

**COUNTRY PROGRESS REPORT:  
PHILIPPINES**

**PSC MEETING OF THE GEF/UNDP/PEMSEA PROJECT ON  
SCALING UP IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SDS-SEA  
JULY 24, 2017**

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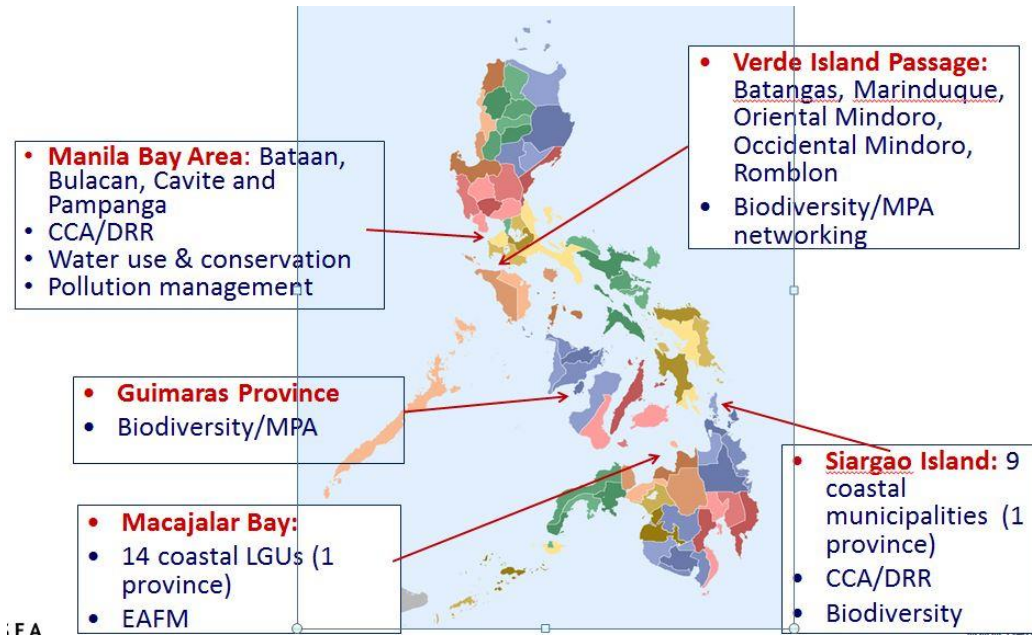
## Summary of Major Achievements/Outputs in 2016 – 2017

### National Level:

- Collaborative planning meetings on the development of SDS-SEA Implementation Plan for the Philippines (2017-2022) conducted on 10 and 27 March 2017.
- 2018 East Asian Seas Congress planning meetings conducted on 16 May and 2 June 2017.
- Philippine Ocean Conference conducted on 15-17 May 2017, where the Philippines voluntary commitments to SDG 14 (Life Below Water) were identified.
- First National Biodiversity Congress conducted on 22-24 May 2017, where the Philippine Biodiversity Action Plan (2015-2028); the Philippines' Voluntary Commitments to SDG 14 and the Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program (2017-2028) were launched.
- Third-party assessment of ICM plans and programs in 17 regions comprising of 66 coastal provinces initiated in May 2017. The results of the assessment will be used to update the National ICM/SDS-SEA implementation plan.
- Hosted the 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Executive Committee meetings in Manila on 6-7 April 2016 and 20-21 April 2017, respectively.
- Hosted the 8<sup>th</sup> East Asian Seas Partnership Council meeting in Tagbilaran, Bohol on 13-14 July 2016



## GEF/UNDP PEMSEA Project ICM Scaling up Sites



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### Local Level:

- **Manila Bay Area:** Bataan, Bulacan, Cavite, and Pampanga
- **Partners:** DENR, UP-MSI, 8 Provincial Governments
  - Manila Bay Governor's Forum conducted on 23 March 2017; MOU establishing the Manila Bay Network of Local Governments signed



- Area-based Management Plan Summit for Region 3 conducted on 14 December 2016
- ICM orientation for Bataan Province conducted on 23-24 February 2017
- Regional Orientation Training on the Application of Nutrient Load Model and Development of Pollution Reduction Opportunity Analysis using Manila Bay as pilot site conducted on 19-20 October 2016

- **Verde Island Passage:** Batangas, Marinduque, Oriental Mindoro, Occidental Mindoro, Romblon
- **Partners:** DENR, BFAR, CIP, KMI, SNU, USAID Ecofish Project, 5 Provincial Governments
  - Letter of Cooperation between PEMSEA and CI Philippines regarding collaboration on ICM implementation and scaling up in the VIP signed on 7 October 2016

