



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES
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CTI Partners

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Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF)

Strategic Partners

*Progress updates
since SOM-16*



International Policy

10.1 Acknowledged the presentation of the three (3) position papers namely, International Policy, Capacity Building and Conservation Trust Fund by the CTI Partners (Annex 65);

10.2 Acknowledged the objective of increasing the efficiency and relevance of the CTI by identifying and aligning with national policy frameworks and international frameworks such as CBD 30x30;

10.3 Agreed that the partners should proceed with an analysis of policy opportunities/events (e.g. those focused on ocean and coastal protection and management and/or climate change) and recommendations;

2022), UN Oceans Conference (July 2022), UNFCCC COP 27 (Nov 2022) and CBD COP15 (Dec 2022) Several key policy fora were identified as logical candidates for CTI engagement, including Our Ocean (April

10.4 Requested the MEWG with Partners to examine how relevant policy framework can be leveraged; and

Partners welcome guidance from MEWG to enable ongoing dialogue on how policy engagement can support progress against key indicators

10.5 Tasked the RS to work with the Partners and CT6 to identify events that can show the synergy between the RPOA 2.0 and the complementary policy framework.

In line with the recommendations above, the CTI RS has or is planning to participate in several events to showcase the CTI-CFF and illustrate how this framework can support countries to deliver on their own policy commitments. A more complete assessment of policy opportunities can occur once the RPO2.0 is finalised and released.

Capacity Building

- 10.6 Acknowledged the objective to develop institutional capacity to support international commitment to protect the coastal and marine resources (e.g. CBD 30x30 and other international framework);
- 10.7 Supported the development and implementation of a 10-year roadmap and partnerships to build human capital complementary to ongoing capacity building programs in the CT6;
- 10.8 Tasked the RS to establish a team with partners to conduct a regional capacity building assessment; and
- 10.9 Agreed to the development of innovative and cost-effective learning mechanisms for CTI-CFF that can be systematically scaled.

Conservation Trust Fund

10.10 Acknowledged the efforts outlined in the Partner paper to design, establish and operationalize a Regional Conservation Trust Fund; RS, WCS, CFA continue active collaboration to advance this goal.

10.11 Tasked the RS to invite additional Partners to support the Technical Advisory Group in the development of the Trust Fund; Technical Committee has been expanded to include a wider range of stakeholders, including donors, representatives from NGOs, and subject matter experts, and is now known as the **Steering Committee (SC)**. Five SC meetings have been held since inception.

10.12 Acknowledged the Technical Advisor Group's recommendations for the Trust Fund Mission, Strategic Objectives, and Governance Structure; and

- **RCTF Strategy has been refined**, with targets being developed.
- **Call for nominations for Board of Trustees** is ongoing

10.13 Tasked the RS to work with Partners to design a resource mobilization plan, a pipeline of bankable projects, and increase the visibility of the Trust Fund to potential donors

- **Progress toward building the visibility in support of resource mobilization** was made through the participation of the CTI-CFF Executive Director (ED), Dr. Kushairi, in three global events:
 - UN Ocean Conference
 - Our Ocean Conference
 - UNFCCC COP
- **RCTF CEO recruitment** process to start, funded by US Government / DOI
- **USAID funding** in support of technical design
- Working towards more **targeted donor engagements** starting Jan 2023

USAID Sustainable Fish Asia (SUFIA) Project

10.14 Acknowledged the implementation of SuFIA project as well as the consideration of USAID/RDMA Grant through PIO of USD 2 million for 3 years project to CFF; and

The PIO grant is still under-creation process with USAID/RDMA.

10.15 Acknowledged the SuFIA/TS as a new activity and the consideration of USAID (SuFIA/TS) of USD 10 million for 4 years project to GCIFF.

SuFiA TS aims to provide technical support and services to regional organizations including GCIFF. SuFiA TS has conducted a series of consultations with RS to identify priority areas for support.

