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- 2nd WESTPAC Workshop on Marine Spatial Planning -
Chonburi, Thailand, 14-16 October 2025

FINAL PROGRAMME

Background information about the Workshop, please visit [here](#).

Day 1, Tuesday 14 October 2025		
0830-0900	Registration	<i>Pechpailin Room, 3rd floor, the Garden Wing Building</i>
0900-0930	Session 1: Setting the Context	<i>(Chaired by Wenxi Zhu)</i>
	• Opening remarks	Ukkrit Satapoonmin , Deputy Director General, Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, Thailand
	• Congratulatory remarks	Hansan Park , IOC Vice-Chair
	• Acknowledgements and workshop orientation	Wenxi Zhu , Head, IOC Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific & UN Ocean Decade Coordination Office for the region, IOC/UNESCO
0930-1000	Keynote Collaboration, Marine Spatial Planning, and Blue Economy	Suharyanto Suharyanto , Principal Expert, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia
1000-1030	Group Photo & Coffee Break	
1030-1050	• Self-introduction	<i>Each will take less than 20 seconds</i>
1050-1230	Session 2: MSP Developments and Trends in the Region <i>(Chaired by Zhiwei Zhang & Imania Ariandina)</i>	
	This session will highlight MSP developments in the Western Pacific, as well as key challenges and opportunities. National experts and representatives will present the status of MSP development in respective countries, covering:	
	a. Policy and legislative framework; b. Institutional and technical support; c. Current MSP status and outcomes; d. Challenges and opportunities; and e. Future plans	
	• Cambodia	Meas Rithy , Dept. Marine and Coastal Zone Management, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia- (Video)
	• China	Zhuo Li , National Marine Data and Information Service, Ministry of Natural Resources, China
	• Indonesia	Abdi Tunggal Priyanto , Director of Marine Spatial Planning, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia
	• Japan	Kazumi Wakita , Tokai University--(Video)

	Korea	Moon-Suk Lee , Korea Institute of Ocean Science & Technology
1230-1330	Lunch break	
1330-1500	Malaysia	Mohamad Sabri Ahmad , Town and Country Planning Department, State of Perlis Malaysia & Sazlina Salleh , Center for Policy Research, Universiti Sains Malaysia
	Philippines	Kim Cyrus M. Miranda , Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Ocean Environment Task Force & Anthon Mark Jay Rivas , Filipino Innovators, Researchers and Educators Organization Inc.
	Thailand	Chanokphon Jantharakhantee , Department of Marine and Coastal Resources, Thailand
	Fiji	Arpana Pratap , Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF)
	Viet Nam	Pham Van Lam , Seas and Islands Use Management Department, Vietnam Agency of Seas and Islands, Ministry of Agriculture and Environment, Viet Nam-(Cancelled due to being hospitalized)
1500-1520	Coffee Break	
1520-1540	Session 3: Implementation of the UN 21: Accelerate MSP in the Western Pacific <i>(Chaired by Arpana Pratap)</i> This session will review the development progress on the UN Ocean Decade Action 21: Accelerating Marine Spatial Planning in the Western Pacific, which was initiated by the IOC Sub-Commission in collaboration with Member States in the region.	
	3.1 Overall Progress on the UN21	Zhiwei Zhang , First Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources & UN 21 Support Office
1540-1710	3.2 Practice sharing from the UN 21 demonstration sites. This session will share practical experiences from six UN21 demonstration sites in Cambodia, China, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, and Thailand, showcasing each country's efforts and achievements in advancing MSP under diverse ecological and socio-economic contexts. The presentations will cover: - Background of the demonstration site; - Objectives and focus areas – specific MSP challenges and priorities being addressed; - Key practices and progress; - Lessons learned and challenges, and - Future outlook.	
	Koh Rong Marine National Park, Cambodia	Zhao Qiwei , National Ocean Technology Center, Meas Rithy, Dept. Marine and Coastal Zone Management, Ministry of Environment, Cambodia
	Kedungsepur and Muara Demak, Indonesia	Yudiarso Permana , Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia
	Jeollanam-do, Korea	Moon-Suk Lee , Korea Institute of Ocean Science and Technology
	Qinzhou City, China	Chen Ma , First Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources, China

