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# An Overview of the Coral Triangle Area and Its Link to Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction

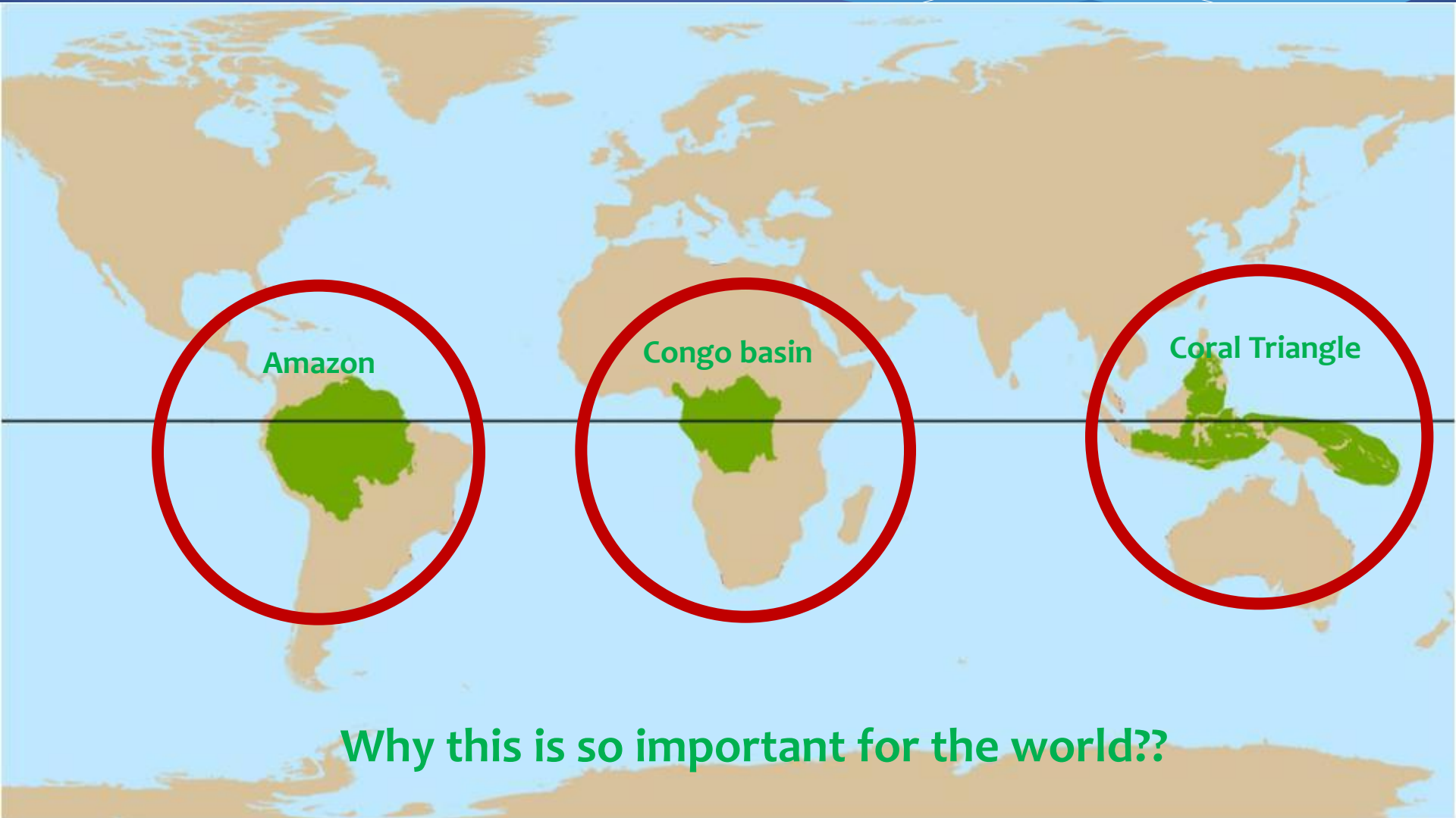
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# Where is the Coral Triangle Area ?



Why this is so important for the world??

# The Coral Triangle

(1.6% of CT is Sea: 5.7 million km<sup>2</sup> (2.3 million mi<sup>2</sup>))

