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**Report of The
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The Arafura and Timor Seas
Ecosystem Action Program**

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About Arafura and Timor Seas Ecosystem Action Program

In the Southeast Asia-Australia region, the Arafura and Timor Seas are one of the last remaining centers of tropical marine biodiversity, including the fishery resources. Arafura and Timor Seas are known to have high abundance of fisheries resources as well as rich in marine biodiversity. However, this region has relatively less information and data available.

Thus, the annual production from fisheries in the Arafura and Timor Seas region is very difficult to estimate, given existing gaps in data collection and analysis, and the high illegal, unregulated, and unreported (IUU) fishing in this region. In addition, other threats persists, such as potential of increased incidence of natural threats associated with climate change as well as rapidly expanding coastal populations, increasing urbanizations, high level of poverty and limited economic opportunities which can increase exploitative pressures on natural resources, degradation of coastal habitats, marine pollutions from both land and sea based sources, and aquatic invasive species.

To manage its vast resources as well as overcome existing problems, Arafura and Timor Seas Expert Forum (ATSEF) was established with a clear objective to assist the stakeholders who depend upon the Arafura and Timor Seas in achieving the goals of sustainable development to support their livelihood.

ATSEA program is a manifestation of further effort at understanding and addressing existing problems at Arafura and Timor Seas by ATSEF, undertaking a Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), development of a Strategic Action Programme (SAP), and implementation of innovative demonstration project. A number of approaches could be undertaken in order to complete TDA and SAP process. As recommended in the framework report of ATSEA program, one key activity in developing TDA of Arafura and Timor Seas is to conduct oceanographic survey in these regions using a Research Vessel.

The Inception Workshop, involving the Project Team and all related stakeholders, was mandated by GEF to be conducted before it could be executed. The main objective of this Inception Workshop are to describe ATSEA Project goals, objectives, outcomes, and project implementation arrangement activities to the project stakeholders; and also to confirm the Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting requirements according to UNDP-GEF standard procedures, to the project stakeholders. The ATSEA Inception Workshop was held from 13-14 July, 2010 in Dili, Timor Leste. The total participants were estimated around 170 people.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATION

ATSEA	Arafura and Timor Seas Ecosystem Action
ATSEF	Arafura and Timor Seas Expert Forum
CDU	Charles Darwin University
CTI	Coral Triangle Initiation
DEWHA	Department of Environment, Water, Heritage, and Arts
FGD	Focus Group Discussion
FSP	Full Sized Project
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GTZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer technische Zusammenarbeit
IUU Fishing	Illegal, Unregulated, and Unreported Fishing
LIPI	Indonesian Institute of Sciences
LULUCF	Land Use, Land Use Change, and Forestry
MAF	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries
MPA	Marine Protected Area
MTE	Mid Term Evaluation
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
NAP	National Action Program
NAPA	National Adaptation Program of Action
NPOA	National Plan of Action
NTT	Nusa Tenggara Timor
PEMSEA	Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia
PIF	Project Identification Form
PIR	Project Implementation Review
PDF	Project Document Facilities
PMU	Project Management Unit
PPG	Project Preparation Grant
PPRR	Project Principal Representatives
POPs	Persistent Organic Pollutants
ProDoc	Project Document
RPOA	Regional Plan of Action
SAP	Strategic Action Program
SFP	Sustainable Fisheries Partnership
TDA	Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis
UN-CCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNOPS	United Nations Office for Project Service
QOR	Quarterly Operational Report

REPORT OF THE MEETING

1. OPENING OF THE WORKSHOP

Arafura and Timor Seas Ecosystem Action (ATSEA) Project Inception Workshop was held in Dili, Timor-Leste from 13 – 14 July 2010. Representatives from the three participating countries namely Indonesia, Timor Leste and Australia, as well as project donors and stakeholder organizations attended the workshop.

1.1. Opening Speech on behalf of MAF – Timor Leste

Mr. Lourenco Borges Fontes – Director General

The meeting was officially opened by the Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Timor Leste, Mr. Lourenco Borges Fontes after delivering an opening speech. In his remarks, Mr. Fontes emphasized the importance of Timor Leste to be given the responsibility as the host country for both the ATSEA Inception Workshop and ATSEF Regional Steering Committee Meeting. He encouraged the audience, especially those from Timor Leste to actively participate at the meeting. The full transcript of the speech is attached in Appendix III.

The introduction was followed by a brief introduction from each participant outlined his or her name and the organizations s(he) represents. The list of participants can be found in Appendix I.

2. PRESENTATION OF THE UNDP-GEF GOALS AND PROCEDURES

Dr. Jose Erez Padilla – Regional Technical Advisor, UNDP Regional Center

Dr. Jose Erez Padilla presented a document which outlined the goals and procedures for UNDP-GEF programs. The main purpose of this presentation is to explain GEF as a donor organization and the support provided by UNDP concerning the implementation of ATSEA project. The document which was presented at the workshop could be found at Appendix IV. It was noted during this session that (i) ATSEA needs to come up with significant accomplishments during this phase for a follow-up phase to be considered, and (ii) depending on the progress of the project, by early 2013 countries should make an assessment of the future prospects of the project, particularly for a second phase.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE PROJECT STRUCTURE, GOALS, OBJECTIVES, OUTPUTS, AND PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

Dr. Tonny Wagey – ATSEA Regional Project Manager

Dr. Wagey explained his new role as the Regional Project Manager of ATSEA, and that is different from his current role as the ATSEF Regional Coordinator. The complete version of his presentation is available in Appendix IV.

Dr. Wagey explained that ATSEA is a project created by ATSEF. ATSEA and ATSEF are two different matters and are not interchangeable in definition. ATSEA project was first initiated during the ATSEF Steering Committee Meeting at Bali, in July 2006. The proposal for ATSEA project was developed in five consecutive steps, each of which must be approved by GEF. The steps were, the submission of PDF-B, PIF, PPG, FSP, and finally the approval of FSP. The FSP was approved by GEF council on October 2009, with a total grant of US\$ 2.5 million.

The main goal of ATSEA Project is to have a sustainable use of the living coastal and marine resources, including fisheries and biodiversity, and improved sustainable socio-economic conditions and opportunities for coastal peoples. Dr. Wagey introduced the objective of ATSEA project, mainly concerning the development of Transboundary Development Analyses (TDA) approved by an inter-governmental adoption and initial implementation of a regional SAP and NAP.

To reach both the goal and objective, ATSEA project has 5 components which must be executed consecutively one by one. Each component has a Strategy and indicators put by GEF, to measure the progress delivery of each component. The 5 (five) ATSEA components are described in a presentation found in Appendix VI

4. DISCUSSIONS ON UNDP-GEF GOALS AND PROCEDURES, PROJECT OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES, AND EXPECTED OUTCOMES

4.1. The Authority over the Development and Implementation of Project Component.

Mr. Felipe – Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Timor-Leste

Firstly, Mr. Felipe's questioning about the development of NAP. He wanted to know who held responsible in developing the NAP for Timor Leste and the availability of funds for developing the NAP itself. His next question was inquiring about the responsible party for NAP and SAP implementation, as well as the authorization process of the NAP SAP implementation proposal.

Responding to these questions, Dr. Wagey explained that The ATSEA National Coordinator for Timor-Leste will be the person who coordinates development of NAP and the Demo Project proposal for his/her country. The National Coordinator should submit NAP and Demo Project proposal to the Project Manager after consulting with the National Project board. Funding will come from budget allocation to demo project.

4.2. The Resources Distribution and Coordination between Stakeholders

Mr. Expedito Bello – UNDP Timor Leste

Mr. Bello was inquiring the flow of resources for GEF-UNDP based project. From what he has learned, the funds are transferred from UNDP New York to UNOPS. Then the resource was allocated to UNDP Indonesia as one of the Executing Agency. Mr. Bello just wanted a confirmation about whether what he had concluded from the presentation is correct or not. Furthermore, Mr. Bello raised his concern about the coordinating system among the stakeholders within the ATSEA program. He is hopeful for a better coordination in the future.

Responding to these questions, Ms. Kwanruen provided an illustration of the flow of funding. After the ProDoc endorsed by GEF Secretariat and signed by all associated parties, UNDP New York starts preparing the funds. Once work plan was completed, UNDP New York will send the funds to UNOPS as the project Executing Agency. Then Dr. Wagey redirects the question to Mr. Iwan Kurniawan of UNDP Indonesia as he deemed to be more appropriate in commenting for UNDP-related matters. Mr. Kurniawan commented that UNDP has followed the standard procedures as stated in the ProDoc, which has been established by GEF International Water project. UNDP COs, including UNDP Timor-Leste, are responsible for M&E of this project therefore Mr. Kurniawan highlight this issue as an opportunity of joint collaboration between regional UNDP.

4.3. The Relation between ATSEA Project and Timor-Leste Marine Authority Establishment

Mr. Colonel Pedro Clamar Fuik – Commandant of Componente Naval-F-FDTL

Considering the latest effort from the government of Timor-Leste in establishing maritime authority of Timor-Leste, Colonel Clamar Fuik questioned the possibility of ATSEA project in building and supporting those efforts.

Dr. Wagey explained that the most effective way to build a national maritime authority for Timor-Leste within the ATSEA project, is to involve the Timor Leste authority as a member of project board. The government is an essential part of ATSEA project long-term goal, the creation of an institutionalized managing mechanism for Timor Leste. This objective could be reached by inviting port authority and other surveillance agencies to become member of ATSEF forum. The task in recruiting local authority is the responsibility of ATSEF Regional commission within each country.

4.4. Suggestion for Northern Territory Government as a Potential Project Board for ATSEA project

Prof. Karen Edyvane – Northern Territory Government / Charles Darwin University

Based on the experience of Northern Territory Government of Australia, in sustainability issues, collaboration with the Timor-Leste government, and their technical and scientific expertise and experience, Prof. Edyvane suggested the

Northern Territory Government to become one of the Project Board of ATSEA project.

