

# Knowledge Sharing to Promote Greater Coordination on BBNJ in the ASEAN Region

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# Engagements

- December 2014 , Manila
- January, 2017, Manila

# Participating Organizations

- Greenpeace South East Asia
- The PEW Charitable Thrusts
- DA-PCAF
- DENR-BMB

# Participants

- Indonesia
- Malaysia
- Thailand
- Vietnam
- Brunei Darussalam
- Singapore Embassy (Manila office)
- Philippines (multi-sectoral)

# Objectives

- Provide a venue for Southeast Asian government and non-government representatives engaged in the UN PrepCom to learn and share knowledge / experiences about BBNJ
- Update the stakeholders on discussions on BBNJ issues at the PrepCom
- Facilitate the discussion on possible regional cooperation / collaboration to enhance capacities of SEA representatives in the meetings on BBNJ
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# Process

- Speakers from DOALOS, academe, international organizations, i.e Greenpeace, High Seas Alliance, presented updates on BBNJ 2<sup>nd</sup> prepcom and options per thematic area.
- Reactors and participants gave their comments, views and queries on each thematic area.

# Summary of Reactions on MPAs

- Differing views on the establishment of MPAs in the ABNJ given the multisectoral nature of existing regimes and different authorities handling different matters.
- The decision to establish MPA in Ross Sea in Antarctica however, is an important development that can serve as example

# Summary.....

- Possibility of leveraging the Ecologically or Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSA) discussion under the CBD. It is generally agreed that EBSA Process feeds directly into the ABMT/MPA discussion, especially in identifying areas that need to be protected.
- Sources of funding for management and enforcement costs. This needs to be further discussed and is linked with the capacity building and transfer of technology



# Summary....

- RFMOs may help in implementing MPAs
- Costs should not be cumbersome to developing countries
- Importance of enforcement mechanism
- Consider modalities for area-specific approaches, like in the Pacific where there are small high pocket areas

# Philippine Facts and Figures on MPA

- Places great importance on MPAs as a management tool in the conservation of marine biodiversity and resources
- Fisheries Code provides that at least 15% of the municipal waters should be set aside for MPAs.
- RA 7586 provides the establishment of national integrated protected area system

# Facts and Figures

- 1878 local and national MPAs
- MPA networking

# Way Forward

Philippines hosting regional meetings

- ASEAN Working Group on Coastal and Marine Environment, May
- UN Convention on Migratory Species Conference of Parties, October
- ASEAN Summit, November



Southeast Asia Regional Workshop on the Conservation  
And Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity  
Beyond Areas of Special Biological Diversity

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