Updates on International Engagement



INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT



Plenary Panel Discussion: Regional Transboundary Conservation
The Coral Triangle Initiative: Successes, Issues & Challenges by
Rili Djohani, CTC Executive Director

Session Presentations

Capacity Building Assessment in the Coral Triangle: Results and Opportunities , by
Rili Djohani, CTC Executive Director

**Strengthening Management Effectiveness in Nusa Penida and Atauro Island MPAs in the Lesser
Sunda Seascape** by Marthen Welly, CTC Marine Conservation Adviser

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT



Rili Djohani, ICRS World Reef Award 2022
Link: <https://bit.ly/ICRSWorldReefAward>

Presentations:

1. “Scaling Up Capacity and Collaboration Via Peer Learning Networks Lessons Learned From The Women Leaders Forum In The Coral Triangle Region,” by **Rili Djohani**, Hesti Widodo, Leilani Gallardo

2. “Enhancing Capacity for Coral Restoration in Indonesia by Implementing Scientifically Based Standards and Protocols.” by **Marthen Welly**, Rili Djohani, Philippa Mansell

3. Minimizing the Competency Gap for Effective Coral Reefs Management: Lessons Learned from the Sunda-Banda Seascapes, by **Hesti Widodo**, Nyoman Suardana, Kasman

15th ICRS, Bremen, Germany

Key facts and figures

- 791 in-person oral and poster presentations
- 193 virtual oral and poster presentations
- 80 countries



INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT



Presentation:
“Scaling up the Development of Human Capital in the Coral Triangle, The Role of Women in the Protection of Marine Bio-Diversity, Food Security, and Blue Economy”
by Rili Djohani, CTC Executive Director

INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT

Asian Development Bank Annual Meeting
Civil Society Program
September 26-30, 2022
Online



#CivilSocietyProgram

Building Sustainable Blue Economies for Food Security and Livelihoods

28 SEP 2022 | 9:00-10:30 a.m. GMT+8



Inspiring People Saving Oceans



Scaling Up Capacity and Collaboration
Via Peer Learning Networks
Lessons Learned from the Women Leaders Forum
in the Coral Triangle Region

Rili Diphani
Executive Director, Coral Triangle Center
Asian Development Bank (ADB) Annual Meeting
28 September 2022

Photo by: M. Welby/CTC

ADB | 55th ANNUAL MEETING
26-30 SEPTEMBER 2022

CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum



Inspiring People Saving Oceans



A peer-learning network for women who are playing key leadership roles in sustaining the marine resources of the Coral Triangle region and, serves as a platform to build the capacity of women to take leadership roles in preserving and sustaining the region's unique marine and coastal resources.

ADB | 55th ANNUAL MEETING
26-30 SEPTEMBER 2022

Updates on Capacity Building



CT-CFF CAPACITY BUILDING ROADMAP DEVELOPMENT & PARTNER MEETINGS

CTC CENTER FOR MARINE CONSERVATION, SANUR, BALI



DECEMBER 2021

MAY 2022

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (RS) and Strategic Partners Hybrid Meeting Sanur, Bali , May 10 to 12, 2022

Meeting Objectives:

- Learn updates on the RPoA v2.0 and associated plans, and planning for the acceleration of activities towards RPoA2.0
- Review progress related to the three priority themes identified by the strategic partners (in 2021), and objectives developed at the USAID supported co-creation workshop (2022).
- Discuss next steps for accelerating progress in key priority areas for the CTI-CFF.
- Develop an agreed outline framework for moving forward that can be taken to the NCCs for further input.

The CTCFF Regional Secretariat (RS) and Strategic Partners Hybrid Meeting Sanur, Bali , May 10 to 12, 2022 (CONTINUATION)

Meeting Outcomes

The meeting was attended by 15 in-person participants and 9 online participants from a range of strategic partner organizations (USAID RDMA, USAID SUFIA, WWF, CTC, WCS, CFA). The meeting focused around the **three Strategic Initiatives** endorsed at the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) in December 2021, with progress reviewed for each initiative.

