



**CORAL TRIANGLE  
INITIATIVE**  
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES  
AND FOOD SECURITY



# FINANCIAL RESOURCES WORKING GROUP

**Mr. T.B.H Witjaksono Adji**  
**Chair**

# 16<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting

13-15 December 2021

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I.  
**Country Focal  
Points**



## I. Country Focal Points

Country	Representative
INDONESIA	<p><b>Mr T.B.H . Witjaksono Adji</b> Director for Asia Pacific and African Intra-Regional and Inter-Regional Cooperation Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p> <p><b>Mr Raden Wisnu Sindhutrisno (Contact Point)</b> Ministry of Foreign Affairs</p>
MALAYSIA	<p><b>Dato' Jana Santhiran Muniayan</b> Deputy Secretary General (Environment) Ministry of Environment and Water</p>
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	<p><b>Mr Timothy Mais</b> Assistant Secretary for the Renewable Resources Branch, Sectoral Policy Division Department of Treasury</p>
PHILIPPINES	<p><b>Dir. Angelito Fontanilla</b> Director of Financial and Management Service Department of Environment and Natural Resources</p>
SOLOMON ISLANDS	<p><b>Mr. Alick Misibini</b> Financial Controller Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Alternate FP: Mr Matthew Walekoro, Acting Director, Ministry of National Planning and Development Coordination</p>
TIMOR-LESTE	<p><b>Mr. Julio Da Cruz</b> National Director of Aquaculture and Saliculture Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</p>

**II.  
Actions taken  
following SOM-15  
Decision, FRWG  
Meetings in 2020  
and Special SOM on  
27-28 May 2021**



## SOM-15 Decisions (8 November 2019)

## Update (as reported in FRWG Meeting 28-29 April 2020)

11.2.5 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to explore sustainable financing mechanisms through the following:

- engage financial experts from CT6 Member Countries to provide technical assistance in developing financial options and solutions

- develop proposals based on shared and common interest with existing and potential funding institutions

- consider a blended approach to finance mobilization to allow for a mixed financial solutions and mechanisms.

- RS had a Partners Call Meeting on 5 Feb 2020 and presented initial draft Concept of Trust Fund Plan prepared by RS's DED for Corporate Services
- Wrote to FRWG and NCCs on 14<sup>th</sup> April 2020 requesting list of financial experts in the area of trust fund and sustainable financial mechanism by 24<sup>th</sup> April 2020; no feedback received yet

- RS had initial discussion with the following CTI Partners to explore possible funding opportunities:
  - GIZ (18 Feb 2020, Jakarta)
  - USAID RDMA (19 Feb 2020, Jakarta)
  - EU Ambassador to Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam (21 Feb 2020, Manado)
  - WCS (21 Feb 2020, Manado and 3 April 2020, Call Meeting)
  - WWF (Dec 2019, Jakarta and 27 April 2020, Call Meeting)

- RS had initial call meeting with WCS/Mr. David Meyers of Conservation Finance Alliance to discuss blended financing on 3 April and 17 April 2020

Acknowledged the update by Indonesian delegation on the possibility for partnership with Indonesian Aid as one of the alternative solutions to support the achievement of CTI-CFF's goals and SDGs; and tasked the Regional Secretariat to circulate the detailed information once it is available;

Mr Wisnu Sindhutrisno of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia at PRESOM on 6 Dec 2021 provided the following update on the Indonesian Aid:

- established in 2019 as agency that manages the development fund with the aim of strengthening Indonesia's contribution to the international development partnerships; enhancing South-South Triangle cooperation as well as achieving sustainable development goals and maintaining world peace and prosperity.
- Currently, it is undergoing institutional development and remains under the purview of the Ministry of Finance of Indonesia.
- Had provided bilateral assistance to Asia Pacific and African countries as well as South American and Caribbean region. It is a proof of Indonesia's commitment to integrate aid management and international development cooperation

## FRWG meeting (29 Apr 2020 FRWG Chair Summary)

## Update

2.2 Agreed to extend the deadline for the submission of list of financial experts on trust fund and sustainable financing mechanism from CTI Member States by 15th May 2020 to Regional Secretariat in consideration of the COVID-19 situation and work from home arrangements of CTI Member States;

Through the nomination of CSO, a list of financial experts with knowledge of marine and coastal management from CT6 member countries was finalized via the Technical Committee on CTI-CFF Regional Conservation Trust Fund at Special SOM on 28 May 2021 to provide substantive support and guidance in the setting-up of the CTI-CFF Regional Conservation Trust Fund.

