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U.S. Coral Triangle Initiative Support Program Monthly Program Update

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Supporting countries of the Coral Triangle region to sustain their marine resources

Philippine Municipality Curbs Destructive Fishing Practices

A municipality in Palawan, Philippines has amended its local fisheries regulations to manage the growing live reef fish trade in the area. The trade involves the capture of reef fish which are kept alive for sale and consumption, often resulting in fish stock depletion and destruction of coral reefs. The new regulation, which was approved on July 4, 2011, strengthens the enforcement of penalties for those using destructive fishing practices, such as the use of cyanide and fish cages. The revised regulations promote the expansion and enhanced protection of fish habitats and breeding grounds, and at the same time maintain water quality within 1,600 square meters of ocean water adjacent to the municipality. US CTI Support Program is supporting Taytay Municipality's capacity to manage its marine resources through the US Coral Triangle Support Partnership (CTSP) working through WWF-Philippines.



A fisherman in Taytay Municipality shows his catch for the day.

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U.S. State Department Undersecretary Visits Marine Conservation Sites in Bali

U.S. State Department Undersecretary for Democracy and Global Affairs Maria Otero visited Nusa Penida a recently established marine protected area off Bali, on July 24, 2011 to observe marine conservation initiatives spearheaded by the Coral Triangle Center (CTC) and supported by the US CTI Support Program. During Ms. Otero's visit in Bali, she met with women leaders working on health, social, economic, energy and environmental sector. In that meeting, CTC Director Rili Djohani highlighted the public consultation process that CTC facilitates in ensuring the effective management of the Nusa Penida marine protected area in which women are widely engaged and alternative income strategies, such as seaweed cultivation involving women, is part of an integrated strategy of the overall management plan. Ms. Djohani also emphasized that building local capacity and public private partnerships are key components to address the major threats in marine resource management and how USAID, through the US CTI Support Program, is helping CTC support CTI to leverage and maximize sharing and learning among marine protected area practitioners across the Coral Triangle.



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Ms. Otero and a local fisheries official who heads a community-based enforcement group in Nusa Lembongan

Solomon Islands Refines CTI National Plan of Action Target

The Solomon Islands CTI National Coordinating Committee (NCC) revisited its CTI National Plan of Action (NPOA) target to ensure that it is measurable, realistic and can be achieved by 2015. The NCC through consultation, discussion and review with its members decided to reduce to "25% from 50% of Solomon Islands coastal, watershed and inshore area under 40 % improved management through community based resource management and integrated coastal management approaches by 2015". The revision was finalized at a workshop on July 12, which was attended by at least 25 government and non-government stakeholders who are implementing the NPOA activities in Solomon Islands. A



Upcoming Events Aug.-Sept. 2011

**Honorary Wildlife Wardens
Award Ceremony and GPS
Training, Sabah, Malaysia, Aug. 15-16**

**Adapting to Climate Change
Training Course, Port Moresby, Papua
New Guinea, Sept. 17-30**

**Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries
Management Workshop, Kota
Kinabalu, Malaysia, Sept. 19-24**

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New Resources

Workshop Report: The Coral Triangle Atlas, What can it do for me? Penang, Malaysia, June 21-23, 2011

Activity Report: Monitoring and Evaluation for Improving MPA Management and Effectiveness in the CT Countries, Batangas, Philippines, May 7-11, 2011 (Abridged)

Activity Report: CTI Mayors' Roundtable Meeting, Wakatobi, Indonesia, May 16-20, 2011

workshop supported by CTSP through WWF was subsequently held on July 14-15 to find out the cost of implementing NPOA activities in Western Province. Similar costing exercises are planned for Central Islands and other areas in the next few months. These costing exercises will contribute to verifying the Solomon Islands CTI NPOA revised target.

Indonesian Schoolchildren Learn the Importance of Marine Resource Conservation



Berau school teachers attend a training to prepare for the implementation of the marine education syllabus

Around 2,000 Indonesian elementary school children in 39 schools in Berau District in East Kalimantan will learn about the importance of sustaining their marine resources beginning this school year. The children, aged six to 12 years, will be using a new syllabus that focuses on marine education such as marine ecology and conservation. The syllabus was developed by CTSP working through The Nature Conservancy and the local government

of Berau. CTSP conducted a workshop on June 27-30, 2011 to train elementary school teachers who will be using the syllabus starting July 2011. Berau's National Education Service will help monitor the implementation and success of the new syllabus in improving school children's knowledge about marine conservation going forward. The syllabus is part of CTSP's overall program to strengthen marine resource conservation and marine protected area management in Berau.

US CTI Support Program Strengthens Capacity of Indonesian Marine Protected Area Leaders

The US CTI Support Program led two training activities in July to strengthen the capacity of Indonesia's conservation leaders, continuing the process of institutionalizing capacity development for marine management within the national government. The first training activity was led by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) in collaboration with the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) Indonesia and was held from June 3-July 6 in Sukamandi, West Java. The training focused on the planning and management process needed to set up an effectively managed MPA and included 29 participants who completed the basic MPA 101 and MPA Training of Trainers held in the last quarter of 2010. The second training activity was held from July 18-25, 2011 at the newly-declared Anambas Islands Marine Tourism Park. The training, led by CTSP working through Conservation International in collaboration with the MMAF and the local government, provided a basic introduction to marine protected area management using the MPA 101 curriculum developed by NOAA. Local fishermen, fish brokers, heads of community monitoring-control-surveillance units and representatives from local and national government organizations based in Anambas attended the training. One of the training's outcomes was that the 20 participants decided to collectively develop a media advertisement promoting the conservation importance and tourism potential of Durai Island, one of nearly 250 islands that make up the archipelago of Anambas and an important nesting area for green and hawksbill turtles.

About the US Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI) Support Program

The US CTI Support Program is part of the United States government's commitment to promote the sustainable management of the marine and coastal resources in the Coral Triangle. In cooperation with the CT national governments and the international community, this five-year program provides technical assistance and helps build capacity to address critical issues including food security, climate change, and marine biological diversity. To get a copy of the monthly update, send an email to info@uscti.org. For more details about the program, visit www.uscti.org.