



Strengthening Marine Protected Areas to Conserve  
Marine Key Biodiversity Areas in the Philippines



# PARTNERS' FORUM

## People and the Sea

8- 12 OCTOBER 2018 | DAVAO CITY

### ABOUT THE FORUM

The SMARTSeas PH Project will host a Partners' Forum with a theme: People and the Sea on October 8 - 12, 2018 in Davao City. The Partners' Forum aims to bring together marine protected area managers from the project sites, partners from the local and national government agencies, civil society organizations, academic and research institutions, and private sector working on protection and conservation of the coastal and marine environment.

The three-day forum will be a venue for partners to exchange experiences, innovative ideas and community-based initiatives to enhance effectiveness of marine protected areas and scaling up to MPA networks, strengthen the science-policy interphase and integration at all scales, increase networking, and foster local and national collaborations.



### PROPOSED TOPICS

- Philippine Commitments to Aichi 11 and SDG 14
- National MPA Network Policy Framework
- Good practices in coastal and marine management and fisheries
- Financial solutions for MPA and networks
- Governance challenges and solutions
- Tools in improving design of MPA and capacities of managers

#### ASUL

*Advocates of the Sea and  
Life Below Water*

#### AWARD

The Project will recognize national and local partners who are the voice of the people and support the project in advocating for healthier oceans.

### PARTNERS

- Department of Environment and Natural Resources
- Department of Agriculture
- Department of Interior and Local Government
- United Nations Development Programme
- National Economic and Development Authority
- Biodiversity Management Bureau
- Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
- Conservation International Philippines Foundation, Inc.
- Haribon Foundation
- Kabang Kalikasan ng Pilipinas Foundation, Inc.
- Rare Philippines
- National Fisheries Research and Development Institute
- University of the Philippines - Marine Science Institute
- Department of Social Welfare and Development
- Department of Tourism
- League of Provinces, Cities and Municipalities of the Philippines
- National Anti-Poverty Commission
- National Commission on Indigenous People
- Marine Protected Area Management Bodies
- Private sector



Time	8 October	9 October	10 October		11 October	
800	Ingress	Registration				
830		Opening Ceremonies	Plenary 2: Panel discussion on the passage of a National MPAN Policy Framework to ensure biodiversity conservation (TBL by DENR, with reps by DA, and DILG)		Plenary 4: Initiatives from Private Sector, Women, IP, Academe, Youth Sector to ensure biodiversity conservation	
1000		Health Break				
1030		Plenary 1: Philippine commitments to Aichi and SDGs; “State of MPAs and Networks in the Philippines”	Session 3: Financial Solutions for MPA and networks	Session 4: MPA/N Governance solutions and challenges	Session 6: CleanSeas Pilipnas	Session 7: Adopt-an-MPA
1045						
1100						
1115						
1130		Press Conference, Opening of exhibits and posters				
1145						
1200	Set-up	Lunch				
1300		Session 1A: Good Practices on Outcome 1 e.g., design, stakeholder engagement, LGU buy-in	Session 1C: Good Practices on Outcome 2 (ROI on investment) e.g. Bindoy	Plenary 3: Programs ensuring best practices in CRM and fisheries  Policies and initiatives ensuring biodiversity conservation and MPA management		Closing Ceremony of the Summit
1315						
1330						
1345						
1400						
1415	Health Break					
1430	Registration	Session 1B: Influencing behavior (e.g., Amlan, Cortes)	Session 1D: Good Practices on Outcome 3 e.g., Law enforcement	cont. Session 3: Financial Solutions for MPA and networks	Session 5: Toolkits M&E System for MPAN Competence Standards CCRES MSP	Egress
1445						
1500						
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1700						
1800	Dinner		Partners' Night ASUL Award <i>Advocates of the Sea and Life Below Water</i> Champions from sites			