MPA SUPPORT NETWORK
The Marine Science Institute, University of the Philippines – Diliman, Quezon City

Rationale

The Philippines is known for its long history and experience with marine protected area (MPA) establishment and management. Through national legislations such as the Philippine Fisheries Code and the Local Government Code, MPAs have become the most widely used fisheries management strategy. This is because MPAs are seen as a means to alleviate the impacts of severe fishing pressure, and restore coastal and marine ecosystems. Various institutions all over the country have initiated and supported communities and local governments to implement MPAs. This sporadic increase and site-specific actions have made it difficult to consolidate information on MPAs. Hence, the MPA Support Network (MSN) was established as a means to gather various institutions, from the academe, government agencies and non-government organizations, to share learning experiences and consolidate data. The MPA database of the MSN which is housed and managed by the Marine Science Institute (MSI) at the University of the Philippines – Diliman, Quezon City. Originally, the MPA database was created by the various projects of MSI, but it has been expanded to include the MPAs initiated and supported by other members of MSN. The database is a continuously growing and evolving databank, which now includes information on MPA establishment, location, and management performance.

Steps to access the Philippine MPA Database of MSN

1) Fill-up a request form below, and address and email it to Prof. Porfirio M. Aliño – MSN Coordinator – mpa.support.network@gmail.com. In the subject header state: REQUEST – Access to the MSN MPA Database.

2) Once the form is received, the MPA Database committee will evaluate and process your request within one month.

3) Once your request has been approved, the committee will send you a Database Access & Use Agreement to sign and send back.

4) The committee will then send you a copy of the requested information.

5) Denied requests will be accompanied by a written explanation and recommendations.
We will try to respond to your request in **one month**. If we have not replied to your request within the given period, please resend the form. Thank you!

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