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MPAG program was officially inaugurated by the Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, witnessed by the US Ambassador to Indonesia and Deputy Administrator of USAID on a launching event on July 5, 2012. This event had attracted the attention of relevant stakeholders and received media coverage. To date, there are at least 18 news coverage, plus write ups on both KKP and USAID-Indonesia websites.

The event also highlighted some achievements initiated under CTSP-I and continuing under MPAG received attention at the event, namely: the declaration of Southeast Maluku MPA (West Kei Kecil) and the launch of the book “Geographic Priorities for Marine Biodiversity Conservation in Indonesia.” The new 150,000-hectare Southeast Maluku MPA is significant, as it was initiated by district government and supported by local traditional leaders (Ratschaap). Meanwhile, the book comes as an important milestone of this program, as it underlines collaboration between MMAF and MPAG/CTSP-I to identify priority marine biodiversity locations in Indonesia and represents opinions and recommendations from experts.
Progress towards a National MPA System

Institutional Development
MPAG works at national level to provide support to the Government in establishing a National MPA System. This quarter, MPAG supported Directorate of Conservation for Area and Fish Species (KKJI) to develop series of policies related to the improvement of MPAs planning and management. We provided technical support and inputs during four workshops to develop a draft Ministerial Decree on MPA Networks and five workshops to develop the E-KKP3K, a standard evaluation tool for MPA management effectiveness. In addition, two workshops were conducted to initiate development for a collaborative management’s guideline.

Efforts in achieving integrations between MPAs and Sustainable Fisheries have progressed by the adoption of EAFM indicators by SDI. Following this, a training to assess implementation of EAFM using these indicators has been conducted, and a pilot testing has been completed. The findings were presented during a workshop where participants agreed that these indicators will improve fisheries management in Berau, Maluku, and Wakatobi National Park.

Management Decision Support System/Conservation
There has been considerable progress in the development of Management Decision Support Systems. Aside from launching “Geographic Priority,” KKJI has made its conservation data published online through a web-based GIS, accessible at http://kp3k.kkp.go.id/kkji. MPAG’s supports included development of website design and development of a communication plan. MPAG will continue to support the ongoing improvement of the database.

The cover of “Geographic Priority”

Human Resource Capacity Building
MPAG is committed to assist the Government on the implementation of a national human resource development strategy. MPAG supported the establishment of a Capacity Development Working Group, comprising of representatives from the Agency for Human Resource Development (BPSDM), KKJI, and MPAG consortium members. A work plan and expected outputs have been agreed, while the decree for establishment is in preparation.

Sustainable Financing
A series of meetings organized by Sustainable Financing Working Group for MPA Management resulted in, among others: the development of institutional concepts in line with Presidential Decree No. 80/2011 on Trust Fund and subsequent studies on institutional models for MPA management. The working group also agreed to develop Standard Operating Procedures on institutional design and work mechanism, prepare a background paper, and create communications materials on the trust fund.
Progress towards Advancing MPA Management Effectiveness at Site Level

Bird’s Head Seascape MPA Network

MPAG supports the operationalization of a Technical Implementation Unit (UPTD, Unit Pelaksana Teknis Daerah) within Raja Ampat district as a vehicle for sustainable financing in the area. It also supports the legal process of developing marine spatial plans that incorporate the BHS MPA Network.

MPAG facilitated several discussions to evaluate the implications of recent revision of Regency Regulation on Organization Structure of UPTD and assisted the government of Raja Ampat to develop sustainable financing strategies. In addition, MPAG is continuing to be involved in the spatial planning process for the Bird’s Head Seascape at Raja Ampat district.

Bali MPA Network

MPAG supports the Bali Marine and Fisheries Agency (DKP) to develop the Bali MPA Network by taking Marine Rapid Assessment Program (MRAP) as the basis. MPAG also facilitates provincial-led capacity development and inclusion of networked MPAs into provincial and district marine spatial plans.

To support the process of establishing a framework for Bali MPA Network, MPAG conducted a series of stakeholder meetings that aimed to establish a common vision and commitment. The meeting resulted in the agreement to establish a Coordination Task Force that will be led by DKP and consist of representatives from relevant stakeholders. A subsequent meeting resulted in agreement on the members of the Task Force, its functions and tasks, and the content of the Governor’s Regulations.

Anambas National Marine Recreational Park

MPAG continues the CTSP’s supports within the area, including finalization of a zoning plan. MPAG also assists in capacity strengthening programs, supports collaborative management approaches, and provides technical inputs for marine tourism development plan.

