



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES
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Annex 11

Decision Document on

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Cooperation Arrangements

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by

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

I. Background

Since 2015, the Regional Secretariat has made several cooperative arrangements with other CTI-national, regional and international institutions, including

1. Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC)
2. Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and Coral Triangle Center (CTC)
3. Deutsche Gesellschaft tur Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (GIZ)
4. Universities within the Regional Secretariat initiative on CTI-CFF University Partnership
5. U.S Department of the Interior (US DOI) with regards to United States Agency for International Development (USAID)-support
6. Pacific Rim Innovation and Management Exponents (PRIMEX)/Asian Development Bank (ADB) RETA 7813 on the Coastal and Resources Management in the Coral Triangle: Southeast Asia

Those arrangements aim at various objectives, but in general to support the CTI-CFF in delivering CTI principle of science-based management, capacity building, support TWGs, and GWGs, and NCCs in addressing RPOA, NPOA, and other emerging issues in the regional scale.

The 12th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-12) has acknowledged the effort undertaken by Regional Secretariat on the Cooperation Arrangement. Decision of the SOM12 No. 14 on the cooperation arrangement including, inter alia:

- 14.1. *Acknowledged the effort of Regional Secretariat to act as a channel of any initiatives developed in the framework of CTI-CFF supporting activities for relevant monitoring and coordination with member countries;*
- 14.2. *Acknowledged and endorsed the effort made by the Regional Secretariat to establish cooperation arrangements;*
- 14.3. *Initiated and signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SEAFDEC, SPREP and CTC in 2015; with GIZ in March 2016;*
- 14.4. *Initiated and signed MoUs with four of Indonesian universities in October 2016 namely Bogor Agricultural University, Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember Surabaya, Hasanuddin University and Sam Ratulangi University as for strengthening CTI-CFF to achieve its goals in terms of research supports, education, and outreach program for capacity building and scientific advisory group;*

- 14.5. *Acknowledged the initiation of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat for upcoming MOU with Universiti Malaysia Terengganu from Malaysia, James Cook University from Australia; as well as the upcoming potential signing of MoU to extend cooperation arrangements with Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia (PEMSEA), University of Queensland from Australia and Solomon Islands National University from Solomon Islands in the frame of the proposed CTI-CFF University Partnership and other potential cooperation arrangements to be established and pursued by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in the near future*
- 14.6. *Tasked the Regional Secretariat to share existing MoUs with NCCs as well as to ensure NCCs involvement in respective cooperation arrangement to have better coordination and collective efforts;*
- 14.7. *Acknowledged the preparations done by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to collaborate with USAID-DOI for Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management and share the relevant project documents and information with NCCs for review and appropriate actions;*

This cooperation arrangement is based on the mandatory function of the Regional Secretariat of the CTI-CFF, as stated in the Article 5 of the document of the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of the CTI-CFF. The Secretariat is functioned to, inter alia:

1. Coordinate the implementation of CTI-CFF RPOA and provide support to, and coordination with, National Coordinating Committees (NCCs), including advising the CTI CSO on emerging opportunities and priorities related to reaching the goals and targets of the RPOA (*point b*);
2. Develop regional plans, programs and project activities in relation to CTI-CFF for consideration of the CTI COM in accordance with the approved policies guidelines set through the CTI CSO (*point d*);
3. Act as a channel of communication and share information and foster networking among the Parties, CTI Partners and other organizations and donors in the efforts to promote the objectives of the CTI-CFF (*point d*);
4. Facilitate technical assistance, including recruiting and sourcing experts to support the Parties, in line with appropriate needs assessment procedures (*point e*);
5. Perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned to it by the CTI COM or the CSO (*point g*).

II. Decision

Referring to the discussion and consideration among the SOM-13 on session Cooperation Arrangements (*Attachment 11.a*), the Senior Officials hereby decide on the following cooperation arrangements undertaken by the Regional Secretariat:

1. Acknowledged and recognized the efforts made by the Regional Secretariat in reaching out to potential entities in its effort to seek additional / alternative funding sources (*Attachment 11.b*);
2. Urged the Regional Secretariat to be more strategic in pursuing cooperation to secure more funding and technical support;
3. Urged the Regional Secretariat to share and disseminate to NCCs the signed copies of Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs);
4. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to furnish the NCCs with draft MOUs in the pipeline for assessments and evaluation to ensure that the content of the MoU is in line with RPOA and NPOA goals;
5. Encouraged the Regional Secretariat to strategize and identify the institutions / universities before initiating cooperation arrangements; and
6. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to determine a mechanism framework for going into signing of Memorandum of Understandings.

Attachments:

- 11.a. SOM-13 Cooperation Arrangements presentation
- 11.b. Acknowledgement and recognition on the efforts made by the Regional Secretariat in reaching out to potential entities in its effort to seek additional / alternative funding sources
- 11.c. Activity Report on 1st Meeting of CTI-CFF University Partnership "Building Tangible Program Actions for Capacity Building and Research Collaboration" (28 February-1 March 2017)
- 11.d. Activity Report on the CTI-CFF University Partnership Workshop on Program Development (7-8 August 2017)
- 11.e. Work Plan on Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management (SOACAP-IFM)
- 11.f. The Letter from the Chair of EAFM Working Group for the alignment process and Schematic of The Administrative Process of Division

- 11.g. Activity Report on Inception Workshop: Building-Up A Regional Catch Documentation and Traceability (CDT) System and Advancing Fisheries Management for Strengthening Food Security in Coral Triangle Region (25-26 September 2017)