Dr. Wagey responded to this suggestion by stating that the ProDoc and the list of project board was reviewed and approved by each ATSEF National Focal Points before submitted to UNDP for endorsement. Therefore any changes for the ProDoc must go through series of steps before get approved. Dr. Wagey pointed that the ProDoc was discussed at the last ATSEF meeting that involve the three ATSEF countries.

Ms. Candice Mohan commented that there is a need for a clear agreement and understanding of Project Board, covering parameter and guidelines for decision making process, as well as the role of involved parties.

Notes from this session:

Concerning this matter, Dr. Padilla suggested a ToR development for the Project Board. This ToR should specify guidance concerning the Project Board functions, membership, role of each member, procedures of member changes, etc. Dr. Padilla would also confirm the existence of such ToR to UNDP New York.

5. PRESENTATION OF MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Ms. Kwanruen Seub-Am – International Water Programme Assistant UNDP

The main objective of this presentation is to have an understanding about the concept of Adaptive Management and GEF-UNDP M&E policies. The full document of this presentation could be found at Appendix IV.

Ms. Kwanruen started by explaining that Adaptive Management is the ability of the PMU to respond to unexpected challenges and opportunities in a flexible, positive, optimising manner, based on the latest circumstances. She also emphasized that it is imperative for the PMU to understand the linkages and feed-back mechanisms between the Logical Framework, the Results Measurement Framework, the Risk Management Strategy and Reporting as they facilitate the project implementation.

Adaptive Management enables the PMU to change some part of the project FSP, as long as it is being approved by the main donor GEF-UNDP. Modification toward FSP should be proposed through the PMU.

The next subject that was explained by Ms. Kwanruen is about Monitoring, Evaluation, and Reporting of GEF-UNDP, and the instrument used in the process. In using the monitoring tools, Ms. Kwanruen suggested to use the indicators reflected on the ProDoc to achieve project deliveries. For technical and progress reporting to GEF-UNDP, Ms. Kwanruen identified three type of reports, which are the Inception Report, QOR, and PIR.

Notes from this session:

- (i) Due to high volume of QOR submitted to UNDP every year, it is necessary to make QOR to be compact and as effective as possible, no longer than 150 words. The desired form of QOR is narrative, and must be clear, simple and easy to understand.
- (ii) Since QOR is an opportunity to promote a project for UNDP, it is important to highlight special attributes of the project within QOR, and what the project have achieved in the past three months.

According Ms. Kwanruen, the main monitoring tool for GEF-UNDP is the PIR. PIR contains a much detailed data about the project, which categorized into: Progress, Risks, Evaluation, Partnership, Genders, and Report on Impact. The sample of

Other monitoring tools are MTE and Final Evaluation. MTE is mandatory for project lasts at least 4 years or when explicitly required in the ProDoc, to assess **if the project is on the right track and if changes are required**. On the other hand, Final Evaluation should be submitted 3 months before the end date of the projects.

Finally, Ms. Kwanruen informed that altogether, the list of reporting documents based on GEF-UNPD requirements consists of: Inception Report, PIR, QOR, MTE, and Final Evaluation

6. DISCUSSIONS : ATSEA M&E AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

6.1. ATSEA project Impacts and Sustainability

Mr. Colonel Pedro Clamar Fuik – Commandant of Componente Naval-F-FDTL

Colonel Clamar Fuik proposed for a simplifying the form of for the monitoring tools. Next, he asked about the impact of ATSEA project toward coastal community, especially concerning the improvement of the livelihood of coastal communities, and gender equality. He also asked for clarification on how ATSEA project would support itself for three years, as written in the Operational Work Plan (OWP).

Commenting the gender issue, Ms. Kwanruen informed that the introduction of the concept of gender equality within M&E system was applied in 2009. The assessment of gender equality results will enable UNDP to track and monitor how gender-responsive each financial allocation and expenditure is and analyze trends by region. As ATSEA project has been designed prior the adoption of gender equality concept, the project should report gender aspect based on its current situation and planned activities. As for the forms of M&E report, Ms. Kwanruen stated that the report to the GEF-UNDP is a responsibility of Project Manager. National Manager national manager could submit data to the Project Manager using a simpler type of form.

Dr. Padilla confirmed Ms. Kwanruen's statement. On sustainability, Dr. Padilla admitted that donor-based project would usually over if the donor ceased the fund. Therefore it is important to design a sustainability strategy for the ATSEA project. One of the strategies mentioned by Dr. Wagey is to create an institutional framework

for ATSEF, to make ATSEF as a formal inter-governmental organization, therefore securing funds from the local government.

6.2. Ownership over ATSEA Project Data Findings and Analyses

Mr. Cesar Jose da Cruz – Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer technische Zusammenarbeit (GTZ) Timor Leste

Mr. da Cruz asked for explanation over the ownership or the data which was collected, analyzed, and produced throughout the ATSEA Project the discussion. Whether it be shared among the nations, or would it be a rightful owner of supporting agencies, like UNDP.

Dr. Padilla confirmed that the data gathered and processed during the ATSEA project belongs to the country. These data are given to each country, as a basis for developing the appropriate management system for Arafura and Timor seas.

6.3. Indicator of Modification for Project Document

Dr. Tonny Wagey – ATSEA Regional Project Manager

Based on Ms.Kwanruen's presentation for the procedure for ProDoc modification, Dr. Wagey asked the possibility for changing the indicator of project components. This type of modification did not appear on Ms. Kwanruen's presentation. It is the question of which party has the right to propose, and which party manages the approval for any submitted proposal for ProDoc modification. The second question asked by Dr. Wagey is regarding the relationship with other initiatives, like, CTI or PEMSEA. In working with partner, what is the expectation from UNDP to each partner at ATSEA project?

As for the changes of project indicator, Dr. Padilla suggested for a thorough review for the changes before it's proposed to UNDP. He reminded that project components and indicators are interlinked, which means one changes could affect the whole project design and could lead to new output. He stated that he could accept minor modification to the project. Major changes, such as changes to the project outcomes, are not encouraged.

6.4. Proposal for Simplified Methods of Monitoring and Evaluation

Mr. Lourenco Borges Fontes – Director General

Mr. Fontes propose for a special exception for Timor-Leste, the usage of new more simplified custom documents, designed by Timor-Leste, for M&E processes. He suggested this idea based on his judgment of Timor-Leste capacity in running the ATSEA project.

Dr. Padilla commented that the document for M&E reporting process is not prepared by the country itself. There are PPG for hiring expert consultant for preparing this document. However, Dr. Padilla suggest for the National Coordinator to learn and

understand the M&E requirement, as the complicated form of M&E reporting process is also part of UNDP effort in building the capacity of country partner.

6.5. Reporting Mechanism for the Government

Mr. Bambang Herunadi – Head of Cooperation and Communication Research Unit - Indonesia

Concerning the M&E report, Ir. Bambang Herunadi was inquiring whether there is reporting mechanism of the project set by GEF-UNDP addressed for the local government.

The PIR and the M&E report in general are confirmed by Dr. Padilla, to be accessible to all stakeholders, including the government of the countries.

6.6. Previous Project By UNDP

Mr. Colonel Pedro Clamar Fuik – Commandant of Componente Naval-F-FDTL

Concerning the current thoughts for Timor-Leste capacity, he inquired a particular method by UNDP, which proved to be successful in previous project. It could be used as a starting point.

The model of ATSEA project, with the availability of PMU, Project Board, and National Coordinator, is currently used universally for implementation of regional project. An example from successful previous project by GEF using this model is PEMSEA. It was originally started as GEF project, and has evolved into an intergovernmental body. Dr. Padilla used PEMSEA as an example of a successful project in overcoming the project sustainability issue, by the support from the government.

7. PRESENTATION FOR OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN AND FIRST ANNUAL WORK PLAN

7.1. ATSEA Cruise Update

Dr. Tonny Wagey – ATSEA Regional Project Manager

Dr. Wagey presented information on preliminary results of ATSEA cruise as one of the early ATSEA project activities.

The cruise was conducted using the Research Vessel Baruna Jaya VIII operated by LIPI. ATSEA cruise runs from 10 – 27 May 2010 from the port of Kupang and then set sail to cover the Timor Sea, heading west towards the Arafura Sea. 28 scientists and technicians from Indonesia, Australia, and Timor-Leste participated in this cruise studying Physical Oceanography, Fisheries, Bathymetry, Geology, Primary Productivity, Marine Mammals Monitoring, Vessel Distribution, and Pollution.

The information collected by this cruise would later be used as a one of the main reference for TDA development.

Further analyses of the ATSEA cruise data will be done through an FGD by the involved scientist. There is also a plan to hold a Post-Cruise workshop to compile the result of the cruise and to plan for the next possible cruise.

ATSEA cruise has received number of publicity in Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

7.2. Presentation of the Operational Work Plan (OWP) and First Annual Work Plan (AWP)

Dr. Tonny Wagey – ATSEA Regional Project Manager

Dr. Wagey presented the overall project workplan from 2010 until 2013. The total budget is US\$ 2.5 million, as indicated in the ProDoc to fund all five components of ATSEA project. The full document of this presentation could be found at Appendix IV. The allocation for the fund is listed on the table 2.

