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## **CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat**

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As the first Executive Director for the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, it has been an interesting and challenging journey for my team and I to continue the great work and foundation that has been set upon by the Interim Regional Secretariat with the strong support from CT6 member countries and Development Partners.

This is an opportune time for me to report on the activities and has taken place since my appointment in April 2015 through to mid of October 2016 in the form of an Annual Activities Report. It allows me to reflect on the many activities that has taken place since the establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and towards meeting the objectives of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA); and share my thoughts with the readers – our colleagues within the CTI-CFF community and hopefully beyond the confines of the Organization. The Report also highlights innovative policies, legislation and capacity enhancement initiatives at the international, regional and national levels.

**One of the key milestones for CTI-CFF is the establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the movement to its headquarters in Manado, Indonesia. This has been acknowledged by the Government of Indonesia as the host country for the headquarters through the signing of the Host Country Agreement (HCA) on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.**

The reason of this Report is to reach out to a larger audience and at the very least, serve to raise CTI-CFF profile. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat endeavor to continue to function as one of the foremost regional coordinating and monitoring body towards sustainable development of the region's coastal and marine resources in the years to come.

This Report comprises of three main sections; namely the Executive Director's deliverables; Activities of Working Groups (i.e. Technical Working Groups and Governance Working Groups); and Cross-cutting Themes as well as activities of cooperation development (i.e. external relations and partnership engagements). This afford insights into the range of work being done towards achieving the RPOA goals as well as the National Plans of Action (NPOAs) and the many stakeholders that are contributing to and being affected by such efforts.



To continue moving forward and to achieve success, the Regional Secretariat requires stronger internal institutional arrangements – larger than its current compact size and ensure to have a group of dedicated and competent team. At the same time, the Regional Secretariat is very much aware of the mandate given by the CTI Council of Ministers (CTI-COM) and CTI Committee of Senior Officials (CTI-CSO) to continue exploring sustainable management mechanism for coastal, marine, fisheries and biodiversity resources. This is the ultimate challenge for the Regional Secretariat; to work together among country members and maintain its relevancy to keep the interest and support of the Development Partners and potential partners.

We all can agree that the CTI-CFF, in its diverse, plural entirety, is blessed with great potential in many areas. We, collectively, should be able to plan and manage ways and means to take this opportunity and actualize them towards advancing the state of our cooperation and establish meaningful contribution to the development and welfare of the CT6 member countries. The reassuring words and support of the CTI-COM and CTI-CSO shall definitely help our collective enterprise.

To stay on course and exact a difference, I strongly believe that CTI-CFF urgently requires improvements in a number of areas. In particular, strengthening the Regional Secretariat and National Coordination Committee (NCC) capacity as well as empowering the Technical Working Groups, Governance Working Groups and Cross-cutting Themes to remain focused towards consolidating the CTI-CFF framework. In addition to the expansion of cooperation with other regional groupings and multilateral arrangements, more importantly, we are responsible to raise the profile of CTI-CFF at the regional and international arena by being relevant, effective and efficient body and to be able to play a bigger role it deserves.

On behalf of the team in CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat office, I wish to express my utmost gratitude to Member States and the CTI Council of Ministers (CTI-COM), CTI Committee of Senior Officials (CTI-CSO) and National Coordinating Committees (NCCs); Development Partners - U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Australian Government, Asian Development Bank (ADB), Global Environment Facility (GEF), Conservation International (CI), the Nature Conservancy (TNC), World Wild for Nature (WWF) and Coral Triangle Center (CTC) – as well as our collaborators and supporters for their unyielding support for CTI-CFF throughout its formative years and into the future.

Thank you.



## ABBREVIATION

ASEAN	Association South-East Asian Nations
ACB	ASEAN for Center Biodiversity
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AIMS	Australian Institute of Marine Science
BAC	Business Advisory Council
CCA	Climate Change Adaptation
CDT	Catch Documentation and Traceability
CI	Conservation International
CMWG	Coordination Mechanism Working Group
CT Atlas	the Coral Triangle Atlas
CT6	Coral Triangle countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste)
CTC	Coral Triangle Center
CTI-CFF	Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs Fisheries and Food Security
CTI-COM	CTI Council of Ministers
CTI-CSO	CTI Council of Senior Officials
CTMPAS	Coral Triangle Marine Protected Area System
EAFM	Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
EEAS	European of External Action Service
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FDG	Forum Discussion Group
FMAAs	Fisheries Management Areas
FRWG	Financial Resources Working Group
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GIZ	The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
GWGs	Governance Working Groups
HCA	Host Country Agreement
ICRS	International Coral Reef Symposium
IOC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission
ICRI	International Coral Reef Initiative
IRS	Interim Regional Secretariat
ITAP	International Technical Assistance Program
ITMEMS	International Tropical Marine Ecosystem Management Symposium
IUU	Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated fishing

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LGN	Local Governments Network
LRFFT	Live Reef Food Fish Trade
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MEWG	Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
MPA	Marine Protected Area
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NCCs	National Coordinating Committees
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPOA	National Plan of Action
PEMSEA	Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia
PIF	Project Identification Form
RBF	Regional Business Forum
RDMA	Regional Development Mission Asia
REX	Regional Exchange
RPOA	Regional Plan of Action
SEAFDEC	Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center
SOM	Senior Officials' Meeting
SPREP	South Pacific Regional Environment Programme
SSSC	Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Countries
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
TWGs	Technical Working Groups
USAID	the U.S. Agency for International Development
USDOI	U.S. Department of Interior
WESTPAC	the Western Pacific
WLF	Women Leaders Forum
WOC	World Oceans Council
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature





## A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) is a multilateral partnership of the governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste with a common stand to work together to sustain extraordinary marine and coastal resources by addressing crucial issues such as marine biodiversity climate change and food security. The CTI-CFF was officially established along with its Secretariat during the Summit of Heads of States in 2009 as stated in the "CTI Leader's Declaration".

Since its establishment, the CTI-CFF was supported by an Interim Regional Secretariat (IRS) to implement CTI-CFF activities with its office based in the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) in Jakarta, Indonesia. Over the years, the CTI-CFF has made substantial, solid progress in several fields and areas. The gradual but steady progress in the organizational development is, for example, reflected in the appointment of the first Executive Director on 1 April 2015. This appointment marked as the first step of a transformation status from an Interim Regional Secretariat to the permanent Regional Secretariat.

The Regional Secretariat provides a central coordinating mechanism for all CTI-CFF activities and has been mandated to promote regional cooperation, sharing of lessons, and facilitate learning across the CT6 member countries. The Regional Secretariat (RS) also coordinates and monitors the progress towards meeting the goals of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA).

The Regional Secretariat has met several major milestones since its inception in April 2015, among others, the signing of the Host Country Agreement with the Indonesian Government as a host country for CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 1 December 2015; organizing the 11<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-11); signing of Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), Coral Triangle Center (CTC), Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and Indonesian universities namely Bogor Agricultural University, Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember Surabaya, Hasanuddin University and Sam Ratulangi University; in addition to the activities under the respective Technical Working Groups (TWGs), Governance Working Groups (GWGs) and cross-cutting themes; and a number of working visits to several potential institutions to further strengthen the CTI-CFF.

This Activities Report is prepared to highlight the activities between the period of April 2015 to mid of October 2016 which can be viewed as laying the foundation for future activities and cooperation. The Activities Report consists of three (3) main parts; the Executive Director's deliverables; activities of the working groups, cross-cutting themes and technical programs as well as activities of cooperation development (i.e. external relations and partnership engagements).

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat sincerely hopes that this Activities Report will serve to promote and enhance public awareness of the CTI-CFF, highlight its activities, promote its image and status, and help to make it a more dynamic and effective collaborative mechanism for economic progress and development of its member countries. The CTI-CFF hopes to become one of the foremost regional cooperation for sustainable marine resources as it has all the potential through its strong support from its Development Partners to become one.





## B. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DELIVERABLES

The Executive Director officially assumed the office of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015. As mandated during the 10<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-10), the Executive Director was tasked to implement immediate deliverables and duties as outlined in the Terms of Appointment and Employment Agreement. The deliverables include legal and institutional issues, setting up systems and infrastructure of the Regional Secretariat, planning and reporting as well as membership and cooperation. All deliverables have been carried out throughout the first year of appointment and guided the ensuing activities towards establishing a firm foundation towards strengthening the Regional Secretariat and CTI-CFF regional activities.

### 1. LEGAL AND INSTITUTIONAL ISSUES

#### I. HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT (HCA)

In accordance with the Agreement on the Establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat which was entered into force on 27 November 2014, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia has fully supported the subsequent discussions for the finalization of the Host Country Agreement (HCA) between the Government of Indonesia and the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, as illustrated in **Figure 1**. Following a number of meetings and relevant legal and administrative processes between the two parties, the content of the HCA was finally agreed upon on 23 October 2015.



*Figure 1: Signing Ceremony of the Host Country Agreement between the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the Government of Indonesia*

Several of the HCA content includes provisions for the protection of the Regional Secretariat (Article 8), Tax Exemption (Article 11) and Privileges and Immunities (Article 13). On the eve of the opening ceremony for the SOM-11 on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015, the HCA was signed by the Secretary General of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries on behalf of the Government of Indonesia, and the Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. The signing of HCA signifies a strong beginning towards a fully functioning and capable Regional Secretariat towards maintaining and sustaining the vast but finite marine resources now and for the future generations. Recently, the HCA is underway for internal procedures of fully implementation by the respective ministries and authorities of the Government of Indonesia, such as Ministry of Finance, Ministry of State Secretariat and Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

#### II. TRANSITION OF RESPONSIBILITIES FROM THE INTERIM REGIONAL SECRETARIAT TO THE PERMANENT REGIONAL SECRETARIAT

The transition process from the Interim Regional Secretariat to the permanent Regional Secretariat commenced on 27 November 2014 when the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was entered into force, followed by the appointment of the Executive Director on 1 April 2015 and upon the signing of the Host Country Agreement (HCA). These milestones set the framework

of the proceeding activities to function as an effective and relevant Regional Secretariat to coordinate and monitor all relevant activities undertaken under the CTI-CFF brand name. Over the time, the Regional Secretariat grows to adapt and form a functional institutional structure to reflect the nature of the CTI-CFF activities and its potential for cooperation.

### **III. THE RATIFICATION PROCESS TO THE AGREEMENT ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT**

The Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (the Agreement) was entered into force on 27 November 2014 upon the ratification by four (4) member countries – Malaysia, Indonesia, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste and the subsequent submission of the ratification instrument to the Depository (i.e. Indonesia). Philippines ratified the Agreement on 24 November 2015 and deposited its instrument of ratification to the Depository on 8 January 2015.

On 13 September 2016, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat received a diplomatic note from the Embassy of Papua New Guinea to Indonesia informing that Papua New Guinea ratified the Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) signed by the Honourable Rimbink Pato, OBE, LLB, MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Immigration of Papua New Guinea on 31 August 2016. In this regard, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat confirm that all CTI-CFF Member States ratified the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. This milestone is important for the CTI-CFF, in particular for the Regional Secretariat for its legal and institutional matters.

## **2. SETTING UP SYSTEMS AND INFRASTRUCTURE OF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT**

### **I. SELECTION AND RECRUITMENT OF PROFESSIONAL AND SUPPORT STAFF IN 2015**

The appointment of the Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 1 April 2015 was the continuance of the formation of the organization from Interim Regional Secretariat to permanent Regional Secretariat. By its very nature, the Regional Secretariat is a very small and compact organization. Initially, as the permanent Regional Secretariat are established with the appointment of the Executive Director, the existing organizational structure of Regional Secretariat are quite compact. The office had six (6) personnel, namely the Executive Director, a Regional Secretariat Coordinator, a Technical Working Group Coordinator, a Junior Clerk, a Legal Specialist and an Administrative Specialist, as illustrated in **Figure 2**.

For that reason, it has been adopted a policy of establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in conjunction with a set of Executive Director deliverables to select and recruit the professional and support staff in year 2015, as follows:

- a) Finance Manager 2015;
- b) Operations Manager 2015;
- c) Information and Communications Manager 2015;
- d) Support staff as needed for 2015;
- e) Professional and support staff based on consultations with the CT6 for 2016 and 2017 appointments.

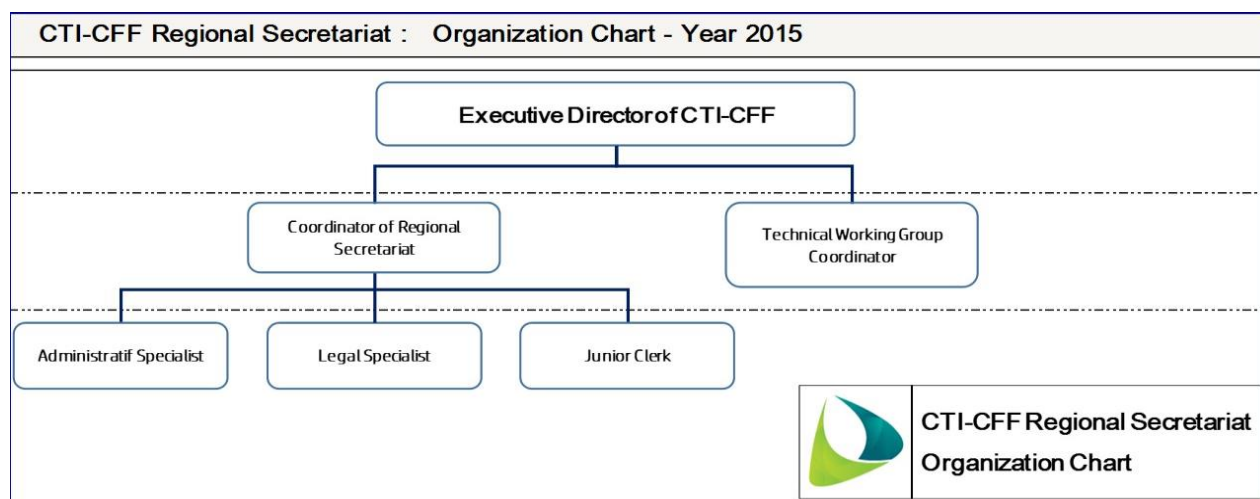


Figure 2: Initial organization Chart of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat back in May 2015.

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat highly appreciates the financial support provided by the Australian Government and WWF in its inception phase to assemble the necessary personnel for the Regional Secretariat. Furthermore, the initial team is complemented by personnel seconded from the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia (MMAF) (table 1).

Title	MMAF	Australian Govt.	WWF	RS	Total
Executive Director				1	1
Regional Secretariat Coordinator		1			1
Technical Working Groups Coordinator		1			1
Governance Working Groups Coordinator		1			1
Finance Manager		1			1
HRD & Operation Manager		1			1
Information & Communication Manager			1		1
Finance Assistant		1			1
Meeting & Conference Manager				1	1
Administrative Assistant	1				1
Legal Assistant	1				1
Technical Working Groups Assistant		1			1
Clerical Assistant		1			1
Driver	1				1
<b>Summaries</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>14</b>

Table 1: List of CTI-CFF Staffing - 2015

As the activities of Regional Secretariat increased in number and frequency, more personnel are hired to support the implementation of CTI-CFF activities and in its effort to foster new cooperation with relevant organizations. As at end of September 2016, the Regional Secretariat are supported by sixteen (16) staff in various capacities (see Table 2). In addition, there are several personnel recruited on project basis and also personnel supported by the CTI-CFF Development Partners, as illustrated in **Figure 3**.



Title	MMAF	Australian Govt.	WWF	RS	Total
Executive Director				1	1
Finance & Administration Sr. Mgr.				1	1
Technical Working Groups Sr. Mgr.				1	1
Governance Working Groups Sr. Mgr.				1	1
Technical Program Sr. Mgr.				1	1
HRD & Office Management Mgr.				1	1
Communication & Information Mgr.				1	1
Protocol & Convention Services Mgr.				1	1
Finance & Accounting Assistant Mgr.				1	1
Administrative Affairs Assistant Mgr.				1	1
Legal & Agreement Assistant Mgr.	1				1
Technical Working Groups Assistant				1	1
Office Management Assistant				1	1
Technical Program Assistant				2	2
Information Technology Assistant				1	1
Summaries	1	-	-	15	16

*Table 2: List of CTI-CFF Staffing - 2016*

The Regional Secretariat welcomes support from other Development Partners for additional resources (e.g. provisions for experienced personnel, experts, etc.) as part of its continued effort to build a competent and efficient team. A transitional structure plan for 2016 and 2017 will be applied based on actual needs and workload of the Regional Secretariat.

One of the deliverable that the Executive Director is entrusted with is the appointment of the Deputy Executive Directors for Program Services and Corporate Services. Following the CTI-CFF Rules of Procedures, the Regional Secretariat held a selection process of Deputy Executive Directors for Corporate Services and Program Services from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The Appointment Committee members interviewed potential candidates for both positions. The next phase will be a panel review by the CTI-CSO to deliberate during the 12<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-12) and for adoption during the 6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting (MM-6) to be conducted between 1<sup>st</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016.



