



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



# 17<sup>th</sup> SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING

24-25 November 2022

## Chair's Report

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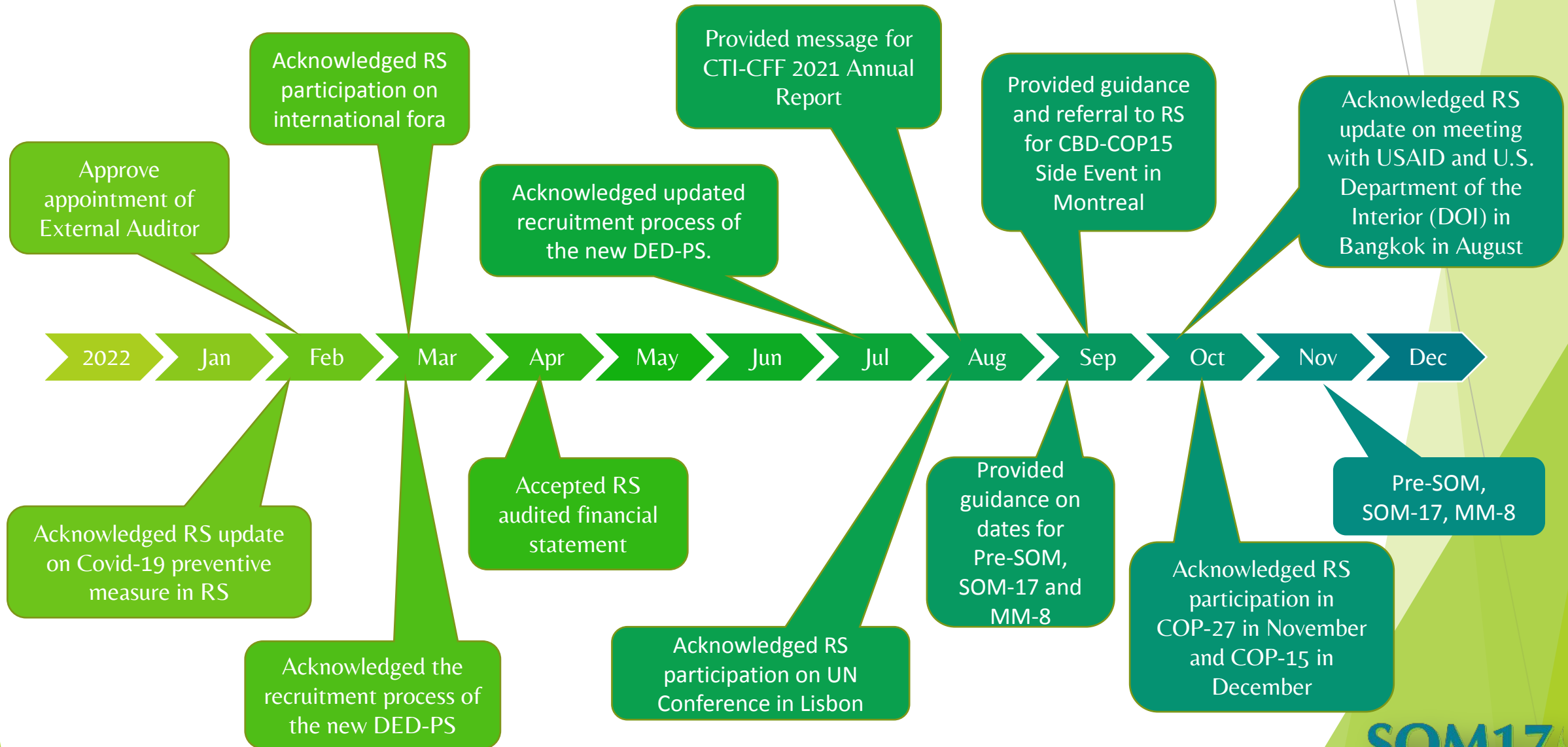


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# Mandate

- **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 in Manila, Philippines
- 14 December 2018 Elect the Government of Solomon Islands and Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste as the Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the Council of Ministers (COM) and Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) for two (2) years from 2019 to 2020;

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2022	Activities
Feb	Approve appointment of External Auditor
	Acknowledged RS update on Covid-19 preventive measure in RS
Mar	Acknowledged RS participation on international fora
	Acknowledged the recruitment process of the new DED-PS
Apr	Accepted RS audited financial statement
Jul	Acknowledged updated recruitment process of the new DED-PS.

2022	Activities
Aug	Acknowledged RS participation on UN Conference in Lisbon
Sep	Provided guidance on dates for Pre-SOM, SOM-17 and MM-8
	Provided guidance and referral to RS for CBD-COP15 Side Event in Montreal
Oct	Acknowledged RS update on meeting with USAID and U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) in Bangkok in August
	Acknowledged RS participation in COP-27 in November and COP-15 in December
Nov	Pre-SOM, SOM-17, MM-8

## In 2022, the Chair carried out the following:

- Completion of RPOA 2.0 that will boost CTI-CFF roles regional and internationally, and finalizing the HCA that is critical for supporting the CTI-CFF;
- Emphasize the important roles of CSO, TWGs and NCCs to ensure CTI-CFF vision and mission are aligned and impactful;
- Proceed engagement with USAID and US Department of Interior (DOI);
- Proceed with recruitment of DED-PS;
- Strengthening Regional Secretariat by establishing alternative funding mechanism for RS through Regional Trust Fund;
- Oversee RS in providing services to the member countries and partners;
- Authorize RS to increase visibility of CTI-CFF globally through international events.

# Reflections

- During three years of pandemic, we managed to conduct virtual activities, we must try to resume in-person meetings (subject to funding availability and priority) in 2023;
- Strengthening the roles of Regional Trust Fund, the Scientific Advisory Council and University Partners;
- Achievements in increased support from partners and countries by increasing visibility of CTI-CFF in international audience.
- Our prolonged role as Chair CSO, due to COVID and the inability of conducting the MM last year have in part caused us to hold on to this role and in this regard wish to thank CT6 membership for their confidence and support for SI to continue in this role.
- Also acknowledge the exemplary support by Vice-Chair CSO, Timor-leste in all duties expected for us as leaders in this roles.



# Thank you



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