Table 2.
Operational Work Plan Table

TOTAL ANNUAL WORK PLAN AND BUDGET									
Award ID: FSP ATSEA Award Title: PIMS 3879 IW FSP: Arafura-Timor Seas - ATSEA Project ID: UNOPS 00074016						Proposal ID: 00059229			
						2010	2011	2012	2013
Activities / Outcomes	Responsible Party	Fund Code	Donor	Budget Code	Budget Description	Atlas Budget	Atlas Budget	Atlas Budget	Atlas Budget
OUTCOME 1 Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA) for Arafura & Timor Seas	UNOPS	62000	GEF	71200	International Consultants	37.024,18	37.024,18	0,00	0,00
				71300	Local consultants	133.287,05	124.956,61	0,00	0,00
				71600	Travel	63.866,71	48.131,44	0,00	0,00
				74100	Professional Services	124.956,61	115.700,57	0,00	0,00
				74200	Audio Visual and Print Production	23.140,11	27.768,14	27.768,14	0,00
				74500	Miscellaneous	9.256,05	9.256,05	4.628,02	0,00
				74500	Corporate charges	1.957,65	1.814,18	161,98	0,00
				75100	F&A	29.511,63	27.348,84	2.441,86	0,00
					SUB-TOTAL OUTCOME 1	423.000,00	392.000,00	35.000,00	0,00

Activities / Outcomes	Resp. Party	Fund Code	Donor	Budget Code	Budget Description	Atlas Budget (2010)	Atlas Budget (2011)	Atlas Budget (2012)	Atlas Budget (2013)
OUTCOME 2 Strategic Action Program (SAP)/National Action Program (NAP) for Arafura & Timor Seas	UNOPS	62000	GEF	71200	International Consultants	0,00	27.768,14	13.884,07	13.884,07
				71300	Local consultants	0,00	50.908,25	41.652,20	37.024,18
				71600	Travel	0,00	18.512,09	9.256,05	18.512,09
				74100	Professional Services	0,00	46.280,23	41.652,20	37.024,18
				74200	Audio Visual & Print Production	0,00	11.107,25	17.586,49	8.330,44
				74500	Miscellaneous	0,00	8.330,44	7.404,84	7.404,84
				74500	Corporate charges	0,00	814,53	657,18	610,90
				75100	F&A	0,00	12.279,07	9.906,98	9.209,30
					SUB-TOTAL OUTCOME 2	0,00	176.000,00	142.000,00	132.000,00
OUTCOME 3 SAP/NAP Initial Implementation	UNOPS	62000	GEF	71200	International Consultants	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
				71300	Local Consultants	0,00	34.802,73	34.802,73	8.608,12
				71600	Travel	0,00	15.735,28	13.884,07	15.735,28
				72600	NGO Grants	0,00	212.889,04	212.889,04	0,00
				74200	Audio Visual & Print Production	0,00	0,00	2.776,81	3.239,62
				74500	Miscellaneous	0,00	5.553,63	6.479,23	6.479,23
				74500	Corporate charges	0,00	1.344,90	1.354,16	170,31
				75100	F&A	0,00	20.274,42	20.413,95	2.567,44
					SUB-TOTAL OUTCOME 3	0,00	290.600,00	292.600,00	36.800,00

Activities / Outcomes	Resp. Party	Fund Code	Donor	Budget Code	Budget Description	Atlas Budget (2010)	Atlas Budget (2011)	Atlas Budget (2012)	Atlas Budget (2013)
OUTCOME 4 Regional Management & Sustainable Financing Mechanism Arrangement for ATSEA	UNOPS	62000	GEF	71200	International Consultants	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
				71300	Local consultants	77.287,98	76.362,37	11.570,06	6.942,03
				71600	Travel	16.198,08	20.826,10	16.198,08	11.570,06
				74100	Professional Services	25.454,12	19.900,50	15.272,47	6.942,03
				74200	Audio Visual & Print Production	0,00	1.851,21	1.851,21	1.851,21
				74500	Other (Office Costs)	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
				74500	Miscellaneous	5.553,63	5.553,63	5.553,63	6.479,23
				74500	Corporate charges	622,47	622,47	252,23	168,92
				75100	F&A	9.383,72	9.383,72	3.802,33	2.546,51
					SUB-TOTAL OUTCOME 4	134.500,00	134.500,00	54.500,00	36.500,00
OUTCOME 5 Project Coordination and Management	UNOPS	62000	GEF	71200	International Consultants	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
				71400	Contractual services - individuals (NPM & F/AA)	38.875,39	40.541,48	44.151,34	45.169,50
				71600	Travel	6.479,23	6.479,23	6.016,43	6.016,43
				72500	Office Supplies	2.591,69	2.591,69	2.406,57	2.314,01
				74200	Audio Visual & Print Production	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
				74500	Others (office Costs)	0,00	0,00	0,00	0,00
				74500	Corporate charges	239,73	248,06	262,87	267,50
				75100	F&A	3.613,95	3.739,53	3.962,79	4.032,56
					SUB-TOTAL OUTCOME 5	51.800,00	53.600,00	56.800,00	57.800,00

The Operational Work Plan table shows that the first outcome for ATSEA Project is development of TDA, with total allocated budget of US\$ 850,000, expected to last until the end of 2011. To develop the SAP and NAP as the second outcome, the project has allocated budget up to US\$ 450,000. For outcome 3, the implementation of SAP through Demonstration project, the total budget allocated is US\$ 620,000. Outcome 4 is Regional Management and Sustainable Financing Mechanism, with budget allocation of US\$ 360,000. Finally for outcome 5, the total budget is US\$ 220,000. Therefore the total budget allocated for ATSEA project for the next four years is US\$ 2,500,000.

In the next presentation, Dr. Wagey explained the AWP containing budget allocation from May – December 2010 for components identified to be implemented in 2010.

The components which have to be delivered in the first year are Components 1, 4, and 5. As mentioned in the presentation earlier, Component 1 will involve the development of TDA whereas Component 4 is the development of Regional Cooperation Mechanism. These two components must be implemented according to the timeline set by GEF. Budget for Component 5 provides the resources for PMU operational. UNOPS as the Executing Agency will manage the fund which means that all procurement must be approved by UNOPS.

The amount allocated to be implemented in Indonesia is US\$ 728,050. For Timor-Leste the allocated fund is estimated at US\$ 546,800.

The table for ATSEA Project AWP and Budget Allocation for Indonesia, Timor Leste and Regional Activities, are as follows

Table 3.
Annual Work Plan Table For the Period of May – December 2010

ARAFURA AND TIMOR SEAS ECOSYSTEM ACTION PROJECT								
Outcomes/outputs	Key Activities	Timeframe May - December 2010			Resp. Party	Source of Funds	Budget Code	Budget (USD)
		Q2	Q3	Q4				
Component 1.								
Approved TDA which identifies the ATS transboundary priority environmental problems, environmental & socio-economic impacts, sectoral and root causes and governance analyses	Trans-Boundary Diagnostic Analyses		X	X	ATSEA	GEF	71300 Intl Cnslt	25.000,00
			X	X	ATSEA	GEF	71300 Local Cnslt	81.492,10
			X	X	ATSEA	GEF	71600 Travel	43.296,69
			X	X	ATSEA	GEF	74100 Prof.Service	5.025,13
			X	X	ATSEA	GEF	74500 Misc.exp	558,35
	ATSEA Cruise		X		ATSEA	GEF	71300 Local Cnslt	245,67
		X	X		ATSEA	GEF	71600 Travel	59.555,30
		X	X		ATSEA	GEF	74100 Prof.Service	116.122,28
			X			GEF	74500 Misc.exp	446,48
	ATSEA Inception Workshop		X			GEF	71600 Travel	10.663,32
			X			GEF	74100 Prof.Service	10.125,00
			X			GEF	74500 Misc.exp	3.000,00
	Total							355.530,32
Component 4.								
Regional cooperation mechanism agreement on preferred regional cooperation mechanism , self financing mechanism for ATSEA	Regional Management & Financing			X	ATSEA	GEF	71300 Local Cnslt	39.149,17
				X	ATSEA	GEF	71600 Travel	36.384,49
				X	ATSEA	GEF	74100 Prof.Service	14.266,01
				X	ATSEA	GEF	74500 Misc.exp	2.235,01
	Total							92.034,68
Component 5.								
Established and fully operational PMU, PSC, NSC, and operating M & E Procedures	Project Coordinator and Management		X	X	ATSEA	GEF	72500 Supplies	8.598,55
			X	X	ATSEA	GEF	74500 Misc.exp	7.850,36
	Total							16.448,91

Table 4.
Budget Allocation for
Indonesia, Timor-Leste, and Regional Activities

Activities	Regional	Timor Leste	Indonesia
Component 1:	80.000	-	-
Transboundary Diagnostic	145.600	83.400	50.000
Analysis (TDA) for Arafura	260.000	-	-
& Timor Seas	71.000	30.000	20.000
	85.000	-	-
	15.000	-	10.000
	656.600	113.400	80.000
	656.600	113.400	80.000
Component 2:	60.000	-	
Strategic Action Program	14.300	41.700	84.000
(SAP)/National Action	54.000	-	81.000
Program (NAP) for Arafura	30.000	20.000	-
& Timor Seas	40.000	-	-
	15.000	-	10.000
	213.300	-	
	213.300	61.700	175.000
Component 3:	-	42.000	42.000
SAP/NAP Initial	-	25.000	25.000
Implementation	-	230.000	230.000
	-	3.000	3.000
	-	10.000	10.000
	-	-	
	-	310.000	310.000
Component 4:	81.750	41.700	62.550
Regional Management &	29.200	-	43.800
Sustainable Financing	25.000	20.000	25.000
Mechanism Arrangement for	-	-	6.000
ATSEA	10.000		15.000
	145.950	-	
	145.950	61.700	152.350
Component 5:	182.300	-	-
Project Coordination and	27.000	-	-
Management	-	-	10.700
	209.300	-	
	220.000	-	10.700
	1.235.850	546.800	728.050

8. DISCUSSIONS: PROJECT OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN AND ANNUAL WORK PLAN

Dr. Tonny Wagey – ATSEA Regional Project Manager

8.1. The Introduction of Private Sector and Market Mechanism to TDA

Ms. Purbasari Surjadi – Sustainable Fisheries Partnership

Ms. Surjadi suggest for engagement to private sector and other industries within the development of TDA. She believes the data analyses of fisheries market mechanism and distribution, could be used to provide alternative steps in empowering the coastal community and suppress IUU fishing.

Notes from this session:

Ms. Surjadi offered to provide ATSEA project with a suitable list of questions (questionnaire) for addressing these matters, but it depends on how the data gathering methods of ATSEA project. Is it by consulting to the stakeholders, direct interview and field observations, or combination of both.

