

# GMA off to Indonesia for 70-nation ocean talks

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President Arroyo is going on a two-day trip to Manado, Indonesia on Wednesday to join other heads of state in the region in an unprecedented meeting on protecting the world's oceans, including the critical Coral Triangle ecosystem in Southeast Asia, to mitigate the effects of global warming.

Press Secretary Cerge Remonde said Mrs. Arroyo will "take a very quick trip" to Manado for the World Ocean Conference (WOC) to push the advocacy of the Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI) that promotes "preservation and the protection of our marine resources and our coral reefs, and that in essence is the objective of the President's trip."

"We have mutual interests in

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Mother and daughter enjoy the sand and surf in Boracay, whose beaches are considered world-class.

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