



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES
AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex 2

Decision Document on

Session 2

Progress Report of CTI-CFF post SOM-12

The 13th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-13)

**29 – 30 November 2017
Dusit Thani Manila Hotel
Makati City, Philippines**

**Adopted on 29 November 2017
by
the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

I. Background

In the occasion of the 13th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-13) to be held on 29-30 November 2017 in Manila, Philippines, the Regional Secretariat has prepared the activities report of CTI-CFF post SOM-12, which already available in the CTI-CFF website under the SOM-13 page. The CTI-CFF and Regional Secretariat in 2017 indicate that the two and half years of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat has made substantial, solid progress in a number of fields and areas. The gradual but increase progress in the organizational development has been quite promising 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).

The activities under Technical Working Groups (TWGs), Governance Working Groups (GWG), Cross-cutting Themes (CCT), and Technical Programs have shown, gradually but steady, significant progress toward the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA). Efforts were also pursued to initiate engagement, strengthen current partnership, and explore potential cooperation at the national, regional and international levels.

The year of 2017 also proves that CTI-CFF and Regional Secretariat has received more international recognition by its direct involvement with the United Nations. This is part of collective efforts to align CTI-CFF goals and activities with other regional and international commitment within the framework of RPOA. Therefore, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat has strategically expanded networking efforts with external counterparts and partnership 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.

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 improvise the current state of marine resources cooperation towards conservation and sustainable use of marine resources in the Coral Triangle region.

II. Decision

Referring to the discussion and consideration among the SOM-13 on session of Progress Report of CTI-CFF post SOM-12, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Acknowledged and appreciated the Progress Report of CTI-CFF post SOM-12 (*attachment 2.a*);
2. Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to complete pending activities;
3. Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to develop a standard template for annual reports to reflect work towards achieving RPOA goals;
4. Reminded the Regional Secretariat to convey the Progress Report 30 days before SOM-14; and
5. Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to provide the list of over 100 activities mentioned in the Progress Report.

Attachment:

2.a. Activities Report of CTI-CFF 2017