



**Establishment and Operation of a Regional System of
Fisheries *Refugia* in the South China Sea and Gulf of Thailand**

REPORT

CORON REFUGIA SITE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

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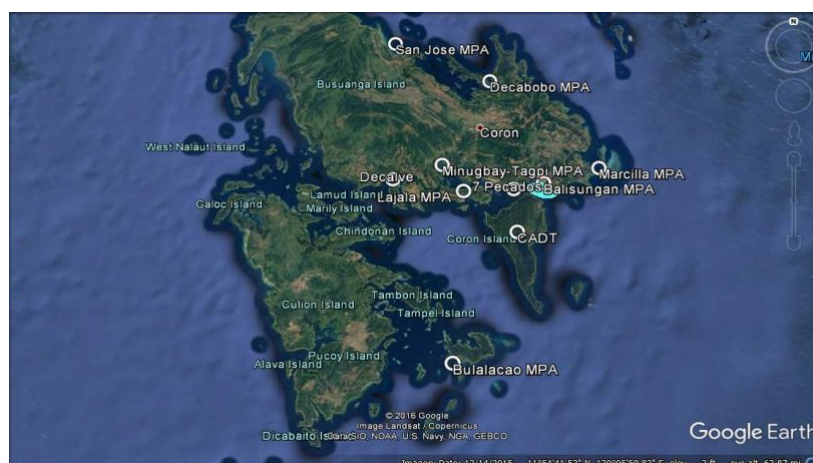
Meeting Report

- 1) On the First day, a courtesy call to Mr. Geronimo Gevela, Municipal Agriculturist of Coron was made. A short meeting was conducted together with the Refugia Management Team. We informed him the purpose of the trip & discuss the agenda of the upcoming meeting with the Coron Fisheries Refugia Management Committee (FRMC). We also coordinated the copy of Municipal Fisheries Ordinances for the MPAs in Coron, Palawan.
- 2) On the second day the team distributed the invitations and agenda for the meeting to the Office of the Municipal Agriculturist, Office of Sanguniang Bayan, Philippines Coastguard, Maritime Police, BFAR FIQS, PCG-Auxiliary, PCSD, CENRO, & Other members of the FRMC. We coordinated the updated list of BoatR & FishR to Mr. Arthur Domingo, the personnel assigned in the registration of Boats and Fisherman in Coron.
- 3) The RFMC meeting was held at Darayonan Lodge & Participated in by 18 participants from different agencies in Coron. The meeting starts around 9:30 am, we presented the initial list of members for the Fisheries Refugia Management Committee that has been agreed initially during the Orientation Workshop of Refugia Project last March 21, 2017 at Coron. The participants revised the membership of FRMC. The group discussed the list of members and agreed on how the RFMC can be put into a resolution or an Executive Order to be signed by the Municipal Mayor. The group finally agreed that an executive order will be used for the RFMC.
- 4) During the meeting we also presented the provisional terms of reference of the FRMC for review of the Members. The following are the agreed terms of reference of RFMC Member:
 - Meet on a monthly basis during the project inception period and a quarterly basis thereafter to guide the timely execution of activities to establish and operate fisheries *refugia*, the Chair may call for a special meeting when necessary;
 - Receive, review and approve reports from the Fisheries *Refugia* Management Team regarding the outputs and outcomes of project activities;
 - Assist the Fisheries *Refugia* Management Team in ensuring co-ordination among the fisheries *refugia* project and other local activities undertaken during the course of the project to further enhance local capacity to strengthen the integration of fisheries and habitat management;
 - Review stakeholder involvement in project activities and take action where necessary to ensure appropriate levels of government, Civil Society Organization (CSO), community, and private sector engagement;
 - Ensure compatibility between the recommendations for action at the fisheries *refugia* site with other local level activities for fisheries and coastal habitat management;
 - Review and evaluate, at the site level, progress in implementation of the project, and provide guidance for improvement to the Fisheries *Refugia* Management Team and National Fisheries *Refugia*;
 - Approve quarterly progress reports for transmission to the meetings of the National Fisheries *Refugia*;
 - Facilitate the approval and implementation by the competent municipal authority, management plans and courses of action developed during the course of project execution;
 - Assist the Fisheries *Refugia* Management Team in leveraging required project co-financing and additional funds that may be required from time to time;

- Work with the Fisheries *Refugia* Management Team in identifying best practices for replication and scaling-up as well as the mainstreaming of the fisheries *refugia* approaches at the local level; and
 - Agree at their first meeting:
 - a. the membership, meeting arrangements, and terms of reference of the committee
 - b. such standing orders and manner of conducting business as may be considered necessary by the committee
- 5) The group also discussed and identify target species and area for fisheries refugia management, we also presented the Fish Species in Calamianes Known Critical for Spawning & Nursery

Species	Nursery	Spawning	Info. Source
<i>Megalaspis cordyla</i> – Hardtail (Pakan)	X		Fish Project
<i>Spratelloides gracillis</i>	X	x	Fish Project
<i>Atule mate</i> – Yellowtail scad	X		Fish Project
<i>Rastrelliger kanagurta</i> – Indian mackerel	X		Fish Project
<i>Scomberomorus commersonii</i> – Spanish mackerel	X		Fish Project
<i>Selar boops</i> – Big eye scad	X		Fish Project
<i>Plectroporus leopardus</i> – Leopard coral grouper	X	X	Fish Project

- 6) We also did initial mapping of marine protected areas existing in Coron, Palawan. These areas can be one of the areas for the establishment and operation of Fisheries Refugia in Coron.



Map of Coron Palawan

- 7) We also meet Ms. Nelissa Libbara, applicant for the Fisheries Enumerator in Coron Site, we discussed the term of reference for her work as enumerator. We also informed her that she will also coordinate site level activities in Coron. A contract of service will be prepared after she complied the required documents by NFRDI.