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**EAFM**

Mr. Thomas Usuh

Chair of EAFM TWG

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# Focal Points



## Focal Points of EAFM-TWG

Member Country	Focal Points
Indonesia	Dr. Ridwan Mulyana, Director of Fish Resources Management, MMAF Alternate: Dr. Fery Sutyawan, S.Pi , MPP, M.T, Coordinator of Fisheries Resources Management on Territorial Sea and Archipelagic Waters, Directorate of Fisheries Resources Management, Directorate General. Capture Fisheries, MMAF, Aris Budiarto, Coordinator of Logbook Analyst and Fisheries Quota, Directorate of Fisheries Resources Management, Directorate General. Capture Fisheries, MMAF
Malaysia	Datuk Azhar Haji Kassim, Director, Department of Fisheries Sabah Alternate: Mr. Lawrence Kissol Jr., Deputy Director (Operation) Department of Fisheries Sabah and Mr. Mohd. Yusof bin Abdullah, Senior Assistant Deputy Director, Department of Fisheries Sabah
<b>Papua New Guinea (Chair)</b>	Mr. Thomas Usuh, Executive Manager – Fisheries Management PNG National Fisheries Authority Alternate: Ms. Rachel Rabi, Senior Coastal Fisheries Management Officer, National Fisheries Authority
<b>Philippines (Co-Chair)</b>	Mr. Isidro M. Velayo, Jr, MDM, OIC Director, Department of Agriculture-Bureau Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Alternate : Mr. Angel B. Encarnacion, CESO V, Director II, OIC Assistant Director, Department of Agriculture, -Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Solomon Islands	Ms. Faye Siota, Deputy Director Inshore Fisheries, MFMR Alternate: Mr. Peter Husi'au'ana Kenilorea, Chief Fisheries Officer, MFMR
Timor-Leste	Mr. Timotio Alves, Technical Staff for Department of Capture and Post-Harvest Alternate: Ms. Sidonia dos Santos Araujo, Technical Staff, Department of Aquaculture

# Action Taken for SOM-18 Decisions

## Action Taken for SOM 18 Decisions

Decisions	Status
1. Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by the EAFM technical working group (Annex 8.4).	Done
2. Acknowledged and appreciated the support of USAID SuFiA -TS in holding the 8th EAFM Technical Working Group Meeting and Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Regional Exchange (SSS REX) from 13-16 June 2023 in Manila, the Philippines.	Done
3. Acknowledged and appreciated CT6 and related partners on the discussion of the RPOA 2.0 targets, regional activities, outcomes, and outputs in relation to EAFM, especially the output Indicator BI.1.2.a.	Done
4. Acknowledged and appreciated three members of the CT6 countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines for providing the secretary/ministers signatories for the Regional Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) as the requirement for CTI-CFF/UQ/GEF project proposal (GEF-8) (Annex 8.5).	Done
5. Acknowledged and appreciated Professor Peter Mumby of the University of Queensland and CI-Philippines in developing the ongoing CTI-CFF/UQ/GEF project proposal (GEF-8) together with the three countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines) from the CT6 members.	Done
6. Recognized SpaceTec's expressed interest in collaborating with CTI-CFF initiatives through their introduction to the Seascape and EAFM TWG (Annex 8.6).	In Progress

## Action Taken for SOM 18 Decisions (Cont.)

Decisions	Status
7. Appreciated the efforts of CT6 on the discussion of the updated COASTFISH Regional Framework and review of the related government endorsement process, supported by USAID SuFiA -TS.	Done
8. Appreciated the efforts of CT6 to discuss the updated Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape (SSS) Sub-Regional EAFM Plan as approved during the SOM 15 on 2019, and review the related government endorsement process, supported by USAID SuFiA -TS.	Done
9. Acknowledged and appreciated the Capacity Buildings activities organized by USAID SuFiA -TS: a. Climate Risk Assessment for Fisheries Managers and Practical Climate Risk Management in Fisheries b. Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) and its relevance into COASTFISH	Done
10. Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation of WWF Pacific PNG regarding Community-Based Fisheries Management planning through a Climate Lens and Tuna+ Program and mainstreaming GEDSI in the 8th EAFM Technical Working Group Meeting and Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Regional Exchange (SSS REX).	Done
11. Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation of WWF Coral Triangle regarding Tuna+ Program in the 8th EAFM Technical Working Group Meeting and Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Regional Exchange (SSS REX).	Done

