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ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex 8.1

Decision Document on

Session 8.1

Seascapes Working Group

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Adopted on 30 November 2017
by
the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste

I. Background

After years of conceptualizing and defining what seascapes is and after holding discussions, exchanges, meetings and writeshops, the Seascapes Working Group has produced the final draft of the CTI-CFF Seascapes General Model and Regional Framework for Priority Seascapes. The hardest part of the process was reflecting the unique culture, traditional practices and beliefs of each country in management and utilization of the coastal and marine environment and the resources within.

Reflecting the decision by SOM11 the General Model and Regional Framework includes a set of indicators intended to be used to monitor and evaluate the status of Priority Seascapes at the regional level.

II. Decision

Based on the presentation by the WG and discussions during the session on *Technical Working Group Reports - Seascapes* at SOM12 (*Attachment 8.1.a*), the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Adopted the CTI-CFF Seascapes General Model and Regional Framework for Priority Seascapes which contains Seascapes Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators (*Attachment 8.1.b*);
2. Tasked the SWG to facilitate the socialization of the General Model and Regional Framework in each member state for adoption and implementation;
3. Supported the recommendation for each member state to begin talks/meetings that will lead towards the establishment of national and Transboundary Seascapes;
4. Supported the continued progress of the Lesser Sunda Seascape and the Bismarck Solomon Sea Seascape towards "priority seascape" nomination.
5. Tasked the Seascapes Working Group to finalize the Updated Rules and Procedure in time for SOM14;

6. Approved the 2018 Seascapes Working Group work plan.

Attachments:

- 8.1.a. Seascapes Working Group Report for SOM13
- 8.1.b. CTI-CFF Seascapes General Model and Regional Framework for Priority Seascapes