2.5 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to follow-up the result from the Financial Expert Strategy Workshop conducted 31 July – 1 August 2019 in Singapore, specifically on the outcome of the screening exercise by the workshop group of different finance options for the CTI-CFF

**Ongoing.** RS is partnering with WCS and CFA on the CTI Regional Conservation Trust Fund as one of the sustainable finance options to support CTI-CFF and RPOA 2.0

2.6 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to follow-up with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and its willingness to share learning experiences on sustainable financing mechanism as acknowledged in the decision 11.2.7 of SOM- 15;

**Done .** RS had a virtual meeting with TNC (Ms Laura Whitford and Mr Glen Jeffries) on 5 June 2020 to get more insights on Conservation Trust Fund.

**FRWG virtual meeting (29<sup>th</sup>  
April 2020 FRWG Chair  
Summary)**

**Update**

2.7 Noted with interest that the Regional Secretariat conducted Partners Call Meetings and request for the summary of those meetings to be shared to the CTI Member States by 2nd week of May 2020.

RS had shared the summary of the virtual meetings with CTI Partners to CTI Member States on 21 May 2020. Highlights of the virtual meeting includes GIZ's information on SOMACORE-IKI proposal process; WWF's EU Ocean Governance Project; TNC and CI's involvement in GIZ SOMACORE-IKI proposal process; WCS's KfW funded-project.

3.2 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to get an official approval from the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) to extend implementation period of RPOA 1.0 until the approval process and adoption of RPOA 2.0 by CSO and Council of Ministers (COM)

At the virtual Special Senior Officials Meeting conducted on 28 May 2021, the meeting agreed to extend the implementation period of RPOA 1.0 until the approval process and adoption of RPOA 2.0 (Source: Decision 4.2 of Special SOM Chair Summary). RS is still implementing RPOA 1.0 until RPOA 2.0 is adopted by the CSO and COM.

5.4 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to continue to work and to coordinate closely with CTI Partners to optimize their involvement and assistance in supporting the goals of CTI-CFF

1. RS has been working closely with CTI Partners in various projects:

- USAID: SUFIA RTI on Sustainable Fish Asia (SUFIA project)
- WWF: Ocean Governance Project
- WCS: Marine Biodiversity and Support of Coastal Fisheries in the Coral Triangle project –(support on setting up Trust Fund)
- GIZ: Solutions for Marine and Coastal Resilience(SOMACORE) in the Coral Triangle (Proposal stage)
- UQ-GEF- CTI Proposal on Seascape Approach to Securing Coral Reef Fishery and Biodiversity Resources in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape (SSS)

2. RS is in coordination with CTI Partners regarding the 3 Position Papers and had scheduled a Dialogue (postponed twice already) to discuss the paper.

3. RS also had a meeting with Allen Coral Atlas on 3 Sept 2021 for a potential collaboration activity on Bleaching Webinar.



<b>FRWG meeting (29 April 2020 FRWG Chair Summary)</b>	<b>Update</b>
5.5 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to develop an outcome-based budgeting proposal to be presented to partners/donors and to inform CTI Member States	RS uses an outcome-based budgeting in the budget preparation.
<b>FRWG meeting (9 November 2020)</b>	<b>Update</b>
Tasked RS to complete the SOPs of and circulate the revised Project Preparation Facility (PPF) to CTI Member States and endorse the PPF for approval at SOM-16	<p>RS circulated the revised Project Preparation Facility with a proposed new name “Project Preparation Flowchart” on 5 Feb 2021 to CTI Member States and on 16 Feb 2021 to CTI Partners. At the meeting of RS with CTI Partners on 16 Feb 2021, CTI Partners had showed their approval of the revised PPF.</p> <p>The revised PPF shall be endorsed at SOM-16.</p>
<b>Special SOM (27-28 May 2021)</b>	<b>Update</b>
7. 2 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to compile all the inputs from CT6 Member Countries by 30 June 2021 to be forwarded to the CTI-CFF Partners for consideration in refining the proposals of the Partners for submission at SOM016	RS had compiled all inputs from CT6 Member Countries regarding the 3 proposals from partners and were circulated to CT6 Member Countries on 8 November 2021.
7.3 Tasked the regional Secretariat to create a platform for dialogue between CTI-CFF and the Partners to identify immediate/short-term, medium-term and long-term activities in relation to proposal and noted the immediate/short term activities that can be implemented already	The CT6 and Partners had a virtual dialogue on 29 November 2021. The immediate activity that has been currently conducted under capacity-building proposal was the CTI-CFF Capacity Building Stocktake of existing materials, activities and infrastructure by CTC, WWF and RS

## FRWG virtual discussion (12 October 2021)

## Update

5.3 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to prepare a Roadmap for the CTI-CFF Regional Conservation Trust Fund to see the progress and expected completion of the Trust Fund

CTI Partners presented the Trust Fund Roadmap for the CTI-CFF Regional Conservation Trust Fund at the PreSOM on 6 December 2021 as shown below:

### Timeline

The targeted timeframe from the design to the operation of the Regional Conservation Trust Fund (RCTF) will take 2 years.

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

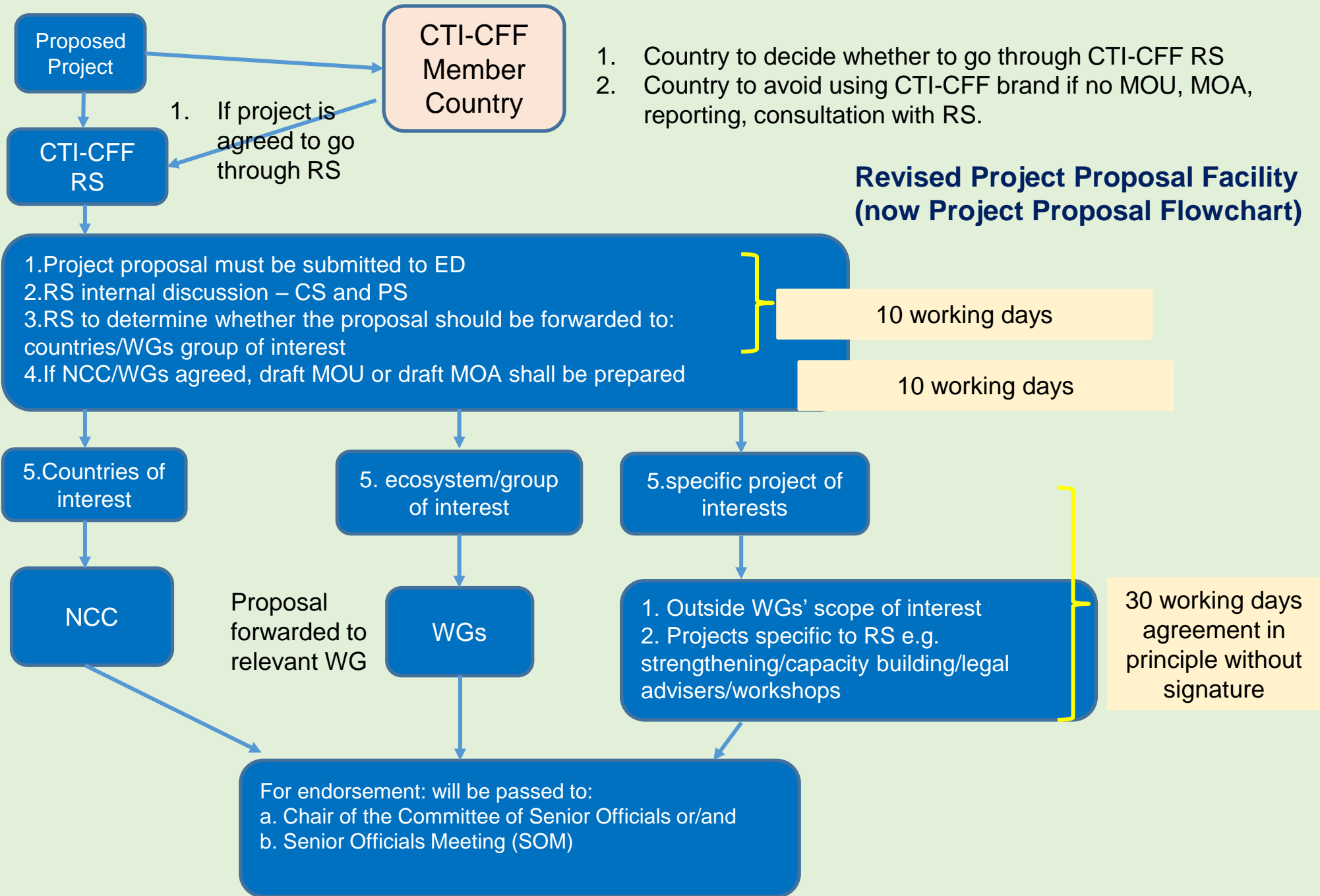
## II. Revised Project Preparation Facility (proposed new name Project Preparation Flowchart)



Can be from partners, donors, philanthropists and other like-minded organizations

MOA Particulars:  
 1. \*Admin cost  
 2. \*Assigned staff at RS by project proponent  
 3. CTI-CFF brand  
 \*included as Management fees

1. NCC decides – delegating to concern ministry/gov't agency  
 2. NCC prepares Letter of Intent, MOU, etc.



II.  
Update on the draft  
RPOA 2.0 – **draft**  
**Financial Strategy**



### III. Update on RPOA 2.0 – Draft Financial Strategy

- The review and final draft Financial Strategy of RPOA 2.0 was finalized on 28 October 2021 at the MEWG virtual meeting for presentation at SOM-16
- The final draft of the Financial Strategy was also presented to the FRWG on 15 November 2021 discussion.



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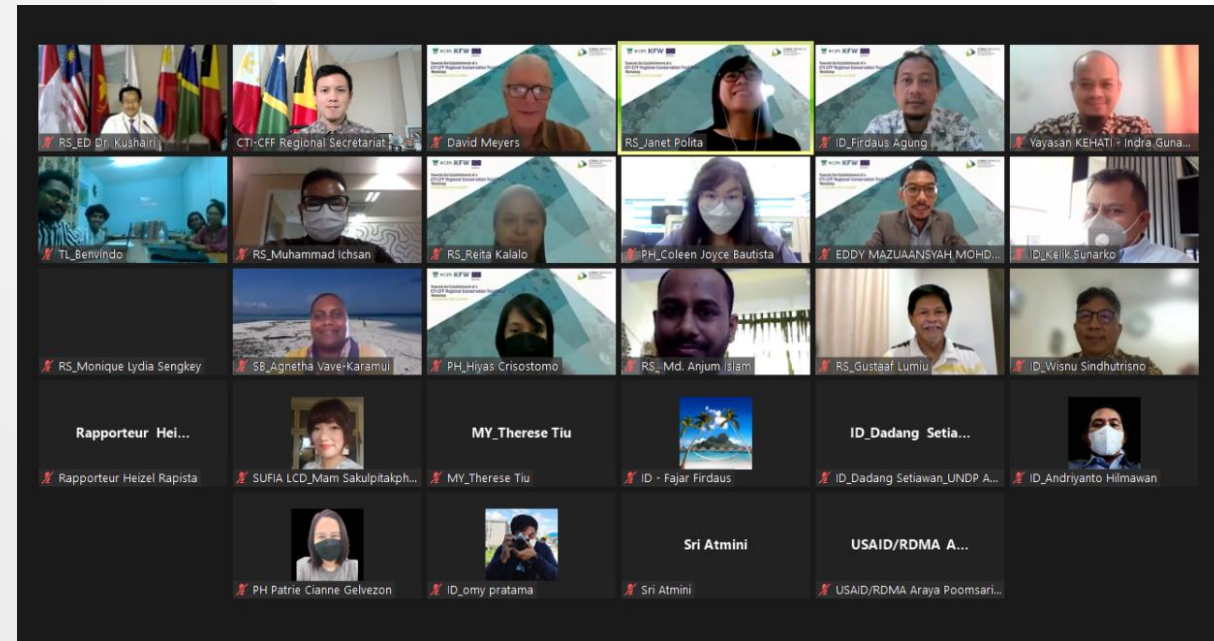


## IV. Update on CTI-CFF Regional Conservation Trust Fund

### a. Activities

- The Technical Committee has regular meetings since January 2021 and had accomplished the following:
  - ✓ Draft Mission Statement
  - ✓ Ongoing discussion on the proposed Governance Structure and Framework
- RS in collaboration with the CTI-CFF Technical Committee on Trust Fund hosted the conduct of the virtual 2-day Workshop on CTI-CFF Conservation Trust Fund on 1-2 December 2021. Three topics were covered as follows: Branding, Resource Mobilization, Stakeholder and Beneficiary Mapping

The workshop was conducted jointly by RS, WCS and CFA and it was supported by the European Union and German Development Bank (KfW).



