



# **CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE**

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

## **Annex – 6**

### **Decision Document on**

### **Status Ratification of The Agreement on Establishment of The Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF**

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**The 11<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-11)**

**2 - 3 December 2015**

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

**Adopted on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015**

**by**

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

## I. Background

During the 10th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-10) held from 5-7 November 2014 in Dili, Timor-Leste; it was announced that Timor-Leste has confirmed the dates of deposit of the Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat with the Depository (i.e. Indonesia).

In line with this, the SOM-10 also confirmed that, in accordance with Article 17 of the Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of the CTI-CFF, the date of entry into force of the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat is 27 November 2014.

The Regional Secretariat and the Chair of CSO reported that the Philippines has ratified the Agreement on 24 November 2014 and subsequently has deposited instruments of acceptance or approval or ratification of Agreement with the Depository (i.e. Indonesia) on 8 January 2015. In this context, as of 1 November 2015, there are five CTI-CFF Member States that have ratified the Agreement and deposited its instruments:

No	Country	Dates of Signing Instrument of Ratification	Dates of Acceptance of Instrument of Ratification
1	Malaysia	13 February 2013	15 April 2013
2	Indonesia	9 May 2014	9 May 2014
3	Solomon Island	2 September 2014	8 October 2014
4	Timor-Leste	13 October 2014	27 October 2014
5	Philippines	24 November 2014	8 January 2015

The entry into force of the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, which was effective on 27 November 2014, will be reported by the Chair of CSO to the Council of Ministers of CTI-CFF.

## II. Decision

Referring to the presentations made by the Regional Secretariat as well as deliberations during the session on Status Ratification of the Agreement on Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF, the Senior Officials, agreed upon on the following:

1. Noted and appreciated the ratification of the Philippines on the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 24 November 2014 and submission of the instrument of ratification on 8 January 2015;
2. Encouraged Papua New Guinea to expedite the ratification process of the Agreement on the Establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat; and
3. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to facilitate Papua New Guinea in its process of ratification of the Agreement on the Establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.

**Attachments:**

- Attachment 6.1** Presentation of Status Ratification of the Agreement on the Establishment of Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF;
- Attachment 6.2** Remarks by His Excellency Ambassador Peter Ilau, Ambassador of Papua New Guinea to Indonesia at the Gala Dinner at SOM-11, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.