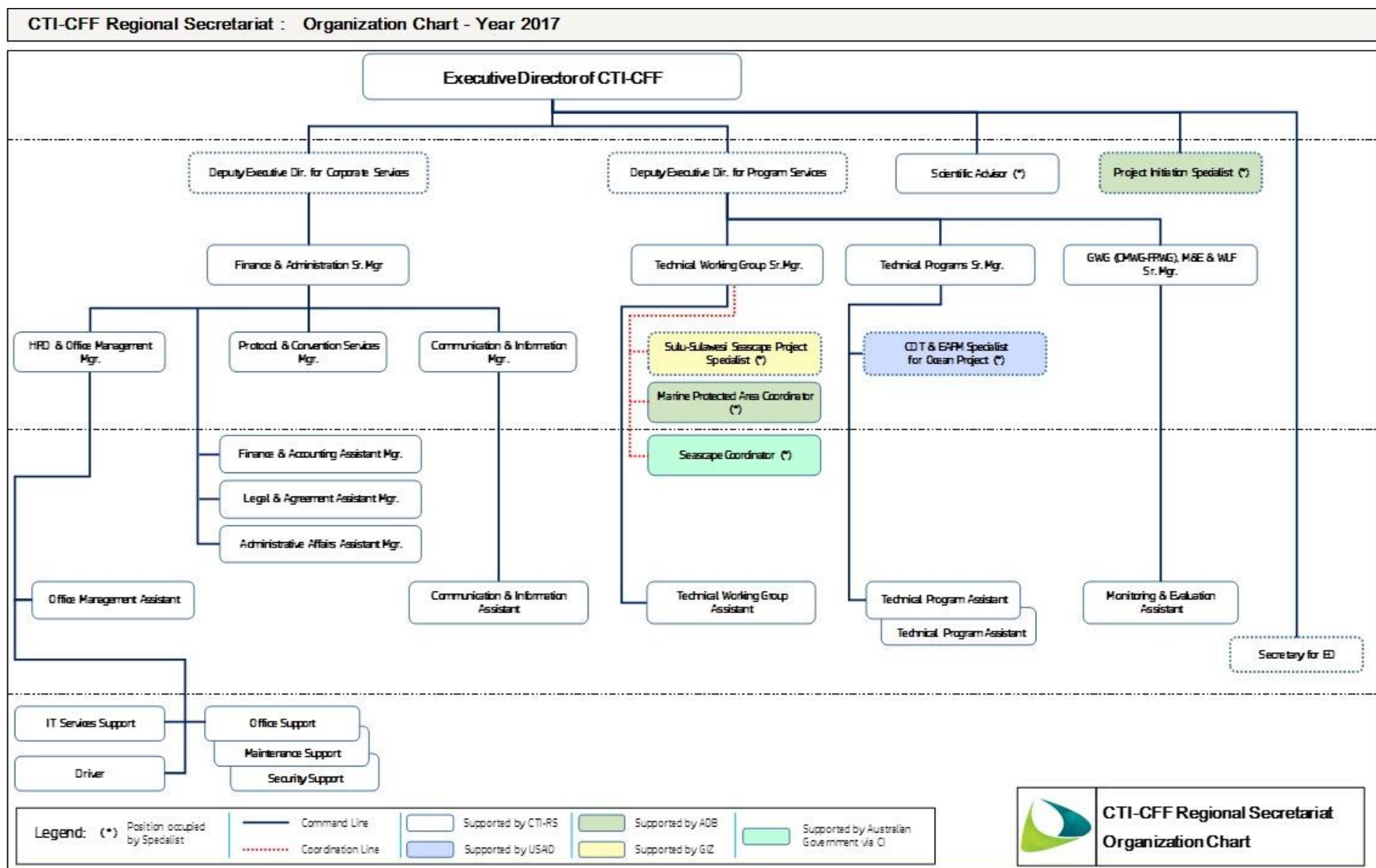


Figure 3: Planned Organizational Structure of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in 2017

## **II. OVERSEE OUTFITTING AND HANDOVER OF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT BUILDING**

The Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) of Indonesia has been instrumental in the development of CTI-CFF as a regional cooperation and, as the host country of the Regional Secretariat, has provided a physical establishment for the Regional Secretariat Headquarters in Manado, North Sulawesi which was officially inaugurated on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015. The Regional Secretariat occupies the first four floors of the establishment as part of the Coral Triangle Initiative and Learning Center (CTI Learning Center) Building with fully furnished facilities. The office of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat officially opened with a simple blessing ceremony on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016.

In addition to housing the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, the Building shall function as a center of knowledge for research and development related with coral, marine affairs and fisheries, biodiversity, climate change and food security.

## **III. ESTABLISHMENT OF FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS**

The initial stage of the Regional Secretariat had been mainly supported by the Australian Department of Environment (DoE) in terms of personnel recruitment, setting-up of own financial and administrative systems. The following financial systems and procedures have been established and in place:

- MYOB Accounting Software;
- HR and Payroll Management systems;
- Financial Procedures (a manual handbook) including Cash Management and Banking, Operational Advances, Payroll, Financial Closing, Record Keeping, Procurement, Security, Code, Audit, Budgeting, Fixed Assets, Cost Allocation;
- Develop Staff Manual Procedures including staff recruitment, staff training and development, remuneration, benefits, official travel, relocation, working time, leave, disciplinary procedure, separation from service;
- Installment of Hardware and Software for Financial and Administrative Infrastructures (e.g. Laptop, Operating Systems, MS Office 2013, MS Visio).

## **IV. SECRETARIAT OPERATING POLICIES**

An important resource in this context is the financial and staff regulation which contains all the important elements of Regional Secretariat operations and practices in full subject-matters. The Regional Secretariat has developed a set of operating policies for day-to-day activities as follows:

- Financial Operational Policies, such as travel policy and procedures (e.g. travel allowances, standard hotel, etc.), budgeting, procurement and cost allocation
- Administrative Operational Policies, such as working time (i.e. overtime, holidays, absenteeism, leave), remuneration and benefits, relocation policy, disciplinary (i.e. suspension, warning notice, dismissal) and utilization of Secretariat's Properties (i.e. vehicle usage).



### 3. PLANNING AND REPORTING

#### I. CTI-CFF BUDGET CONTRIBUTION

Regulation 8 Provision of Funds, Paragraph 1 (a), Paragraph 2 and Schedule 1 of the Financial Regulations refers to the calculation for country contribution and is useful for member countries to apply in its financial planning and obligations to CTI-CFF.

Paragraph 1 (a) and Paragraph 2 both refer to the provision of funds in accordance with Schedule 1 of the Regulations under which Parties will contribute to the General Fund of the Secretariat on the following basis:

- a) The total amount to be contributed will be determined by the CTI-COM based on the draft budget provided by the Secretariat;
- b) Sixty percent (60%) of the amount identified in paragraph (a) of the Schedule will be contributed by each of the Parties in equal shares; and
- c) The remainder of the total amount identified in paragraph (a) of the Schedule will be divided between the Parties based upon the relative size of their gross domestic product (GDP) as calculated by the most recent year for which GDP figures are available for all Parties.

The guideline above is to apply in the calculation for the CTI-CFF operational budget for 2015-2017 and are based on the actual Gross Domestic Product (GDP) at current prices, expressed in billions of USD (year 2011).

At the Special Senior Officials' Meeting (Special SOM) from 14<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in Manado, Indonesia, the meeting deliberated on the draft operational plan, budget and staffing as discussed during the Coordination Mechanisms Working Group (CMWG) in 18 February 2014, 22 April 2014 and 13 May 2014. Based on presentations made by the CTI-CFF CMWG Chair and discussions during the session on Regional Secretariat 2014 and 2015 Operations Plan and Budget at the Special SOM, the CTI-CSO agreed to recommend the budget for the initial establishment of Regional Secretariat for a period of six-month; from 1<sup>st</sup> July – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014, amounted USD548,296.00.

At the same meeting, it was recommended that the CTI-COM endorses the 2015 Budget for the Regional Secretariat, amounted to USD 822,638.00 in line with the indicative Operations Plan and Budget and with the assumption that all CT6 member countries honor the country contributions as set out in the Financial Regulations by 31 January 2015.

The 11<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-11) which was held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 in Manado, Indonesia, agreed that the schedule of country contributions approved by the Special SOM in May 2014 applies for 2016, amounted to USD1,059,661.00. As of 25 October 2016, the governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Timor-Leste and the Philippines have fully remitted their respective schedule of contributions for the year of 2014-2016. It also should be mentioned that the Government of Solomon Islands have partially remitted their schedule of contribution for the period of 2014-2016.

The Regional Secretariat is in the process of developing the annual operational budget for the year 2017 and 2018 to be approved by CTI-COM on 3 November 2016 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The annual contribution to the CTI-CFF Budget is imperative for the Regional Secretariat to administer its full operational function in coordinating and monitoring program and activities in the region. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat appreciates the remittance of the country contribution without much delay and



hopes that with continuous support from the CT6 member countries, the Regional Secretariat shall grow and strengthen as the foremost regional cooperation in marine resources management.

Furthermore, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat appointed an independent Auditor, Johan Malonda Mustika & Rekan, to review the 2015 financial report. This was a follow up of the decision taken from the 11th CTI-CFF Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-11) as well as in line with the Regional Secretariat of the CTI-CFF Financial regulations particularly on the regulation number 12 (twelve) regarding External Audit for CTI-CFF. the audit process was performed in a month back in March 2015. At that time, the team from independent Auditor reviewed and exercised with all financial activities, comprising the Statement of Financial Position as of December 31, 2015, and the Statements of Activities and Changes in Net Assets and Cash Flows for the year then ended and the summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes. On 30 March 2016, the office of Auditor issued the report and their opinion. the Auditor's opinion informed that audited financial statement of CTI-CFF has been presented fairly. This report was circulated to the CTI-COM and CTI-CSO on 31 March 2016 for reporting and ready reference.

On the other note, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat also appointed the same auditor to review the Australian Department of the Environment Funding Agreement for the period from 23 September 2015 to 31 March 2016. the office of Auditor issued the report and their opinion was that audited financial statement of CTI-CFF from the fund of the Australian Department of the Environment had been presented fairly. The report was submitted to the Australian Department of the Environment for their ready reference.

## II. DEVELOPMENT OF COORDINATION MECHANISM STRUCTURE

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat inherits the CTI-CFF working framework with its own communication system between the various committees, working groups, cross-cutting themes. This relationship is illustrated in **Figure 4**. Communications between the various bodies is not without its own set of challenges. However, the Regional Secretariat endeavors to improve the current communication practices for it to be more transparent and inclusive at all levels.

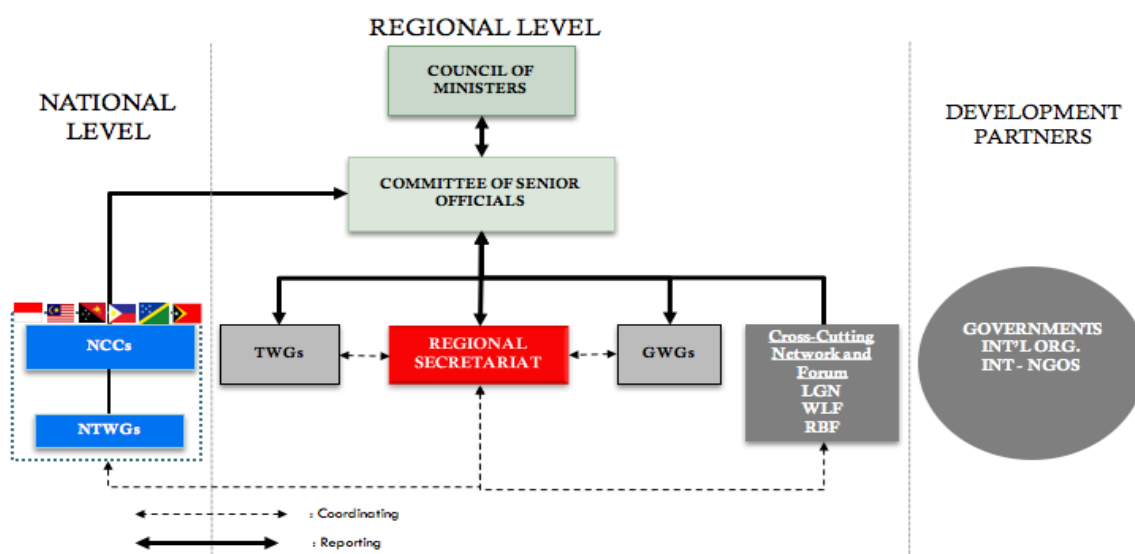


Figure 4: CTI-CFF Skeletal Framework of coordination mechanisms structure.

### **III. REPORTING ON REGIONAL SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES**

The Executive Director shall present the Activities Report annually at all of the Senior Officials Meetings. This Activities Report shall be presented during the 12<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-12) to be held from 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

### **IV. FACILITATION AND SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL AND NATIONAL PROGRAMS**

Since the establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in April 2015, several collaborative efforts are made to enrich and reinvigorate program activities and at the same time to strengthen National Coordinating Committee (NCC), empower the Technical Working Groups (TWGs); Governance Working Groups and Cross-cutting Themes to meet the RPOA targets.

Some collaborative efforts to support the program activities includes working with the USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership towards meeting EAFM goals; capacity building with the support of renowned learning institutions (e.g. James Cook University, University of Queensland, University of Malaysia Terengganu, Bogor Agricultural University, Hasanuddin University, Sepuluh Nopember Institute of Technology); develop potential cooperation with European Union (i.e. Climate Change Program); follow up collaboration with SEAFDEC (i.e. Human Resources Development, Research Development, Consultancy, Information Management and Networking) and explore possible mechanism for establishment of the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG).

Among others to strengthen **National Coordinating Committee (NCC)** are a) The structure of NCC may be strengthened accordingly (e.g. clear-cut on decision maker, active focal points); b) Close communication and coordination between CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and NCC (e.g. effective in reciprocal letter correspondences); c) Project collaboration between NCC and partners or other international/regional organization in pursuing RPOA and NPOA (e.g. Oceans and Fisheries Partnership, Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion); d) Support staffs at the NCC offices in PNG, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste; e) Expanding intensive capacity building that shares best practices in marine resource conservation (e.g. trainings, workshop, REX) at the level of regional, national and sub-national (e.g. local governments and stakeholders); and f) Provide Scholarship opportunities

On top of that, the **Technical Working Groups (TWGs)** have implemented the following activities:

- a) Seascope: 3-year support (2015-2017) for regional activities (e.g. funding support for implementation of Regional Actions, technical assistance services) including Monitoring and Evaluation by the Australian Government through CI, collaboration with GIZ on Sulu-Sulawesi Seascope Countries (SSSC).
- b) Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM): Collaboration with USAID (Oceans and Fisheries Partnership) and SEAFDEC on Catch Documentation and Traceability (CDT); Combating IUU Fishing and Port State Measure; Coast Fish; Tuna Governance; Traceability and Food Standard; Coral Fish in Live Reef Food Fish Trade (LRFFT); Tuna Blueprint to protect trans boundary spawning; and nursery areas for tunas with WWF.
- c) Marine Protected Areas (MPA): Coral Triangle Marine Protected Areas Recognition Awards System to encourage CT6 member countries to improve MPA management and to share best practices on MPA Management; CTMPAS implementation; and trans-boundary MPA network for sea turtles.



- d) Climate Change Adaptation (CCA): Climate change adaptation pilots in Arakan village in Indonesia, Marudu Bay and Turtle Islands Park in Sabah Malaysia and Taytay, Palawan, Philippines; and support for the operation and coordination of CCA TWG i.e. hosting of conference calls.
- e) Threatened Species (TS): Collaboration with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) on Sea Turtle Conservation, Women involvement in Conservation.

As for the **Governance Working Groups (GWG)** activities:

- a) The role and function of Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG) and Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) to be transferred to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat once endorsed by the CTI-COM during the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting (MM-6) in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016.

Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG) pending tasks:

- Amend the draft Communication Strategy
- Development of the History of CTI-CFF Coffee Table book
- Propose additional rule for Communication in the Rules of Procedures
- Finalize printing materials (RPOA, Agreement of Establishment, Financial Regulation, Staff Regulation)

Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) pending tasks:

- CTI-CFF Reg. Sec. adaptation mechanism based on recommendations in the Financial Architecture report
- Updates on NPOA Costings

- b) Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG)

- Updates on indicators development
- Updates on CT Atlas operation, maintenance and potential applications

The following are activities that have taken place and planned activities under the **Cross Cutting Themes**:

- a) Local Government Network (LGN)

- Adoption of LGN Statute
- Annual LGN Executive Meeting

- b) Women Leaders' Forum (WLF)

- Regular Coordination (e.g. bi-weekly coordination conference call)
- the Secretariat of the WLF
- Proposal entitled "*Grow the Sustainable Business: A Program for Women*" prepared by Conservation International
- Updates on the plan to conduct a scoping study on gender policies and frameworks related to marine conservation in the Coral Triangle region as a baseline to guide WLF activities

- c) Regional Business Forum (RBF)

- Further discussion for the conduct of the 5<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF Regional Business Forum (RBF) in 2017.



d) Scientific Advisory Group

The 11th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-11) tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to develop a list of experts in the field of coral reefs, fisheries and food securities discipline in a view to achieve the RPOA Goals. Following the decision, the CTI-CFF RS is in the pipeline to collaborate with USAID Oceans to conduct a planning meeting towards the establishment of the first Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) meeting to be hold in 2017. The meeting is intended to evaluate the implementation of CDT model in the region and at the same time, remains relevant to Goal 2 of the RPOA as well as part of the Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management (SOACAP-IFM). It will also emphasize Centre Of Excellence in term of CTI-CFF University Partnership.

e) Business Advisory Council

The initiation of Business Advisory Council (BAC) establishment has been addressed during the 11th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-11) in December 2015 in Manado, Indonesia. As follow up, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat had a fruitful meeting with Programme Officer of ASEAN BAC on 16 August 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia. In this meeting, Programme Officer of ASEAN BAC explained regarding the way and means of ASEAN BAC, among others, including the establishment, membership and focal points, regular meetings along with its levels, chain of commands of ASEAN BAC, the ASEAN BAC Secretariat, source of financing as well as events and activities. With this lesson-learnt, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was of the view that ASEAN BAC was more less similar with the cross-cutting themes and independently operated. In addition, the concept of BAC might be pursued with collaborative efforts of Chambers of Commerce within the CTI-CFF Member States. Within this line, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat will formulize concept note of the initiation on CTI-CFF BAC establishment for further assessment. It is expected that the BAC would have strong and solid engagement with the RBF since it is related to the business sector.



