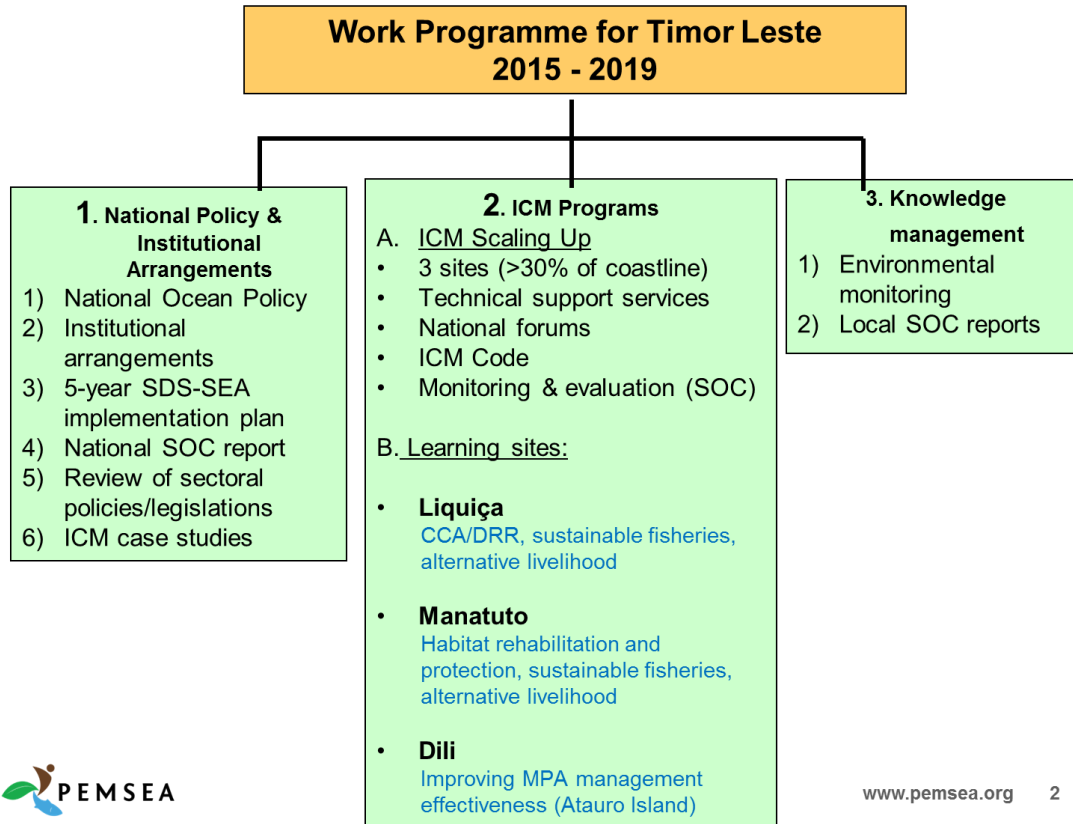


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# TIMOR-LESTE

## Work Programme for Timor Leste 2015 – 2019



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

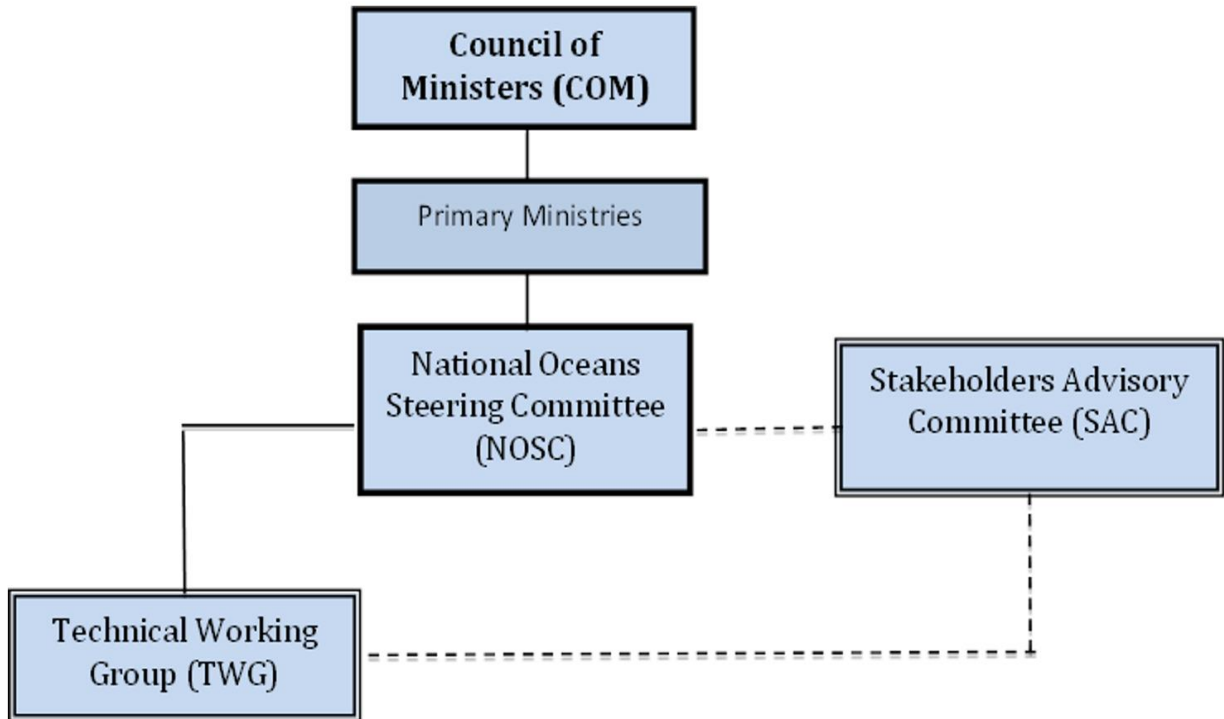
### National Level

- ❖ Development (and adoption) of a National Oceans Policy (NOP)
  - ☐ With inter-ministerial and multi-sectoral implementation mechanism
  - ☐ Including:
    - Initial review of sectoral policies and legislations
    - Initial collaborative planning for preparation of the NOP Implementation Plan (SDS-SEA IP for TL)
- ❖ Preparation of draft National State of the Oceans and Coasts (NSOC) Report
- ❖ One ICM case study completed

