



BLUE ABADI FUND NEWS

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BAF GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Until the second semester in 2020, the Covid 19 pandemic has repelled various lines of life. Even so, there are still work spaces that cannot be stopped, for example, the protection of marine conservation in the Bird's Head region of West Papua.

In response to this, KEHATI as the Administrator of the Blue Abadi Fund (BAF) strives to ensure that a series of programs continues and important decisions can be agreed upon by organizing an online BAF Government Committee (GC) Meeting via zoom.

Held on **September 3, 2020**, the 8th GC meeting has connected all GC members as the highest decision makers, members of the advisory committees (SCAC, LRC, and IAC) and administrators of the Blue Abadi Fund, that are spreading from Jakarta, Bali, Papua, Auckland-New Zealand, to Arlington-Denver-the United States.



The 8th GC Meeting lead by Mr. Gellwynn Jusuf

This meeting resulted in several important decisions. The first decision was GC approval on off-cycle grants to be awarded to 6 grantees. The focus of activities in this cycle are the patrol

of regional and customary marine conservation areas, as well as monitoring of key species. The continuation of these activities are particularly important since thefts or destruction of natural resources still occur during the pandemic.

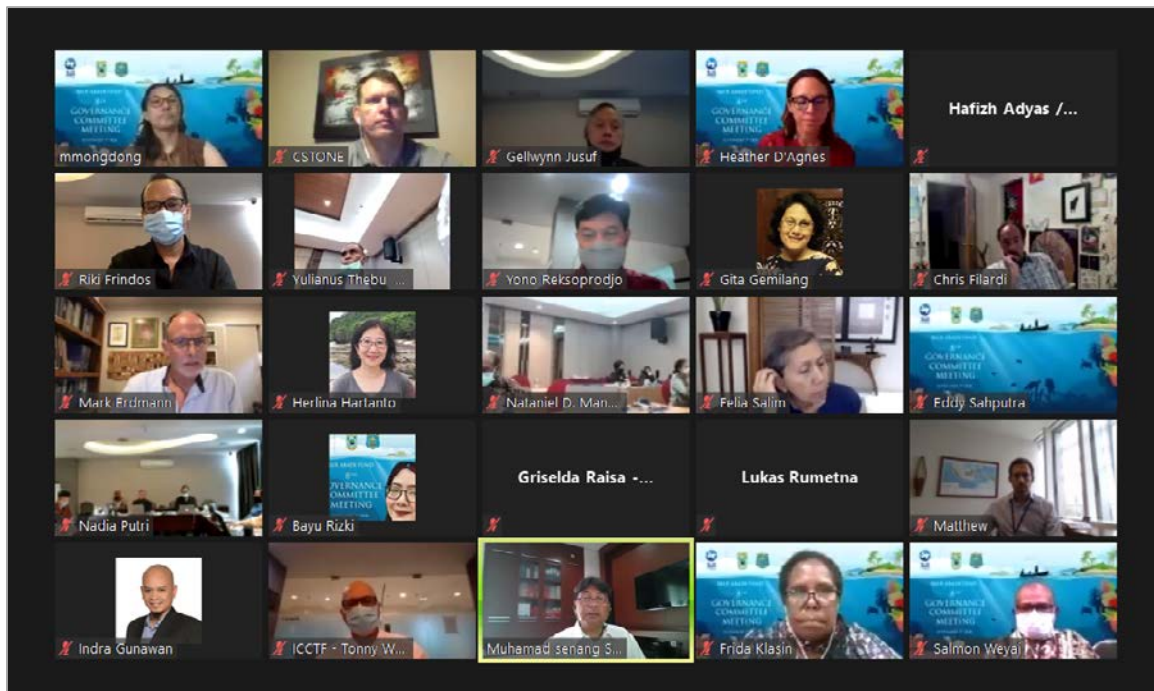


Applying the COVID-19 prevention protocol, the GC meeting was attended by the Regional Secretary of Prov. West Papua as the Representative of the Government of West Papua, the Representative of the West Papua People's Assembly (MRPB), and the Representative academics from UNIPA.

