



# **CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE**

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

## **Annex 10.1**

### **Decision Document on Seascapes Working Group**

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**The 12<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-12)**

**1 - 2 November 2016  
Laguna Hotel, Waigani Drive  
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea**

**Adopted on 2 November 2016  
by  
the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,  
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

## I. Background

In response to a decision made by SOM11 in Manado, Indonesia, the Seascapes Working Group conducted the Southeast Asia Mini REX on December 8-10 in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia to generate insights and inputs from the SEA member countries on how to refine the CTI Seascapes General Model and Framework as a way of creating large-scale cooperative marine management that is based on an integrated ecosystem-based management (EBM) approach. Then in April 26-28, 2016, the WG held another workshop to review and revise the Framework document incorporating the CT6 national and regional comments.

However, in this workshop, several issues and concerns were raised by member countries and partners on the concept of seascapes particularly on linking seascapes to existing management regimes and how to operationalize seascapes at the regional level. Hence, it was agreed to move back the conduct of the Regional Exchange which was targeted in October 2016 to finalize the CTI-CFF General Model and Framework in time for presentation to SOM12. Instead the WG decided to hold another workshop in November 2016 to flesh out the arising concerns and issues of the member countries and partners. In effect, another SOM11 decision was not also accomplished which was to complete the Seascapes monitoring and evaluation indicators.

To facilitate the accomplishments and targets of the SWG, Conservation International hired a Seascapes Working Group Coordinator effective June 7, 2016 with funding support from the Government of Australia.

## II. Decision

Based on the presentation by the WG and discussions during the session on *Technical Working Group Reports - Seascapes* at SOM12, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Recognized the progress made at the national level on the Seascapes Targets of the Regional and National Plans of Action;
2. Recognized the progress made in the development of the CTI Seascapes General Model;
3. Tasked the WG to finalize the CTI-CFF Seascapes General Model and Framework as well as complete the Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators by SOM 13;

4. Tasked Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, and Solomon Islands to revisit the Memorandum of Understanding on Bismarck Solomon Seas Ecoregion and hold discussions to advance the implementation of the BSSE; and
5. Endorsed the SWG Work Plan.

**Attachments:**

1. Seascapes Working Group Report for SOM12
2. Report of the Seascapes Writeshop (Framework document)
3. Concept Note for the Seascapes Workshop in November 2016