Responding Ms. Surjadi's opinion, Dr. Wagey expressed the same opinion for the needs to expand the socio economic profile within TDA. For the example, the distribution of high-demand fish resources such as Red Snapper from Arafura and Timor seas is a transboundary issue as well as the impact of to the coastal communities.

8.2. Ground-level Application for ATSEA Project

Mr. Johannes Subijanto – The Nature Conservancy

Commenting on Ms. Surjadi's opinion, Mr. Subijanto suggested the need for ground exercise of ATSEA project. It should be featuring a collaboration mechanism with local surrounding government, such as NTT government, Papua government, and not forgetting the local universities.

Notes from this session:

Mr. Subijanto suggested another partnership Lesser Sunda MPA Network Design, another project in Timor-Leste. It has launched training and meetings for capacity building, offshore mining, and transportation. Similar programs could be included in the ATSEA project activity.

8.3. The Introduction of PEMSEA

Ms. Chirstine Narcise – Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia

Ms. Narcise stated that PEMSEA is very open for collaboration with other initiatives, which are contributing to the implementation of SDSSEA and offered help by capacity building, exchange of information, practices, and everything we have learned for the past 16 years. Therefore, PEMSEA are looking forward for further collaboration between various initiatives, in order to complimenting each other methods instead of duplicating it.

8.4. Suggestion for Post-Cruise Workshop and Plan for Next Research Cruise

Dr. Frank Tirendi – Australian Institute for Marine Sciences (AIMS)

Dr. Tirendi gave some suggestions for the Post-Cruise Workshop, which are:

- (1) Allocate time before the workshop to build and developing the TDA
- (2) Confirm the validity of samples and data analyses
- (3) Make a publicity plan for the findings of ATSEA Cruise, to give it accountability and validity within the scientific community
- (4) Inform the research findings to the stakeholders.

Dr. Tirendi also informed the plan of a research cruise next year (2011). The workshop for the cruise would be held at the end of September or early October 2010. However, there are some conditions which could affect the cruise launching. These conditions are:

- (1) The infrastructure design and research plan relevance to the TDA and stakeholders.
- (2) Support from the Australian government

8.5. Entry Point to Governmental System

Dr. Purwanto –Director of Research Center for Capture Fisheries - Indonesia

Responding the previous question, Dr. Purwanto saw an opportunity for ATSEA project at the Regional Plan of Actions for Responsible Fishing Practices. The initiative is signed by 11 countries, including Indonesia, Timor Leste, Australia, and Papua New Guinea. If ATSEA project could be included as part of RPOA initiative, ATSEA project would have a governmental support and greater project sustainability.

Dr. Wagey commented that RPOA is definitely a way for ATSEA to be included as a part of governmental system, especially since the Arafura and Timor Seas area are part of area of RPOA. This could be an alternative way to address the IUU problem and gives ATSEA authority over Arafura and Timor Seas region, as long as ATSEA project could maintain its original course. Secondly, this is also an opportunity to institutionalized ATSEF and to gain the involvement of the government to the ATSEA project. This could be done by meeting and introducing the project to each government, and complement their RPOA with ATSEA project. This could be the entry point of ATSEA project for the governmental system.

9. GENERAL DISCUSSIONS AND PREPARATION FOR THE EXTERNAL SESSION

Dr. Tonny Wagey – ATSEA Regional Project Manager

9.1. Suggestion for the second day of the Inception Workshop

The changes suggested by Dr. Padilla for the second day of ATSEA Inception Workshop are:

- (1) Shorten the presentation, into about 30 – 40 minutes.
- (2) Allocate time for statements from each country concerning their thoughts about the project, about 5 – 10 minutes. The shortening of presentation would spare an extra 20 minutes which could be allocated for country statement.

9.2. Confirmation for Head of Delegation for each country

The Head of Delegation was expected to give brief speech about the position of the country they represented toward the ATSEA project. The head of delegation for each country on ATSEA Inception workshop are:

- (1) Dr. Purwanto as the Head Delegation of Indonesia
- (2) Mr. Lourenco Borges Fontes as the Head Delegation of Timor Leste
- (3) Dr. Candice Mohan as the Head of Delegation of Australia

Other changes made for the Introduction of Project Team was changed into Organization Representation, and would introduce the stakeholders by organization instead of individual to save more time.

After all matters for the day was discussed and concluded, Mr. Fontes bid a closing remark. He also invited the participant of the ATSEA Inception Workshop for official dinner by the government of Timor-Leste by 19:30 at Timor Hotel.

10. INTRODUCCION OF ATSEA PROJECT FOR COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVES

10.1. Opening Statement from Minister of MAF Timor-Leste

H.E. Mr. Mariano ASSASAMI Sabino – Minister of MAF

The Second Day of the ATSEA Inception Workshop was marked by an opening statement from the MAF Minister, H.E. Mr. Mario ASSASAMI Sabino.

On behalf of the government of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste, H.E. Minister Sabino welcomed all delegations from both countries and international organization to Timor Leste. Minister Sabino expressed his gratitude to all participants of the ATSEA Inception Workshop, especially to GEF and UNDP as the main donor of this project.

In his opening speech, Minister Sabino indicated the enthusiasm of Timor Leste as the next host for ATSEF Secretariat. Timor-Leste was initially scheduled to host the ATSEF Secretariat at 2008. But due to Timor Leste was not fully prepared in carrying the responsibilities of the secretariat, the government of Indonesia agree to take over the responsibilities and have been acting as the host for ATSEF Regional Secretariat

until today. Now, now years later, Minister Sabino stated that Timor-Leste is now ready to take over the responsibilities for the next two years. Minister Sabino aware and mentioned that Timor-Leste did not provide maximum contribution to ATSEF Regional in the past due to several limitations. However he is now confident that Timor Leste is now prepared to lead the ATSEF Secretariat, with great success in each activity implementation.

The complete full transcript of opening statement by the Minister could be found at Appendix III.

The next agenda of ATSEA Inception Workshop is diplomatic remark as from both guest country, which are Indonesia and Australia

11. REMARKS FROM AMBASSADORS

11.1. Remarks from the Ambassador of Australia

H.E. Peter Heyward – The Ambassador of Australia to Timor Leste

The H.E. Ambassador Heyward opened his speech by expressing this gratitude for the opportunity of being a part on an important initiative.

On his remarks, H.E. Heyward highlighted the shared resources between Australia, Indonesia, and Timor-Leste. Having a common ownership of resources implies a common responsibility. The Australian government is always supportive to any forms of corporation between the three countries, especially since shared region is vulnerable for threats and exploitation. Even IUU fishing was currently happening as he was speaking. Therefore, a close cooperation of three countries is needed to manage and sustain the resource of the shared region. He believes that Indonesia, Timor-Leste, and Australia are bound to be closer in the future, as indicated by various collaborative projects among the countries.

Then, the H.E. Heyward congratulated Timor-Leste for taking the responsibility as the host of ATSEF Regional Secretariat. He was certain that every other stakeholders involved in ATSEF Regional will assist Timor-Leste to fulfill their responsibility when needed.

Full transcript of the speech could be found at Appendix III.

11.2. Remarks from the Ambassador of Indonesia

H.E. Eddy Setiabudhi, The Ambassador of Indonesia to Timor Leste

Within his speech, the H.E. Ambassador Setiabudhi mentioned than Indonesia is a country which gives priority in both sustainable development and economic growth. For Indonesia, economic growth must not cause environmental damage, because unsustainable economic growth and rapid depletion of resources could easily lead to crisis. H.E. Setiabudhi commented that, to develop a marine economy in an integrated manner by optimizing the utilization of marine resources in a suitable manner is

always one of the challenges of development in Indonesia. Therefore, the effort to promote sustainable development by ecosystem-based management and effective use of use of the living coastal and marine resources to improve the environment and living condition, of the Arafura and Timor Region will undoubtedly Indonesia and other states in the region. ATSEF, a regional cooperation forum, including Indonesia, Timor-Leste, and Australia is always welcomed.

Finally H.E. Setiabudhi congratulates the forum's experts, participants, and all sponsors and partners for their endeavor to realizing the common interest, which is to manage and improve environmental living condition for all, in the Arafura and Timor seas region.

Full transcript of the speech could be found at Appendix III.

PRESENTATION OF ATSEA PROGRAM

11.3. Presentation of the UNDP-GEF Goals and Procedures

Dr. Jose Erez Padilla – Regional Technical Advisor, UNDP Regional Centre

Refer to Section 2 for the contents of the presentation.

Presentation of the Project Structure, Goals, Objectives, Outputs, and Project Implementation Arrangements

Dr. Tonny Wagey – ATSEA Regional Project Manager Refer to Section 3 for the contents of the presentation.

12. COUNTRY STATEMENTS FOR ATSEA PROGRAM

12.1. Statement from Australia

Ms. Candice Mohan – Department of Environment, Water, Heritage, and Arts

Ms. Mohan started by thanking the government of Timor-Leste for hosting these meetings and the great hospitality.

Ms. Mohan mentioned for the long history of collaboration between Australia, Indonesia, and Timor Leste. Australian government has provided considerable support for these kinds of collaboration, and ATSEF being one of them. Mr. Mohan commented ATSEF as a valuable forum, through which the experience, expertise, knowledge, and information are shared.

From ATSEF, the ATSEA project was born. ATSEA project was developed with the consideration of external pressure and threats to the marine and coastal system. ATSEA project is a collaborative project of Australia, Timor-Leste, and Indonesia in achieving ecological sustainable management and the use of living coastal and marine resources of the Arafura and Timor Seas.

Ms. Mohan was aware that the goals set in ATSEA project were ambitious, but great result only comes from great effort. Ms. Mohan stated that Australia is honored to be

a part of the ATSEA project and is supporting it wholeheartedly, as we should not shy away from challenges, but embraces them together instead.

Full transcript of the speech could be found at Appendix III.

