



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex – 10(e)

Decision Document on

Threatened Species Working Group

The 11th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-11)

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**The Coral Triangle Information and Learning Center
(the CTI Learning Center) Building
Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia**

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by

**the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

I. Background

During the 10th Senior Officials' Meeting in November 2014 in Dili, Timor-Leste, one of the decisions made was the formal turn-over of the TSWG Chairmanship to Malaysia from the Philippines. SOM10 also requested countries to nominate their respective focal points as member of the TSWG and called on development partners to provide technical and logistical support to facilitate TS regional priority actions. In addition, the WG was also tasked to finalize the Threatened Species monitoring and evaluation indicators and to utilize the CTI-CFF M&E System in preparing and consolidating regional Threatened Species reports. The group was also tasked to complete and map out the respective monitoring and evaluation indicators and targets with reference to RPOA.¹

Guided by the above-mentioned decision points, the Philippines, through the MPA Chair, proceeded to expedite the formal turn-over of Chairmanship to Malaysia. The turn-over happened in 1 April 2015 and was facilitated by the Regional Secretariat through the RS TWG Coordinator.² Following up the turn-over, countries nominated their respective focal points as members of the TSWG. However, like most countries, Malaysia experienced a reorganization within the government and so it took awhile for the government to appoint the focal person for TSWG and to lead the WG.

Partners, WWF and GIZ, expressed commitment during the CTI-CFF Regional Partners' Coordination Meeting on 9 April 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia to support the TSWG by sharing technical papers and reference materials for the development of the regional conservation plans.³ Reference materials pertaining to global marine turtle management and strategies, current state of sharks, rays and cetaceans, marine turtle conservation in the Asia Pacific Region, shark utilization in the Coral Triangle, conservation of sharks and rays, global market for shark products and others. These materials will be used as references in the development of the region-wide conservation plans for threatened species.

Lastly, the Regional Secretariat also pursued opportunities to secure funds for TSWG by way of proposal writing to USAID and linking with other potential partners like the SPREP.

¹ Annex 22 - Decision on the Threatened Species Working Group Report, SOM10 Chairman's Summary, November, 2014

² Minutes of Call Meeting, 1 April 2015

³ Attachment 2 - Minutes of Meeting, CTI-CFF Partners - Regional Secretariat Coordination Meeting, April 2015

II. Decision

Based on the presentation by the WG Chair and discussions during the session on *Technical Work Group Reports - Threatened Species* at SOM11, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Noted and acknowledged the support provided by partners by sharing their technical papers and reference materials for the development of regional conservation plans for threatened species;
2. Acknowledged the efforts of the Regional Secretariat in pursuing opportunities to secure funding and technical support for TS priority action by signing a MOU with Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) for a joint turtle conservation project;
3. Noted the need for financial and technical support in order to implement the TS regional priority actions as outlined in the RPOA and RPW-2 and called on partners to help facilitate partnership-building for the implementation of these actions;
4. Tasked the working group to proceed in implementing or conducting the various priority actions in order to achieve Goal 5 of the RPOA; and
5. Endorsed the 2016 Work Plan of the TSWG.

Attachment:

Attachment 10.11 Threatened Species Working Group Report for SOM11