



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



6-7 November 2023

# 18<sup>TH</sup> SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING

## Chair's Report

H.E. Mr. Celestino Da Cunha Barreto

General Director for Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Resource of ~~East~~ <sup>Timor</sup>

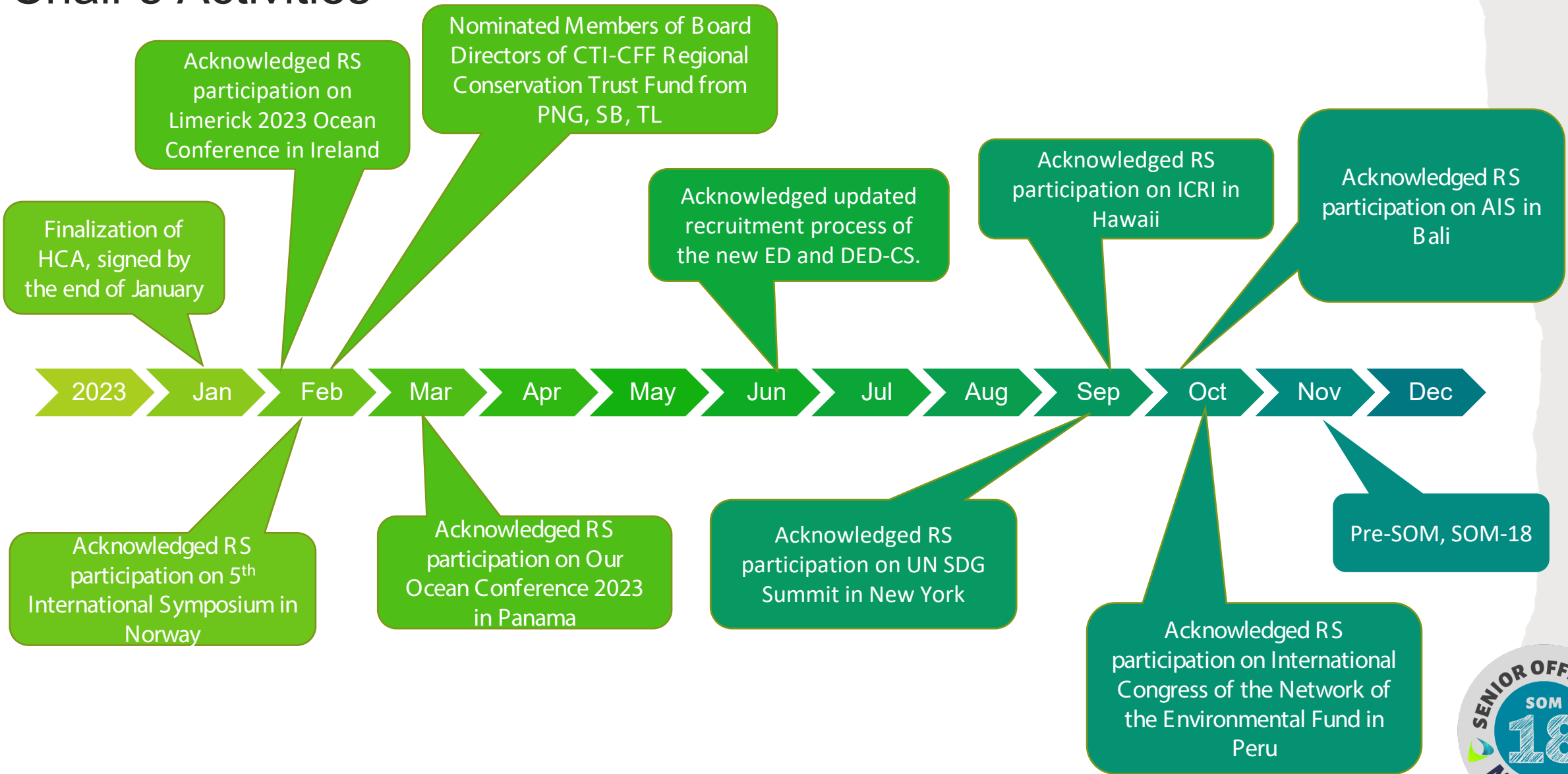


# Mandate

- **Rule 4.** The function of the CTI Committee of Senior Officials (CTICSO) will be to make such decisions and give such directions to the Executive Director as will ensure, especially in the interval between Ministerial Meetings, that the business of the CTI-CFF is carried out efficiently and in accordance with the decisions of the CTI COM. This may include the provision of recommendations to the Executive Director on the implementation of decisions of Ministerial Meetings through the Secretariat or through special Technical Working Groups or other bodies established under Rule 8
- **Rule 11, Para 1.** The Chair of the CSO shall rotate in time and by CTI-CFF Party, parallel to the CTI COM. The Vice Chair will be parallel with Rule 10(2). They shall take office upon their appointment for the same term as the CTI COM Chair.
- **Para 2.** The rotation of the Chair of the CTI CSO referred to in paragraph (1) above shall be based on the names of the CTI-CFF Parties in alphabetical order. As such, the CTI-CFF Party whose name next follows alphabetically from the CTI-CFF Party of the current Chair will nominate a candidate for election as Chair, at the meeting immediately prior to the conclusion of the term of office of the current Chair. The initial Chair of the CTI CSO will be nominated by the CTI-CFF Party of the initial Chair of the CTI COM.
- Joint Ministerial Statement – 8<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting convened in the Zoom Virtual Meeting Platform
- 28 November 2022 Elect the Government of Timor-Leste and Government of Republic of Indonesia as the Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the Council of Ministers (COM) and Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) for two (2) years in 2023-2024;



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2023	Activities
January	Nominated Members of Board Directors of CTCFF Regional Conservation Trust Fund from PNG, SB, TL
February	Acknowledged RS participation on 5th International Symposium in Norway
	Acknowledged RS participation on Limerick 2023 Ocean Conference in Ireland
	Approved the External Audit Appointment
	Finalization of HCA, signed by the e of January

2023	Activities
March	Acknowledged RS participation on Our Ocean Conference 2023 in Panama
June	Acknowledged updated recruitment process of the new ED and DE-DCS
September	Acknowledged RS participation on UN SDG Summit in New York
	Acknowledged RS participation on ICRI in Hawaii
October	Acknowledged RS participation on AIS in
	Acknowledged RS participation on International Congress of the Network of the Environmental Fund of Latin America and Caribbean in Peru
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# Reflections

- We must express our appreciation for the efforts of the Regional Secretariat in advancing the CTI-CFF onto international platforms to garner support and promote this initiative. These endeavors are important, particularly in the establishment of the trust fund and the expansion of our network, thereby increasing the potential for collaborative endeavors at our disposal.
- While virtual meetings have proven effective amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, physical gatherings offer enhanced prospects for substantive deliberation and networking. CSO strongly supports increasing in-person meetings in 2024.
- The CSO wholeheartedly appreciated the initiative by the Regional Secretariat to conduct country visits. Such visits hold the potential to significantly amplify the national accomplishments.
- Alterations in the governance structure of Timor-Leste in the year 2023 precipitated subsequent changes in leadership positions within both the Council of Ministers (COM) and the Committee of Senior Officials.



**“TO UNDERSTAND AND TO CHERISH ARE THE KEYS TO  
UNLOCKING THE HIDDEN KNOWLEDGE OF OUR VAST OCEAN”**

*Leaders of the Coral Triangle, 15<sup>th</sup> May 2009*

*Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia*

**Thank you!**