12.2. Statement from Indonesia

Dr. Purwanto – Head of Research Center for Capture Fisheries

Dr. Purwanto, a representative for country statement of Indonesia, started by expressing his gratitude for the hospitality provided by the government of Timor-Leste during the stay in Dili.

Dr. Purwanto mentioned the common issues and common interest relating the management and conservation of natural resources and marine environment in the Arafura and Timor Seas among littoral nations such as Australia, Indonesia, and Timor-Leste. Dr. Purwanto believes that ATSEA project accommodate perfectly for both the development of management and conservation mechanism for marine and natural resources; as well as a collaborative project which incorporates Indonesia, Timor-Leste, and Australia. With this consideration, Dr. Puwanto stated that Indonesia fully support this project

Full transcript of the speech could be found at Appendix III.

12.3. Statement from Timor-Leste

Mr. Lourenco Borges Fontes – Director General

As a newly independent country which depends on the Timor seas as a source of livelihood for its coastal communities, Mr. Fontes commented that Timor-Leste considers TASE as an important regional forum that can help Timor-Leste to address the transboundary issues of the uncontrolled overfishing, depletion of biodiversity, and utilization of the marine and coastal living resources for the wellbeing of the people who are living along the coastal zones of the Arafura and Timor seas.

Without a doubt, Mr. Fontes declared that the government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste is keen to support the operation of the Secretariat of ATSEF in Timor-Leste, and is also committed to provide the necessary coordination support to succeed the execution of the activities of ATSEA.

Full transcript of the speech could be found at Appendix III.

13. GENERAL DISCUSSION

13.1. Communication Facility for PMU

Prof. Karen Edyvane - Northern Territory Government / CDU

Prof. Edyvane suggested an easily accessible means of communication to the PMU, such as website or a shared e-mail mailing list, so the progress of ATSEA project could be easily tracked.

Dr. Wagey informed that there would be a website for the ATSEA project. Currently there is a preliminary web project under ATSEF website. Other media and outreach activity will be coming as soon as possible.

13.2. Deadline for ATSEA project

Mr. Johannes Subijanto, The Nature Conservancy

Mr. Subijanto asked for the deadline of ATSEA project. The duration of the project is approximately 4 years, there should be a timeline to monitor the deliveries for all the activities. He also commented the allocated time for the application for demo project. Mr. Subijanto commented that 1 – 2 years seems to be barely enough time for the development of TDA, NAP, SAP, and finally the Demo project.

Dr. Wagey agreed that the application of Demo project should be planned and prepared as soon as possible. To prepare the demo project, a full understanding of TDA and get familiar with the condition of the research to identify a list of issues and problem for the pilot project, as well as the NAP for national level issues and the SAP for the Regional. TDA itself must be completed within 18 months from the start of the project and SAP 6 month later, totaling 2 years at most. The purpose of demo project is to gather the inputs and criticism from stakeholders and consultants, to provide Project Manager with regional data and information.

13.3. Suggestion for the Forthcoming Meeting

It would be very helpful if the participants were given a preliminary note containing the expectations for the upcoming meeting, as well as the documents which would be covered at the meeting. This should enhance productivity of the meeting as it helps the participants to have a better understanding for the purpose of the meeting.

13.4. Alternative Project Publication for Timor Leste

Mr. Expedito Bello – UNDP Timor-Leste

Mr. Bello suggested for another publication strategy for ATSEA project beside the website, since not many people in Timor-Leste has internet access. He also questioned the PMU processing mechanism for all the ideas gathered at this meeting and the follow up action.

Dr. Wagey informed that, the PMU will issue an Inception report after the Inception workshop. It contains all the input recorded throughout the workshop. A copy of the Inception Workshop report will be send to every participant of the workshop. As for an alternative publication strategy of ATSEA project for Timor-Leste, Dr. Wagey suggested for the empowering the ATSEA project branch office and personnel in Timor-Leste, by sending them the latest information of the project to be shared to the local community of Timor-Leste.

13.5. Guidelines for Regional and National Coordinator and the Forming of Project Team

Prof. Karen Edyvane - Northern Territory Government / CDU

Concerning the high level of challenge in developing the TDA SAP, NAP, as well as the implementation of Demo Project, Prof. Edyvane suggested for a guidelines which for the Regional and National Coordinator. The suggestions made by Prof. Edyvane are:

- (1) An implementation plan which contains the National and Regional Coordinator roles and responsibility, interaction, and the methods for the development process of TDA, NAP, SAP, and the implementation of Demo Project.
- (2) A meeting between all Project Board of ATSEA project and the forming Project Team. Each Project Team would be responsible for one part of the ATSEA project components (TDA, NAP, SAP, and Demo Project). In this sense the loads of the project would be divided among each Project Team.

Prof. Edyvane observed that Dr. Wagey has too much workload, and it could be fatal for both the project and for Dr Wagey himself.

13.6. The Importance of a Reliable Coordination and Communication Between PMU and National Coordinator

Dr. Frank Tirendi – Australian Institute for Marine Sciences

Related to Prof. Edyvane suggestion, Dr. Tirendi also suggested for a better usage of National Coordinator within the project. To reach this condition, Dr. Tirendi mentioned the need for a clear coordination and communication strategy between the PMU and National Coordination. A better communication and communication strategy would ease the process of gathering and submitting the data from each country to the PMU.

Dr. Padilla mentioned that one of the aspect monitored by UNDP, is a communication plan. A communication plan is a system which contains the data of types of message to send, the target audience based on each type of message, and the record for each message sent. Dr. Padilla also believes that a communication strategy would also could functions as one of the ways to address project coordination issues, which has been brought by the participant if current workshop a number of times.

13.7. Methods to Increase the Understanding of ATSEA Project for Stakeholders of Timor-Leste

Mr. Rui Daniel de Carvalho – National Director of Quarantine and Biodiversity

Mr. Carvalho commented that there are several ways to increase the understanding of ATSEA project for all stakeholders in Timor-Leste. Translating important data and document into the national language of Timor-Leste is important step for the project. He also suggested to make a brief summary for every long and complicated documents. A workshop to confirm the understanding and internal support to the structure and list of activity which was written in the document is also needed.

13.8. Suggestion for Follow-Up Meeting and the Deadline for ATSEA Project

Mr. Lourenco Borges Fontes – Director General

Mr. Fontes asked for a possibility to schedule another meeting, concerning the details of the ATSEA project and the timeline for each activity during the project.

Dr. Wagey agree for the need of another meeting, as it is important for the National Coordinator to understand their role. It is impossible for the PMU and Regional Project Manager to attend every single meeting, to give consultation to National Coordinator. Considering the project duration and timeline, Dr. Wagey directed the discussion to Dr. Padilla or Ms. Kwanruen, for a more elaborated explanation from UNDP perspective.

Ms. Kwanruen confirmed ATSEA project officially started as soon as the last county signed the Prodoc, which is on 14th May. Ms. also confirmed that the final deadline for the project is still decided by GEF, which is at 2014. Dr. Padilla added that under certain circumstances, a requests for time extension could be proposed to GEF, though is not favorable.

14. WRAP UP AND WORKSHOP CLOSURE

14.1. Wrap Up

Dr. Tonny Wagey – ATSEA Regional Project Manager

The main purpose of the wrap up section is to review the summary of the discussion of the last 2 days. The activity and project implementation for the next 6 months has been presented. Dr. Wagey has noted a couple of important reference throughout the workshop:

As pointed by. Ms. Surjadi, throughout the workshop, there was some inconsistencies among presented documents. The most noted is the starting month of ATSEA project, recorded to start at May on one document and in June on others. The correct starting month for the project is May 2010

There was also high demand for the procedures, ToR, and lists for project implementation and coordination, make clear the roles and coordination between ATSEA project stakeholders.. There was also the establishment of project group to help the National Coordinator. Dr. Wagey himself needs to establish the full team of Regional Coordinator, back in Jakarta.

As the authority over ATSEF Regional is soon to be transferred to Timor-Leste, the arrangement for communication and coordination among ATSEF will become Timor-Leste responsibility.

There is no ASTEA National Coordinator in Australia for the ATSEA project. Instead Dr. Wagey delegate the responsibility to ATSEF Regional Australia to act as an ATSEA National Coordinator of Australia

Dr. Wagey expressed his gratitude for all ATSEA project participants for all the contribution at the workshop, especially to for Mr. Lourenco Borges Fintes and Timor-Leste personnel for preparing this Inception Workshop. He is also willing to be contacted for further discussion of plans for collaboration in the future.

14.2. Closing Speech

Mr. Lourenco Borges Fontes – General Director

The Arafura and Timor Seas Inception Workshop meeting was ended at 14 July with a closing statement by the Director General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Timor Leste, Mr. Lourenco Borges Fontes.

APPENDIX I

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- Ms. Christine Ingrid Narcise
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Management for the Seas of East Asia
- Akassio Da Costa
Focal PEMSEA Timor Leste

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- Ms. Purbasari Surjadi,
Sustainable Fisheries Partnership
- Ms. Dessy Anggraeini,
Sustainable Fisheries Partnership

APPENDIX II MEETING AGENDA

ARAFURA AND TIMOR SEAS ECOSYSTEM ACTION (ATSEA) PROGRAM INCEPTION WORKSHOP

July 13th – 14th, 2010
Delta Nova Convention Center
Dili, Timor Leste

Day 1: Tuesday (13 July, 2010)

(Participants: Project Team, ATSEF members, UNDP-RCB, UNDP-COs, UNOPS)

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

09:00 - 09:15 Welcome Remarks by Host Country
(Director General – MAF RDTL)

09:15 – 09:30 Brief self-introduction by participants

09:30 – 09:45 Presentation of the UNDP-GEF goals and procedures
(UNDP RCB)

09:45 – 11:15 Presentation of the project structure: goal, objective, outcomes/outputs
and project implementation arrangements
(Regional Project Manager)

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 Discussion
(guided by facilitator)

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 14:30 Monitoring and Evaluation and Reporting requirements (UNOPS and
UNDP RCB)

14:30 – 15:00 Discussion
(guided by facilitator)

15:00 – 16:15 Presentation of the Operational Workplan for the project, and First
Annual Work Plan (Regional Project Manager and UNDP CO)

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:00 Discussion (guided by facilitator)

17:00 – 17:30 General discussion and preparation for the External Session
(Regional Project Manager, UNDP-RCB)

19:00 Dinner (hosted by MAF-RDTL)

Day 2: Wednesday (14 July, 2010)

(Participants: Project Team members, ATSEF members, PNG, UNDP-RCB, UNDP-COs, UNOPS, scientific council, representatives of NGOs and research institutes, private sector).