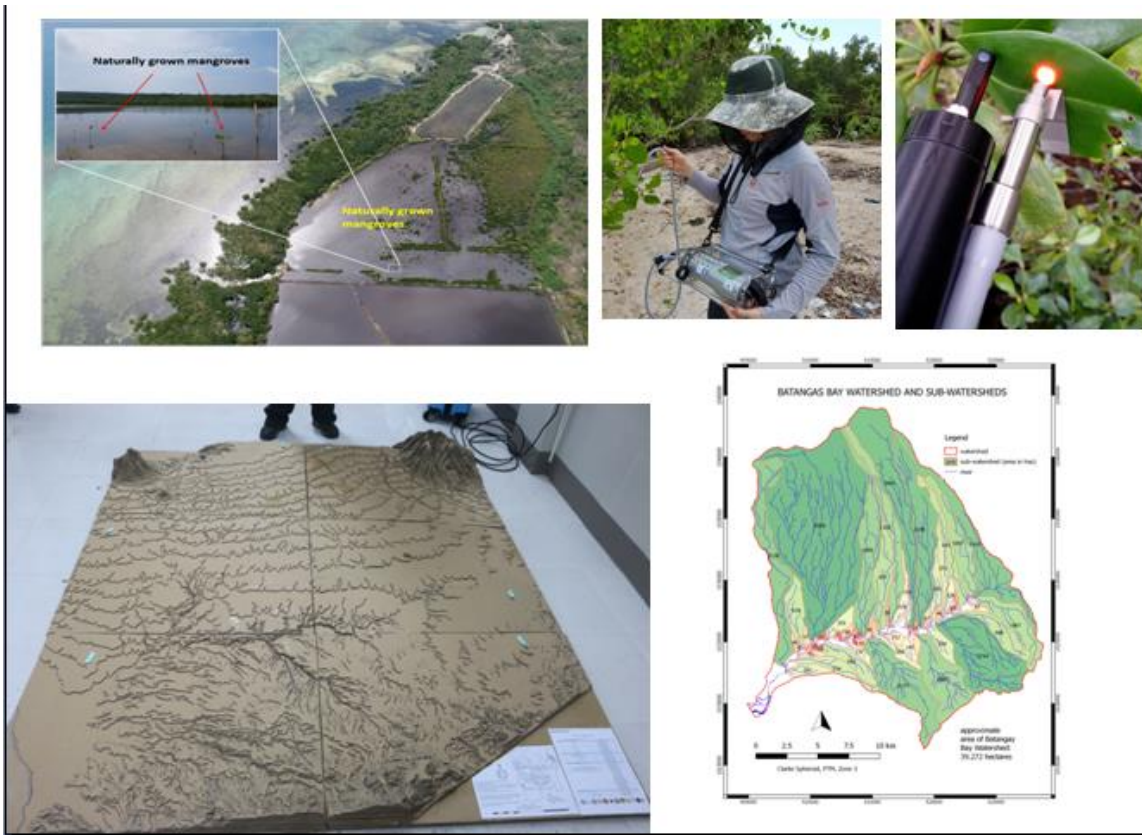


- VIP Marine Protected Area (MPA) and Law Enforcement Network (LEN) collaborative meetings conducted on August and October 2016 and May 2017
- MOU on the establishment of VIP MPA and LEN signed on 29 March 2017
- Training workshop on the application of Marxan with Zones in the VIP conducted on 24-26 May 2017 in collaboration with CI Philippines and Korea Maritime Institute



- Assessment of spatial distribution and primary production of mangrove forest in San Juan (Batangas Province) conducted on 16-22 May 2017 in collaboration with Korea Maritime Institute and Seoul National University





- Training workshop on watershed delineation for Batangas Bay Watershed conducted on 3-4 May 2017 as part of Batangas Bay watershed rehabilitation and sustainable development project

- **Guimaras Province**

- **Partners:** DENR, UP Visayas, Provincial Government of Guimaras

- UNDP monitoring visit to Guimaras conducted on 20 September 2016 to assess the development and progress of ICM implementation
- Coastal Strategy Implementation Plan finalized
- Integrated Information Management System training conducted on 27-30 March 2017