❖ Voluntary commitments to SDG 14, UN Oceans Conference, June 2017



❖ Proposed implementation arrangements for the Timor-Leste NOP

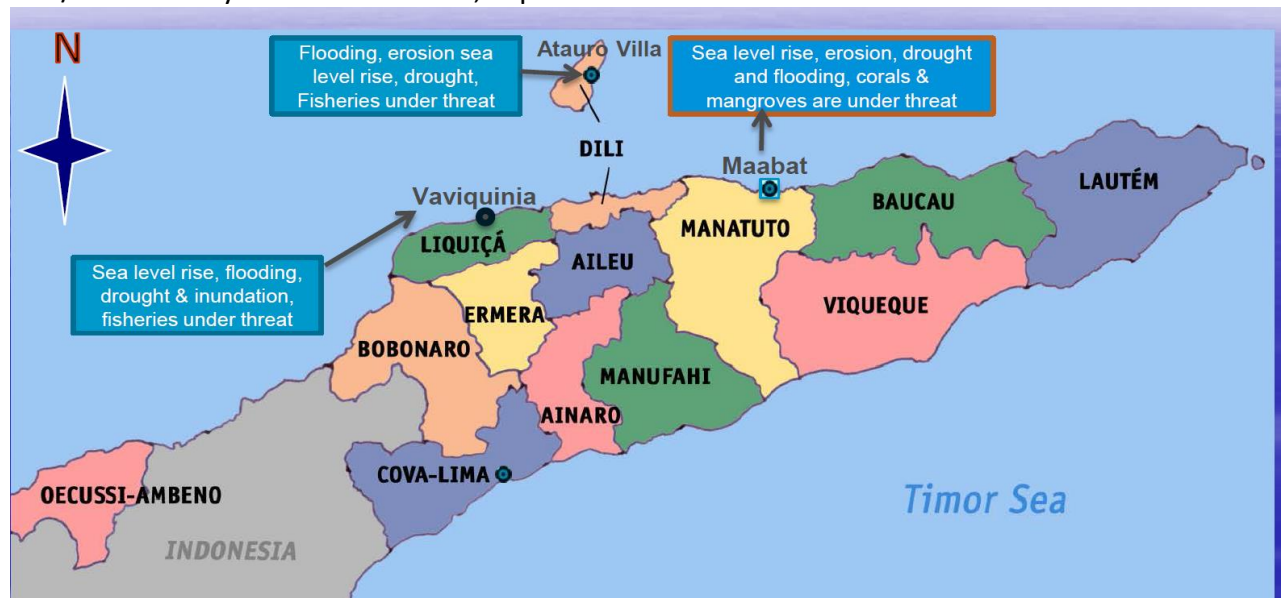


## Local Level

ICM in Dili, Liquica and Manatuto municipalities:

- ❖ Completion of baseline assessment and risk and vulnerability assessment in pilot sites
  - Including training of local staff on data collection
  - Recommendations for adaptation and management measures
- ❖ Preparation of draft SOC Reports
- ❖ Preparation of Coastal Strategy and implementation plan (CS/CSIP)
  - National training workshop conducted
  - Stakeholder consultations initiated
- ❖ ICM study tour on CS/CSIP implementation in Sukabumi, Indonesia
- ❖ Initial activities in pilot sites
- ❖ Application of 3 municipalities for PNLG membership, 2017

Risk/vulnerability assessment in Dili, Liquica and Manatuto:



Activities in pilot sites:

- ❖ Liquica
  - Integrated aquaculture (milkfish and tilapia) and poultry farming; and training for women and children on fish post-harvest processing in Vaviquinia (supported by MECAE and UNITAL)
  - Mangrove rehabilitation and protection in Suco Ulmera, Bazartete Subdistrict (supported by GEF/UNDP SGP)
  - Ecological farming practices to prevent coastal erosion and marine ecosystem degradation in Suco Vatuvou, Maubara Subdistrict (supported by GEF/UNDP SGP)

- ❖ Manatuto
  - Preparing for training on mangrove rehabilitation and integrated aquaculture technology by UNITAL
- ❖ Atauro Island/Dili
  - Preparing for training on sea cucumber culture by UNITAL
  - Consultations initiated with WorldFish, Conservation International, Blue Ventures , Roman Luan (local NGO) on collaborations to support MPA site

Capacity development/technical support services:

Technical support from ICM LCs (UNTL and UNITAL)

- Baseline, risk/vulnerability assessment and SOC report preparation
- Pilot projects to support fisheries/ livelihood development in the pilot sites
- National TWGs for NOP and NSOC preparation

Capacity development for ICM LCs

- ICM and Marine Biotechnology Conference, Bogor, Indonesia, Nov. 2016
- Ocean Health Index (OHI) Training Workshop, Manila, March 2017
- UNU Fellowship (Leadership for Sustainability), Tokyo, Japan, March 2017
- PNLC Planning Meeting, March 2017

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

- Key agencies (PM's Office, Maritime Boundary Office, MECAE, MCIA, MF, MSS, MTAC, MSA, MI: Maritime Police, MPWTC: Maritime Transportation)
- GEF/UNDP Small Grants Programme
- CTI-CFF
- ATSEA Project
- FAO
- UNESCO
- AUSAID-AIMS
- USAID-NOAA
- JICA
- KOICA
- WorldFish – Timor Leste
- Conservation International
- Local NGOs – Roman Luan, Haburas, La'o Hamutuk, Belun and UDS Foundation
- UNITAL (PNLC)
- UNTL (PNLC)