## Action Taken for SOM 18 Decisions (Cont.)

Decisions	Status
12. Approved the EAFM TWG Recommendations to SOM-18 2023 and the EAFM TWG Workplan in the 8th EAFM Technical Working Group Meeting and Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Regional Exchange (SSS REX);	Done
13. Acknowledged and supported the recommendation of the EAFM Working Group to turn over the Chair from Malaysia to the Papua New Guinea and the turnover of the Co-Chair from Papua New Guinea to Philippines in the year of 2024 - 2025, based on the provisions stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the CTI-CFF EAFM Technical Working Group;	Done
14. Acknowledged and appreciated the excellent chair-ship of Dr. Norasma Dacho and her successor Mr. Azhar Haji Kassim from Malaysia as Chair and Ms. Lorel Dandava and her successor Mr. Aisi S. Anas from Papua New Guinea as Co-Chair of the EAFM Technical Working Group for the period of 2021 – 2023;	Done
15. Approved the EAFM Technical Working Group 2024 Work Plan.	Done





# Update on Workplan and Budget by the Chair of EAFM TWG for 2024

# Workplan and Budget for 2024 of EAFM-TWG

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Budget (USD)
9th EAFM Technical Working Group In-person Meeting back-to-back with the Sulu-Sulawesi REX II and the Bismarck Solomon Sea REX	Q3 – Q4	SSS 2 and BSS REX back-to-back with TWG meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia on 12-16 August 2024, supported by USAID SuFiA-TS and GIZ.
<p><b>Output Indicator BI.1.2.a</b>            A regional action plan/programs to promote and share knowledge, technology, and best practices are supported/implemented for COASTFISH regional framework is established, by 2023            The revised COASTFISH Framework is currently under review.            Will be shared to RS on Q1 2025</p>	Q1- Q3	Supported by SuFiA TS at the SSS 2 and BSS REX 2024 (Ongoing).
Review the progress of RPOA 2.0 in relation with the EAFM TWG to determine the current status and to identify the way of moving forward (i.e. Workshop).	Q1	RS is done with preliminary RPOA 2.0 progress report. Awaiting CT-6 inputs for activities.

# Workplan and Budget for 2024 of EAFM-TWG (Cont.)

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Budget (USD)
<p><b>Output BI.1.2.b</b> By 2023, establishment for knowledges management systems for the COASTFISH regional framework implementation</p> <p><b>Output Indicator BI.1.2.b</b> # of knowledge management systems (CT Atlas and other CTI existing platforms) are established and enhanced for the COASTFISH regional framework implementation, by 2023.</p> <p><i>Training on integrating COASTFISH Regional Framework into the CT Atlas Platform</i></p>	Q1-Q3	<p>Ongoing – integrated into 2025 Workplan</p> <p>briefly discussed in the SSS 2 and BSS REX 2024, and will be further implemented in 2025</p>
<p><b>Output BI.1.3.b</b> By 2025, relevant multilateral cooperations among the CT6 Member Countries are established and empowered to support the implementation of the COASTFISH regional framework</p> <p><b>Output Indicator BI.1.3.b</b> # of relevant multilateral cooperations among the CT6 Member Countries are established and empowered to support the implementation of the COASTFISH regional framework, by 2025.</p> <p><i>Workshop on establishing a multilateral cooperation among the CT6 Member Countries as a support vehicle to implement the COASTFISH Regional Framework by 2025</i></p>	Q1-Q3	Transferred into 2025 Workplan

The background of the slide is a photograph of an underwater coral reef. The left side shows a variety of colorful corals, including pink and white branching corals and a large, flat, brownish-orange table coral. A diver is visible in the blue water on the right side of the frame, providing a sense of scale. The text is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