## 4. MEMBERSHIP AND COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS

### I. FACILITATION OF NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

The process of application for Brunei Darussalam to be a new CT member country was first discussed during the 9<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-9) in 2013 which was held in Manila, Philippines. During the Special SOM which was held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2014 in Manado, Indonesia, it was agreed that Brunei Darussalam be granted the status as an observer.

During SOM-10 held on 7<sup>th</sup> November 2014 in Dili, Timor-Leste, the meeting acknowledged the progress made by Brunei Darussalam to comply with the necessary requirements based on Rule 21 of the CTI-CFF Rules and Procedures.

Since then, there have been several communications made between the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources of Brunei; the Chair of the Council of Ministers (CTI-COM); and the Regional Secretariat. Initially, Brunei has submitted a Letter of Interest dated on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2015 and re-affirmed its interest by submitting another letter on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

In response to this request, the Regional Secretariat has circulated a letter to the CTI-COM that there were no objections raised by CTI-COM members on the proposal to accept Brunei Darussalam as a new member state of CTI-CFF. Regional Secretariat informed the CTI-COM that Brunei Darussalam have met with all the requirements set in Rule 21 ("New CTI-CFF Party") of the CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure; and proposed that Brunei Darussalam be accepted as a Party / Member State of CTI-CFF.

At the 11<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-11) held on 2-3 December 2015 in Manado, Indonesia, the Meeting endorsed Brunei Darussalam as a new member of CTI-CFF subject to the submission of the Head of State's adoption to the CTI Leaders' Declaration on CTI-CFF; and the submission of the Instrument of Accession to the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to the Depository. Furthermore, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat received a letter from Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism, signed by Permanent Secretary on 15 September 2016 informing that Brunei Darussalam need to put the said application on hold at this moment of time due to unavoidable circumstances. Brunei Darussalam will inform the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat accordingly once they are ready to join the CTI-CFF.

### II. DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION ARRANGEMENTS

- The cooperation agreement between CTI-CFF and Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) is marked with the signing of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 3 April 2015, as illustrated in **Figure 5**. The MOU focuses on training, workshop, research and development, consultancy, information management and networking.
- In the margins of the CTI-CFF 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Business Forum held on 25 – 28 August 2015 in Bali, Indonesia, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat signed a MoU with Coral Triangle Center (CTC) on 27 August 2015, as illustrated in **Figure 6**. The MoU outlined mutual collaboration in the field of capacity building, Marine Protected Areas (MPA), Women Leaders Forum, Local Government Network, Regional Business Forum and Coral Triangle Day outreach activities.







Figure 5: Signing Ceremony - Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC)



Figure 6: Signing Ceremony - Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and Coral Triangle Center (CTC)

- The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP) during the 26<sup>th</sup> SPREP Meeting on 22 September 2015, as illustrated in **Figure 7**. The MoU highlights on the pledge support from the Australian Government to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Woman Leaders Forum, and turtle projects.





Figure 7: Signing Ceremony - Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP)

- The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat formalized the collaboration with Germany to work together in managing Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape in three CTI-CFF member countries i.e. Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines through the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 3 March 2016 in Jakarta, as illustrated in **Figure 8**. The implementation of the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape program shall follow closely the goals of the RPOA focusing on Marine Protected Area (MPA), Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Planning. The program ends in mid-2018.



Figure 8: Signing Ceremony - Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and GIZ



- As part of realizing ocean conservation, sustainable fisheries, and food security through the platforms of capacity development, research, and outreach activities - the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF sealed MoUs with 4 (four) prominent Indonesian Universities on 13 October 2016 in Bogor, Indonesia. namely Bogor Agriculture University (IPB), Institute of 10th of November (ITS), University of Hasanuddin (UNHAS), and University of Sam Ratulangi (UNSRAT) - four of them are of Faculty of Marine and Fisheries, as illustrated in **Figure 9**. The MoUs are expected to benefit not only Indonesia, but also the other 5 member countries of CTI-CFF especially on EAFM, LRFFT, and CCA in the format of expert and student exchanges, seminars, trainings that involving the Universities and related stakeholders. It may be noted that the signing of MoUs is witnessed by the Honorable Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia, H.E. Susi Pudjiastuti. the signing of MoU was also as part of follow up to to establish a Certification Program to recognize academic and research institutions in member countries as CTI- CFF center of excellence and develop a set of criteria for the purpose.



Figure 9: Signing Ceremony - Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and four Indonesian Universities (i.e. Bogor Agricultural University, Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember Surabaya, Hasanuddin University and Sam Ratulangi University)

- In an effort to garner more support for the EAFM TWG and in meeting with the RPOA goal, CTI-CFF is in the final stages of securing financial and technical support from USAID through the USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership program particularly to strengthen regional cooperation to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, promote sustainable fisheries, and conserve marine biodiversity in the Asia-Pacific region. Specifically, CTI-CFF hopes to be a big part in the development of a transparent and financially sustainable catch documentation and traceability (CDT) system to help ensure that fisheries resources are legally caught and properly labelled.

The goal of this program is to strengthen CTI-CFF in ecosystem approach fisheries management (EAFM) through advancing a regional catch documentation and traceability (CDT) to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and promote sustainable fisheries for livelihoods and food security in the Asia and Pacific region by the end of 2018.

- The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat soon will have cooperation arrangement with the James Cook University from Australia. This potential collaboration started since 2015 based on endorsement and facilitation of the Government of Australia. the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat has had a number of communication, coordination and meetings with AIMS and James Cook University in formulating the scope of cooperation. Among others would be Research (i.e. research on climate change impacts; marine biogeography, biodiversity, connectivity, and ecology; and ecosystem resilience), capacity building, and technical assistance support for strengthening capacity of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (i.e. delivery of research, technical advice and training)
- The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat is on the pipeline to have mutual collective efforts with the University of Queensland from Australia. On 16 September 2016, Mr. Pratikto has a constructive meeting with Prof. Peter Mumby from Queensland University. The meeting aimed to follow up of initial side meeting on the occasion of ICRS back in June 2016, discuss potential activities in Ecosystem Services and Marine Spatial Planning relating to CTI-CFF Goals; explore potential activities elaborated in a concept note with a view of activities with Govt. of Australia through DFAT, identify opportunities to work to support collaborations through World Bank/ GEF Capturing Coral Reef Ecosystem Services (CCRES) project and elaborate further activities may include trans-boundary fisheries management and MPA design. Soon, there will be potential signing MoU between both parties with the scope of activities would institutional and capacity building.
- Following the meeting of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and University Malaysia Trengganu back in January 2016, both parties has developed and prepared potential MoU to strengthen and formalize collaboration in the scope of capacity building. It may also be noted that the signing of MoU is in the pipeline for suitable time. Among other Human Resource Development (i.e. Exchange program for researchers and students), Research and Development (i.e. Conduct joint research activities, training and sharing of technical resources including but not limited to EAFM, CCA, MPA and Threatened Species), Collaboration Mechanism and Development (i.e. Planning, designing, implementing programs for marine resources management and develop monitoring and evaluation), and Information Management and Networking
- The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat is in the pipeline to have collaborative efforts with PEMSEA, including the potential for having between MoU within both organizations. the collaborative efforts would be 1) Proposed possible joint programs to be forwarded to GEF6 on Seascape, Local

Governments and Climate Change Adaptation Working Group; 2) Links with the existing University network from PEMSEA and CTI countries with a focus of Climate Change and knowledge sharing; 3) possibility to formalize a way to engage industry and blue economy in regional level; 4) possible project may focus into the areas in fulfilling SDG target such as State of Oceans Report, Blue Oceans project and Blue Economy Development Progress.

- The Regional Secretariat has established communication with the Minister of Research, Technology and Higher Education of Indonesia pertaining the proposal on scholarship opportunities for students from CTI-CFF Member States located in Pacific region (i.e. Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste).
- Cooperation agreement on specific program and activities between CTI-CFF and FAO commenced with initial engagement with Mr. Simon Funge-smith, Secretary of the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission (APFC) and Prof. Indroyono Soesilo (Former Minister of Maritime Coordinator Republic of Indonesia and former Director of Fisheries and Aquaculture Resources Use and Conservation Division of the Fisheries and Aquaculture Department, FAO). Discussions is still on-going.

## **C. ACTIVITIES OF THE 11TH SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-11)**

The Eleventh Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-11), hereinafter referred to as the ("SOM-11") of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) was held in Manado, Indonesia between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2015. A series of pre-SOM meetings were held as well, a day prior to SOM-11 to include meetings of technical working groups, governance working groups, cross-cutting themes and Partner meetings. The main objective of pre-SOM meetings was for the groups to discuss and agree on a set of recommendations to be considered at the SOM-11.

The SOM-11 meeting was the first meeting for the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat since its transition from interim into permanent status in early April 2015 when the Executive Director took office. The Meeting was attended by the delegations from the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste. In addition, CTI-CFF Development Partners and observers also attended the meeting such as from the Australian Government - Department of Environment, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Conservation International (CI), Coral Triangle Center (CTC), the Nature Conservancy (TNC), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Rare Indonesia, etc.

The meeting preceded by the inauguration of the Coral Triangle Information and Learning Center (CTIL) Building in Manado, Indonesia by the Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Her Excellency Susi Pudjiastuti on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015.





Figure 9: The CTI-CFF held the 11th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-11) on 2-3 December 2015 in Manado, Indonesia

In addition, a Gala Dinner was organized on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2015 where the Host Country Agreement was signed between the Government of Indonesia, represented by Prof. Ir. Sjarief Widjaja, Ph.D., FRINA, Secretary General/Acting Director General of Marine Spatial Management of Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia and the Executive Director of the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF, Dr. Widi Agoes Pratikto. The signing was witnessed by His Excellency Mao Zemming, Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources of Papua New Guinea on behalf of the CTI-CFF Chair of Council of Ministers (CTI-COM) and Her Excellency Susi Pudjiastuti, Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Republic of Indonesia.

The Meeting commenced the following day on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2015 and was chaired by Ms. Yvonne Tio, Executive Manager of the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority of Papua New Guinea. She was assisted by co-chairs from the CTI-CFF CT6 member countries heads of delegation.

SOM-11 decisions for the Regional Secretariat to take actions, among others, on are as follows:

- a) Agreed to adopt the new text of paragraph of Rule 21 (3) on "New CI-CFF Party" of Rules of Procedure on the accession of a new member party;
- b) Endorsed Brunei Darussalam as a new member of CTI-CFF subject to the submission of the Head of State's adoption to the CTI Leaders' Declaration on CTI-CFF; and the submission of the Instrument of Accession to the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to the Depository;
- c) Appreciated the ratification of the Agreement on the Establishment of Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF by five (5) CTI-CFF Member States;
- d) Acknowledged the process of Appointment for Deputy Executive Directors (Corporate and Program Services) of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat;
- e) Agreed that the schedule of country contributions approved by the Special SOM in May 2014 will be applied for 2016;
- f) Acknowledged and appreciated progress made by National Coordination Committee (NCC) of CTI-CFF Member States, Technical Working Groups, Governance Working Groups, Cross-cutting themes and CTI-CFF Partners;

- g) Acknowledged that there will be a handover of the Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of the CTI-COM and CTI-CSO from Papua New Guinea and the Philippines, to the Philippines and Solomon Islands in 2016, respectively; and
- h) Agreed that the date and venue for SOM-12 will be held back-to-back with the 6th Ministerial Meeting in Papua New Guinea in 2016.

## **D. ACTIVITIES OF WORKING GROUPS, CROSS-CUTTING THEMES & TECHNICAL PROGRAMS**

The Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) reflects the joint priorities and commitments of the CT6 member countries and its Development Partners at regional, national and sub-national levels. Therefore, in order to plan, implement and monitor all of the action plans, it requires appropriate coordination mechanisms to facilitate, a realistic financial structure as well as a comprehensive monitoring and evaluation program in order to prioritize, streamline all goals, targets, regional actions and national actions.

With the above in mind, five (5) Technical Working Groups (TWGs), three (3) Governance Working Groups (GWGs), three (3) cross-cutting themes and Technical Programs have been established with the purpose of implementing the RPOA. The following describes the activities and programs that have been conducted, or planned in the various working groups and cross-cutting themes since the permanent Regional Secretariat established in April 2015 to end of August 2016.

### **1. TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS (TWGs)**

#### **I. SEASCAPE WORKING GROUP**

- a. The Seascapes Pacific Mini REX was held on September 29 to October 1, 2015 at the University of Queensland, Brisbane, Australia. The event generated insights and inputs from the Pacific countries on how to enhance the Seascapes General Model and Framework based on their current practices. The learning event also provided an opportunity to address knowledge gaps in the areas of ridge to reef, marine spatial planning, and transboundary marine management. The workshop also identified concrete steps for the application and implementation of the CTI Seascapes model and framework in each participating country.
- b. A Seascapes Working Group Meeting was also held on 30 November 2015 at the CTI-CFF Headquarters in Manado, Indonesia prior to the 11th CTI-CFF Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-11). The meeting reviewed the progress of the working group, updated information on national and regional seascapes activities, highlighted possible trans-boundary seascapes, recalled decisions endorsed by the SOM-10 as well as highlighted the status of accomplishment of priority activities in 2015. In addition, the meeting also addressed challenges, prepared Seascape work plan for 2016 and proposed a set of recommendations to be endorsed by the SOM-11.



- c. In 8-10 December 2015, the working group conducted the Seascapes Southeast Asia Mini REX in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia. The workshop was designed to generate insights and inputs from the Southeast Asian 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. It also addressed knowledge gaps on enforcement and marine spatial planning. Likewise, the activity identified ways to strengthen links between SSME and CTI SWG mechanisms to promote transboundary marine management.
- d. In April 26-28, 2016, the Seascapes Working Group held another workshop to review and revise the CTI-CFF Seascapes Framework document incorporating the CT6 national and regional comments. The output of the writeshop was presented and approved during the 3rd Seascapes TWG meeting held on April 29, 2016, immediately after the writeshop. With the approval by the WG, the document will be submitted to the NCCCs for review, additional inputs and approval. The meeting also organized the drafting committee who will integrate all the comments and feedback from the NCCCs and to finalize the document. Arrangements for the 2nd Seascapes REX in November 2016 was also finalized.
- e. Planned Activities: Another Seascapes WG writeshop will be conducted on November 30 to December 2, 2016 in Sanur, Bali, Indonesia to integrate all the comments and inputs coming from the different NCCCs on the Seascapes General Model and Framework. This activity is in preparation for the 2nd Regional Exchange to be conducted in the first quarter of next year. The objective of this REX is to finalize the model and framework and to identify the actions for the implementation and application of the model in each member country.
- f. All the activities and events of the Seascapes Working Group was made possible through the support from the Government of Australia, Conservation International, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and technical assistance from other partners. The SWG is currently chaired by Indonesia with Philippines as the vice-chair.
- g. In June 2016, Conservation International hired a part time Seascape Working Group Coordinator to provide support to the Chair and to facilitate the implementation of the various SWG priority activities as defined by the WG as well as liaise with the SWG focal points of each member country. The term is for one year.

## **II. ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO MANAGEMENT OF FISHERIES (EAFM) WORKING GROUP**

- a. An MoU was signed between CTI-CFF and SEAFDEC on 3rd April 2015 in Chiang Rai, Thailand. The MoU outlined the terms of collaboration and working relationship for both Parties. In principal, both Parties agreed to cooperate in the promotion of sustainable fisheries management in the Coral Triangle by utilizing their joint expertise, in particular to strengthen EAFM framework and implementation.
- b. The 5th EAFM Meeting was held on 1st June 2015 in Manado, Indonesia. The meeting reviewed progress of EAFM implementation at the national and regional levels and agreed on the flow

for timely and coordinated reporting of national and regional activities; reviewed the status of implementation of EAFM Regional Priority Actions and Activities identified in August 2013 and agreed on ways to move forward the activities and targets set out in the RPOA.

- c. The Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape EAFM Implementation Planning Meeting was held on 2-5 June 2015 in Manado, Indonesia. The meeting identified EAFM issues and problems in the region and identified the different strategies and actions to address it.
- d. The EAFM Working Group Meeting was held on 30th November 2015 in CTI-CFF Headquarters Manado, Indonesia prior to SOM-11. The meeting outlined some recent development under the purview of the Working Group, overviewed the decision endorsed by the SOM-10, highlighted the status of accomplishments of priority activities (2013-2016), identified challenges, prepared EAFM workplan for 2016 as well as proposed set of recommendations to be endorsed by the SOM-11.
- e. **Planned Activities:** The EAFM WG is currently preparing for two major events to be conducted in the first quarter of 2017. One is the 3rd Fishers Forum with an overarching theme, "Sustainable Fish Production in Support of Food Security and Livelihoods." This event is proposed to be held in the Philippines and will involve about 150 participants coming from the ministry of fisheries, representatives from exporters and processors, fisher folks, fisheries managers and technicians among others. The expected output for this event is to develop a road map identifying relevant enabling policies and programs for and how fisher folks and industry players can help influence and implement effective models. WWF is taking the lead for this activity, however, the WG is also reaching out to other partners and collaborators who are interested to support the forum considering that this is a huge event.
- f. The other targeted activity for early next year is the COASTFISH Workshop which is Target 2 of Goal 2 of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA). This will be the first ever activity on COASTFISH. The workshop basically aims to define what COASTFISH means and its parameters. It hopes to design a common regional framework for the CTI COASTFISH Initiative - plan, strategy, and funding. It also plans to explore the experiences and lessons learned by the member countries on improving income, livelihood and food security in the coastal communities. The WG is currently in search of partners and collaborators who can provide technical and funding support to conduct this event.
- g. Following up one of the decisions during SOM 11, the Chairmanship of the EAFM WG was turned over to Solomon Islands from Indonesia. The working group is yet to elect the vice-chairman. The World Wildlife Fund is currently providing technical and logistical support to the working group by hosting the call meetings and assisting in developing the concept notes and linking with other organizations and agencies.