The second decision was GC agreement and approval to amend several articles in the BAF Operational Manual. Among them are (i) the entry of Nia Tero to become a new member of the GC as a follow-up to Nia Tero's support to the BAF, (ii) a special "grant ratio" for funding for West Papuan civil society organizations including the Customary Council, and (iii) improvement of the scope/tasks of the Science and Conservation Advisory Committee (SCAC) and Local Representative Community (LRC) to jointly provide considerations in the assessment of incoming proposals to access BAF funding. The updated roles of SCAC and LRC are expected to create a balance of proposal

assessment criteria, between technical aspects of marine conservation, social, MPA management, as well as aspects of culture, indigenous peoples, and gender. Through this new perspective, the role of local communities

will be very important in planning, implementing, monitoring, and the sustainability of conservation programs in the Bird's Head Seascape, West Papua.



The participants of 8th Governance Committee Meeting

BAF OFF-CYCLE GRANT

Following up on the decision of the 8th GC Meeting regarding the approval of “Memo: Off-Cycle BAF Grant Funding” with the support of WFF emergency funds and remaining USAID funds, since **late September 2020**, the Administrator has started the due diligence and grant agreements process based on the readiness of each Primary partner that had been approved by the GC. They are:

- (1) Yayasan Penyu Papua (YPP)
- (2) Kelompok Masyarakat Pengawas (Pokmaswas) Nusa Matan
- (3) Yayasan Nazaret Papua (YNP),
- (4) Lembaga Penelitian dan Pengabdian Masyarakat (LPPM) UNIPA.

BLUD UPTD KKPD Kep. Raja Ampat and Misool Baseftin Foundation (YMB) have received this off-cycle funding directly through CI since mid-May 2020.

This BAF Off-Cycle grant support will ended on June 30, 2021. With the process of writing reports by grantee partners and checking the completeness of reports by the Administrator, it is hoped that this Off-Cycle grant will be closed by the end of August 2021.

Additional Off-Cycle Grant

After consulting with WFF and USAID, CI and KEHATI as BAF Administrators received approval to distribute additional off-cycle grants as contained in the BAF Off-Cycle Grant Memo. Considering the limited time for the implementation of activities, the allocation of additional funds is prioritized for grant recipients who have been approved by the GC, namely YPP and LPPM UNIPA with a focus on activities:

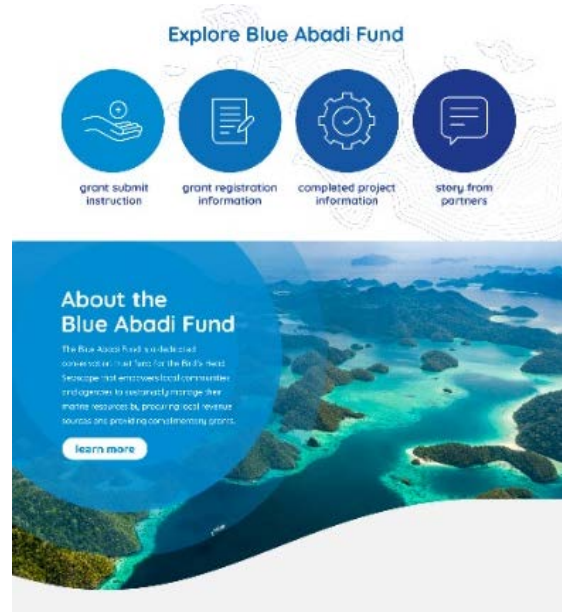
- (1) Drafting and disseminating customary regulations regarding the protection of Wayag Island and marine ecosystem in Raja Ampat,

- (2) Joint supervision and patrol on the implementation of customary regulations,
- (3) Implementation of Coral Reef Health Monitoring,

- (4) Implementation of Socio-Economic Surveys, as well as
- (5) Socialization of Marine Protected Areas and Conducting a Workshop on 2019 BHS Status.

BLUE ABADI FUND WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT

As mandated by USAID's support for the Blue Abadi Initiative, KEHATI as the Administrator has selected and appointed vendors for the development of the Blue Abadi Fund website in mid-October 2020. Development of this website is expected to receive inputs from members of GC and Advisories Committee and is planned to be launched for publicly access by the end of January 2021. Accordingly, the Administrator team with the support of TA Communication works in parallel to gather information and conduct interviews to fill in necessary material to be published in the website.



Draft of Blue Abadi Fund website