# Workplan and proposed Budget by the Chair of EAFM TWG for 2025

## EAFM - TWG Workplan and Budget 2025

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget (estimation) USD		Objective	RPOA 2.0 – Objective A		
			RS	Partners		TARGET A3		
						Outcome	Output	Indicators
1	Establish and/or Improve collaborative partnerships: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ATSEA</li> <li>• EU Ocean Governance</li> <li>• SEAFDEC</li> <li>• ASEAN</li> <li>• FFA</li> <li>• WCPFC</li> </ul> Propose to explore other partners including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RPOA-IUU (through USAID SCT - IUU activity)</li> <li>• NOAA</li> <li>• Stimson Center</li> </ul>	Q1-Q2 2025		Support Needed	Improve regional and stakeholder collaboration to address the EAFM, IUU Fishing, and other related management challenges in the CT Region	Outcome A3.1.1		Outcome Indicator A3.1.1
2	Convene a report on combating IUU fishing/EAFM implementation in CT region.	Q2 2025		15,000 Need partner support + CT6 support	To coordinate the progress of implementation on the related activities under the RPOA 2.0. and establish/update the monitoring component of IUU.	Outcome A3.1.1		Outcome Indicator A3.1.1
3	Promote coordination of ecologically-connected sites and species (Sub-regional seascapes approach)	Q1-Q2		Need Support from partners & CT6	To improve coordination and implementation of the EAFM-related activities under the RPOA 2.0 with the Seascapes TWG with the 3-sub regional seascapes.	Outcome A3.1.1		Outcome Indicator A3.1.1

## EAFM - TWG Workplan and Budget 2025 (Cont.)

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget (estimation) USD		Objective	RPOA 2.0 – Objective A		
			RS	Partners		TARGET A3		
						Outcome	Output	Indicators
4	Conduct the SSS EAFM Regional Exchange - Trainings - Workshops - Meeting	Q1 2025	30,000	Seeking Additional Support from Partners  25,000	To build capacity in the SSS by: (1) Improving understanding of Marine Mammals Stranding Handling, By-catch Management, Shark and Rays Identification and Management. (2) The improved Research Methodology on Transboundary Species and Migratory – Tuna (3) Developing a cross-regional understanding of MPAs, OECMs and CCA. (4) Promote ecological science through genetic studies of green turtles. (5) Sharing of experiences on SSS EAFM Plan implementation and monitoring at country and sub-regional level. (6) IUU Fishing Risk Assessment Methods and Tools (Stimson Center); (7) eFGD on US SIMP by NOAA (RPOA-IUU led);	A3.1.1	A3.1.1a A3.1.1b	A3.1.1a A3.1.1b
5	Conduct the BSS EAFM Regional Exchange - Trainings - Workshops - Meeting	Q1 2025						

## EAFM - TWG Workplan and Budget 2025 (Cont.)

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget (estimation) USD		Objective	RPOA 2.0 – Objective A		
			RS	Partners		TARGET A3		
						Outcome	Output	Indicators
6	EAFM Annual EAFM-TWG Meeting	Q1 2025	30,000	Seeking Additional Support from Partners	To update on the CT6/Partners implementation of the RPOA 2.0 EAFM-related activities.	N/a		
				25,000				
7	To identify and conduct appropriate capacity development activities on e-logbook and VMS	Q2-Q3		Partner + CT6 Support Needed	To enhance the capacity of the CT6 in addressing IUU and commercial fishing in the region.	A3.1.2	A3.1.2	A3.1.2
8	Set up a data-sharing mechanism to develop a time series regional fisheries status report.	Q1-Q3 2025		Partner + CT6 Support Needed	Build capacity and collaboration with partners in creating and/or developing a collaborative systematic index to identify threats (Marine debris, over-fishing, illegal harvest, wildlife trade).	A3.1.2	A3.1.2	A3.1.2
9	Expand and strengthen the resource network to evaluate the implementation of the six EAFM domains through educational and scientific institutions.	Q1-2 2025		CT6 Support Needed	To improve the collaboration within Seascapes, University Partnership and contribute to the CTI Priority Threatened Species Regional Conservation Plan	A3.1.1	A3.1.1a	A3.1.1a