### **III. MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPA) WORKING GROUP**

- a. The 2nd Round CTMPAS Nomination Process was held from March to August 2015. MPA sites were nominated for Categories 3 and 4 from Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. Flagship Regional Site or Category 4 of the Coral Triangle Marine Protected Area System (CTMPAS) was



awarded to Tioman Island Marine Park (Malaysia), Raja Ampat Islands District Marine Tourism Park (Indonesia) and Apo Reef Natural Park (Philippines). Category 4 means that the sites have attained exceptional regional importance in terms of ecology, socio-economics and governance and meet the highest level criteria for management effectiveness as determined by a panel of independent regional reviewers/evaluators. These sites will have to sustain their efforts and initiatives in order to maintain their status.

- b. A MPA Working Group meeting was held on 30 November 2015 at the CTI-CFF Headquarters in Manado, Indonesia prior to SOM-11. The meeting was conducted to review the decisions endorsed by SOM-10 and to prepare the WG report for SOM 11 by reviewing the status of accomplishments of MPA priority activities, progress towards CTI MPA indicators, number and area of MPAs in the Coral Triangle, highlighted working group accomplishments, identified challenges as well as developed the workplan for 2016 and proposed a set of recommendations to be adopted by SOM-11.
- c. In March 17-18, 2016, a mini CTI MPA Working Group Workshop was conducted in Quezon City, Philippines to review and refine the CTMPAS nomination process and application form. Though all the member countries were invited to the workshop, however, only the Southeast Asian member countries were able to join the activity. Expected output is an enhanced CTMPAS nomination process and form based on the experiences from the first 2 rounds as well as the experiences of the countries in filling up the application forms. The workshop also discussed the proposed design for CTMPAS award system which the group intends to launch soon. This workshop was hosted and supported by the Government of the Philippines with some assistance from ADB, GIZ and CI.
- d. The CTI-CFF Marine Protected Area (MPA) Working Group held the 6th MPA Regional Exchange and the 6th MPA Technical Working Group meeting on September 12-16, 2016 in Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental, Philippines. The 5-day event was hosted by the Government of the Philippines through its National Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI) Coordinating Committee in coordination with the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. The overall theme for the 6th MPA REX was "Sustainable Marine Tourism in the CTI-CFF Marine Protected Areas" as a take-off from the 4th CTI-CFF Regional Business Forum held in August 2015 in Bali, Indonesia. The learning event was also a venue in training new focal points of the CT6 for CT Atlas. They had the opportunity to update their respective data. In the same occasion, the Terms of Reference for the Sustainable Tourism Task Force was also presented by representatives from the Coral Triangle Center (CTC). Likewise, WWF also presented the Nature-Based Tourism project that they are currently undertaking in the Pacific member countries: Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste. One of the highlights of the REX was the learning visit to a famous marine protected area in Negros Oriental and gave the participants an opportunity to interact with the community members.
- e. **Planned Activity:** The WG intends to begin the third round of the CTMPAS nomination in March 2017 once the nomination process and application form is finalized. It is hoped that with the revised nomination process and form it will be easier for countries to participate in the process.



- f. For the past year, The Nature Conservancy provided technical and logistical support to the WG which made it possible for the group to hold monthly call meetings. Now that the Regional Secretariat has availed of an international tele-conferencing facility, the RS has been hosting the MPA WG call meetings in the last few months.
- g. The MPA working group is ably assisted by a MPA WG Coordinator who is supported by the Asian Development Bank (ADB) through its RETA 7813 project. However, the Coordinator position has expired last August 2016.
- h. Philippines has been the Chair of the CTI MPA WG since the establishment of the group in 2011. There may be a plan for Philippines to hand over the Chairmanship to Indonesia, as the current vice-chair, in the coming SOM.

#### **IV. CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION (CCA) WORKING GROUP**

- a. A CCA Working Group Meeting was held on 30 November 2015 at the CTI-CFF Headquarters in Manado, Indonesia prior to SOM-11. The meeting was conducted to prepare the CCA WG report to SOM 11 by reviewing the CCA goals and targets, recalling the decisions endorsed by SOM-10, assessed the status of accomplishment of CCA priority activities, reviewed the CCA indicators, took note the accomplishment of CCA Working Group in 2015, identified challenges as well as prepared CCA work plan for 2016 and proposed a set of recommendations to be endorsed by the SOM-11.
- b. The CCA WG recently conducted the 4th Climate Change Adaptation Regional Exchange on Centers of Excellence (COE) and the 4th CTI CCA TWG meeting. It was held in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia on September 26-27, 2016. This activity is a direct response to Target 2 of Goal 4 of the RPOA: Networked National Centers of Excellence on Climate Change Adaptation for marine and coastal environments are established and in full operation. This was the first ever activity conducted on COE and its goal was to share knowledge and practices of existing COEs in the region and nearby areas as a guide for the member countries in conceptualizing the national and regional COE. Through the workshop the countries recognized the importance and role of COE on CCA in facilitating the sharing of information, data, tools and expertise to address the issues and concerns on climate change in the coastal areas. This is the first of a series of discussions and workshops towards the establishment of COEs on CCA in the region whether it be national or regional in scope. The learning event was hosted by the Government of Malaysia and supported by the CTI Regional Secretariat.
- c. Immediately after the CCA REX, the 4th CCA TWG meeting was held in the same venue. During the meeting, the group reviewed and approved the outputs of the REX as well as the next steps for the WG. Each member country was also asked to present their CCA country report based on the targets outlined in their respective NPOAs. It was also an opportunity for the WG to prepare the CCA WG report for SOM12. However, the group agreed to finalize the report during the Pre-SOM WG meeting on October 31, 2016 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.
- d. WWF has been a strong partner of the CCA WG providing technical and logistical assistance that made it possible for the group to hold regular call meetings. The international NGO was

also crucial in developing the concept note and the COE paper that was the basis in developing the REX program and direction. Likewise, WWF was also instrumental in linking the group to various organizations and agencies that provided technical inputs during the REX.

- e. **Planned Activity:** The Chairmanship of the CCA WG will be turned over to Malaysia from Solomon Islands subject to the approval by SOM12. If approved, the new Chairman will assume effective January 2017 pursuant to the TOR of the WG. During the 4th CCA WG meeting last September, Malaysia has accepted in principle the Chairmanship. The group will then elect a vice-chair.

## **V. THREATENED SPECIES (TS) WORKING GROUP**

- a. The TS Working Group was only established on 1 April 2015. Prior to its establishment the Threatened Species was subsumed under the MPA WG. It is currently chaired by Malaysia and the vice-chair is the Philippines.
- b. CTI-CFF signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) on 22 September 2015 in Apia, Samoa. The MOU outlined the points of collaboration and working relationship of the two organizations specifically on the turtle program for the Pacific member countries. Though the MOU was signed last year but due to funding constraints the project has not started yet.
- c. A TS Working Group Meeting was held on 30 November 2015 at the CTI-CFF Headquarters in Manado, Indonesia prior to SOM-11. That meeting was the first for the group and it was to prepare the group's report to SOM. The report outlined the targets and regional priority actions of the working group, it also highlighted the group's activities for 2015, reviewed the decisions endorsed by the SOM-10, highlighted status of accomplishments of TS priority activities, identified challenges as well as prepared TS work plan for 2016 and proposed a set of recommendations to be endorsed by the SOM-11.
- d. CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat also signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the German Government (GIZ) on March 3, 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia to define the working relationship and points of collaboration between the two parties. The GIZ project is focused on the protection and management of marine turtles in the Southeast Asia member countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines. This 2-year project has already begun and it will complement the marine turtle project with SPREP in the Pacific countries.
- e. **Planned Activity:** The TSWG plans to conduct a workshop before the year ends to develop a roadmap leading towards the achievement of the targets outlined in the RPOA. This workshop also aims to assess the work done by the member countries on the protection and management of threatened species as identified in the RPOA. This activity will be hosted by the Government of Malaysia and will be supported by the CTI Regional Secretariat and GIZ with technical assistance from WWF.



## 2. GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUPS (GWGs)

### I. COORDINATION MECHANISM WORKING GROUP (CMWG)

- a. A consultation meeting with the Chair of CMWG and FRWG, Mr. Anang Noegroho, took place on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The nature of the courtesy visit was to introduce to the Chair of both CMWG and FRWG of the Regional Secretariat's GWG Coordinator. Importantly, the Chair was briefed on the past activities, the recommendations from partners and WG members and the way forward for Regional Secretariat in anticipation of SOM-11. The Chair was also briefed on the pre-SOM meeting arrangements a day prior to SOM-11.
- b. The CMWG Meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in CTI-CFF Headquarters Manado, Indonesia prior to SOM-11. The meeting overviewed the decisions along with its updates endorsed by the SOM-10, proposed activities to be implemented such as publication of a handbook on the Establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat along with the Rules of Procedures; Staff Regulations and Financial Regulations; History of CTI-CFF; CTI Leaders' Declaration and the RPOA. In addition, the meeting also proposed to develop a guideline for CTI-CFF, overviewed the status of working group as well as proposed a set of recommendations to be endorsed by the SOM-11. At SOM-11 the meeting endorsed and agreed to recommend to CTI-COM to transfer the mandate of the CMWG to the Regional Secretariat.
- c. A workshop on "*Branding and Communication Workshop*", was held between 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia was organized by the Regional Secretariat and supported by two (2) Development Partners; i.e. WWF and the Coral Triangle Centre (CTC) as resource persons. This workshop was held as tasked by the 11<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-11) to update the draft Communications Strategy and Work Plan for project development and fund-raising pursuit. The main objectives of the workshop were to brief the present personnel of the Regional Secretariat of what communications and branding programs and activities that has been done and supported by the Development Partners prior to the establishment of the Permanent Regional Secretariat; and to review and update the Communication Strategy and Work Plan drafted in 2012. The outcomes of the workshop were expected to strengthen the CTI-CFF branding and communication strategy to create stronger communication platforms for future organization's development and cooperation with other institutions/states.
- d. A consultation meeting with the Chair of CMWG and FRWG, Mr. Anang Noegroho was held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia mainly to update on the activities that had taken place so far. The Chair was also informed of the arrangements for the next SOM-12 and MM-6 where both WGs are required to present their status and its accomplishments thus far. Importantly, the recommendations from SOM-11 that both WGs shall be disbanded will be tabled for approval and endorsement during MM-6.
- e. **On-going Activities:** Throughout 2016 up until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016, the Regional Secretariat worked on the mandate given by the CTI-CSO in SOM-11. The Regional Secretariat have completed the publication of the revised Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) and the Establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (which includes the Rules of Procedures, Staff Regulations and Financial Regulations. Both documents can be found in the CTI-CFF website. However, there are several pending decisions from the upcoming 12<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials'

Meeting (SOM-12) in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2016 in relation to the provisions in the Rules of Procedures.

The development and publication of the History of CTI-CFF coffee table book is still in-progress. The draft design shall be presented in the pre-SOM CMWG meeting prior to SOM-12. The book is envisioned to be completed and approved by the CTI-CSO by first quarter of 2017.

One of the decisions in SOM-11 was the finalization of the Communications Strategy which includes the Branding Guidelines and Work Plan. The draft will be presented to be endorsed in SOM-12 and shall be the cornerstone for all CTI-CFF communications system.

Finally, as the permanent Regional Secretariat come into existence, SOM-11 has agreed to recommend to CTI-COM that all CMWG on-going activities shall be undertaken by the Regional Secretariat. The CTI-COM decision shall be made during the upcoming 6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016.

- f. **Future Activities:** Upon the approval of CTI-COM to transfer all mandate of CMWG to the Regional Secretariat, the on-going programs and activities under CMWG shall become under the purview of the Regional Secretariat. All communications activities shall be guided by the Communication Strategy up to year 2020. These include strengthening communications capacity across CTI bodies, partners and other stakeholders; develop and maintain communication tools and products; support CTI-CFF events and international for a that CTI is part of; and introduce and implement monitoring and evaluation tools such as a benchmark audit, barometer online surveys, quantitative measurement of web and social media usage and on-going media monitoring and analysis.

## **II. FINANCIAL RESOURCES WORKING GROUP (FRWG)**

- a. The Malaysian NPOA Review and Costing Workshop was held from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 in Johor Bahru, Malaysia was organized by the National Oceanographic Directorate under the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation calling for all relevant stakeholders to review and update the Malaysian National Plan of Action (NPOA).
- b. A consultation meeting with the Chair of CMWG and FRWG, Mr. Anang Noegroho, took place on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The nature of the courtesy visit was to introduce to the Chair of both CMWG and FRWG of the Regional Secretariat's GWG Coordinator. Importantly, the Chair was briefed on the past activities, the recommendations from partners and WG members and the way forward for Regional Secretariat in anticipation of SOM-11. The Chair was also briefed on the pre-SOM meeting arrangements a day prior to SOM-11.
- c. The FRWG Meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 at the CTI-CFF Headquarters Manado, Indonesia prior to SOM-11. The meeting reviewed FRWG decisions endorsed by the SOM-10; highlighted FRWG activities in 2015 (i.e. FRWG meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> March 2015 to review the draft CTI-CFF Financial Architecture Report; later on, the report was submitted to the Chair on 30 March 2015; then, circulated to the CT6 and partners for comments on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2015; proposal to be submitted to GEF6; reviewed the NPOA costing status; highlighted support for project facilitation capacity; reviewed structure and mechanism for CTI fund; developed TOR of the working group as well as proposed a set of recommendations to be adopted by the

SOM-11. SOM-11 decided to propose to CTI-COM for the FRWG functions and responsibility to be assumed by the Regional Secretariat.

- d. A follow-up Malaysian NPOA Costing Workshop was held from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in Johor Bahru, Malaysia organized by the National Oceanographic Directorate, under MOSTI, as the CTI-CFF National Secretariat with the support from the Asian Development Bank in the form of a resource person, Ms. Abbie Trinidad. The main objective of the workshop was for the prioritized action plans in the NPOA to be costed as part of the process towards completing the Chart of Accounts and designing the overall CTI-CFF Financial Architecture. Action plans for goals 1, 2 and part of goal 3 were unable to be ascertained due to internal issues.
- e. A consultation meeting with the Chair of CMWG and FRWG, Mr. Anang Noegroho was held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia mainly to update on the activities that had taken place so far. The Chair was also informed of the arrangements for the next SOM-12 and MM-6 where both WGs are required to present their status and its accomplishments thus far. Importantly, the recommendations from SOM-11 that both WGs shall be disbanded will be tabled for approval and endorsement during MM-6.
- f. **On-going activities:** The FRWG has been mainly supported by the Asian Development Bank particularly in the development of the CTI Financial Architecture. One important task towards the establishment of a workable CTI Financial Architecture is the completion of the costing activities for all National Plans of Actions (NPOA) and prioritized regional actions. As of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016, the costing exercise for all CT6 member countries are at various stages. Philippines has completed its costing exercise but have not revised it. Costing exercises for Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea are envisioned to be completed by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 but to be confirmed by ADB. Malaysia shall complete its costing exercise by October 2016 and lastly, Timor-Leste and Indonesia have yet to do so.
- g. **Future activities:** Upon completion of the NPOA costing, with the assistance of ADB, the Regional Secretariat may be able to determine the type of Trust Fund that the Regional Secretariat is best suited for. In addition to the Trust Fund, the ADB have also proposed the set-up of a Business Development Unit (BDU) / Project Preparation Facility to be based in ADB mainly to assist the Regional Secretariat to draft detailed costing and financial projections needed to prepare projects for funding. As the permanent Regional Secretariat have been established, the FRWG shall propose to the CTI-CSO and CTI-COM that the functions of the BDU / Project Preparation Facility be based in the Regional Secretariat. In the interim, this Facility shall be managed by a Project Initiation Specialist (PIS) with the support of the administration and finance departments within the Regional Secretariat.

### III. MONITORING AND EVALUATION WORKING GROUP (MEWG)

- a. The MEWG Meeting was held on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in CTI-CFF Headquarters Manado, Indonesia prior to SOM-11. The meeting overviewed decisions endorsed by the SOM-10, reviewed CT Atlas updates and development, assessed the monitoring and evaluation indicators, reviewed the implementation of Monitoring and Evaluation system as well as proposed a set of recommendations to be endorsed by the SOM-11.
- b. A consultative meeting with Dr. Alan White from TNC during Seascapes Working Group Regional Exchange (REX) was held on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015 in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia to



discuss the way forward for the Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG). The meeting was called to enable a more direct interaction with the main resource person who was part of the team that designed the Coral Triangle Atlas (CT Atlas). The discussion included issues such as the outstanding signature of the Memorandum of Understanding between WorldFish as the manager of CT Atlas and Solomon Islands; Malaysia and Papua New Guinea; financing issues to maintain the CT Atlas and the working arrangements between Regional Secretariat and WorldFish.

- c. **On-going activities:** Up until 30<sup>th</sup> September 2016, the indicators for Goal 1 “Priority Seascapes” Designated and Effectively Managed have been finalized and endorsed by the Seascape Technical Working Group. On the other hand, the Regional Secretariat have been in communication with WorldFish as the current caretaker of the CT Atlas to discuss on the eventual transfer of CT Atlas to the Regional Secretariat. The discussion also includes on the financial requirements to maintain and operate the CT Atlas.
- d. **Future activities:** The only indicators that have not been finalized are for Goal 5 “Threatened Species Status Improving”. MEWG shall continue monitoring the progress of the finalization of the indicators through the Threatened Species Working Group.

The MEWG together with the Regional Secretariat shall also continue communicating with WorldFish to explore ways for sustainable financing to continue the operation and maintenance of the CT Atlas. In addition, the Monitoring and Evaluation System Operation Manual shall continue to be the main policy document for CTI Monitoring and Evaluation system and updated accordingly. The MEWG and the Regional Secretariat also acknowledges the crucial appointment of an M&E coordinator but is challenged with financial shortcomings. Other means of securing the M&E coordinator would include temporary placement of the coordinator seconded from relevant Development Partners to train current personnel on the use of the CT Atlas.