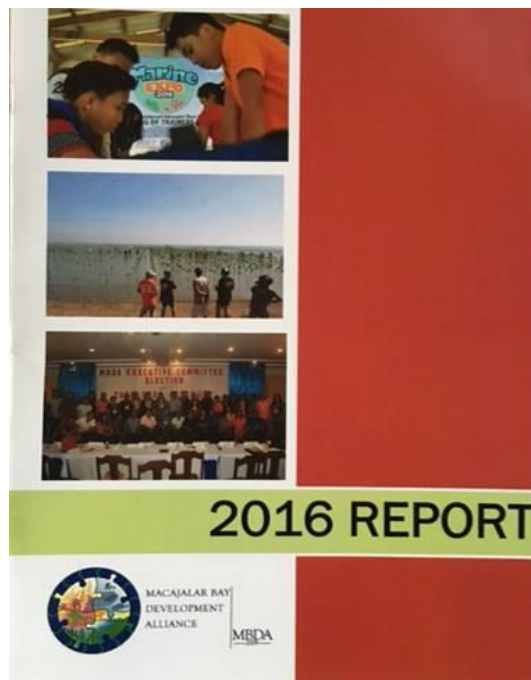


- 2<sup>nd</sup> State of the Coasts report scoping workshop conducted on 31 March 2017
- ICM Code Level 2 (Strategic Planning) workshop conducted on 6-8 June 2017



- **Macajalar Bay:** 14 coastal LGUs (1 province)
- **Partners:** DENR, BFAR, Xavier University, Macajalar Bay Development Alliance, Provincial Government of Misamis Oriental

- Bay-wide ICM Planning: assessed status of ICM/CRM plans of 12 LGUS
- MPA management: MPA management plans of MPAS in Jasaan, El Salvador and Laguindingan reviewed
- MPA social marketing campaign: Marine Expo 2016 conducted to raise awareness on the importance of the coasts and MPAs
- Mangrove rehabilitation and establishment: construction of mangrove nursery in El Salvador and conduct of orientation training on mangrove rehabilitation
- Bay-wide law enforcement on fishery laws and ordinance
- Courtesy visits and orientation on ICM, EAFM of SB/SP members conducted
- <http://macajalarbay.com/> - website developed and launched



### Existing collaboration with other projects or programmes in the country

- USAID Ecofish Project in Balayan Bay (Batangas Provinces)
- CI Philippines for the GEF/UNDP SMARTSeas Project in the Verde Island Passage
- CI US and CI Philippines for the potential application of Ocean Health Index in the Verde Island Passage

### Impacts:

- Collaboration with partners and projects reduced duplication of efforts and facilitated sharing of resources and knowledge exchange
- Recognition of the importance of the ICM framework as platform for integration and mainstreaming of various sectoral programs

### Challenges:

- Leadership change at the national and local levels
- Long review process of local governments of MOAs and contracts
- Limited capacity and number of personnel assigned to coordinate and oversee project implementation

### Lessons Learned:

- Adaptive management allows flexibility in project design based on operational needs, ecological uncertainties and political and management changes
- Strong political support facilitates ICM program implementation

### Priority/Target Activities (2017 – 2018)

	2017	2018
Component 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Third party assessment of ICM programs and projects and updating of National ICM Program</li><li>• Draft National State of Oceans and Coasts Report</li><li>• National ICM Forum</li><li>• Mid-term evaluation</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hosting of 2018 East Asian Seas Congress</li><li>• Final National SOC Report</li><li>• Final review document on national ocean and coastal policy sector-based policies, legislation and institutional mechanisms</li><li>• ICM Bill passage</li><li>• National ICM Forum</li></ul>

Component 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of baseline assessments/initiation of baseline SOC reports at scaling up sites</li> <li>• Completion of risk/vulnerability assessments</li> <li>• Initiation of the development of ICM plans with focus on CCA/DRR, biodiversity/MPA management and pollution reduction and waste management</li> <li>• ICM Code implementation in Batangas, Bataan, Cavite and Guimaras</li> <li>• PNLG tracking system (4 LGU members)</li> <li>• Mid-term evaluation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion of ICM plans; implementation of ICM plans</li> <li>• ICM Code implementation in Batangas, Bataan, Cavite and Guimaras</li> <li>• Hosting of 2018 PNLG Forum</li> </ul>
Component 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment of Batangas Province integrated environmental monitoring program</li> <li>• Requirements for the establishment of Cavite Environment Laboratory</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training and capacity development program for marine water quality monitoring</li> <li>• Establishment of Cavite Environment Laboratory</li> </ul>

### Budget Summary (2017 – 2018)

	2017	2018
<b>Component 1:</b> Partnership in coastal and ocean governance	20,200	45,000
<b>Component 2:</b> Healthy and resilient marine and coastal ecosystems	168,400	214,400



<b>Component 3:</b> Knowledge platform for building a sustainable ocean-based blue economy	0	6,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	USD 188,600	USD 265,400