## Impacts, Challenges and Lessons Learned

### Impacts

- Inter-ministerial and inter-sectoral coordination and cooperation demonstrated in NOP preparation; enhanced ownership of NOP process and outputs
- Enhanced capacity of and cooperation among key stakeholders in ICM development and implementation
- Local champions for marine conservation developed
- Recognition of blue economy concept and its development

### Challenges

- GoTL is still focused on the first priority for food and nutrition security
- New Government in August 2017 may change/restructure some government institutions
- Preparation, approval and implementation of NOP implementation plan
- Gaining support of political leaders to scale up SDS-SEA and ICM implementation and replicate it to other coastal municipalities
- Engaging private sector in local ICM programs
- Lack of government database system to map projects and minimize overlapping activities
- Government plan to develop a special economic zone in Atauro Island, an important marine conservation area

### Lessons Learned

- Realization that petroleum resources are finite, and there is a need to invest in renewable energy and sustainable development of ocean and coastal resources (blue economy)
- Recognition of the need for a 'whole-of-government approach' for sustainable ocean and coastal development
- Need for sustained capacity building, technical support and engagement to support the ICM sites, and develop local capacity and local champions for ICM
- Importance of traditional customary law to support environmental protection and biodiversity conservation

### Opportunities

- The ongoing process of NOP approval is highlighting the need for inter-ministerial and multi-sectoral coordination and management mechanism among national/local leaders
- The centralized government system has been shifting to de-concentration, and local governments will have authority to manage their local areas, including develop ICM plans and allocate budget for implementation
- GoTL's voluntary commitments to SDG14 with 7 specific targets (zero plastic policy, ocean policy, IUU fishing, sustainable fisheries management, coastal and marine resources mapping, tourism policy, and CITES ratification)

- ❑ Optimization of existing partnerships in conservation such as CTI, ATSEA, PEMSEA, CI, WorldFish, FAO, etc. to support NOP and ICM implementation, achieving SDG14 targets, and blue economy development

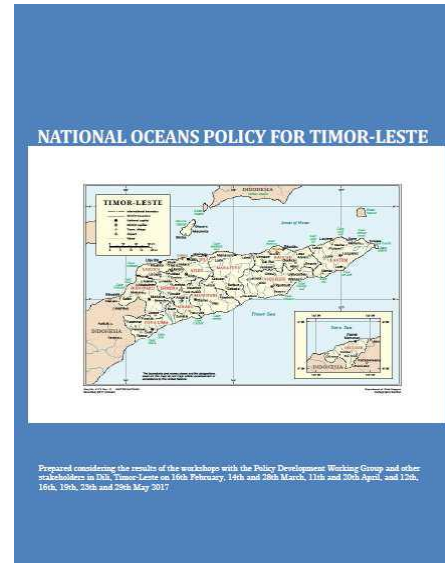
### Priority/Target Activities (2017-2018)

#### National

- ❖ Prepare and adopt NOP Implementation Plan
  - ❑ Establishment of NOP implementation mechanism
- ❖ Complete and publish the NSOC
- ❖ Conduct Policy Forum/ICM Forum
- ❖ Participate in EAS Congress 2018

#### Local (3 ICM sites)

- ❖ Publish the baseline/risk/vulnerability assessment and SOC reports
- ❖ Complete/adopt/implement CS/CSIP/issue-specific plans in pilot sites
- ❖ Strengthen capacity for integrated environmental monitoring
- ❖ Document, prepare knowledge products, share in PNLG/EAS Congress
- ❖ ICM Code assessment/recognition



#### Capacity Development/ Technical Support Services (2016-2017)

- ❖ Continuing capacity development/engagement of ICM LCs

### Budget Summary (2017-2018)

#### GEF Financing amount:

- 2017: \$ 113,950
- 2018: \$ 134,850

#### Country co-financing amount:

- 2017: \$ 100,000 in cash; at least \$20,000 in kind
- 2018: \$ 100,000 in cash; at least \$20,000 in kind