Finally, the MEWG and the Regional Secretariat also shall continue to pursue and finalize the signing of the MOUs on data transfer between WorldFish and Malaysia; Solomon Islands and Papua New Guinea.

### 3. CROSS-CUTTING THEMES

#### I. LOCAL GOVERNMENT NETWORK (LGN)

- a. The CTI-CFF 3<sup>rd</sup> Local Government Network Meeting was held in Alotau, Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea from 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015. Local government leaders from the Coral Triangle Initiative member countries and their partner organizations gathered in Alotau and committed to reach out and empower more local leaders in advancing marine conservation activities in the communities. The event was hosted by the PNG CTI NCC and the Milne Bay Provincial Government and organized by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, USAID, USDOJ, and CTC. The meeting was intended to establish a structural framework for the LGN, including organizational structure, electing interim chair and co-chair, the composition of LGN Executive Committee, the scope of CTI-LGN Regional Secretariat, procedural membership as well as



engaging the role of women in their coastal communities. The meeting also adopted the CTI-LGN Strategic Purpose.

- b. As a follow-up to the Alotau meeting, the 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of CTI-CFF Local Government Network took place on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015 in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia. The Meeting was held as a side event of the 4<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF Regional Business Forum, organized by CTI NCC Indonesia and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat supported by USAID, US DOI, CTC, TNC, and WWF. The meeting built upon the outcomes and agreements made during the 3<sup>rd</sup> CTI-CFF Local Government Network meeting in Alotau, Papua New Guinea held in March 2015.

The meeting also achieved consensus, among others, that there is a need to strengthen the networking capacity of the LGN by developing activities that will strengthen its members' scope; to list activities and communicate opportunities to ensure the involvement of all stakeholders, especially communities, in capacity building efforts and opportunities. At this meeting, the draft CTI-CFF LGN statutes were also circulated and reviewed, and it was agreed that these statutes will be shared at the upcoming CTI-CFF LGN General Assembly to be promoted for adoption, as will all the above consensus recommendations made. These outputs will be communicated to the members of CTI-CFF Local Government Network by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, and will be finalized at the General Assembly meeting that will be held in Wakatobi in March/April 2016. The above outputs would also be reported to the 11<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting in Manado in November 2015.

- c. During the SOM-11 in December 2015 in Manado, Indonesia, the LGN held a meeting with a view to streamline LGN activities to be followed up, in particular the Alotau and Nusa Dua Meetings. the outcomes of the meeting are as follows: 1) Acknowledged the support of Regional Secretariat, NCCs, USAID, US DOI, NOAA, CTC, WWF, TNC to the LGN; 2) Acknowledged the officers, organizational and membership structure and strategic purpose of the CTI-CFF LGN finalized at the 3<sup>rd</sup> CTI-CFF LGN Meeting in Alotau, PNG; 2) Endorsed the conduct of the CTI-CFF LGN General Assembly to be held in March/April 2016 in Wakatobi, Indonesia; and 4) Endorsed the CTI-CFF LGN Roadmap as presented during SOM-11, which will be implemented with the support of partners CTC, TNC and WWF. The roadmap would enable the network to become an effective and self-reliant CTI-CFF LGN.
- d. The Regency of Wakatobi, Southeast of Sulawesi, Indonesia hosted the 1<sup>st</sup> CTI-CFF Local Government Network (LGN) General Assembly from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016. The LGN events theme "Toward an effective and self-reliant maritime local government" addressed local and regional economic integration, exchange in best practices as well as capacity building of local governments and their community. This event was a follow up action of the decision taken from the 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee Meeting of CTI-CFF Local Government Network held in August 2015.

The meeting was intended to consolidate its program and activities, including to discuss its constitution as legal standing for management framework of LGN. As part CTI-CFF cross-cutting initiative, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat needed to participate in the events to further streamline LGN activities with the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) implementation. The meeting acknowledged and adopted the document of Wakatobi Declaration as part of commitment binding in pursuing common and integrated activities under the CTI-CFF Maritime LGN in achieving the RPOA. The event approved the constitution of CTI-CFF Maritime LGN as their legal framework in performing the function as its secretariat.



The event also adopted Wakatobi Declaration as point of integrated activities within three networks, namely CTI-CFF Maritime LGN, MAB-UNESCO and ASWINDO to develop capacity building program, to encourage local government to develop and support biosphere reserve areas and to encourage local government to play a role in achieving development goals Number 14: conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development.

- e. The Maritime LGN Task Force Team was participated in the 13<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reefs Symposium (ICRS) in Honolulu, Hawaii from 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The team delivered two presentations in Session 72: Marine Resource Sustainability, Conservation and Management in the Coral Triangle and Southeast Asia to promote and disseminate the network and its roadmap:
- CTI-CFF Maritime LGN: To Improve Coastal and Marine Resource
  - Strengthening the Maritime LGN: Toward a Self-reliant Maritime LGN to Support CTI-CFF RPOA and NPOA Implementation.

Positive responses and appreciation were received for the initiative and works done thus far. During the event, one of the important meetings attended was with the Hawaii Government, Representative, Mr. Gene Ward. It was discussed that CTI-CFF Maritime LGN could build the network with the state of Hawaii in terms of city sisters which was successfully done with Bali Province. Several meetings were also attended by the team to promote, strengthen the network and its programs and explore wider collaboration. Appreciation addressed to USAID/ USDOJ and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat for the support given to the Maritime LGN to participate in this event and future working relationship.

- f. **Future activities:** The Regional Secretariat shall continue to support LGN activities and more importantly shall also assist in its effort to empower the Network to integrate its activities to achieve the RPOA goals.

## **II. WOMEN LEADERS FORUM (WLF)**

- a. A CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum Roundtable was held in Alotau, Milne Bay on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 where 25 women leaders from coastal communities in Papua New Guinea (PNG) committed to work together, share experiences, inspire each other, and find ways to strengthen their capacity in leading marine and coastal resource conservation projects during the first ever gathering of women engaged in marine conservation and sustainable fisheries. During the forum the women elected focal points and a secretariat for the WLF in PNG. The PNG CTI NCC, PNG Conservation and Environment Protection Authority, The Nature Conservancy, USAID, US Department of Interior and the Coral Triangle Center organized the forum in conjunction with the 3<sup>rd</sup> CTI-CFF LGN Meeting.
- b. The CTI Women Leaders Forum Earth Hour Awareness talk was held in Kudat, Sabah, Malaysia on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2015. The talk highlighted the role of women in nature conservation and provided a platform for the women network with each other. It featured four women leaders from grassroots organizations who are championing for the environment in the proposed Tun Mustapha Park in Sabah, a globally significant priority conservation area in the Coral Triangle. Over 40 women, including university students attended the talk. WLF in Malaysia hoped to serve as a dynamic peer-learning network that shares best practices in marine resource

conservation as well as a platform to build the capacity of women as environmental custodians. The event was organized by WWF-Malaysia and supported by USAID, DOI and CTC.

- c. The CTI Women Leaders Forum participated in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Forum on Women Leaders in Biodiversity Conservation held in Manila on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2015. The event included a panel discussion with the Philippine Secretary of Justice, Philippine Ombudsman, Court of Appeals Justice, a university president, a national broadcaster, among others. The CTI Women Leaders Forum was represented by Angelique Songco, superintendent of the Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park and Lorreta Sollestre, environment specialist of the Province of Batangas. The activity highlighted the accomplishments of the women leaders to serve as inspiration in promoting biodiversity conservation and environmental law enforcement. It also aimed to replicate the success of the women in fostering genuine stewardship and effective governance of the environment and properly document and publish their commendable efforts. It was organized in collaboration with USAID, US Department of Interior, CTI NCC Philippines, Coral Triangle Center, and Conservation International Philippines.
- d. Twenty-two women environmental managers from the Solomon Islands gathered in Honiara on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015 to participate in the CTI-CFF WLF event entitled "Women and Nature Tingting Blong Me" and map out ways to encourage more women to take an active leadership role in managing the country's natural resources. The women agreed to form a network and develop a national work program that will foster closer collaboration among women, offer opportunities to share information, build capacity in natural resource management, and develop livelihood programs where women are supported and empowered to take a central role in environmental issues and actively support the goals of the CTI. They also agreed to link with Solomon Islands Ministry of Women to reach to a wider audience and to tap into the various capacity development and information programs available through the CTI WLF's regional network. The event was organized by the Solomon Islands' Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Coral Triangle Center, USAID, and the US DOI.
- e. Four women leaders from Indonesia participated in a roundtable discussion at the side-lines of 4<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF Regional Business Forum on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015 to inspire and engage women entrepreneurs to successfully catalyze sustainable and environment-friendly businesses that support and sustain marine resources across Indonesia. By sharing lessons learned and highlighting best practices, the women leaders who have each built their sustainable businesses that promote marine and coastal resource conservation aimed to inspire more women to pursue sustainable businesses that conserve and sustain marine resources. The event was organized by the Indonesia CTI NCC, MMAF, CTI Regional Secretariat, USAID, USDOJ and Coral Triangle Center.
- f. During the SOM-11 in December 2015 in Manado, Indonesia, the WLF held a meeting with a view to streamline WLF activities to be followed up, especially a series of WLF activities in the CTI-CFF countries. The outcomes of meeting are as follows: 1) Included/Incorporated gender measures into the CTI Monitoring and Evaluation Operations Manual. The indicators will be prepared by the WLF Secretariat in collaboration with the WLF focal points and submitted at the next CTI M&E Working Group Meeting; 2) Encouraged all CTI-CFF Technical Working Groups to engage and utilize the pool of women leaders in the CTI-CFF Member States trained under WLF's various capacity building activities as resource persons or participants in their

respective workshops; 3) Encouraged CTI-CFF member countries to link with ministries for women empowerment in CTI-CFF WLF activities (this was earlier placed under planned activities); and 4) Acknowledged the support of USAID, US DOI, CTC, NOAA, ADB, WWF, TNC, CI, and GIZ in the conduct of WLF activities.

- g. **On-going activities:** The WLF is active mainly with the support of the Development Partners; e.g. TNC and CTC. The WLF is represented and presentations were made at several international conferences such as at the Women Deliver Conference (16-19 May 2016); International Coral Reef Symposium in Hawaii (23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016); International Sustainable Oceans Symposium in Japan (19<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016) and IUCN World Conservation Congress in Hawaii (1-10<sup>th</sup> September 2016).

In particular, the International Symposium on Capacity Building for Sustainable Oceans which was held in Tokyo, Japan and hosted by the Nippon Foundation, the Government of Japan, and supported by TNC, featured a number of high level officials from the Japanese government, as well as the Chairman of the Nippon Foundation, the President of the Republic of Palau, and Ambassadors from Australia, Sweden and Seychelles. Grassroots leaders from over 30 countries came together to share their experiences in ocean and coastal management, to describe how they are educating and connecting with others to build capacity and ultimately ensure the sustainability of the resources upon which they depend. The CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum (WLF), was one of the case studies profiled at the symposium. The spokesperson for the WLF, Ms Roziah Jalalid, is the Chairperson of the Omodal Women's Association (WAPO), and has been involved in community engagement, outreach and capacity building for marine conservation in Sabah, Malaysia since 2010.

Participation in the WLF event provided Roziah with the opportunity to share her experiences with likeminded groups from across Malaysia; in Tokyo last month, she had the chance to share these with leaders from around the world. According to Roziah, "it was great exposure to attend the Tokyo event and to have the opportunity to learn about great achievements and successful stories by all speakers that work on marine conservation globally. Talking about the Women Leader's Forum in this international event has highlighted the contribution of women in conservation and ocean sustainability and their role in bringing together their communities to be involved in marine resource management". Through her presentation in Tokyo, and her work with WAPO and the WLF, Roziah hopes that she can inspire and encourage more women to protect and love the oceans.

At the national level, the second roundtable of the National Papua New Guinea branch of the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum was held in Manus province, Papua New Guinea (15-17 June 2016). The roundtable saw over 120 women from across PNG come together to reaffirm their commitment to, and leadership role in, the sustainable management of the coastal and marine resources of PNG. The theme of the roundtable was '*Rights-Based Management is empowering women in food security, sustainable community fisheries and climate adaptation programs in rural communities of PNG*'. The objectives of the meeting were to enable the women participants to network and share lessons, experiences and best practice regarding community-based marine management. It also focused on identifying opportunities for capacity building and partnership development. The roundtable culminated in the development of the Lorengau Accord, which outlined the participants' commitment to standing together as women on marine and coastal issues, recognizing their common

concerns and desire for the sustainable and responsible use of their natural resources. The women also underscored the importance of women's economic empowerment as a foundation for effective and sustainable resource management. A survey conducted amongst participants at the event revealed that the participants saw the primary role of the WLF as being a forum for women, and to enable consultation amongst women leaders. The top three issues upon which the participants felt the PNG WLF should focus going forward were Natural Resource Management; Social Development; and Consultation and Cooperation. Based on the great enthusiasm and leadership demonstrated at the roundtable, there are plans to hold a 3<sup>rd</sup> PNG WLF roundtable in Kimbe Bay, West New Britain Province, in 2017. The event was convened by The Nature Conservancy's PNG program, and was made possible with support from the German Government and the Australian Government. It was organized in collaboration with the National Government of PNG and the Manus Provincial Government and involved a range of other partners in PNG, including the PNG Women in Business Foundation, the National Council of Women, the Provincial Council of Women, and the PEDF.

- h. **Future activities:** The Malaysian WLF chapter will be convened between 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2016 in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah. The objectives of the workshop are to: (i) highlight roles of women in nature conservation through case studies; (ii) provide a platform for women in nature conservation to know each other; (iii) build capacity of women leaders in conservation in basic financial management and presentation/public speaking skill; and (iv) establish a firm ground, future direction and activities for WLF in Malaysia. On another separate event, the WLF Malaysia shall convene a meeting to discuss and finalize the Terms of Reference for Malaysian WLF in line with the WLF Roadmap 2014-2016; the Regional Plan of Action and decisions from SOM-11.

The Regional Secretariat shall continue to support and assist in the coming activities and programs, in addition to actively seeking sustainable financing for WLF activities towards its aspiration to mainstream gender equality in all aspects of decision-making.

### **III. REGIONAL BUSINESS FORUM (RBF)**

- a. The 4<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF Regional Business Forum was held from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> August 2015 in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia. The Forum focused on the issues surrounding sustainable marine tourism in the Coral Triangle (CT), with particular focus on: (i) identifying and promoting best practices for responsible marine and coastal tourism; (ii) identifying and promoting the enabling conditions required to support private sector leadership and engagement in sustainable and responsible marine and coastal tourism in the Coral Triangle, and (iii) exploring the branding and marketing of the Coral Triangle as a global sustainable tourism destination.

The event was attended by 361 participants from the marine tourism private sector, government representatives from the CT6 nations, NGOs, universities and associated institutions. Participants attended all or some of the various activities in the forum, which included:

- the Coral Triangle Sustainable Marine Tourism Conference, with guest speakers from both the CT region and around the world, this conference included ten topic based sessions and three panel discussions open to all participants;





- the Coral Triangle Marine Tourism Investment Forum and Buyer-Sellers' Market, providing an arena for prospective tourism investors to meet with government representatives and other business representatives to forge sustainable investment cooperation in the Coral Triangle's marine conservation areas;
  - the Coral Triangle Marine Tourism Expo, showcasing marine and eco-tourism businesses in the Coral Triangle region;
  - three high level Roundtable discussions focused on the three forum themes;
  - the Women Leaders Forum Roundtable;
  - CTI-CFF Local Government Network (LGN) 1<sup>st</sup> Executive Committee Meeting;
  - a field trip to Nusa Penida MPA and Learning site; a Learning Cocktail Event, and a Gala Dinner.
- b. During the SOM-11 in December 2015 in Manado, Indonesia, the RBF held a meeting with a view to streamline activities to be followed up since the 4<sup>th</sup> RBF held in 2015. The following were the outcomes of the meeting:
- Encouraged CTI-CFF member countries to adopt the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) Criteria as the baseline standard for sustainability in travel and tourism in marine protected areas in the Coral Triangle and adapt these to fit local conditions;
  - Endorsed the creation of a task force under the MPA Technical Working Group that will identify ways to promote sustainable marine tourism standards in marine protected areas. The task force will be led by Indonesia NCC and the Coral Triangle Center. Other Members will include representatives from Regional Secretariat, NCCs, partner organizations, Tourism Ministries of the CTI-CFF member countries, and marine tourism industry associations. WWF and CI have also expressed interest to become members. The TOR of the task force will be presented at the next SOM;
  - Noted that there is a study funded by the Government of Australia and undertaken by WWF entitled "Developing and Promoting Sustainable Nature-Based Tourism in the Coral Triangle", the results of which will support the task force; and
  - Endorsed the conduct of the 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Business Forum in 2017 with the continued thematic focus on marine tourism, and finalize the next host country before SOM12.
- c. **Future activities:** The Regional Secretariat shall continue to ensure the continuance of the Regional Business Forum as one of the platform to reach out to the business communities. As decided in SOM-11 the next 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Business Forum (RBF-5) shall continue to focus on marine tourism theme supported by findings from studies funded by the Australian Government on sustainable nature-based tourism in the Coral Triangle and to encourage relevant business communities to adopt the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) Criteria as the baseline for sustainability in travel and tourism in marine protected areas. The formation of the Sustainable Tourism Task Force under the MPA Technical Working Group shall be able to assist in the Forum program to promote sustainable marine tourism standards in marine protected areas together with Development Partners.



