

Blue Horizon: Ocean Relief through Seaweed Aquaculture in Southeast Asia
Validation Workshop
18 February 2022, Friday, 9-12am

Background

The project, Blue Horizon: Ocean Relief through Seaweed Aquaculture in the Philippines and Vietnam is designed to create new sustainable seaweed value chains that will deliver ecosystem services and provide socioeconomic benefits.

The project has four components:

1. Regional capacity building for seaweed aquaculture
2. Enabling Environment for Seaweed Aquaculture in Philippines and Viet Nam
3. Seaweed Value Chains (production + processing)
4. Knowledge Management, M&E, and IW Learn

Workshop Objectives

The project preparation grant (PPG) process is in its final stage. The workshop aims to review the draft project document before finalization and submission.

Specifically, the workshop aims to:

1. Present and validate the draft project document and explain its key features
2. Solicit feedback and comments from stakeholders on the key project features and proposed institutional arrangements
3. Explain next steps for the finalization and submission of the ProDoc

Target Participants:

Participants for this validation workshop are expected to come from key national and regional government agencies, non-government organizations, academe, research institutions, seaweed farmers' cooperative, private sector

Agenda for the Validation Workshop

Time	Activity	Responsible Person
9:00am- 9:20am	Opening Ceremony	Facilitator
	Prayer	
	Messages	Wilfredo J. Obien Director DENR Foreign Assisted and Special Projects Service Rachel Kaplan Project Manager WWF GEF Agency
9:20- 9:25	Overview of Project Preparation Grant process	Jee Grace Suyo
9:25- 10:00	Presentation of the Project Design -Regional -Country -Philippines	Pete Bueno Michael Y. Roleda
10:00- 10:10	Safeguards	Erika Drazen, WWF US
10:10- 10:30	Break	
10:30-10:45	Implementation Arrangement	Michael Y. Roleda
10:45-11:15	Stakeholder Engagement Plan & Gender Action Plan	Jee Grace Suyo
11:15-11:45	Open Forum	Facilitator
11:45- 11:50	Next steps	Luz Baskinas, WWF
11:50- 12:00	Impressions	Dennis Togonon BFAR