	Chonburi, Thailand	Sakanan Plathong , Faculty of Science, Prince of Songkla University, Thailand
1710-1740	3.3 Capacity development and technique development	Zhen Guo , First Institute of Oceanography, Ministry of Natural Resources, China & Sakanan Plathong , Prince of Songkla University, Thailand

Day 2, Wednesday 15 October 2025		
0900-0910	Recap on Day 1	
0910-1050	3.4 Cooperation with and support of partners and donor agencies (Chaired by Sazlina Salleh)	
	MSPglobal 3.0	Niccolo Bassan , MSPglobal Associate Officer
	China Ocean Development Foundation (CODF)	Xinchun Pan , Secretary General--(Video)
	Pacific Islands Development Forum (PIDF)	Arpana Pratap , Director Blue Economy
	Swedish Agency for Marine and Water Management (SwAM)	“Cumulative Impact Assessment and Transboundary MSP” Ingela Isaksson & Wilhelm Gårdmark , Senior Analyst
	WWF-Malaysia	“Partnering for Marine Spatial Planning and Biodiversity Conservation” Nurfatin Wahida Puspa , Marine Lead Policy
	UNEP/GEF South China Sea SAP project	“Ongoing effort and future plan” Reynaldo F Molina , Project Management Support Specialist
1050-1110	Coffee Break	
1110-1125	3.5 Regional Action Framework for the Western Pacific (2025-2030)	
1125-1155	Special Session I: MSP Toolkit Development and Practice This session provides a practical introduction to the MSP Toolkit, developed to support national and local marine spatial planning. Participants will be provided with an overview of its key components- InVEST, Marxan, remote sensing, AI, and Digital Twins- followed by a live demonstration (or video) of a core tool (e.g., InVEST or Marxan). The demo will walk through the process from input to simulation and map output, highlighting how the Toolkit can help identify conflicts and analyze trade-offs.	
1155-1220	Special Session II: RAM and training opportunities from the MSPglobal3.0 This session will introduce the MSPglobal Rapid Assessment Methodology (RAM) with a particular focus on the country applications, including experiences from Fiji and Thailand. Participants will be invited to explore how the RAM can support the implementation of national and regional MSP processes, and how countries, experts, and practitioners can actively support its uptake. The session will also present the recently launched MSPglobal 3.0 project, highlighting the upcoming series of online and in-person MSP-related trainings building on the tools and guidelines developed under MSPglobal 2.0.	

1220-1235	Preparing for the field visit	<i>Chanokphon Jantharakhantee, Director, MPAs Management Sub-division, DMCR, Thailand</i>
1235-1325	Lunch Break	
1330-1730	Session 4: Field Visit This session will take all participants to the MSP demonstration site- Chonburi, Thailand, providing opportunities to interact with stakeholders and gain a deeper understanding of MSP efforts in support of ecosystem conservation and blue economy development. The relevant logistical arrangements are outlined in the Logistical Note provided to all participants, with further details to be communicated at a later stage.	

Day 3, Thursday 16 October 2025		
0900-0930	Recap on Day 2, including the field visit	
0930-1230	Session 5: Group Discussions- Brainstorming the Way Forward This session will be conducted as group discussions. Participants will be divided into three or four groups to deliberate on actionable potential initiatives/activities in the four Areas of Actions: <i>i. Knowledge support;</i> <i>ii. Capacity development, awareness, and engagement;</i> <i>iii. Demonstration, good practices; and</i> <i>iv. Innovative financing and funding opportunities.</i> Each group will identify a facilitator and rapporteur. Members in each group will not only share their ongoing efforts and experience, but, more importantly, provide actionable suggestions for joint activities that could be initiated, developed, or implemented at national and regional levels over the next two years and beyond, up to 2030. Note: Please always keep in mind of “What, How, Who, When, and Where”.	
1230-1400	Lunch break	
1400-1530	Session 5 (Con’d) Each group shall start to summarize and prepare its group report.	
1540-1600	Coffee break	
1600-1640	Session 6: Plenary Discussions <i>(Chaired by Wenxi Zhu)</i> Each group’s rapporteur will report the group’s discussions to the plenary, after which all participants will engage in a collective discussion to formulate an actionable plan for the next two years and beyond	
1640-1700	Session 7: Wrap-up and Closing	