- The **Conservation Trust Fund** has progressed, with a steering committee established, preliminary trust fund design underway and strategic planning around the target support areas of ‘Protect, Recover, Transform’.
- The **Capacity Building RoadMap** has progressed, with a CT-wide stock-take completed, and key RoadMap pillars and strategic activities identified.
- The **International Policy Engagement** initiative has identified key areas where analysis and further work is required.

The meeting resulted in agreed action steps over the next 1.5 years, and calendar considerations moving forward.

OCEAN GOVERNANCE

Protecting and restoring marine ecosystems,
catalysts for building peace and security and
fostering sustainable economies,
Southeast Asia and Atlantic Ocean basin



Ocean
Governance



Project funded by the European Union

2ND LEARNING EXCHANGE WORKSHOP FOR CTI-CFF

*between MPAs of the Atlantic and
Southeast Asia*

Kota Kinabalu (Sabah-Malaysia)
12-14 October 2022



HYBRID LEARNING EXCHANGE WORKSHOP FOR CTI-CFF

Around 70 participants from 16 nationalities :
Argentina, Brazil, Dominican Republic, France,
Indonesia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Philippines,
Portugal, Senegal, Singapore, South Korea,
Spain, Timor Leste, United Kingdom, United
States of America



SESSIONS

- A- Exchanges about networking and strategic regional cooperation
- B- Exchanges on technical MPA management topics



Updates on Conservation Trust Fund



RCTF Steering Committee



Indonesia



Mr. Firdaus Agung

Head of Sub-Directorate of Infrastructure, Facility and Conservation Partnership Directorate of Conservation and Biodiversity, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF)

Malaysia



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Director of the Finance Division, Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources

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Mr. Acacio Dos Santo

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Tan Sri Dr Zakri Abdul Hamid

Chairman Atri Advisory

Advisor Campaign for Nature



Mr Riki Frindos

Executive Director

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Strategy: Protect – Recover -Transform



Protect – a conservation goal - maintain reefs above functioning thresholds, while anticipating the impacts of future bleaching events



Recover – goal is to move reefs back above the 10% coral cover threshold as quickly as possible following climate impact events



Transform – transformation of communities dependent on reef ecosystems



Mission

Priority Marine Protected and Conserved Areas (MPCAs) in the Coral Triangle are effective and sustainable while benefitting nature and communities

Outcomes

Protect: Network of MPCAs is expanded and effectively managed

Restore: Improve resilience of MPCA ecosystems to bleaching and other threats

Transform: Communities and other conservation actors have a sustainable economic relationship with the marine or coastal ecosystems

Outputs

MPCA Management, Business and Sustainable Finance Plans developed, resourced and implemented

Successful IPLC MPCA models, developed, scaled and replicated

Capacity of MPCA practitioners strengthened and a community of practice in place

Climate adaptation and resilience effectively integrated into MPCA spatial planning