## 4. TECHNICAL PROGRAMS

- a. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited to the 3<sup>rd</sup> International Seminar on Ocean and Coastal Engineering, Environmental and Natural Disaster (ISOCEEN) 2015 with a view of exploring potential collaboration with Institute of 10th of November (ITS) and its connection on capacity building program on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation held in Surabaya, Indonesia on 9-10 December 2015. At the Seminar, the CTI-CFF Executive Director delivered a keynote speech with the title "Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Through Regional Partnership". Aside of this event, discussion on potential collaboration with ITS and its connection i.e. HZ University, Netherlands as well as BPPT (i.e. Marine Survey and Research Vessels) was initiated by the Regional Secretariat. The theme of the discussion was on the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation program with focus on capacity building of CT6 countries. This discussion had a potential collaboration considered as a capacity building program on Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation. The ITS has several ideas on the climate change adaptation and mitigation program on capacity building or maybe applied technology, which could be elaborated and proposed to RS CTI CFF. All participant institutes at discussion agreed to elaborate potential proposal for collaboration with RS on the theme of capacity building on climate change adaptation and mitigation. However, the timeframe for further elaboration was not set up yet.
- b. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat had a fruitful meeting with delegation of the European of External Action Service to Indonesia & Brunei Darussalam (EEAS) regarding potential collaboration between EU External Action Service and CTI CFF Regional Secretariat on 18 December 2015 in Jakarta, Indonesia. This meeting was mainly act as both introductory of EEAS and CTI CFF Regional Secretariat and follow up of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat previous engagement with EU Delegations to Australia in Canberra (August 2015) and European Commission in Brussels (October 2015) on the possibility of collaboration on various aspects that includes environment, biodiversity, capacity building, climate change adaptation, value chains, trade, knowledge sharing and many other fields which have been developed under the EEAS. The following potential programs that might be collaborated with CTI CFF Regional Secretariat: a) Marine protection areas and spatial planning; b) Bird migration in the SSME in line with capacity building; and c) Community-based ecotourism.
- c. The Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific (WESTPAC) invited the CTI-CFF Executive Director to attend the WESTPAC Advisory Group Meeting from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in Yogyakarta, Indonesia and also upon the kind offer of the Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI) and its Research Center for Oceanography as host. The Executive Director had an opportunity to deliver a presentation on sharing the common goals of the CTI-CFF in addressing crucial issues such as climate change and marine biodiversity for the region, capacity and capability in coastal and marine natural resources towards the RPOA implementation. The CTI CFF Regional Secretariat sought this opportunity to strengthen scientific support to the CTI-CFF Working Groups, and learned how scientific group in the WESTPAC was working. This was aligned with the task of the RS to encourage the establishment of scientific group in the CTI-CFF. Following the event, the Executive Director had a fruitful working dinner meeting with Prof. Dato' Dr. Nor Aieni Binti Haji Mokhtar, the Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT), Malaysia to initiate preliminary discussion towards signing an MOU.

- d. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited to attend the Focus Group Discussion (FGD) on Live Reef Fish Food Trade (LRFFT) on 21-22 January 2016 on Bali, Indonesia. The FGD of LRFFT was part of ADB-RETA 7831 sub-project entitled Formulating a Policy on the Management of Coral Reef Fishes in the Live Reef Food Fish Trade (LRFFT) in Indonesia. The LRFFT is one of important topics on CTI-CFF Goal of Ecosystem Approach to Fishery Management (EAFM), which need to be specifically addressed by the CTI-CFF in the near future. Points of discussion in this meeting were review of the regulation needs to be accomplished, review of bio-ecological aspects of grouper needs to be focused on the sex-ratio characteristics from different places, minimal size for live grouper trade is suggested about 500 grams. In addition, this meeting was also to promote CTI-CFF to scholars from Center for Tropical Marine Ecology (ZMT), Bremen, Germany.
- e. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat attended the 48th Meeting of the Council of Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) from 4th to 8th April 2016 in Nha Trang, Viet Nam. Apart from CTI-CFF commitment as a partner and collaborator with SEAFDEC, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat had an opportunity to meet with SEAFDEC team to discuss matters in relation to policies and critical issues, programs and new proposals for endorsement, in particular the follow up action of the MoU between CTI-CFF and SEAFDEC which was signed on 3rd April 2015. The discussion was on the potential collaborative efforts in the scope of Human Resource Development (Training; Seminar, workshop and symposia), Research and Development, Consultancy as well as Information management and Networking. During this meeting, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat had meeting with SEAFDEC Secretariat, in particular with the Secretariat General of SEAFDEC to discuss and set-up further action to implement the MoU including preparing LoA. In addition, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat had meeting with USAID/RDMA and Ocean Fisheries Partnership Program as well as sought potential collaboration with other stakeholders of the SEAFDEC, as follows:
- 1) Mr. David Brown (Regional Fisheries Programme Consultant, FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific, 39 Phra Atit Road, Bangkok 10200, THAILAND);
  - 2) Mr. Goran Haag (Councillor, Program Manager – Environment, Development Cooperation Section, Embassy of Sweden, Address: 11th Fl. One Pacific Place, 140 Sukhumwit Road, Bangkok 10110, [www.swedenabroad.com](http://www.swedenabroad.com) );
  - 3) Ms. Sarah Lenel (Fishery Monitoring and Compliance Manager, Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources, [www.ccamlr.org](http://www.ccamlr.org) );
  - 4) Mr. Christopher Rogers (NOAA).

The SEAFDEC Council recognized the collaboration with CTI-CFF. Further action needs to be sized during the next meeting of CTI-CFF and SEAFDEC Secretariat in Bangkok, Thailand, 2nd week of May, 2016. There were some potential collaborations with FAO (small scale) in fisheries documentation and statistics and with Embassy of Sweden in the field of biodiversity and conservation. All potential collaboration needed to be follow-up accordingly.

- f. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited to attend Marine Science and Fisheries Dean Forum: "Morning Tea and Coffee Talks" on the importance of research integration and coordination between Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia and Universities based in Makassar, Indonesia on 6-7 May 2016. Indonesia Marine Science and Fisheries Dean

Forum was a forum of university dean of faculty of marine science and fisheries. Its membership consists of about 64 deans. The forum gave advices to related Government on development of research and education including provide constructive inputs to existing policies. The discussion had three topics in Agenda as follows: a) Architecture of research and education on marine science, fishery, and maritime studies; b) Agreement on nomenclature of study programs and the provision of bachelor degree; and c) Annual working plan of the Forum. In addition, the Regional Secretariat members of Dean Forum to scope their research on supporting the achievement of CTI goals in Indonesia as CTI-CFF is one of big investments. Furthermore, Regional Secretariat encouraged the interested member of Dean Forum to develop a sort of "**CTI-CFF university consortium**" that could underpin the achievement of the RPOA Goals by giving more attention on research, education, and scientific-related RPOAs, as well as to develop qualified human resource capacity which will in the future able to maintain sustainably the marine and coastal resources. Regional Secretariat encouraged member of dean forum to pay more attention on trans-boundary resource management, particularly in trans-ecoregion or seascape. Dean Forum was considering to adjust universities main research focus, which should align with MMAF focuses. One of the main research focuses is Marine Fishing Areas, MFA (Wilayah Pengelolaan Perikanan, WPP). Research and monitoring on the MFA should be encouraged in universities in accordance with their related MFA. The MFA governance should be underpinned by robust research and monitoring, and the role of universities in MFA governance is important. Dean forum was considering encouraging universities to put more attention on thematic research supporting aquaculture development, particularly for high value economic species such as groupers and another existing cultured species. Thematic research should focus on feed technology and quality, seeding, and fish vaccines. Indonesia needs to reduce dependency on import of feed (whole or partial feed components). Director General of Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries for Research and Development encouraged dean forum to support and accelerate the commitment of the Minister to combat IUU Fishing as well as to provide more comprehensive research-based policies to support sustainable fisheries. He also introduced a Scientific Management System. This system allows the policy makers to make comprehensive and quick solution to any problems.

- g. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited to the CPLP organization for the CPLP and the Sea – Challenges and Opportunities in A Globalized World held in Dili, Timor-Leste on 16 – 18 May 2016. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat presented about Conservation and Protection of Marine Environment for Food Security and Sustainable Development in CTI Region. There were also Coordination Meeting with NCC Timor-Leste, Indonesian Education Attaché of the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia (KBRI).
- h. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat attended a workshop to discuss and conduct State of Ocean and Coastal Report, Indonesia held on 13-14 June 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The workshop of Developing State of Ocean and Coastal Report Indonesia was part of series meeting, i.e. including of Ministers and Senior Government Officials from 11 PEMSEA Partner Countries and The EAS Congress workshop, which had been held during 2015. The SOC Indonesia Report was an important report for the ocean and coastal stakeholder in Indonesia.
- i. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, represented by the Executive Director, Mr. Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D. and Head of Technical Program Dr. M. Lukman, participated in the 13th International

Coral Reef Symposium (ICRS) between 19th to 24th June 2016 in Honolulu, Hawaii. The 13th ICRS was the world's top ocean scientist platform to exchange ideas on how to support and strengthen economic and human benefits for communities which depends on coral reefs and their associated resources. During the event, Mr. Pratikto delivered a presentation on 22nd June 2016 pertaining the role of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to foster and build strong collective efforts towards the promotion of coral reef conservation by the stakeholders in the Coral Triangle region to ensure prosperity, maintain sovereignty of each country, and sustainability of resources. On the sideline of the event, CTI-CFF also held workshop to produce report as part of key input to the European commission's biodiversity strategy for Asia on marine conservation priorities in the coral triangle, with key input and Lessons Learned from the CTI and Regional Secretariat.

On the other note, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat's delegation; Mr. Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., together with Dr. M. Lukman, Head of Technical Program conducted a meeting with Prof. Terry Hughes, Prof. Peter Mumby and Dr. Laurence McCook to explore potential partnerships and support from James Cook University and University of Queensland, Australia respectively. In addition, it had been an eventful and satisfying work meetings for the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat towards creating new partnerships – (i) consultation meeting on the draft report on marine conservation priorities in the Coral Triangle with the European Commission; (ii) participated in the Leadership Summit; (iii) visit to the State Capital Building for a meet-and-great with Mr. Gebe Ward – Hawaii Senator and other prominent officers; (iv) meeting with Prof. Goldstein and his wife, Vicki Nichols Goldstein of Colorado Ocean Coalition (COCO) - The Inland Ocean Movement, on the sideline of ICRS event in Honolulu, USA. The mission of COCO is to promote healthy oceans through education and community engagement.

- j. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat attended and participated in the stakeholder consultation meeting on formulating a draft policy on the management of coral reef fisheries and LRFFT in Indonesia held in Makassar, Indonesia on 30 June – 1 July 2016. This stakeholder consultation Meeting on LRFFT was a continuation of previous FGD conducted in Bali, 21 – 22 January 2016. The conclusion of the (previous) relevant mission report was that contractor of the LRFFT study need to complete the policy analysis and again discussed with stakeholders before the policy is concluded. This consultation meeting was part of the Project of ADB-RETA 7831 sub-project entitled Formulating a Policy on the Management of Coral Reef Fishes in the Live Reef Food Fish Trade (LRFFT) in Indonesia.
- k. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat attended Kick off Workshop Indonesian Marine Educators Network (IMEN) held on Manado, Indonesia on 8-9 August 2016. During the discussion, there were numbers of objectives that discussed as follow:
  - 1) Exchange of experiences, methods and materials between the different Marine Environmental Education Organizations in Indonesia;
  - 2) Exchange of problems and barriers in implementation of Marine Environmental Education;
  - 3) Learning from each other - Best practice examples of Marine Environmental Education in Indonesia;
  - 4) Establishment of an Indonesian Marine Educators Network (IMEN)–organizational structure and establishing working groups (Declaration, Finance, Fundraising, Media, Cooperation with Ministries, Cooperation with Academia, Website, etc.);



- 5) Collecting ideas how IMEN could establish a Think Tank of Marine Environmental Education in Indonesia;
  - 6) Development of a strategic plan how IMEN will cooperate with the Ministry of Education and Culture, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Affairs, Ministry of Research, Technology, and Higher Education; institutions, schools, universities, communities and media at national level, provincial level, district level and sub-district level;
  - 7) Elaboration of a plan for the future of Marine Environmental Education in Indonesia.
- l. Those objective also aligning with IMEN the SDGs targets 4 (Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all), 14 (Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources for sustainable development), and 17 (Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development).
- m. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited to a Workshop entitled Moving Toward by Sharing Fish Data and Information in Small Scale Tuna Fisheries in Manado, Indonesia on 27 September 2016. This workshop was aligned with the government program in enhance the tuna fisheries management by implementation on Tuna Fisheries, Cakalang and Tongkol Action Plan as well as Minister of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Decree number 107, 2015.
- n. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited to the 1<sup>st</sup> International Seminar on Tropical Aquatic Resources Science and Management in conjunction with the 1<sup>st</sup> National Congress of the Indonesian Aquatic Resources Management Association, organized by Sam Ratulangi University and Indonesia Aquatic Resources Management Association held in Manado, Indonesia on 28 September 2016. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat presented about Building-up cooperation and commitment: the way forward sustainable marine resource management in coral triangle region. The Seminar was part of engagement, in term of communication and networking between CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the researchers as well as the stakeholders.
- o. The regional workshop was conducted between October 3 to 7, 2016 in the Natural National Park Tayrona (Santa Maria, Colombia), as part of the South Cooperation Project during this year, for the Exchange of experiences between the Eastern Tropical Pacific Marine Corridor (CMAR) and the Coral Triangle Initiative (South East Asia – Pacific) funded by the Presidential Agency for International Cooperation of Colombia APC-Colombia, WWF Colombia and National Parks Service of Colombia. Around 30 people attended the workshop, representing 15 entitles from governments and NGOs of the four countries that constitute CMAR (Costa Rica, Panama, Colombia and Ecuador) and representatives of the Coral Triangle Initiative (Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste – CT6) such as the Ministries of the Environment, Fisheries Authorities, Marine Protected Ares National Systems, the CMAR Core Protected Areas (Coco, Gorgona, Malpelo and Galapagos Islands), the Regional Secretariats, the National Committees and Regional Working Groups Coordinators of the two initiatives, the Charles Darwin Foundation and WWF (Colombia, Ecuador, and Indonesia). The objective of this workshop were as follows: 1) to promote a first on-site meeting between CMAR and CTI representatives, after sharing basic information during previous virtual meetings with both initiative's committees and technical groups; 2) Enhance the knowledge and understanding of the initiatives structure and functions, in the political and technical level, according to objectives and targets of both initiatives; 3) Identify

target actions and opportunities (supply and demand approach) that express the intention to promote south-south cooperation exchange between the CMAR and the CTI; and 4) Design a regional project for promoting technical cooperation between the two (2) initiatives. Expected Output of this collaborative efforts of CMAR and CTI was a concept note for a Regional Project to promote technical cooperation between the two (2) initiatives to be implemented in 2017. This another effort to strengthen the NCC and to empower TWG activities accordingly.

- p. The CTI-CFF was invited to the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Symposium on Fisheries Crime held in Yogyakarta, Indonesia on 10-11 October 2016. The aims of symposium were to advance the discussion on how best the international community should cooperatively respond to transnational organized fisheries crime along the value chain; to encourage high level representatives from national authorities and leading international experts to commit to a firm cooperative response to transnational organized fisheries crime; and to strengthen the global dialogue on fisheries crime initiated at FishCRIME 2015 to promote partnerships and cooperation in fighting fisheries crime.



## E. COOPERATION DEVELOPMENT: EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND PARTNERSHIP ENGAGEMENTS

As part of collective efforts to align CTI-CFF goals and activities with other regional and international commitment within the framework of RPOA, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat has initiated networking efforts with external counterparts and partnership. For reporting purposes, the cooperation development activities are categorized into two section, activities undertaken in 2015 and 2016, respectively.

Among others activities on external relation and partnership engagement that took place in **2015** are as follows:

1. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., had a working visit to Chiang Rai, Thailand, on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015 to sign the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) as a follow-up action of the decision from SOM-10 authorizing the Regional Secretariat to proceed with finalizing and formalizing cooperation arrangement between CTI-CFF and SEAFDEC. The area of cooperation under this MoU would be Human Resources Development, Research and Development, Consultancy and Information Management and Network.
2. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., made a working visit to meet with H.E. Pehin Orang Kaya Seri Utama Dato Seri Setia Awang Haji Yahya bin Begawan Mudim Dato Paduka Haji Bakar, the Minister of Industry and Primary Resources of Brunei Darussalam from 16<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2015. The meeting took place in Bio Conservation Corridor, Bandar Seri Begawan, marked Brunei Sultanate's commitment to be part of the CTI-CFF. The process of acceptance of Brunei Darussalam as a new member country of CTI-CFF along with its formal requirements, as directed by the SOM-10, was also discussed.
3. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., had a series of courtesy visits to Canberra between 23<sup>rd</sup> June and 26<sup>th</sup> June 2015, to meet with the Minister of Environment, H.E. George Hunt, as representative of Australian Government and with representatives from Australian based institutions to discuss supports required for CTI-CFF. Other activities included separate consultation meetings with Indonesian Ambassador to Australia, High Commissioner of Papua New Guinea to Australia, Australian Ambassador for Environment, Australian Department of Agriculture, The Nature Conservancy, WWF Australia and possible cooperation with the Secretariat of SPREP.
4. As a follow up action after the MoU signing with SEAFDEC in April 2015, the office of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat hosted a meeting with representatives of SEAFDEC in Jakarta on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2015 to discuss the implementation of the MoU on EAFM activities in the CTI-ASEAN region with potential collaboration with USAID Regional Development Mission of Asia (USAID RDMA). Both parties agreed on a number of activities such as EAFM, combating IUU fishing for transboundary and port state measures (PSM), COASTFISH, traceability (e.g. under Oceans project), Tuna Governance and Coral Fish in Live Reef Food Fish Trade (LRFFT) to be applied to wild capture fisheries in Southeast Asia and the Pacific region.
5. On the margins of the CTI-CFF 4<sup>th</sup> Regional Business Forum held from 25<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015 in Bali, Indonesia, CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., met with US Ambassador to

Indonesia H.E. Robert Blake, and USAID/RDMA Regional Environment Director, Mr. Alfred Nakatsuma on the possible collaboration between CTI-CFF and USAID to meet with the RPOA targets.

