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### MDPI attends the Boston Seafood Expo



*Deirdre and Stephani at the Seafood Expo Boston, USA. Photo credit: MDPI*

MDPI's Program & Science Director, Deirdre Duggan and Supply Chain Manager, Stephani Mangunsong, attended the Boston Seafood Expo from 9 – 15 March 2018.

The Boston Seafood Expo and Seafood Processing Expo is the biggest seafood trade event in North America and therefore, it was a great opportunity for MDPI to introduce our work and to expand our network of partners.

During the expo, MDPI attended various panels and meetings with donors, seafood buyers, industry stakeholders, technology providers, certification standards and existing collaborators.

One such meeting was about the establishment of an Indonesian Coastal Tuna Sustainability Alliance (ICSTA) with IPNLF, AP2HI, Marine Change and USAID Oceans. The aim of the alliance is to act as a unified voice and to collaborate on initiatives related to improving pole and line and handline tuna fisheries in Indonesia. MDPI also met with SFP to discuss collaboration on shared issues across Fisheries Improvement Projects.

The Expo was also a good opportunity to become involved in new projects within the Southeast Asian region. Once such project is the FishWise SALT initiative for improving traceability and legality in fisheries. SALT is due to have an Asian stakeholder meeting during the summer and MDPI looks forward to contributing to the initiative.

In addition to these meetings, there were panels on a variety of topics, such as South East Asian tuna FIPs, traceability workshops, IUU fishing and certification standards. The presentations are available from the [Seafood Expo website](#).

### MDPI Updates from March

- Fair Trade audit in Bitung, North Sulawesi
- Deployed I-Fish mobile app in Sangihe and Manado sites
- Attending the Southeast Asian Fisheries Technical Advisory meeting in Bangkok
- MDPI staff being trained in using the Flywire camera with deployment planned for Manado

- Supporting vessel measurement for small fishers in Parigi, Maluku and Pulau Nain, North Sulawesi
- Supporting the mid-term review of USAID OCEANS projects
- Attending the Boston Seafood Expo
- Internal Supply Chain department workplan meeting
- Data Management Committee (DMC) Tolitoli, Central Sulawesi
- I-Fish Data Communication Cruiseship in Tolitoli, Central Sulawesi
- Supervision of data collection activity in USAID OCEANS site
- Join the MSC capacity building training organised by AP2HI in Jakarta
- Fair Trade coordination meeting in Ambon
- Coordination meeting with USAID SEA partner in Ternate
- Coordination meeting with USAID SEA Project partner in Ambon
- USAID SEA Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning updates in Ambon
- Finalisation of MEL requirements with USAID SEA, April 10
- Quarterly report to DKP Halmahera Selatan, 1<sup>st</sup> week of April
- DMC North Maluku, 2<sup>nd</sup> week of April
- Conduct training for new staff (3 new USAID SEA sites) on MDPI activities and supervise I-Fish app and vessel registration, 3<sup>rd</sup> week of April
- DMC Maluku, 4<sup>th</sup> week of April

We are sad to say goodbye to Allison Stock, our Fisheries Improvement Consultant, but happy for her new challenging endeavor in her native home Canada. Check our [website](#) regularly for new job openings!

### Fun Fact

After hatching on beaches around the world, sea turtles undertake multi-year, epic migrations at sea. Many years later, they will return to the exact spot where they were born to mate and lay their own eggs.

Scientists know that the turtles, navigate at sea by sensing the invisible lines of the magnetic field, similar to how sailors use latitude and longitude. But they didn't know how the turtles were able to return to the very spot where they were born.

Now a new study has the answer: The turtles also rely on Earth's magnetic field to find their way home.

[Source](#) – National Geographic

### Upcoming April activities

- Fishers training in Maluku and North Sulawesi
- The development of Fair Trade communication materials
- Reviewing Marine Change report on Premium Fund spending in Fair Trade sites and decide which suggestions to implement, April 4
- Assessment of TraceTales in other processing plants in Bitung, North Sulawesi