8:30 – 9:00 Registration

9:00 – 9:20 Opening and Welcome
(By: H.E. Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of Timor Leste)

9:20 – 9:40 Remarks by Ambassadors from Indonesia and Australia

9:40 – 10:00 Introduction of Project Team, Workshop Participants and Meeting Objectives (guided by facilitator)

10:30 – 11:00 Presentations

- UNDP-GEF Goals and Procedures (UNDP RCB)
- Project Goals, Objectives and Management Structure and Annual Work Plan (Regional Project Manager)

10:30 – 11:00 Country Statement for ATSEA Program

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:00 Discussions (guided by facilitator)

12:00 – 12:15 Wrap up and next steps (Regional Project Manager)

12:15 – 12:30 Closing Remarks (MAF-RDTL)

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

APPENDIX III REMARKS

OPENING REMARKS

by

Lourenco Borges Fontes

Director General of Ministri for Marine Affairs and Fisheries Timor-Leste

*Honorable Head of Delegations for Indonesia and Australia;
Honorable Representatives from UNDP;
GEF Representative for Asia and Pasific;
Partners: PEMSA, TNC, SFP;
ATSEF Regional Coordinators from Australia, Indonesia, PNG, and Timor-Leste that I respect;
Members of the National Parliament and Members of the Government of Timor-Leste that I respect;
Representatives of the UN Agencies and NGOs;
Distinguished Guests;*

Ladies and Gentlemen.

On behalf of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of Timor-Leste, I would like to welcome you all of you in this 1st day of the ATSEF Regional meeting in Dili, Timor-Leste. At the same time, I would like to thank to the Global Environment Facility, UNDP, and other agencies for their continued support to the ATSEF initiative, and also my special gratitude for the ATSEF Regional Coordinators of Australia and Indonesia for their dedication and hard work to succeed the regional programs of the forums. Like other least Developing Countries, Timor-Leste is still facing innumerable problems such as technical limitations, financial constraints, etc. As you might be aware, this condition caused Timor-Leste not been able to provide maximum support to the Forum in the past years. Despite all the limitations, Timor-Leste is committed to move forward and work jointly with three member countries, Australia, Indonesia, and PNG (as observer) to ensure the sustainable use of the coastal and marine resources, including fisheries and biodiversity of the Arafura and Timor Seas for improvement of the livelihoods and the economic income of the people living along the coastal zones in then Arafura and Timor Seas region.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Two years ago Timor-Leste was not in the good position to assume the responsibilities of the Secretariat; therefore the Government of Indonesia agreed to take over the responsibilities of the Secretariat from 2008 until today. In this regard, I would like to convey my deepest gratitude for the good cooperation and mutual understanding among the ASTEF members and my especial thank to the government of Indonesia for agreeing to lead the Secretariat very successful from 2008 until 2010.

Even though the Secretariat of ATSEF is going to be based in Timor-Leste over the next two years (2010 to 2012) but we are still counting with the continued support of the Regional Coordinators from Australia, Indonesia, and all parties who wish the success of ATSEF.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The transfer of the ATSEF Secretariat from Indonesia to Timor-Leste for another period of two years, from July 2010 to July 2012, is a unique opportunity for the Timorese people to start managing an international forum with full responsibility.

As you might seen, the condition of the Secretariat of ATSE in Timor-Leste might be far from you expectation. Therefore you contribution is needed to improve the condition of the Secretariat. I am sure that none of you pretend to see the failure of the ATSEF Secretariat in Timor-Leste. Therefore do not hesitate to advise the ATSEF Secretariat in Timor-Leste to amend itself in order to achieve the expected outputs as defined by the Forum. At the same time, I am confident to declare that the Government of Timor-Leste through the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries will cooperate with the secretariat of ATSEF in Timor-Leste and provide necessary support to achieve the outputs of the forum with mutual benefit to the region and to the local communities along the coastal zone of Timor-Leste.

Also I would like to encourage your active participation in the discussions throughout this Inception Workshop to readjust the activities of the ATSEA program for the next two years, as well as to review the outputs and the outcomes of this program and to ensure achievable results. I am sure that your active participation in this Inception Workshop is helpful for re-adjusting the strategies of implementation of the ATSEA program over the years 2010 to 2012. I wish you to have a very useful discussion with fruitful results.

Ladies and Gentlemen

I believe that by having the ATSEF Secretariat in Timor-Leste, our people will become more aware of the activities of ATSEA and will learn many other initiatives from this program regional program.

Your participation in today's discussion is important for the good operation and management of the secretariat of ATSEF Timor-Leste.

Thank you.

CLOSING REMARKS

by

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First of all, on behalf of the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, I would like to welcome all delegations from the GEF, ATSEF, UN Agencies, NGOs, Universities who have devoted their time and patience to come to Timor-Leste to participate in this TASEF Regional Forum. Also I would like to take this opportunity to thank the GEF, UNDP, and many others who have contributed to ATSEF.

Today I am pleased to say that the Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, especially the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, acknowledges the importance of the role of this Regional Forum. As a new nation, we recognize that Timor Leste has not been provided maximum contribution to the Forum as it should be, because of our technical limitations, financial constraints, etc. Eventhough we are committed to move forward and work side by side with the three member countries, Australia, Indonesia, and PNG as observer to achieve the goals of ATSEF which is to ensure the integrated, cooperative, sustainable ecosystem-based management and sustainable use of the living coastal and marine resources, including fisheries and biodiversity of the Arafura and Timor Seas for improvement of the livelihoods of people living along the coastal zones in Arafura and the Timor Seas region.

We understand that many works have been conducted by ATSEF since 2002 and many results have been achieved since then, For instance, the *marine culture* piloted in the Indonesian province of West Timor (NTT) was successful and we wish it be replicated in the coastal zones of Timor-Leste in the coming months; secondly the report from the expedition of the Research Vessel Baruna Jaya VIII in May of this year also gives some indication of the fish stock in our seas and the marine potential which are all valuable information for the country members to develop their policies for catch and for sustainable use of the marine living resources in the Arafura and the Timor Seas region.

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Before end, I appeal once again for your continued support for the operation of the Secretariat of ATSEF in Timor-Leste. By saying these few words, now I declare the Secretariat of ATSEF in Timor-Leste is officially opened.

Thank you.

OPENING STATEMENTS

By

H.E. Mariano ASSANAMI Sabino

Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Timor-Leste

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REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR FROM AUSTRALIA

By

The Ambassador of Australian for Timor-Leste

Thank you,

Mr. Minister,

Secretary State of Defense, Secretary State of Livestock

My colleague, Ambassador of Indonesia

Director General, Senior Timorese Officials

*Representatives from Australia and Indonesia and from International Partners of UN
GEF, CTI.*

First thank you for giving me the honor for being able to give speech to you today. I think this is a clearly an important initiative, an important gathering in working together, to try manage, to try conserve, to try to use effectively common resources in the seas that border our countries.

The minister already talked about our common heritages in history that we have together, a history of both cooperation and differences, but I think this is a mechanism which clearly will enable us and in which we have a responsibility to work together to use to the best advantage. The resources that we share, having common ownership of resources implies common responsibilities. And to effectively fulfill those responsibilities we need to understand the resources that we dealing with, and this mechanism bringing together technical expertise from all the countries that are involved. And I note the minister reference to Papua New Guinea and share his hope that they would also be able to involved effectively.

To understand the resources requires research, require use of common capacity in this area, and I am very pleased to know that work are being done in that way, with an Indonesian vessel using scientist from both Australia and Timor-Leste. Sustainable use also requires to understand what threats there are to these resources, and I am pleased to see my colleague – the Secretary of State of Defense – from Timor Leste here, because this sea area that we share is, as the Minister said, is an area of some vulnerability. And those requires close cooperation from three countries, for us to effectively manage and deal for what threats there are, and we know that there is IUU fishing happening in this area as we speak.

I think is also for me, an important symbol of the growing corporation between our three countries in a whole other range of other areas. And I think this is something that both natural and welcomed, and this is something that Australian government is very supportive of. It is something that in fact our people are already doing. We see so many instances where Australian are cooperating in both Indonesia and Timor-Leste and vice versa. I think our nations will only grow closer together and to work effectively in the sea area that we share, will only increase that. I congratulate Timor-Leste for assuming the responsibility, shortly for the secretariat for this exercise. And I'm sure the Minister and those who're involved will indeed play a role in assisting you, and fulfilling that important responsibility.

I look forward to seeing more productive outcome from this common work as those who know me will know that marine ecology and sustainable use of marine resources

is an area which I have a particular interest. And had I not other responsibilities, area which my Prime minister direct me to work in, I would be devoting more time in this work.

But I'm delighted to know there are such gathering of expertise committed to working together for our common good, and I wish you all the best in your work today and within the mechanism in the future so thank you very much for the honor of allowing me to address you and work hard, because it's important to all of us that you do.

REMARKS BY AMBASSADOR FROM INDONESIA

By

The Ambassador of Indonesia for Timor-Leste

Good morning and selamat pagi

Minister Mariano ASSASAMI Sabino.,

Secretary of Defense and Secretary for Livestock

Dear Ambassador, H.E.

