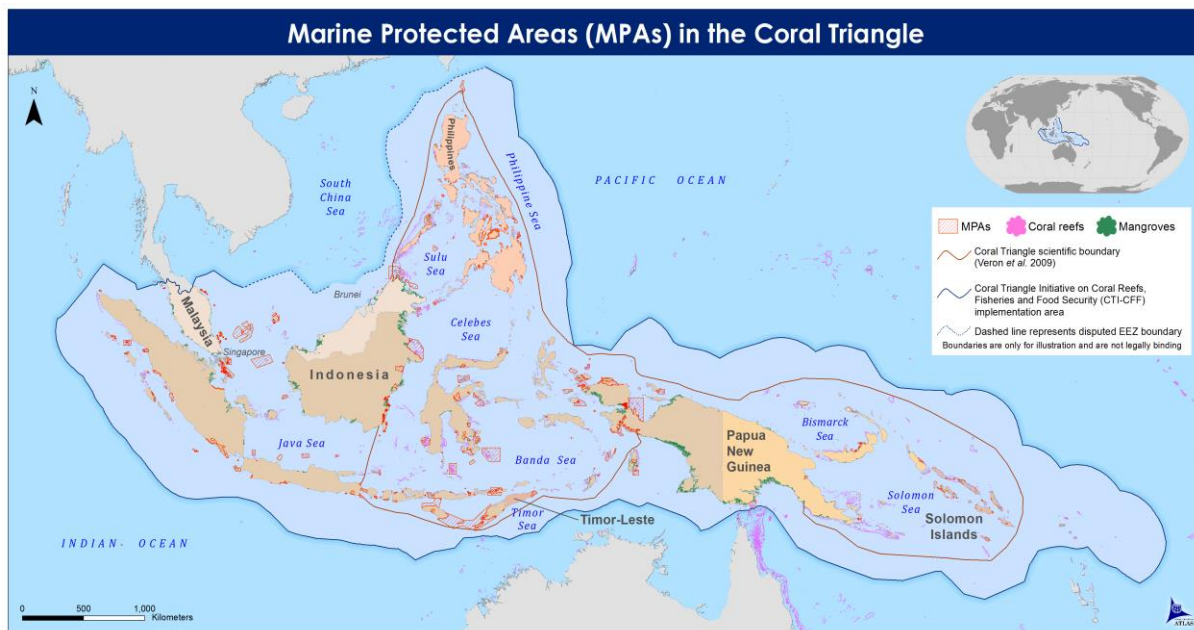
The Coral Triangle MPA System (CTMPAS) Framework and Action plan, endorsed in 2012 by the six CT countries and launched in May 2014 in Indonesia, is a key accomplishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action Goal 3, advancing the establishment and effective management of marine protected areas (MPAs) to protect critical habitats across the region.

The CTMPAS contains the **criteria for MPA management effectiveness** as endorsed by the six Coral Triangle countries and guides the **development of the MPA system which is inclusive to all MPAs** of any form in the Coral Triangle. It encourages countries to improve their management effectiveness and contribution to food security through the categorization of MPAs in one of four levels by degree of significance and quality of management which contributes to the sustainability of fisheries.

Session on Building Capacity for CTMPAS

The **“Building Capacity for Effective Participation in a Region-Wide System of MPAs (CTMPAS) in the Coral Triangle: *Scaling-up capacity development from local communities to region-wide efforts*”** session has the following objectives:

1. Provide a brief overview of the history, development and content of the CTMPAS Framework and Action Plan;
2. Summarize current capacity building efforts;
3. Discuss themes on:
 - Building institutional structures in the CT for capacity
 - Transitioning from capacity building to result-based implementation in the field
 - Challenges of working with different scales of MPA networks within the CT
4. Have panelists highlight lessons, challenges and key future actions for CTMPAS from country perspectives; and,
5. Encourage questions and answers for all present.



Agenda for CTMPAS Capacity Session, May 14 (12:00-13:30, Southee Complex, Room 3)

Facilitated presentations, panel discussion and open forum

- 11:30** Publications on display for participants and informal discussion
- 12:00** Introduction to CTMPAS Capacity Session—Facilitator
- 12:05** Overview of CTMPAS Framework and Action Plan—Alan White, The Nature Conservancy
- 12:15** Creating a complementary bottom-up to top-down MPA capacity development program in Indonesia—Anne Walton, NOAA
- 12:30** Building capacity to effectively manage MPAs in the CT from local sites to seascapes—Rili Djohani, Coral Triangle Center
- 12:45** Panelists from several CT countries comment on CTMPAS Framework and progress to date and provide their perspectives on capacity needs and solutions
- 13:10** Facilitated open forum and discussion
- 13:20** Closing remarks, summary of session and recognition of session/CTMPAS support—CTI Senior Official/MPA Technical Working Group Chair
- 13:30** Adjourn

Session Participants

This session is intended for all persons interested in the Coral Triangle Initiative and the development of the Coral Triangle MPA System. All CTI-CFF related country and partner organizations and their representatives are encouraged to attend and participate.

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