Screenshot CTI Trust Fund Workshop Participants



## b. Technical Committee on CTI-CFF Trust Fund

Country	Representative
INDONESIA	<p><b>Dr. Firdaus Agung</b> Coordinator of Infrastructure, Facility and Conservation Partnership Directorate of Conservation and Biodiversity, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF)</p> <p>Alternate: <b>Mr. Ahmad Sofiullah</b> Directorate of Conservation and Biodiversity, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries</p>
MALAYSIA	<p><b>Mr. Eddy Mazuaansyah bin Mohd Ali Murad</b> Deputy Undersecretary, Environment Management Division, Ministry of Environment and Water</p> <p>Support: <b>Ms. Therese Tiu</b> Principal Assistant Secretary, Environment Management Division, Ministry of Environment and Water <b>Mr. Mohammad Ammar bin Mohd Ghause</b>, Assistant Secretary, Environment Management Division, Ministry of Environment and Water <b>Dr. Mohd Redzuan bin Ramli</b>, Assistant Secretary, Environment Management Division, Ministry of Environment and Water</p>
PAPUA NEW GUINEA	<p><b>Mr. Timothy Mais</b> Assistant Secretary of the Extractive Industry Branch, Department of Treasury and Finance</p> <p>Alternate : <b>Ms. Kumaras Kay Kalim</b> Director, Sustainable Environment Programs, Conservation and Environment Protection Authority</p>
PHILIPPINES	<p><b>Dir Angelito Fontanilla</b> Director of Financial and Management Service Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines</p>
SOLOMON ISLANDS	<p><b>Mr. Mathew Walekoro</b> Acting Director for Economic and Productive Division, Ministry of Development Planning and Aid Coordination</p>
TIMOR-LESTE	<p><b>Mr. Antonio Pinto Soares</b> Technical Staff Department of Capture and Post Harvest</p>



## V. Proposed 2022 FRWG activity and budget

Proposed Activity	Proposed Budget
Annual Meeting	USD \$ 1,080



## VI. Proposed FRWG Recommendations

1. Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Financial Resources Working Group (refer to Annex 1) and actions undertaken by the Regional Secretariat as tasked in SOM-15, FRWG meetings on 29 April 2020, 9 November 2020, 12 October 2021 and Special SOM on 27-28 May 2021;
2. Appreciated and thanked the roles of Indonesia, Mr. Andre Omer Siregar as Chair of FRWG (2017-2019), and Malaysia, Dr. K. Nagulendran as Vice-Chair of FRWG (2017-2019; 2019-2021) for facilitating the crucial work of FRWG;
3. Accepted Indonesia and Malaysia to remain as Chair and Vice-Chair based on a consensus election result in the 29 April 2020 meeting and acknowledged the new Chair of FRWG, Mr. T.B.H Witjaksono Adji from Indonesia and Vice-Chair of FRWG, Dato' Jana Santhiran Muniayan from Malaysia for the period of 2021 – 2022.
4. Acknowledged the Country Focal Points to the FRWG (refer to Annex 2) and the Technical Committee to CTI-CFF Trust Fund (refer to Annex 3).
5. Recognized the need to assist CT6 Countries in their communication if virtual meetings for CTI-CFF activities shall be pursued due to COVID-19 pandemic to ensure full participation in all CTI-CFF activities/meetings.
6. Accepted the Revised Project Preparation Facility and the proposed new name Project Preparation Flowchart (refer to Annex 4) as discussed in the FRWG Meeting on 9 November 2020 taking into consideration the feedback from CTI-CFF Partners.
7. Acknowledged the draft Financial Strategy of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action 2.0 (refer to Annex 5).
8. Acknowledged the updates on the CTI-CFF Regional Conservation Trust Fund and appreciated the support provided by the Wildlife Conservation Society and Conservation Finance Alliance as well as the European Union and German Development Bank (KfW).
9. Approved the proposed workplan and budget for 2022 of the FRWG.



# Thank you!