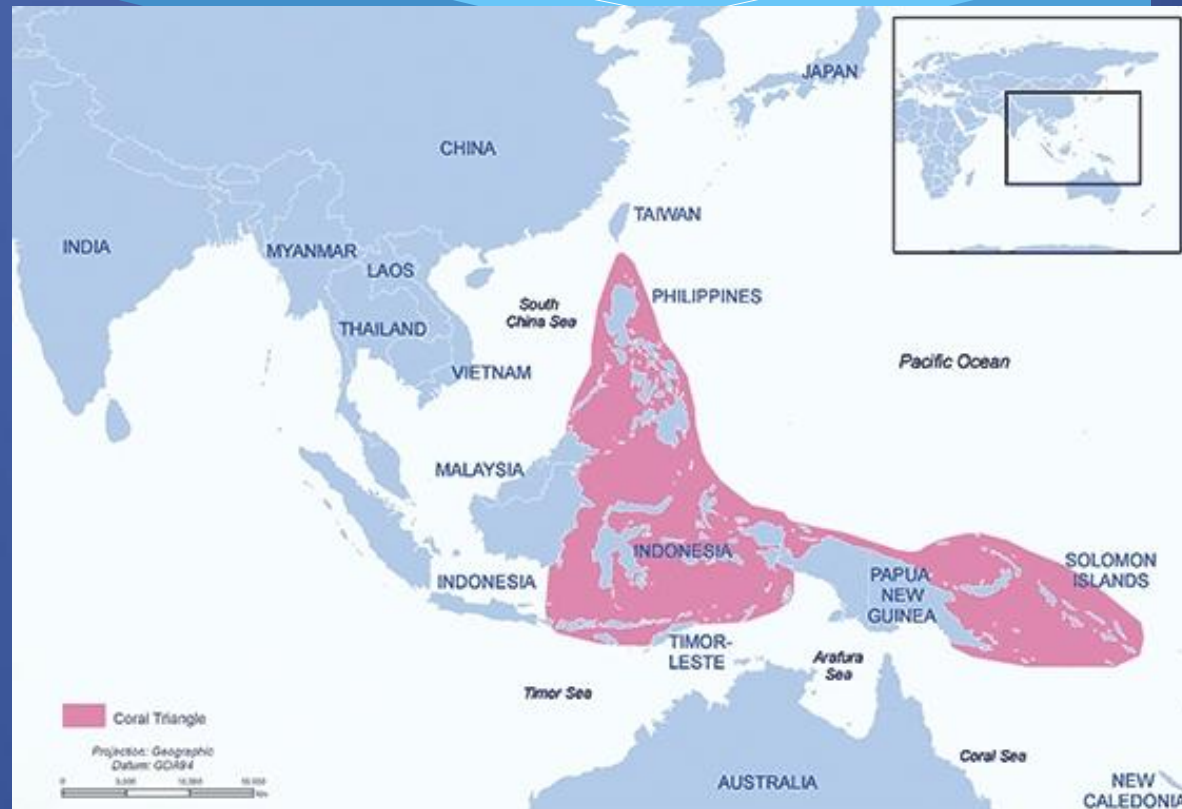


“Amazon of the Seas”

- Epicenter of Global Marine Biodiversity
- Over 76% (600+) of coral species
- About 37% (3000+) species of reef fish
- 6 out of 7 marine turtle species
- Over 53% of world’s coral reefs
- Largest extent of mangrove forests in world
- Six Countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste

# The Coral Triangle

- Supports **36 million people of whom 120 million** are directly dependent on it for livelihood, food security and way of life
- Up to **90% of fish and marine resources** in the Coral Triangle are at immediate risk from range of factors i.e. overfishing, unsustainable fishing practices, pollution and climate change



# APEC Summit 2007





Coral Triangle Initiative  
on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security

# SUMMIT

Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia  
15 March 2009



Leaders from the Coral Triangle Countries at CTI Summit, from left: The Prime Minister of Solomon Islands, H.E. Derek Sikua, The President of the Democratic Republic of Timor Leste, H.E. Ramos Horta, The President of The Republic of Indonesia, H.E. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, The President of the Republic of the Philippines, H.E. Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, The Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea, H.E. M. Somare and the Prime Minister of Malaysia, H.E. Najib Razak.

# Links of CT Area and ABNJ

- \* **CT Areas: a combined 6 national jurisdictions, but now also looking at the influence of processes within ABNJ**
- \* **Dynamics of oceanographic and marine phenomena in ABNJ will impact the CT areas**
- \* **Interest of CT areas :**
  - \* **potential extraction of deep-sea mineral and hydrocarbon in ABNJ = potential environmental degradation**
  - \* **marine and land-based sources of pollution**
  - \* **climate change impacts (rising sea temperatures have increased threats to reefs)**
  - \* **ecological connectivity between CT area and ABNJ**

# Goal # 1:

## Priority Seascapes Designated and Effectively Managed



LESSER SUNDA AND  
BANDA SEASCAPE



BIRD HEAD  
BISMARCK



SULU SULAWESI  
SEASCAPE

**Objective #1:** Priority seascape programs identified, with investment plans developed and sequenced

**Objective #2:** Priority seascapes programs fully functional



# About Seascape

- \* A seascape is a large marine management area defined by ecological considerations.
- \* Designation means that the seascape is recognized by national and/or trans-boundary/international agreements.
- \* The target for this goal is to designate a set of priority seascapes across the Coral Triangle to serve as the geographic focus of major investments and action during 2010 to 2020.

# Seascape Goals

- \* “Priority seascapes designated and effectively managed”.
- \* Comprehensive *Seascape Investment Plans* for each priority seascape are completed, along with an overall scheme for the sequencing of investments across the 10-year timeframe of the *CTI Plan of Action*.
- \* As the first goal under the RPOA, functional seascapes are viewed as a comprehensive approach to ecosystem-based management through which the other four CTI goals under the RPOA may be supported and integrated.
- \* The large-scale characteristic of seascapes makes it appealing in use in trans-boundary and multi-national contexts.

# The Interlink Pathway between CT Area and ABJ

- \* Information and knowledge transfer in various forms to increase awareness of stakeholders and the related agencies
  - \* Awareness of ABNJ : definition and linkages to national and regional interests
- \* Improving capacity building
- \* Flagship ecological connectivity;
- \* ABNJ and Ocean Governance;
- \* Linking Seascape concept with Oceanscape of Pacific
- \* Networking;

# Thank You/*Terima kasih/* *Maraming Salamat Po'/Tanggiyo tumas /Obrigado*



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