During the reporting period, MPAG supported an MRAP Survey covering coral, fish biodiversity, oceanographic, and socio-economic conditions. It was led by KKJI/LOKA KKPN Pekanbaru and consisted of national and international scientists. The outputs from the survey will be the basis for management and zoning plans.
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Berau MPA

MPAG supports the development of management and zoning plan at two MPA sites; finalization of marine spatial plan to ensure allocation of conservation areas; capacity development; and update biological and social-economic data.

To support capacity development for partners in Berau, MPAG conducted
a meeting with Mulawarman University to explore opportunities for collaboration. It aimed to build a partnership between Mulawarman University and Berau District government.

MPAG has started working with two community groups and facilitated them to travel to other MPAs, to learn best practices on local patrols, biophysical monitoring, community-based ecotourism and other income generating activities. MPAG has also been providing technical assistance to marine spatial planning processes led by Berau district government and supported by the Spatial Planning Technical Unit (BPSPL) in Samarinda.

**Wakatobi National Park**

In Wakatobi, MPAG concentrates on developing collaborative management concept, facilitating of development stakeholders forum, establishing ecotourism business plan, and conducting ecological and socio-economic survey.

MPAG has focused on providing technical and institutional support to fishers to allow them to participate more effectively in multi-stakeholder forum meetings. MPAG consortium members also collaborated with national park (Balai Taman Nasional Wakatobi, BTNW) and local government to conduct a workshop on strengthening the role of fisheries and conservation in Wakatobi. It resulted in the establishment of a Working Group to address problems related to sustainable fisheries and the implementation of the zoning plan.

MPAG is finalizing a Terms of Reference for the development of an ecotourism training module, business plan, and draft local regulation (Ranperda) on tourism development in Wakatobi.

**Southeast Maluku MPA (West Kei Kecil)**

MPAG supports Marine and Fisheries Agency of Southeast Maluku district to establish the area of West Kei Kecil as an MPA, with close engagement of local leaders (Ratschaap) and community. It also supports the local government in developing...
management and zoning plan, as well as capacity development. In parallel, it builds upon livelihood programs initiated under CTSP-I.

Southeast Maluku MPA was officially designated following the signing of a Bupati Decree by the Head of Southeast Maluku on May 4, 2012. The commitment to manage the MPA is strengthened by a joint declaration of the Southeast Maluku Regent, District Head of Representative (DPRD), and three Ratschaap at the MPAG Launching in Jakarta on July 5, 2012. During the period MPAG also implemented activities related to seaweed-based alternative livelihoods, and technical assistances and trainings to local students and villagers.

**Gili Matra Marine Recreational Park**

MPAG supports the finalization of management and zoning plan through the collection and analysis of biophysical, socio-economic, and fisheries data. MPAG also supports greater stakeholders’ involvements and helps establishing a sustainable financing mechanism based on tourism revenues.

During the reporting period, MPAG conducted three field surveys to collect information about socio-economic conditions, fisheries use patterns, and coral reef ecology to support science-based adaptive management.

MPAG also conducted a training needs assessment to identify and prioritize local training. Meanwhile, Resource Use Monitoring (RUM) training was conducted to educate participants on the basic principles of MPA management, coastal ecosystems and functions, and RUM protocols.

**Nusa Penida MPA**

MPAG supports the finalization of management and zoning plan, establishment of management body, and finalization of marine tourism code of conduct. MPAG also provide assistance in capacity development and sustainable financing mechanism. MPAG supported the Klungkung District Government to develop a draft Regent Decree on Nusa Penida MPA management unit. The draft is currently being reviewed by the Law Bureau of Klungkung District Government, with an anticipated completion date of September 2012.

Following a series of consultations with local stakeholders, a zoning plan has been completed and will be incorporated into the draft management plan. Meanwhile, Resource Use Monitoring (RUM) training was conducted to educate participants on the basic principles of MPA management, coastal ecosystems and functions, and RUM protocols.
Progress towards Assessing Host-Country System for the Management of Foreign Grants to Government Entities

MPAG assesses the reliability of systems within MMAF for channeling foreign grants to non-governmental organizations. In line with this, MPAG consults closely with related agencies to develop and draft an HCS Assessment report, and the findings would be used to design and develop a system for channeling foreign aids using government financial management system.

MPAG is currently reviewing existing host country systems for managing foreign aid, including planning and budgeting, cash disbursement, accounting and reporting and auditing. MPAG is also in the midst of reviewing legislation and on-going interviewing with officials from the Finance Bureau of MMAF Secretariat General; the Inspectorate General; the Working Group of COREMAP II; the Secretariat of KP3K; and the Finance and Development Supervisory Board (BPKP).

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