Regulatory framework enhanced and harmonized

Ecologically responsible marine and coastal ecosystem restoration

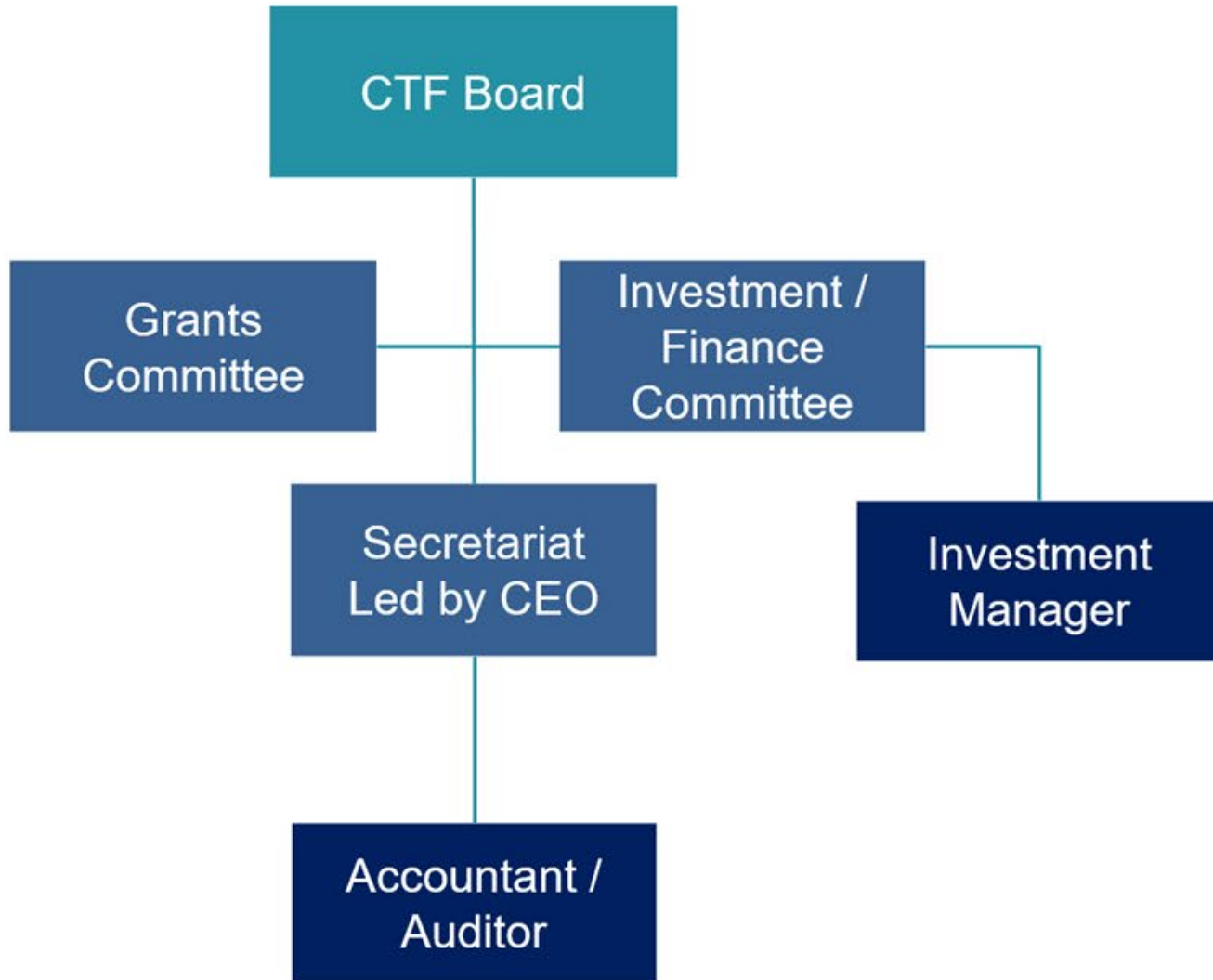
Drivers of degradation (Ridge-to-reef approach, fisheries gear modification, etc.) reduced

Ecosystem-based fisheries management (Establishment of no-take zones or no-take periods)

Sustainable resilient livelihoods that support conservation enhanced

Coastal community institutions, planning and access to finance strengthened

Proposed Governance Structure



Board of Directors Composition

- Target of 7 members
- Current CTI-CFF ED as board member (*ex officio*) initial CTF Board Chairperson
- Other potential members:
 - Donors: 1 or 2
 - International NGOs: 1 or 2
 - Civil Society Organizations (CSO): 1 or 2 (local NGOs)
 - Private sector: 1
- Board Observers: Financial Resources Working Group Chair (*ex-officio*) – leads Grant Committee