6. The USAID-RDMA invited the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., to attend Ocean and Fisheries Partnership Inception Meeting between 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in Bangkok. This meeting was a follow up meeting from the earlier meeting in August 2015 in Jakarta. Both parties exchanged views for further discussion and elaboration on the possible collaborative cooperation between CTI-CFF, SEAFDEC and USAID.
7. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) to attend the 26<sup>th</sup> SPREP Meeting from 21<sup>st</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> September 2015 in Apia, Samoa. During this meeting, the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., signed the MoU with SPREP on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2015 with the scope for possible cooperation in human resources development (e.g. training, workshop, etc.), research and development, consultancy, information management and networking as well as joint project (e.g. Sea Turtle Conservation). In addition, the Executive Director also met with a representative of the Australian Government to sign a support pledged by Australian Government to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in the amount of AUD320,000.00 that would be used for administrative and operational expenses.
8. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., accompanied by representatives of TNC, made a series of working visit from 28<sup>th</sup> September to 1<sup>st</sup> October 2015 to Germany and Belgium to seek potential collaboration under the RPOA goals and activities, particularly for EAFM and climate change adaptation. In Germany on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2015, the Regional Secretariat and TNC Asia Pacific met with Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), GIZ, ICI/IKI (International Climate Initiative), Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and KfW Development Bank. Meanwhile in Belgium on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2015, delegations from Regional Secretariat and TNC Asia Pacific had consultation meetings with Deputy Chief of Mission of Indonesia to Germany, European Union and The Netherlands as well as had meetings with Director General of Climate Change and Director General of International Cooperation and Development of European Commission on possible collaboration and engagement with European based institutions in South East Asia on regional activities.
9. As a follow up action from previous meetings during the 4<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF Regional Business Forum and at the Ocean and Fisheries Inception Workshop on possible collaboration between CTI-CFF, USAID-RDMA and SEAFDEC, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat hosted a meeting with USAID-RDMA, represented by Mr. Alfred Nakatsuma, Director of Regional Environment Office USAID RIDMA and Mr. Rene Acosta, Program Manager on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2015 at the office of Regional Secretariat in Jakarta. The meeting was intended to formulize a platform for collaboration with a view of developing a set of action-plan and program activities to be taken by the parties.
10. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat attended a Workshop on stock assessment and trophic level biology of reef fish resources, hosted by the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries held from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> October 2015 in Bandung, Indonesia. The purpose of this workshop was to assess the current situation of Live Reef Fish Food Trade (LRFFT) in Indonesia's capture territory area for further policy development to be undertaken by the Government of Indonesia to manage and sustain corals and fisheries resources as well as to facilitate the EAFM Working Group to develop a set of programs related to the LRFFT in the Coral Triangle region.

11. The World Ocean Council (WOC) invited the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., as a speaker at "the Sustainable Ocean Summit" held from 9<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in Singapore. In this event, the Executive Director delivered his presentation on CTI-CFF and its cooperation with Partners as well as established networks with WOC attendees.
12. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., was invited by the East Asian Seas Congress as one of the panelist from 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in Da Nang, Vietnam. In this congress, the Executive Director delivered a presentation on CTI-CFF as part of lessons learned and collaboration with the different East Asian Seas initiatives and partnerships to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG).

Additionally, the following activities on external relation and partnership engagement also took place in **2016**:

1. During the Marine and Fisheries Business Forum and Exhibition 2016 convened by the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in Jakarta, the office of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat received a courtesy visit from Gardline, an international provider for science and technology based in Great Yarmouth, England. The aim of the discussion was to exchange views on potential collaboration to support CTI-CFF to achieve the goals of RPOA, in particular on habitat mapping and complying to scientific requirements in resource management.
2. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., had an informal breakfast meeting with Minister of Research, Technology and Higher Education of Indonesia, H.E. Prof. H. Mohamad Nasir, Ph.D., on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia as a follow up for potential support for scholarship program for CTI-CFF Member States in the Pacific region. The main objective of this meeting was to create strong partnership between CTI-CFF countries, especially to strengthen and enrich human capacity of CTI-CFF Member States in Pacific Region and equip them with better knowledge and skill to achieve the goals outlined in CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action and in the end preserve the extraordinary marine biodiversity in their region.
3. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., attended the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Sub-Commission for the Western Pacific (WESTPAC) in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> January 2016. The Executive Director had an opportunity to deliver a presentation on sharing the common goals of the CTI-CFF in addressing crucial issues such as climate change and marine biodiversity for the region, capacity and capability in coastal and marine natural resources towards the RPOA implementation. Following the event, the Executive Director had a fruitful working dinner meeting with Prof. Dato' Dr. Nor Aieni Binti Haji Mokhtar, the Vice Chancellor of Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT), Malaysia to initiate preliminary discussion towards signing an MOU.
4. The ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) invited the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat as one of Speaker at "the ASEAN Conference on Biodiversity" held from 15<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand. In this conference, the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., delivered a presentation entitled "*Regional Perspectives on Ecosystems Based Approaches*", which highlighted the role of CTI-CFF in sustaining fisheries and biodiversity within the Coral Triangle region. In addition, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat also had a number of sideline meetings to strengthen CTI-CFF, such as with the Executive Director of ACB to discuss potential collaboration and partnership between the two institutions; with USAID Regional Development Mission Asia (RDMA) to discuss upcoming



collaborations between the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF and USAID RDMA Bangkok; with Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center(SEAFDEC) Regional Office to discuss further program implementation with the organization; with UNDP Regional Office to ensure a stronger relationship between the two institutions; and a special meeting with Project Director of Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion from GIZ to discuss MoU signing arrangements.

5. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited to the 5<sup>th</sup> International Tropical Marine Ecosystem Management Symposium (ITMEMS5), hosted by International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), held between 24<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> February 2016 in Panglao, Bohol, Philippines. This symposium addresses with one of the SOM-11 tasks to represent the CTI-CFF at both regional and international level and to develop strategic partnerships and networks. The thematic event of ITMEMS5 relates to several RPOA goals, in particular Seascapes and Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) goals.
6. The office of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in Jakarta received a courtesy visit from Tetra Tech Bangkok as part of the USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership Project on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2016. This working visit intended to explore areas in their project implementation program with CTI-CFF Member States, in particular Indonesia and Philippines. The partnership includes efforts to strengthen regional cooperation to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing, promote sustainable fisheries and conserve marine biodiversity in the Asia-Pacific region through Catch Documentation and Traceability (CDT) system under EAFM. Both parties agreed to cement relationship in the near future by conducting several meetings and workshops to refine work plan.
7. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat hosted a meeting with representatives from the Oceans and Fisheries Partnership team and USAID-RDMA on 29<sup>th</sup> February, 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Manado, Indonesia. The objectives of the meeting were: 1) to finalize the thematic scope of the collaboration following the USAID Oceans Results Framework and its linkages to the CTI-CFF RPOA and the ASEAN FISH 2020 vision which includes EAFM, Combatting IUU fishing, Catch Documentation and Traceability, Women Leaders Forum, Local Government Network, Business Forum and others; 2) to agree on the operational structure and mechanics for collaboration with SEAFDEC and USAID Oceans in the transboundary Sulawesi Learning Sites implementation of activities. and 3) to discuss preparations for the USDOJ mission from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Manado, Indonesia.
8. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with GIZ on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia. This formalized the collaboration with GIZ to work together in managing Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape in three (3) CTI-CFF member countries i.e. Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines. The areas of cooperation under the said MoU are human resource development; research and development; information management and networking; and cooperation activities. The Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape program, which refers to Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) of CTI-CFF will mainly focus on Marine Protected Area (MPA), Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Planning until mid-2018.
9. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat received a courtesy visit by Dr. Stephen Adrian Ross, Executive Director and Chief Technical Officer of Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA) Resource Facility on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Jakarta. the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D. had a very fruitful discussion with Dr. Ross where PEMSEA expressed its interest for future collaborations with CTI-CFF.
10. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., had a side meeting with Ms. Sachiko Tsuji, Senior Fishery Statistician, FAO-Rome and Ms. Ismayanti, Head of Data and Statistics Division, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Republic of Indonesia during the Regional Workshop

Towards Small-Scale Fisheries and Aquaculture Data Collection on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at Hotel Sari Pan Pacific, Jakarta. The Executive Director recalled the previous engagement with CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to FAO Headquarters for possible collaboration and cooperation arrangements in accordance with SOM-10 decisions, in particular to task the Regional Secretariat to develop cooperation agreement on specific program and activities between CTI-CFF and FAO.

11. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., paid a courtesy visit to meet with the Director General for Aquaculture Development/Acting Director General for Marine Spatial Management Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) as one of the member in the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) of Indonesia on 10<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia. This meeting was intended to strengthen NCC of Indonesia, empower Technical Working Group to carry on the NPOA in compliance with CTI-CFF RPOA as well as request for support from MMAF Indonesia on Host Country Agreement (HCA) completion.
12. The office of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat received a visit from one of its partners, Coral Triangle Centre (CTC) to have a thorough discussion following a meeting with NCC Indonesia on CTI-CFF Sustainable Tourism Task Force Concept Note and CTI-CFF Capacity Building Assessment on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Jakarta.
13. The Regional Secretariat office of CTI-CFF received a courtesy visit from the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) led by Mr. John Gunn, the Executive Director Officer accompanied by Frank Tirendi, Business Manager on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Jakarta. The discussion between the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., and Mr. John Gunn highlighted several issues on potential cooperation between the two institutions on technical and scientific matters - especially among CT6 countries member located near Australia i.e. Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste.
14. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat office received a courtesy visit from the newly appointed Director General of Marine Spatial Management, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) of Indonesia, Mr. Brahmantya Satyamurti Poerwadi on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2016 in Jakarta. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto and Mr. Brahmantya had a fruitful exchange views. At a separate time, the Executive Director of CTI-CFF met with another newly appointed Head of Human Resources Development of MMAF of Indonesia, Mr. Zulficar Mochtar. The main objective of these meetings was to strengthen the coordination efforts between NCC of Indonesia with the Regional Secretariat. Both newly appointed high ranking officials of MMAF Indonesia reconfirm their support to the CTI-CFF programs and activities.
15. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat hosted a 4-Day Workshop on Organizational Capacity Development Technical Assistance to the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, delivered by U.S. Department of Interior International Technical Assistance Program (DOI-ITAP) from 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Manado, Indonesia. The objective of this technical assistance was to provide technical support to the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on administrative and programmatic capacity building (e.g. reviewing internal controls, organizational capacity building, procedures for program and project planning, accounting, procurement and grants management). This technical assistance is part of the plan by U.S. Agency for International Development-Regional Development Mission for Asia (USAID-RDMA) to provide support to CTI-CFF.
16. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat office received a courtesy visit from Liquid Robotics, Inc. represented by Joe Zerucha, Regional Vice President, Asia Pacific on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016 in Jakarta. Both exchanged views on future cooperation between the two entities, especially on ocean data management for the Coral Triangle countries.

17. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., a breakfast meeting representatives of The David and Lucile Packard Foundation; Mr. Stuart James Green and Ms. Jihan Labetubun in Jakarta on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The meeting concluded that both parties agree to seek further cooperation opportunities especially on scientific-based approach for CTI-CFF program.
18. The Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF sent a proposal on "*Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF Work Plan 2016-2018*" to USAIDI/RDMA - USDOJ-ITAP on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The 80-page document was a result of a four-day workshop on "DOI-ITAP Organizational Capacity Building Review and Assessment Mission Support to USAID/RDMA in Support of CTI-CFF" held in RS CTI-CFF Headquarter in Manado from 20<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016. The document highlighted the activities plan for EAFM and Cross Cutting Themes implementation for 2016 to 2018.
19. Mr. Laurence McCook Ph.D., paid a courtesy visit to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia, after delivering a special lecture on "*Effective and Pro Prosperity Conservation Area Management: A Lesson from Australia*" at the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries/MMAF Indonesia. He met with the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., and two interlocutors examine potential collaborative efforts between CTI-CFF and James Cook University on human (technical and corporate) capacity development of Regional Secretariats, TWGs and NCCs in accordance to the RPOA as well as strategic and emerging challenges facing the CT-region such as climate change, combating IUU fishing, scientific-based and adaptive management on the RPOA goals and coral reef rehabilitation and restoration. Mr. McCook is a Science-based Marine Management and Conservation Pew Fellow, Marine Conservation Adjunct Principal Research Fellow and Partner Investigator ARC Center of Excellence for Coral Reef Study James Cook University, Australia.
20. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., paid a working visit to NCC Indonesia on 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016, represented by the newly appointed Director General (DG) of Marine Spatial Management, Mr. Bramantya Satyamurti Poerwadi at his office, Ministry of Marine Affairs of Fisheries. The visit highlighted on-going and future activities of CTI-CFF in relation with NCC Indonesia. The visit also highlighted the next Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) and Ministerial Meeting (MM) that will be held in October/November this year.
21. The Chairman of Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) and Coordinating Mechanism Working Group (CMWG), Mr. Anang Noegroho visited the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Office in Jakarta on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to discuss the transition period of FRWG and CMWG management to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat as mandated by the latest SOM-11 in Manado, last year. Mr. Anang agreed that as the Chairman of the FRWG and CMWG, he would provide continued support to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat until the transition period ends. He also agreed on the initiative generated by CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to appoint 1 (one) Project Initiation Specialist to lead programs initiation in relation to CTI-CFF RPOA implementation across CT6 countries.
22. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat attended the 48<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council of Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) from 4<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Nha Trang, Viet Nam. Apart from CTI-CFF commitment as a partner and collaborator with SEAFDEC, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat had an opportunity to meet with SEAFDEC team to discuss matters in relation to policies and critical issues, programs and new proposals for endorsement, in particular the follow up action of the MoU between CTI-CFF and SEAFDEC which was signed on 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2015. The discussion was on the potential collaborative efforts in the scope of Human Resource Development (Training;

Seminar, workshop and symposia), Research and Development, Consultancy as well as Information management and Networking.

23. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat attended the SCS-LME Writeshop for PIF Preparation to GEF from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Manila Philippines. CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat presented an overview of the inner workings of the CTI-CFF and proposed means of implementation of the SCS-LME within the CTI-CFF framework. The writeshop was intended to gather inputs from representatives of Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines to complete the draft Project Identification Form (PIF) to be submitted to Global Environmental Forum (GEF) via its agency, UNDP.
24. Professor Robert S. Pomerey of Connecticut Sea Grant Extension, USA Secretariat accompanied by Dr. Umi Mu'awamah of Center of Social Economic of Marine and Fisheries of MMAF Indonesia visited the office of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Jakarta and met with the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., as a show of support from Professor Robert to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat's programs and implementations.
25. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat met with the Working Group of Save Bunaken on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2016 as part of Coral Triangle Day preparation, in Manado. The gathering was intended to prepare activities to support the CT Day, to work together and merge Save Bunaken movement with the Coral Triangle Day celebration that have been held every June 9<sup>th</sup>.
26. GIZ of Germany, a development partner of CTI-CFF, represented by Ms. Lena Kern paid a courtesy visit to the office CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Jakarta and with the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., The visit discussed on the follow up actions of MoU between CTI-CFF and GIZ on Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Countries (SSSC) implementation in three countries (i.e. Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines).
27. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat attended a meeting conducted by Indonesian National Coordinating Committee CTI-CFF (NCCC) and Coral Triangle Center (CTC) on the formation of the Sustainable Marine Tourism task force as mandated by SOM 11 (Annex 12 a) on Regional Business Forum on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2016 in Jakarta. The meeting decided to develop a draft Term of Reference (TOR) of the task force and a draft CTI-CFF Sustainable Marine Tourism Standard - all of them are planned to be discussed and officiated at the SOM-12 around October/November 2016.
28. The Executive Director of CTI-CFF, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., paid a courtesy visit to the Ministry of Research, Technology and Higher Education Republic of Indonesia and met with Deputy Director Purwanto Subroto Ph.D on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2016 in Jakarta. The visit aimed to seek scholarship opportunities for higher education for students from Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste to study in Indonesia with arrangement from CTI-CFF.
29. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., paid a courtesy visit to meet with Ambassador of Papua New Guinea Indonesia, H.E. Ambassador Peter Ilau on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2016 at the Embassy of Papua New Guinea in Jakarta. The visit discussed some important agenda: Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) and Ministerial Meeting (MM) preparation to be conducted in Papua New Guinea around October/November this year; CTI-CFF scholarship plan to Papua New Guinea students; and related matters to Papua New Guinea and CTI-CFF cooperation agreement. H.E. Ambassador Peter Ilau expressed the commitment to conduct the said 2 (two) important events and would discuss other related matters with Papua New Guinea Government in Port Moresby accordingly.
30. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., met with Mr. Peter Palesch, Country Director of GIZ Indonesia, Timor-Leste, and ASEAN on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2016 in Jakarta. The meeting was due to the

visit of Ms. Cornelia Richter, Managing Director of GIZ and cementing a much stronger relationship between the institutions, especially after the MoU signing in March on Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Countries (SSSC) program.

31. In an effort to strengthen and empower the Working Group of Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) of CTI-CFF, the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., paid a visit to the office of Ministry of Environment and Forestry of Indonesia on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The Ministry is represented by Director General of Climate Change, Dr. Nur Masripatin who welcomed the visit. The meeting highlighted ongoing program and activities to be taken by the Working Group. the Ministry took note and would follow-up the meeting result with immediate action under coordination of NCC Indonesia and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.
32. CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat attending the invitation from the CPLP organization for the CPLP and the Sea – Challenges and Opportunities in A Globalized World : “Conservation and Protection of Marine Environment for Food Security and Sustainable Development in CTI Region” in Dili, Timor Leste on 16-18 May 2016. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was represented by Dr Muhammad Lukman (Head of Technical Program) and Mamimpin Napitupulu (Financial Staff). There were series of activities beside the international seminar including of meeting with Dr. Stephen Adrian Ross (Executive Director) from PEMSEA, Mr. Rober at KBRI TL, Minister H.E. Estanislau da Silva, and Mr. DG Accacio Gutierrez. Align with those activities, there were recommendation for CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (RS) which are:
  1. make a circulation on MM and SOM as earliest possible to secure the commitment from the Minister to attend the Meetings.
  2. make a letter of request on the new NCC TL structure including focal points for TWGs.
  3. make further communication on the preparation of the CT Day in TL.
33. NCC Indonesia represented by Ibu Sri Atmini visited the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat office on 19<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in Jakarta to discuss about the preparation of Coral Triangle Day celebration that would take place in Bunaken island, Manado on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016. NCC Indonesia was ready to succeed the event, which would be the 5<sup>th</sup> Coral Triangle Day celebration since it was officially endorsed at the 4<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF Ministerial Meeting in Putrajaya, Malaysia (November 2012) as a regional awareness platform to be led by the CTI-CFF.
34. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., met with Prof. Chris Cocklin, Senior Vice Deputy Chancellor of University of James Cook Australia on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in Bali, Indonesia. The meeting aimed to lay-down the general framework for closer communication between James Cook University Australia and Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF and future cooperation and collaboration. In addition to that, it is hoped that this would strengthen the existing relationship with Australian Government through the Department of Environment.
35. Ms. Elvira C. Ablaza, President and CEO of Primex representing ADB (Asian Development Bank) – as one of the development partner of CTI-CFF, paid a visit to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat office in Jakarta on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2016. The meeting agreed to follow up on several things: 1) Personnel support to NCC Papua New Guinea - as part of NCC strengthening efforts; 2) Project Initiation Officer/Specialist support at Regional Secretariat office to assist in securing projects in CT6 countries; 3) National Plan of Action (NPOA) costing activities for three NCCs: Philippines, Malaysia and (Indonesia, which is still ongoing). The Regional Secretariat appreciates Primex's involvement in these





projects and appeals for better communication exchange and updated information with stakeholders to achieve the common goals.

36. Dr. Adrian Ross, Executive Director and Chief Technical Officer of Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia/PEMSEA Resource Facility paid courtesy visit to Regional Secretariat's office and met with the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in Jakarta. The Meeting had a fruitful discussion on the following matters: 1) Proposed possible joint programs to be forwarded to GEF6 on Seascape, Local Governments and Climate Change Adaptation Working Group; 2) Links with the existing University network from PEMSEA and CTI countries with a focus of Climate Change and knowledge sharing; 3) possibility to formalize a way to engage industry and blue economy in regional level; 4) possible project may focus into the areas in fulfilling SDG target such as State of Oceans Report, Blue Oceans project and Blue Economy Development Progress.
37. The Headquarter of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in Manado, Indonesia hosted a preparatory meeting for CT Day, supported by NCC Indonesia and North Sulawesi Government on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2016. The event was planned to commemorate events on Bunaken Island on 11<sup>th</sup> June 2016. A number of activities to be held from 3<sup>rd</sup> June to 14<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in Manado were Beach Clean Up, Underwater Clean Up, Mangrove Plantation, Coral Reef plantation, and relevant workshops.
38. Head of Wakatobi National Park, Gunung W. Sinaga paid a courtesy visit to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat office in Jakarta on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2016 and met with the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D. The meeting was a follow up of the first Local Government Network General Assembly meeting held in Wakatobi in early June 2016. One of the more significant issue discussed during the meeting is the role of operationalization for Marine Protected Area and CTMPAS mechanism to increase economy welfare of local communities that sustains the Wakatobi area. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, represented by the Executive Director, Mr. Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D. and Head of Technical Program Dr. M. Lukman, participated in the 13<sup>th</sup> International Coral Reef Symposium (ICRS), Honolulu, Hawaii on 19<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016. The 13<sup>th</sup> ICRS was the world's top ocean scientist platform to exchange ideas on how to support and strengthen economic and human benefits for communities which depends on coral reefs and their associated resources. Mr. Pratikto delivered a presentation on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016 pertaining the role of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to foster and build strong collective efforts towards the promotion of coral reef conservation by the stakeholders in the Coral Triangle region to ensure prosperity, maintain sovereignty of each country, and sustainability of resources.

On the sideline of the event, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat's delegation also has number of meeting as follows:

1. a meeting with Prof. Terry Hughes, Prof. Peter Mumby and Dr. Laurence McCook to explore potential partnerships and support from James Cook University and University of Queensland, Australia respectively.
2. consultation meeting on the draft report on marine conservation priorities in the Coral Triangle with the European Commission
3. participated in the Leadership Summit;
4. visit to the State Capital Building for a meet-and-great with Mr. Gebe Ward – Hawaii Senator and other prominent officers;
5. a meeting with Prof. Goldstein and his wife, Vicki Nichols Goldstein (far left) of Colorado Ocean Coalition (COCO) - The Inland Ocean Movement. The mission of COCO is to promote healthy oceans through education and community engagement.



39. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat participated in the consultation meeting on the implementation of the 2<sup>nd</sup> United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-2) Resolution on Coral Reefs which was held in Manado from 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> June 2016 in Manado, Indonesia. This consultation meeting was a follow up action of Resolution 2/12 on Sustainable Coral Reefs Management that was adopted during UNEA-2 in May 2016. Furthermore, the meeting aimed to identify opportunities for implementation actions on coral reef policy and management in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; prioritize follow-up actions by UNEP, including support provided to member states in implementing the resolution; as well as to identify technical, operational and financial needs in implementation of the resolution.
40. Mr. Maurice Knight, an experienced development consultant particularly for CTI-CFF and Mr. Rudy Rudyanto, Senior Advisor of GIZ Indonesia paid a courtesy visit to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat office in Jakarta on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016 and met with the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D. The meeting highlighted the possible cooperation and development in the Coral Triangle region, including brainstorming on the current progress of regional activities.
41. As part of Host Country Agreement (HCA) process implementation of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., conducted a number of meetings with the relevant authorities in Indonesia. On 30<sup>th</sup> June 2016, Mr. Widi A. Pratikto had a discussion with Director General of Policy Analysis and Development Agency of Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA) of Indonesia, Mr. Dr. Siswo Pramono as well as with the Head of Legal Bureau, Ms. Tini Martini from Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs (MMAF). On the following day, 1<sup>st</sup> July 2016, Mr. Widi A. Pratikto had another important meeting with Director General for Legal Affairs and International Treaties, Mr. Ferry Adamhar from MoFA. Both meetings were expected to accelerate the legally binding products towards full implementation of the HCA of Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF - following the full operation of CTI-CFF Headquarter in Manado, North Sulawesi.
42. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat paid a working visit to Bangkok, Thailand from 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in order to participate in the USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership Technical Working Group Training and Workshop (from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2016) on SEAFDEC's invitation. At the sideline, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat also attended CTI-CFF - SEAFDEC, USAID/RDMA - USAID/DOI, and Oceans and Fisheries Partnership program (hereafter called Oceans) Technical Meetings (from 11<sup>th</sup> July to 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016) to align the process for collaborative activities under the US-DOI grant. The CTI-CFF as well as the Oceans and Fisheries Partnership agreed to move forward with the CTI-CFF work plan.
43. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat consisted of the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., and Head of Finance and Operation, Mr. Cepy Syahda paid a working visit to Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea between 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July 2016. The purpose of the visit was to prepare for the 6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting (MM-6) and 12<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-12) in Port-Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The meeting aimed to strengthen coordination towards preparation for SOM-12 and MM-6 in Port Moresby. In addition to that, the meeting with relevant parties of CTI-CFF aimed to strengthen coordination of CTI-CFF activities in PNG were also conducted. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat team had a series of productive meetings, such as meeting with Mr. Gunter Joku, Managing Director of Conservation, Environmental Protection Authority (CEPA) and Ministry of Environment team; with TNC based in Papua New Guinea; National Fisheries Authority (NFA); the Australian Center for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR); and Department of Foreign Affairs of Papua New Guinea.



44. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., was invited by the Economist to participate in the South-East Asia and Pacific Regional Fisheries Summit held from 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016 in Jakarta. The Summit aimed to stimulate discussion on fisheries reform across South-East Asia and the adjacent Western Pacific region. The question on how to scale and finance the necessary investments is central to this discussion and the debate on encouraging collaboration to be reached out to the widest group of stakeholders.
45. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., was invited by SEAFDEC to participate in the High-level Consultation on Regional Cooperation in Sustainable Fisheries Development towards the ASEAN Economic Community: Combating IUU Fishing and Enhancing the Competitiveness of ASEAN Fish and Fishery Products held on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2016 in Bangkok, Thailand. In this event, the Executive Director delivered a presentation on approaches to safeguard sustainable fisheries by combating IUU fishing towards food security in the Coral Triangle region. He emphasized that, in collaboration with the USAID Ocean and Fisheries Partnership, the CTI-CFF has started cooperation to develop Catch Documentation and Traceability (CDT) scheme as one of the approach to combat IUU fishing which can be applied to wild capture fisheries in the Southeast Asia and the Pacific region.
46. CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat provided strong support for IPMEN (International Pacific Marine Educators Network) at the 4<sup>th</sup> Conference in Manado, from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> August 2016 where Mr. Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., delivered a presentation. The conference has a strategic value towards strengthening the capacity and knowledge of marine educators in emerging challenges for the ocean's ecosystems in the Pacific. The conference's title "Making A Splash - Moving Education into Action" highlights major issues on how the current examples of best practices, both in the educational world and daily people's lives along the coastal area can contribute to practical daily action to sustain natural resources.
47. Ms. Tini Martini, Head of Legal Institutional Bureau, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries together with Ms. Celly Catharina on behalf of SEA project, USAID Indonesia paid a visit to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat office in Manado on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2016. The visit was to strengthen the relationship between parties and seek possible cooperation in the future.
48. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat teamed up with US Department of Interior/ITAP to run a 4-day capacity building workshop from August 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> 2016 at the CTI-CFF Secretariat Building, Manado, Indonesia. The workshop was a success and achieved its main objective to complete the USAID/RDMA/USDOJ-ITAP CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Work Plan (2016-2018). Additionally, the workshop covers aspects of meeting with USAID's regulations such as financial regulations, human resources and program monitoring and evaluation processes.
49. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited to Inspector Training for Implementation of the Port State Measures Agreement held on 22-23 August 2016 in Manado, Indonesia. Port State Control Scheme is one of the most effective measures to eliminate illegal, unreported, unregulated fishing activities. The tools that compliant with the Port State Measures: Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) Boat Detection Update, developed by NOAA.
50. Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) representatives from Tokyo, Japan, whose mission to conduct a planning survey for SATREPS project paid a courtesy visit to headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 13 September 2016 in Manado, Indonesia. the SATREPS or The Science and Technology Research Partnership for Sustainable Development is a project under the Ministry of

Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) of Indonesia, which focus on identifying the major information gaps that have hindered efforts to improve the understanding of, and ability to predict, carbon storage and preservation potential in "blue carbon" ecosystem. Mr. Widi Agus Pratikto, CTI-CFF Executive Director has a lively discussion about CTI-CFF activities and program and also receiving valuable information on the project directly from Mr. Kawashima, Mission Leader, Global Environment Dept., JICA; Mr. Sakaguchi and Ms. Kemmiya, Mission Member; Prof. Kazuno Nadaoka, Research Principal from Tokyo Technology Institute; Dr. Andreas A. Hutahaeen, Project Leader of SATREPS BlueCARES project from MMAF; Dr. Totok Suprijo from ITB and other fellows from Sam Ratulangi University, Manado and MMAF Indonesia. The 5-year project will start in March 2017, CTI-CFF is welcome the project that planned to be conducted at some of CTI-CFF regions.

51. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi Agus Pratikto Ph.D. conduct a series of working visit to Bali on 15-16 September 2016. On 15 September 2016, Mr. Pratikto conducted several engagements with Center for the Management of Coastal and Marine Resources (BPSPL) of Denpasar, Bali team to strengthen its role in supporting NCC Indonesia in achieving goals and targets under National Plan of Action (NPOA) and Regional Plan of Action (RPOA). On the other place, Mr. Pratikto visits Mr. Heru Purnomo, owner of Pulau Mas – an international live-reef-fish-trade (LRFT) company whose business certificate in the coral trout or grouper fishes export. Mr. Pratikto met Mr. Aditya, the director of MDPI Foundation for sharing knowledge and experiences in CDT System for LRRFT and Tuna at Invention Workshop of CDT in October 2016, as part of partnership program between CTI-CFF and USAID/RDMA/USDOJ-ITAP project called Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management (SOACAP-IFM).
52. Two Executive Director of ADB paid a courtesy visit to the office of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 20 September 2016 in Manado, Indonesia. During the visit, Mr. David Murchinson, ADB's Executive Director representing Canada, Denmark, Finland, Ireland, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden; along with Mr. Philip T. Rose, Alternate Executive Director representing Austria, Germany, Luxemburg, Turkey, United Kingdom of ADB headquarter and Ms. Wardani, Senior Project Officer of ADB Indonesia Resident Mission had a lively discussion with CTI-CFF Executive Director, Mr. Widi Agus Pratikto and staff in which they presented the progress of CTI-CFF since the establishment of Permanent Regional Secretariat , discussion on ADB-funded activities under the initiatives, lesson learned, as well as possible collaboration in the future.
53. CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat gave keynote speech in 1st International Seminar on Tropical Aquatic Resources Science and Management in conjunction with the 1st National Congress of the Indonesian Aquatic Resources Management Association, organized by Sam Ratulangi University and Indonesia Aquatic Resources Management Association, Manado, Indonesia on 28 September 2016. The speech talked about **Building-Up Cooperation and Commitment: The Way Forward Sustainable Marine Resource Management in Coral Triangle Region**. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was represented by Dr Muhammad Lukman (Head of Technical Program) and Destyariani Liana Putri (Technical Program Assistant).
54. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi Agus Pratikto Ph.D. paid a working visit to the Director General of Indonesian MMAF's Marine Spatial Management, Brahmantya Satyamurti, in his capacity as Executive Secretary of CSO of NCC Indonesia on 29 September 2016 in Jakarta. The meeting aimed to strengthen the NCC by building a solid coordination in preparing the 12th Senior Officials'

Meeting (SOM12) and the 6th Ministerial Meeting (MM6) to be hold in Papua New Guinea next month. On this good occasion, the ED of CTI-CFF also highlighted and briefed NCC Indonesia of the preparation of MoU signing between CTI-CFF and 3 (three) reputable Universities in Indonesia i.e. Bogor Agriculture University (IPB), Hasanuddin University (UNHAS), and The Tenth of November Institute of Technology (ITS) - each of the University will strengthen Indonesian MMAF (NCC Indonesia) in the areas of EAFM, LRFT, and Monitoring and Evaluation.

55. On October 2-6 2016, CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi Agus Pratikto joined Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia Team as one of the resource persons to speak at public lecture at Solomon Island National University (SINU). In his presentation entitled "Capacity Building to Asia Pacific in Partnership with CTI-CFF" it is expected to catalyze organizational capacity building which focuses on developing the capacities of organizations and communities around the CTI region, particularly in the Pacific region. At the same time, SINU conveyed their interest to tie a partnership with CTI-CFF on research collaboration with universities in Indonesia on climate change research. Importantly, the Executive Director, Widi Agus Pratikto, carried out CTI-CFF mission to meet with the Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, Hon. Samuel Manetoali; CEO of Chamber of Commerce of Solomon Islands, Mr. Denise Meone; Minister of Culture and Tourism Hon. Bartholomew Parapolo; Minister of Fisheries and Marine Resources Hon. John Maneniaru and also NCC Solomon Island to foster closer working relationship; (i) in light of the upcoming 12th CTI-CFF Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-12) & the 6th CTI-CFF Ministerial Meeting (MM-6) in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from 1st to 3rd November 2016; (ii) to establish public-private partnership of CTI-CFF in pacific region; (iii) to garner support for CTI-CFF activities towards the implementation CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) and the coming dialogue partnership with USAID-RDMA on Sustainable Fisheries Dialogue on the Implementation of Ecosystem-based Fisheries Management and Catch Documentation and Traceability (CDT) Partnership in Solomon Island in 2017. During these courtesy meetings, CTI-CFF Executive Director joined a team of Head of Policy Analysis and Development Agency of Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Dr. Siswo Pramono Ph.D, Indonesian Ambassador to the Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands, His Excellency Mr Ronald JP Manik, Resource Person of Indonesia and staffs of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia.





## F. CONCLUSION

The first year of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat has been quite interesting and challenging in terms of laying down the groundwork and at the same time providing a platform for further programs and activities set-out in the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA). Several deliverables that were entrusted to the Executive Director have been successfully achieved.

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The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat welcomes all potential counterparts with similar goals and values to work together towards the common goal of sustaining future marine resources.

The CTI-CFF, in its entirety, offers tremendous potential in various fields and areas; scientific to management of resources, and, as a collective bloc have the capability and capacity to take advantage of these potentials to further improve the current state of marine resources cooperation towards conservation and sustainable use of marine resources in the Coral Triangle region.

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in turn, is responsible to assist CTI-CFF to promote and strengthen its brand and reputation at regional and international fora. In order to attain the respect that CTI-CFF deserve, it is important for CT6 countries to have a sense of esprit de corps, acting with integrity and practices good governance at all times.

More importantly, CTI-CFF need to put in place a long-term mechanism to ensure sustainable regional cooperation between CT6 countries, the respective working groups and cross-cutting themes in terms of standard communication practices and also active promotion and branding of CTI-CFF at the regional and international fora to secure relevant and useful programs for the Coral Triangle region. This is a challenge which only through good and effective communication and long-term commitment can this be achieved.





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