## EAFM - TWG Workplan and Budget 2025 (Cont.)

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget (estimation) USD		Objective	RPOA 2.0 – Objective A		
			RS	Partners		TARGET A3		
						Outcome	Output	Indicators
10	Strengthening Scientific collaboration through the University Partnership	Q2-Q3 2025		20,000 Partner + University Support	Create collaboration with the University Partnership Network in addressing and promoting EAFM-related issues and solutions.	A3.1.1	A3.1.1b	A3.1.1b
11	Conduct an assessment and develop a report of resources (needs and opportunities) of sustainable livelihoods and enterprises.	Q1 2025		20,000 Seeking Support	To enhance the targeted coastal areas in EAFM and other Sustainable Planning of the priority seascapes Priority Seascapes.	B1.1.1	B1.1.1.a	B1.1.1.a
12	Encourage and acknowledge innovation in fishing gears/vessels through regular regional/international scientific fora	Q1-Q4		15,000 Seeking Support	To enhance the capacity of the CT6 in establishing policies and regulations related to harvest strategy and IUU fishing.	A3.1	A3.1.2	A3.1.2
13	Conduct a series of workshops/meetings/exchanges to share knowledge and develop the Regional Action Plan for COASTFISH implementation	Q1-Q4 2025		25,000 Partner Support Needed	To formally have the COASTFISH Regional Plan accepted and endorsed by the CT6 by SOM-20	B1.1.3	B1.1.3a	B1.1.3



## EAFM - TWG Workplan and Budget 2025 (Cont.)

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget (estimation) USD		Objective	RPOA 2.0 – Objective A		
			RS	Partners		TARGET A3		
						Outcome	Output	Indicators
14	Establish a public-private partnership to support the adoption of the COASTFISH framework.	Q3-Q4 2025		SuFiA TS + Partners	To support the implementation of the COASTFISH regional framework.	B1.1.2	B1.1.2	B1.1.2 B1.1.2a B1.1.2b
15	Conduct a workshop on the Integration of COASTFISH framework into CT Atlas and CTI-CFF M&E framework.	Q4 2025		10,000 Support in the Regional Exchange Event  SuFiA TS + Partners	To improve the mechanism of data collection needed for COASTFISH, and standardized methodology of validating data.	B1.1.2	B1.1.2	B1.1.2 B1.1.2a B1.1.2b
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>			<b>30,000</b>	<b>130,000</b>				

# Draft Recommendations for SOM-19

## Draft SOM-19 Recommendation of EAFM TWG

1. Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by EAFM Technical Working Group (Annex 8.4);
2. Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of CTI-CFF Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape and Bismarck-Solomon Seas Seascape, Technical Regional Exchange back-to-back with EAFM, Seascape, and Threatened Species Technical Working Group meetings hosted by the Government of Malaysia on 12–16 August 2024 with the collaboration among CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, USAID SuFiA TS and GiZ SOMACORE;
3. Acknowledged and appreciated the inclusion of the Lesser Sunda Seascape in the CTI-CFF Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape and Bismarck-Solomon Seas Seascape, Technical Regional Exchange back-to-back with EAFM, Seascape, and Threatened Species Technical Working Group meetings;
4. Acknowledged and appreciated the USAID SuFiA TS and GiZ SOMACORE for the financial and technical aspect support of the CTI-CFF Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape and Bismarck-Solomon Seas Seascape Technical Regional Exchange back-to-back with EAFM, Seascape, and Threatened Species Technical Working Group meetings;
5. Acknowledged the 2024 M&E Report for the EAFM TWG and recognized the need to develop the reporting system and assessment mechanism (Annex 8.5);
6. Appreciated the acceptance of gender equality and social inclusion, and climate change consideration into Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) programs and plans per the goal of the CTI-CFF Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Policy (GESI Policy) with support from the USAID SuFiA TS;

## Draft SOM-19 Recommendation of EAFM TWG (Cont.)

7. Tasked CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to work with the USAID SuFiA TS to finalize the COASTFISH Regional Framework and circulated by Q1 2025 (Annex 8.6);
8. Acknowledged the Draft Regional Plan on Climate Change Adaptation within an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management” as best practices for climate change adaptation and GESI integration within fisheries management plans, frameworks, regulations, and data collection, to build resilience of communities to climate impacts supported by USAID SCT (Annex 8.7);
9. Approved the EAFM Technical Working Group 2025 Workplan and Budget;

An underwater photograph of a coral reef. The scene is dominated by a large, flat, brownish-orange coral structure in the center. Below it, there's a large, white, textured coral formation. The background is a deep blue, with many small fish swimming around. The lighting is somewhat dim, typical of an underwater environment.

# Thank You

EAFM TWG Report - Mr. Thomas Usuh

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The logo for SOM19, featuring the letters 'SOM' in a stylized font with a green and blue graphic element, followed by '19' in a bold, black font. The logo is enclosed in a thin green border.

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