Updated Timeline



	2021				2022				2023			
Action	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Phase I: Design of a RCTF for the Coral Triangle	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█				
Phase II: Establishment and Launch of Regional CTF								█	█	█		
Phase III: Operationalize CTF (Some tasks can be conducted in parallel with other phases)										█	█	█

*Updates from
USAID/RDMA*



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USAID/RDMA Direct Grant to CTCFF

- CTI-CFF is a unique regional organization and a regional leader in biodiversity conservation and fisheries management.
- The direct grant will support CTI-CFF to strengthen the implementation of the RPOA 2.0, policies, and frameworks to combat IUU fishing, conserve biodiversity, and encourage the adoption of fair labor and sustainable fisheries practices by businesses.
- The grant is being developed through a ***co-creation process***.
- Estimated Budget: PIO grant of USD 2,000,000
- Duration: 3-5 years (TBC)

USAID Sustainable Fish Asia Technical Support (SUFIA TS)

- A component under SUFIA project, implemented by Tetra Tech
- \$9.4m over four years (2021-2025) to provide ***technical support and services to several regional organizations including CTI-CFF***
- Progress to date:
 - Conducted a series of consultations for prioritization of products and services for CTI-CFF
 - SUFIA TS FY23 work plan is approved by USAID/RDMA. Ready for implementation

USAID/RDMA collaboration with DOI/ITAP

- Another component under SUFIA project, in partnership with the US Department of the Interior's International Technical Assistance Program (ITAP)
- Provides targeted and strategic capacity-building activities
- Support plan includes a proposal writer for the direct grant to CTI-CFF, as well as the Trust Fund CEO

Proposed key decisions



International Policy...

Proposed Key Decisions

1. **Agree** that identifying and engaging with complementary policy frameworks (e.g. international frameworks such as CBD 30x30 and/or national frameworks) can play an important role in demonstrating the efficiency and relevance of the **COFF**
2. **Invite** partners to provide recommendations on which policy opportunities / events (e.g. those focused on ocean and coastal protection and management and/or climate change) the CT6 and RS may want to focus their engagement once the RPOA2.0 is finalised and released
3. **Request** the MEWG provide update on the overall M&E efforts to enable ongoing dialogue on how policy engagement can support progress against key indicators
4. **Encourage** the RS to continue to identify events that can illustrate the synergy between the RPOA 2.0 and complementary policy frameworks.

Capacity Building...

Proposed Key Decisions

1. **Endorse** the objective to develop institutional capacity towards the effective protection of 30% the coastal and marine waters in the CT region by 2030 (30x30), e.g. the CBD post-2020 framework.
2. **Support** the development and implementation of a 10-year roadmap and partnerships to build human capital complementary to ongoing capacity building programs in the CT6.
3. **Task** the RS to establish a small team with partners to conduct a regional capacity building assessment.
4. **Agree** to table for consideration the team recommendations for development of innovative and cost effective learning mechanisms for CEF that can be systemically scaled.

Conservation Trust Fund...

Proposed Key Decisions

1. **Acknowledging** the importance of COP27 and COP15 in the mobilization of resources for climate and biodiversity that can enable the achievement of RPOA2.0 and RCTF goals.
2. **Recognize** the ongoing process to endorse and **acknowledge** the need to *accelerate* the appointment of a Board
3. **Task** the Steering Committee (SC) to *accelerate* progress towards the establishment of RCTF by next Leader's Summit, noting the need for active participation of SC members to achieve this

USAID SuFiA Project...

Proposed Key Decisions

1. **Acknowledge** that the direct grant to CTI-CFF under SuFiA project is under going co-creation
1. **Acknowledge and endorse** activities under USAID SuFiA Technical Support's partnership concept
1. **Acknowledge and endorse** activities under USAID collaboration with DOI-ITAP which aim to provide technical support and services to CTI-CFF



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