All participants of Arafura and Timor Seas Expert Forum

Distinguished guests

Ladies and Gentlemen

I would like to thank you of course, for giving the opportunity to address this important forum, but then again allow me to extend out appreciation to the government of Timor-Leste, for hosting this very important forum, and also to the international organizations such as, or especially UNDP GEF which have sponsored this important forum..

Indonesia is a nation a state of sum 230 millions of people that is in the need of carving out a new history, in order to continue to grow and progress. All people of Indonesia are aspired to a better future to Indonesia and to the region. A such Indonesia give priority to sustainable development and in particular to economic growth. In this context, Indonesia is determined that economic growth must not damage the natural environment since environmental damage will lead to unsustainable economic growth. In effective management of natural resources the result of the rapid depletion of resources could easily lead to the recurrence of crisis. Environmental aspects become widely associated with climate change issue which is strongly linked with the degradation of natural environment and is not environmentally friendly activities. One of the challenges faced by Indonesia is to develop the marine economy in an integrated manner by optimizing the utilization of marine resources in a sustainable manner. Therefore, the effort such as to promote sustainable environment and effective use of energy to improve the environment and living condition and sustainable use of energy as well as to ensure an integrate cooperative sustainable ecosystem based management and use of the living coastal and marine resources of the Arafura and Timor Seas will undoubtedly benefit Indonesia as well as other states in the region. The regional cooperation including this forum of Indonesia, Timor-Leste, and Australia supported by various international organization is quite welcomed.

I would like, therefore, to congratulate this forum experts, participants, and all sponsors and partners for their endeavor to realizing our common interest, that is to manage and to improve environmental living condition for all, in Arafura and Timor Seas. Thank you, Obrigado,

COUNTRY STATEMENTS

By

Mr. Lourenco Borges Fontes

Director General of Ministry for Marine Affairs and Fisheries Timor-Leste

Your Excellency;

The GEF Representative for Asia and Pacific;

ATSEF Regional Coordinators from Australia, Indonesia, PNG, and Timor-Leste that I respect;

Members of the National Parliament and the members of the Government of Timor-Leste that I respect;

Representatives of the UN Agencies and NGOs;

Distinguished Guests;

Ladies and Gentlemen;

The government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, represented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, would like to express the following statement in regard to the establishment of the Secretariat of ATSEF in Timor-Leste and the implementation of ATSEA:

The Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, as a newly independent country which is geographically located between Australia and Indonesia, considers ATSEF as an important regional forum that can help Timor-Leste to address the transboundary issues of the uncontrolled overfishing, depletion of biodiversity, and utilization of the marine and coastal living resources for the wellbeing of the people who are living along the coastal zones of the Arafura and Timor seas. As part of the Least Developing Countries (LDCs), Timor-Leste needs to work in collaboration with the neighboring countries to address the regional issues that will also benefit the development of the country. As such, the involvement of Timor-Leste in ATSEF could help other member countries to solve the regional problems and similarly benefits the country itself.

We acknowledge that the establishment of the ATSEF Secretariat in Timor-Leste requires continued support from the government of Timor-Leste and from the government of other ATSEF member countries. The commitment from the government of Timor-Leste is reflected through the good willingness of the government in offering one of its premises at the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries to ATSEF – to be the Secretariat of ATSEF in Timor-Leste.

Once Again I declare that the government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste is keen to support the operation of the Secretariat of ATSEF in Timor-Leste, and is also committed to provide the necessary coordination support to succeed the execution of the activities of ATSEA.

The success of ATSEF and ATSEA is our success.

Thank you.

COUNTRY STATEMENTS

By

Dr. Purwanto

Head of Research Center for Capture Fisheries, Indonesia

First of all, we would like to appreciate the hospitality provided by the Government of Timor Leste during our stay in Dili for this important meeting and the excellent arrangement that makes this meeting fruitful.

Ladies and gentlemen,

We aware that we have common issues and common interest relating to the management and conservation of natural resources and marine environment in the Arafura and Timor seas where ATSEF can contribute to deal with significantly.

Arafura – Timor Seas can be categorised as “semi-enclosed seas”. On the basis of UNCLOS 1982 article 123, we, states bordering these semi-enclosed seas, shall endeavour (1) to coordinate the management and conservation of living resources of the seas, and (2) to coordinate the implementation of our rights and duties with respect to the protection and preservation of the environment.

Initiative to manage and conserve marine living resources in the Arafura – Timor Seas had been undertaken by formulating the ‘Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) to Promote Responsible Fishing Practices including Combating IUU Fishing in the Region’ that covers the three subregions including Arafura – Timor seas.

This RPOA had been formulated by Senior officials and had been endorsed by Ministers and their Representatives responsible for fisheries from 11 countries including Timor Leste, Australia, PNG and Indonesia.

This RPOA is a voluntary instrument and takes its core principles from already established international fisheries instruments for promoting responsible fishing practices, including the 1982 ‘United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea’, the ‘United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement’, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) ‘Compliance Agreement’ and the FAO ‘Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries’.

The implementation of this RPOA has been initiated. We are sure that ATSEF can have significant roles and contribution to the acceleration of the implementation of the RPOA. Therefore, the involvement of ATSEF in the implementation of the RPOA in the Arafura – Timor Seas is important and expected.

Ladies and gentlemen,

We believe that the Arafura and Timor Seas Ecosystem Action (ATSEA) would be a right path to the success of the management and conservation of our marine natural resources, and the protection and preservation of the marine environment in the Arafura and Timor seas for the welfare of our people. With this consideration, Indonesia supports this project.

Obrigado, Terimakasih, Thank you

COUNTRY STATEMENTS

By

Ms. Candice Mohan

Department of Environment, Water, Heritage, and Arts, Australia

*Good morning our distinguished guests,
Representatives from each of our ATSEF countries,
And from all our interest partners, including the representatives from GEF, UNDP,
who have provided the vital support required to see the ATSEA project become a
reality.*

I would like to start by thanking the government of Timor-Leste on hosting these meetings. The organization has been perfect and the gracious hospitality shown to all of us is very much appreciated. It's a great way to officially start the ATSEA project, and to mark the transition of the ATSEA Regional Secretariat to Timor-Leste.

Australia, Indonesia, and Timor-Leste have a long history of collaboration through ATSEF. Over the years, the Australian government has provided considerable support – both financially and in kind – and in return ATSEF has proven a valuable forum through which to share experiences, expertise, knowledge, and information to form valuable working relationships and new friendships as well.

Now, we come together for the official inception planning for the ATSEA project. I know that a lot of hard work has been invested over the last few years, and it is wonderful to see that hard work producing results. Congratulations to all of you.

But, I think that maybe the hard work is not yet over. The ATSEA project sets forward some ambitious goals. And we will need to continue to work together to achieve them.

The linkages between our natural environment and socio-economic conditions, and the dependence of coastal communities on marine resources for food security and livelihoods, is becoming increasingly recognized. So, too is the fact that the growing external pressures and threats to our marine and coastal ecosystems will require our collaborative efforts to find solutions.

It was with these considerations in mind that the ATSEA project was developed, and it's planned outputs will make an invaluable contribution towards achieving ecologically sustainable management and use of the living coastal and marine resources of the Arafura and Timor seas region.

Yes, it is a big project. And yes, there is much work to do. However, it is only through great effort, that we can expect to see great results. So, we should not shy away from this challenge, but embrace it wholeheartedly.

This is an exciting time for us all. And Australia feels honored to be here as part of it.

We would like to thank Indonesia for the wonderful job you have done as ATSEF Regional Secretariat for the last 4 years, including all the hard work behind the scenes for ATSEA planning.

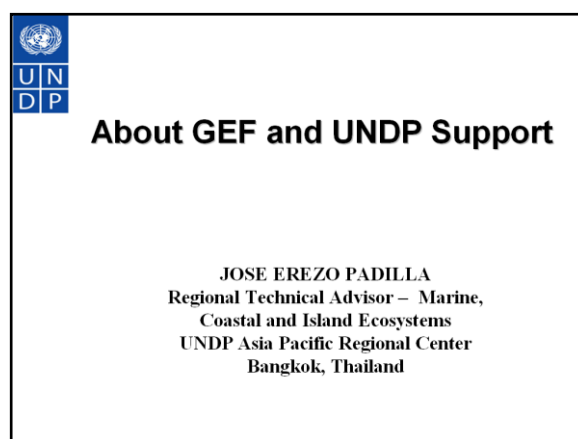
We would like to congratulate Timor-Leste for now taking on the role of ATSEF Regional Secretariat. We have every confidence that you too will do a wonderful job, and Australia will be funding by to play our role in assisting you to do so.

And we look forward to working with all of you over the coming years, in taking this important project forward and making ATSEA a great success.

