

Update on USAID SuFiA Project

CTI-CFF Preparation for Senior Officials' Meeting (BOM)
November 3, 2023



Recap of SOM 7 Chair's Summary for USAID SuFiA

10.9. Acknowledge that the direct grant of USD 2 million to CTCFF under Sustainable Fish Asia (SuFiA) project which aims to support RS and CT6 is undergoing negotiation;

- Draft grant agreement of USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle is now ready for endorsement

10.10. Acknowledge and endorse activities under USAID SuFiA Technical Support's partnership concept (Annex 10.1);

- SuFiA TS support is ongoing. Proposed activities described in WG presentations

10.11. Acknowledge and endorse activities under USAID collaboration with Department of Interior's International Technical Assistance Program (ITAP) which aim to provide technical support and services to CTCFF (Annex 10.2);

- Support funding for CTCF CEO

USAID Sustainable Fish Asia (SuFiA) Project

- Overall objective: To improve the management of marine biodiversity and fisheries resources in the Indo-Pacific region by reducing IUU fishing.

Suite of activities

- USAID SuFiA Local Capacity Development (SuFiA LCD) *completed*
- USAID SuFiA Technical Support (SuFiA TS)
- USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle (Public International Organization grant to CEF)
- USAID Southeast Asia Fisheries Partnership (Public International Organization grant to SEAFDEC)
- US Department of the Interior International Technical Assistance Program (ITAP)
- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Public International Organization Grant to GOCFF

- Objective: To improve the management of marine biodiversity and fisheries resources in the Indo-Pacific region by reducing illegal, unregulated, and unreported (IUU) fishing. The direct grant will support CTI-CFF to implement the RPO A 2.0; develop or strengthen policies and frameworks to combat IUU fishing; conserve biodiversity; and encourage the adoption of fair labor and sustainable fisheries practices by businesses. Estimated USD 2,000,000 for 5 years. Progress to date: Technical and cost applications accepted by USAID/RDMA. Now moving forward with draft agreement.

USAID/RDMA collaboration with DGITAP

- 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

Progress to date:

- Support the funding for the Coral Triangle Conservation Fund CEO for \$170,000 for up to 2 years.
- In discussions with RS on available funds of around \$50,000 to support the implementation of RPO A 2.0

Proposed Key Decisions for SQMB

1. Acknowledged that RS has successfully developed technical and cost applications for the direct grant from USAID/RDMA (USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle)
2. Endorsed draft grant agreement between USAID/RDMA and CTI-CFF for USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle (Annex 10.1)
3. Acknowledged the funding from DOI ITAP for the Coral Triangle Conservation Fund CEO and endorsed the CEO's appointment
4. Tasked RS to develop a concept note for the remaining DOI-ITAP support and to begin implementation of USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle

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