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Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project

Through framework agreements, the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB) through the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH provides grants to the three Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion (SSME) countries, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines and Conservation International (partner NGO) to support the implementation of the components of the SSME Comprehensive Action Plan (SSME-CAP).

OBJECTIVES

- Develop, adopt, implement and monitor climate-smart spatial development plans that explicitly incorporate mitigation approaches as well as ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change, and learn through their joint implementation
- Coordinate actions more effectively within the framework of the SSME Comprehensive Action Plans and jointly and effectively implement selected bi- or tri-national projects on (a) MPA and MPA Networks; (b) Sustainable Fisheries and Livelihoods; and (c) Threatened, Migratory and Charismatic Species

COMPONENTS

1. Enhancing capacities of relevant government institutions to develop and implement climate smart spatial development plans for coastal areas and seascapes.
2. Developing and enhancing coordination mechanisms between countries of SSME to implement the SSME comprehensive action plan.
3. Preparing and implementing selected bi- or tri-national projects.
4. Conducting research and disseminating results relevant for management use.
5. Disseminating best practices in SSME and CT1 member countries.

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SECTORS	Environment, Coastal and Marine
REGIONS	IVB; ARMM
PROVINCE	Palawan; Tawi-Tawi



Dr. Rizza Salinas of DENR-BMB (woman on the left) is conducting laparoscopy on a sea turtle at the Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park as part of the science-based research for the expansion of the tri-national sea turtle MPA network of the Marine Research Foundation. This activity is supported by the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project funded by BMUB through GIZ.

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