APPENDIX IV MEETING MATERIALS

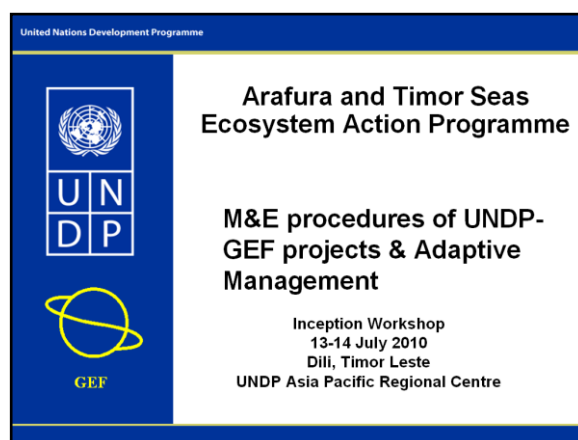
SLIDE PRESENTATION OF THE UNDP-GEF GOALS AND PROCEDURES

by
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Regional Technical Advisor, UNDP Regional Center



SLIDE PRESENTATION OF MONITORING, EVALUATION, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

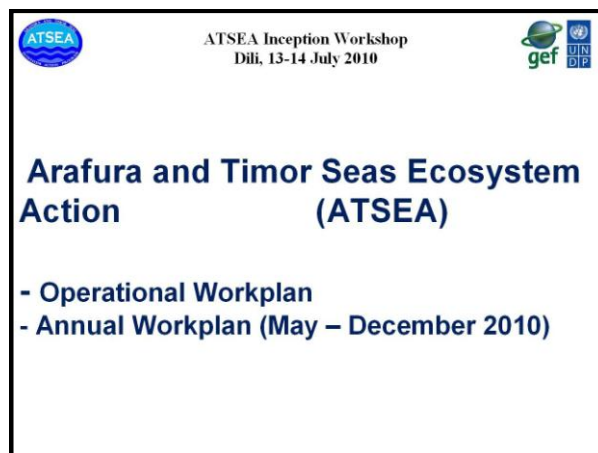
By
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**PRESENTATION TABLE OF
FOR OPERATIONAL WORK PLAN AND FIRST ANNUAL WORK PLAN**

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ANNUAL WORK PLAN TABLE



APPENDIX VI

3.1. Component 1: Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis

The main objective of this component is to develop TDA which identifies the Arafura and Timor Seas transboundary priority environmental problems, environmental & socio-economic impacts, sectoral and root causes and governance analyses. There are 2 (two) indicators of this component:

- (1) The first indicator is to have TDA finalized within 18 months. The TDA must contain the technical reports on: Biophysical profile of Arafura and Timor Seas, including fisheries and biodiversity assessment; Socio-economic and governance profile; and causal chain analysis and proposed options to address national and transboundary problems.
- (2) The second component is to have the TDA approved by high-level committee, representing the governments in the Arafura and Timor Seas region, which should include Papua New Guinea.

Dr. Wagey informed the participants of an activity involving oceanographic cruise which was launched in May, 2010. The ATSEA cruise was conducted from 10 – 17 May 2010 involving scientists from Indonesia, Timor-Leste, and Australia. The result from this cruise will be part of the TDA undertaking.

3.2. Component 2: SAP/NAP Development

In this second component, the main objective is to produce SAP and NAP for Arafura and Timor Seas region. SAP must be have identified, developed, agreed and adopted, by the government at the national and regional levels, while NAP prioritized efforts to achieve sustainable development of Arafura and Timor Seas in the national jurisdiction area.

SAP and NAP must also contains the reforms and actions that are required to effectively address the root causes of the priority transboundary issues identified in the TDA. The development of SAP and NAP must be completed within 24 months from the start of the project and endorsed at high-level government meeting by the 36th month of the project.

3.3. Component 3: SAP/NAP Implementations

SAP and NAP are implemented through Demonstration Projects of Demo Project, which addresses high priority transboundary issues identified by the TDA. Demo Project should prove the capacity of littoral nations to cooperate in implementing joint activities. GEF allows up to 3 Demonstration Project to be executed, preferably one in each country. There are (3) three indicators for this component.

- (1) All three Demo Projects must be commenced within 18 months since the start of FSP.

- (2) All Demo Projects must be completed by end of FSP, and leading to improved livelihoods (15% increases in income) among target communities and reduced pressure on marine resources.
- (3) Lessons learned for replication.

ATSEA Stakeholders already conducted an FGD about the implementation of Demo project. There will be 3 (three) Demo projects: 2 (two) national implementations for Indonesia and Timor-Leste; and 1 (one) regional implementation. Another conclusion made is the Demo Project must focus on alternative or supplementary livelihood activities in coastal communities in Indonesia and Timor Leste utilising experiences and approaches from the region and any existing ATSEF projects.

Dr. Wagey explained some examples of potential Demo Projects for further understanding based on results from several FGDs.

3.3.1. Suggestions for Demonstration Project in Indonesia

Example for Demo Project in Indonesia, should involves the development of community-based management in existing MPA, as well as provide alternative or supplementary sustainable livelihoods to improve food security and socioeconomic conditions of local communities. This could include:

- (1) Livelihood development initiatives providing local employment (e.g. business enterprises based on sustainable resource use, fisheries/aquaculture/mariculture, ecotourism supported with business planning assistance, consideration of the use of market mechanisms and economic incentives to promote sustainable fisheries practices
- (2) Indigenous led initiatives on monitoring and management of threats to biodiversity and pollution to marine environment (e.g. migratory species (e.g. turtles, dugongs, whale sharks), marine debris, quarantine)
- (3) Community-based fisheries management.

3.3.2. Suggestions for Demonstration Project in Timor-Leste

For Demo Project in Timor-Leste, should contain an improvement towards existing marine and fisheries management, local artisan fishery markets access to regional markets through capacity building, technical assistance, improved infrastructure, and regulation, and monitoring and consideration of the use of market mechanisms and economic incentives to promote sustainable fisheries practices.

Another aspect of Demo project for Timor-Leste is a new and diversification of livelihood opportunities for improved food security through community-based fisheries and sustainable aquaculture or small-scale local cultural/marine ecotourism.

3.3.3. Suggestions for Demonstration Project in Australia

Suggestion for Demo Project in Australia, should be conducted in Northern part of Australia, and include strengthening or replication of existing initiatives, related to:

- (1) Indigenous monitoring and management of threats to biodiversity and pollution to marine environment, marine debris, quarantine
- (2) Enterprise development (e.g. a range of business enterprises based on sustainable resource use, aquaculture, ecotourism providing local employment)

The Demo Project should also identified opportunities for community-based management of MPAs and sharing of traditional and co-management practices and experiences in areas of coastal and marine use and management, and sustainable enterprises development across all four nations.

One thing which must be noted for the implementation of Demo project in Australia (if any) is that the project cannot use GEF funding, because the funding for the implementation of Demo Project from GEF, are limited to Indonesia and Timor-Leste.

3.4. Component 4 : Regional Cooperation Mechanism

Dr. Wagey stressed the institutional arrangement as the main idea of Component 4. At this phase, SAP must be acknowledged by the government. Another matter should be noted is, at this phase, GEF should also acknowledge SAP as a model for a regional mechanism management. At the same time, ATSEF should be strengthened as an effective regional mechanism for the cooperative eco-system-based management of the Arafura and Timor seas region. The other important strategy is to develop a sustainable self-financing: through a regional self-financing mechanism. Indicators for Components 4 including:

- (1) Agreement on preferred regional cooperation mechanisms. Preferred model identified and agreed at SAP adoption (24 months after FSP start). And formally adopted and ready for implementation at end of FSP.
- (2) Self financing mechanism agreed, developed and in-place – including actual commitment of funds to ensure the ongoing implementation of the SAP post FSP. By end of FSP, all participating countries contribute funds to the mechanism

3.5. Component 5: Project Coordination and Management

This component involves the project office and its management. The main goal of this component is to have an effective Project Coordination & Management according to budget and workplan, including the M&E arrangements and procedures.

Indicators for this component include:

- (1) PMU established and fully operational
- (2) Regional Project Board established and fully operational
- (3) National Project Board established and fully operational
- (4) National Coordinators recruited and fully operational
- (5) M&E procedures operating

Dr. Wagey explained an ATSEA organogram that shows the role and involvements of each project components, including PMU, donors, and partners. ATSEA organigram

can be found in appendix IV. Dr. Wagey also presented the Project Schedule for the activities of ATSEA Program, which was taken from the ProDoc.

Table 1. Project Schedule

	Year / Month from FSP Commencement																																			
C = Component	Year 1												Year 2												Year 3											
A = Activity	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
C1: TDA development																																				
A1.1: SOS Conf & TDA/SAP Workshop:																																				
A1.2: Gap filling studies:																																				
A1.3: Joint scientific cruise																																				
A1.4:TDA stakeholder consultations:																																				
A1.5: Develop TDA:																																				
A1.5:TDA Adoption (special PSC):																																				
C2: SAP/NAP development																																				
A2.1: SAP/NAP stakeholder consults:																																				
A2.2: Develop SAP:																																				
A2.3:SAP Adoption (minister level):																																				
A2.4: Develop NAPs:																																				
A2.5: Adopt NAPs:																																				

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C3: SAP Initial Implementation																																				
A3.1: Agree Nat. Demo Projects:																																				
A3.2: Implement Nat. Demo Projects:																																				
A3.3: Lessons &Replication Workshop:																																				
C4.1: Future Regional Coordination																																				
A 4.1.1: Develop Options:																																				
A4.1.2: Consider Options:																																				
A4.1.3: Agree Preferred Options:																																				
C4.2: Future Self-Sustainability																																				
A4.2.1: Develop Options:																																				
A4.2.2: Consider Options:																																				
A4.2.3: Agree Preferred Options:																																				
C5: PC&M (inc. M&E)																																				
A5.1: Pre-inception workshop:																																				
A5.2: Establish PMU and Project Website:																																				
A5.3: Inception Workshop/1 st PSC meet																																				
A5.4: PSC meetings:																																				
A5.5: Employ NCs/Establish NSCs:																																				
A5.6: NSC meetings:																																				
A5.7: QPR																																				
A5.8: PIR/APR/IW TT																																				
A5.9: MTEE																																				
A5.10: FEE																																				
A.5.11: PTR																																				
A5.12: Audits																																				
A5.13: PMU Country Visits	As required →																																			

The table above shows activities of ATSEA Program up from year one until the third year. Dr Wagey also gave some suggestion concerning the upcoming activities of ATSEA project.

Notes from this session:

- (i) Dr. Wagey recommends Australia to use the existing ATSEF mechanism to run ATSEA activity.
- (ii) Future meetings of the ATSEA Project Boards should be determined, including the time, place, and agenda.

Before the workshop enters discussion, Dr. Wagey gave some pointers, as a starting subject for the upcoming discussions.

Potential Points of Discussion for ATSEA project:

- Targeted Demonstration Projects, including: topics, duration, institutional /Organizational involvement, and Co-funding
- Regional Cooperation Management (Mechanisms and Financing), including, the model/format and endorsement of: TDA/SAP and Regional Cooperation
- Project Schedule, the timeline from 3 years in the ProDoc to 4 years
- The Project Board, including: membership and meeting schedule

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