



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex – 16

Decision Document on

Establishment of the Scientific Advisory 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

The past few years has seen some discussions amongst CT6 members and Partners that there is a clear need for some form of a group or panel of experts to be made available in the implementation of CTI-CFF. As more programs are implemented, experts in various fields are needed. With this in mind, the Interim Regional Secretariat (IRS) proposed for a CTI-CFF Scientific Advisory Group to be established.

In SOM10, which took place in November 2014, and hosted by Timor-Leste, it has endorsed the following:

1. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to develop a list of experts in the field of coral reefs, fisheries and food security and allied fields of discipline pertaining to the RPOA goals or expertise within Coral Triangle area.
2. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to formulate a mechanism to use and optimize the pool of experts and present the proposed mechanism in the next SOM.

The Regional Secretariat has developed an indicative mechanism to utilise the expertise once the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) has been established.

The mechanism encompasses the following:

1. The scope of the use of experts;
2. Normative Guidance;
3. Terms and Definitions;
4. Qualifications;
5. Tasks and Responsibilities;
6. Rights and Obligations;
7. Recruitment;
8. Expenses;
9. Termination; and
10. Management

This mechanism shall require more thought and review process prior to finalisation and more importantly, the financial support for its implementation.

In addition, the Regional Secretariat has also drafted a CTI-CFF Experts Form for those nominated by the respective NCCs or those who wishes to apply for membership into the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG). Similarly, it would need refinement prior to finalisation of the format.

In the interim, the Regional Secretariat proposed that a senior science advisor to be appointed pending the establishment of the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG).

II. Decision

Based on the presentation by the Regional Secretariat and the ensued discussion, the Senior Officials:

Noted the progress made by the Regional Secretariat with regards to the establishment of the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG).

Attachment:

Attachment 16.1 Presentation on the Updates of the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG)