



Asia Pacific Regional CSO Engagement Mechanism

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Comes into the matter that protecting marine areas in Asia Pacific region will further contribute to the poverty reduction in the Asia Pacific region by commitment to improving health for the ocean to further enable to increase the income source of millions of people whose lives depend on fisheries particularly of those 90 percent of fisher and fish farmers in the Asia Pacific region that are smallscale. Some concerning issues highlight towards the on going marine pollutions of the industrial waste, overfishing practice, IUU fishing, largescale marine conversion for tourism, carbon capture and storage affected the seabed, land coastal and freshwater grabbing, marine terrestrial conflicts, militarization, foreign investment, energy exploration such as gas leads to ocean pollutions, Waste from vessels and ships from the ocean, marine litter, GE in fishes and seafood. All of those issues subsequently threaten to harmful marine ecology and ocean, contributed to a significant decrease the income of smallscale fisherfolks families, eliminating smallscale artisan from the value chain system, climate change impact worsening, major displacement of fisherfolks, coastal and rural communities, resources exploitation, social conflicts and rural poverty.

There are some existing and emerging challenges such as the weakness of governance systems, waste management changes, lack towards data management, lack of implementation of coast conservation, CSO participation in the region

We recognize the efforts of the Asia Pacific governments to increase marine protected areas, We as CSO hope that it will be effectively implemented in the national and local level. We recognize that there is a growing momentum towards ocean and seas to provide a framework for regional seas action plan in achieving SDG 14 target which put in place new and existing regional and global mechanisms such as UNCLOS (UN Convention on the Law of the Sea), Pacific Preparatory Meeting for the Global Oceans Conference, the Upcoming UNEA 3 that will be focused on 3 major resolutions on marine litter, coral reef management and oceans and seas and the opportunity towards UN high level ocean conference on goal 14 that will be call for voluntary actions, partnership and commitment to implement goal 14 in the global levels.

We recognize the interlinkage of Goal 14 among other goal 1 poverty reduction, goal 2 food and nutrition security, goal 5 gender equality, goal 6 Clean water and sanitation, goal 7 climate change, goal 12. responsible consumption and production, goal 13 climate change, goal 15 terrestrial ecosystem, goal 16. Rule of Law. Goal 17. MOI

We urge the governments to:

- Enhance the participation of fisherfolks, coastal and rural communities in the planning, implementation, review mechanism and knowledge sharing at all levels
- Enabling regulations to protect access of fisherfolks, coastal and rural communities towards marine resources
- Enabling policy coherence at all level that enabling development justice that putting people first and conserve environment
- More joint action plans for marine preservation and ocean resources