



## 1<sup>st</sup> CTI-CFF Threatened Species Technical Working Group Meeting

Dorsett Regency Hotel  
Putrajaya, Malaysia  
March 23, 2017

### Minutes of the Meeting

#### Attendees:

Tan Geik Hong	-	Presiding Chair, Malaysia
Pablo de los Reyes	-	Co-Chair, Philippines
Prabowo	-	Indonesia
Airin Melisa Manurung	-	Indonesia
Syed Abdullah Syed Abdul Kadir	-	Malaysia
Abdullah Jaafar	-	Malaysia
Vagi Rei Leke	-	Papua New Guinea
Lulu Boina Nancy Osembo	-	Papua New Guinea
Evangeline Barreto Miclat	-	Philippines
Marion Daclan	-	Philippines
Ezekiel Meinorgra Legunau	-	Solomon Islands
Ivory Masiala Akao	-	Solomon Islands
Antalmo Ferreira Joao	-	Timor-Leste
Junior Pascoal Soares Carvalho	-	Timor-Leste
Astrid Lim	-	CTI Regional Secretariat

#### Observers:

Abraham Basani Sianipar	-	CI Indonesia
Paolo Mangahas	-	WWF Coral Triangle Program
Monique Alwine Sumampouw	-	WWF Malaysia
Shantini Guna Rajan	-	WWF Malaysia
Jeyashri Kisna	-	GIZ
Chanrachkji Isara	-	SEAFDEC
Lawrence Kissol	-	Malaysia
Mohd. Noor Noordin	-	Malaysia

#### Secretariat:

Marni Adila Abd. Rahman	-	Malaysia
Faizah Ismail	-	Malaysia
Haryati Abd. Wahab	-	Malaysia
Hemalatha a/p Raja Sekaran	-	Malaysia
Jasmin Mohd. Saad	-	CTI Regional Secretariat

## Agenda:

1. Introduction of delegates
2. Approval of agenda
3. Confirmation of TSWG Focal Points
4. Review, discuss and adopt the following:
  - a. Assessment Report Outline
  - b. Outline for the Region-wide Conservation Plan for Threatened Species
  - c. Regional Roadmap for Threatened Species
  - d. Next steps
5. Calendar of Events
6. Funding Support
7. Turnover of TSWG Chairmanship
8. Other Matters
9. Closing/ Meeting Adjourned

## Highlights of the Meeting:

**Opening:** On behalf of the TSWG Chair, Ms. Tan Geik Hong opened the meeting and thanked the countries for their presence and participation in the first TSWG workshop and TSWG meeting. Ms. Tan went straight to the agenda items and referred the meeting to the materials distributed for this purpose.

- 1) **Introduction of delegates.** A quick round of introductions by each delegate was conducted following the opening remarks of the Chair.
- 2) **Approval of agenda.** The Chair presented the Threatened Species TWG meeting agenda and requested everyone to review and provide comments, if any.

**Decision:** The Meeting adopted the proposed First TSWG meeting agenda with minor addition. Regional Secretariat TWG Coordinator suggested to add the Confirmation of TSWG Focal Points as Agenda Item #3.

- 3) **Confirmation of TSWG Focal Points.** Chair requested each member state to identify their official TSWG focal point and their complete contact details. All countries provided the names of their TSWG focal point except for Timor-Leste. Timor-Leste requested additional time to confer with their government.

<b>Decision:</b>	Indonesia	-	Mr. Syamsul Bahri Lubis Deputy Director for Protection and Preservation of Aquatic Species, Directorate of Conservation and Marine Biodiversity, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries
	Malaysia	-	Mr. Zulkafli Bin Rashid Deputy Director General of Fisheries Malaysia <a href="mailto:zulkafirashid@dof.gov.my">zulkafirashid@dof.gov.my</a>
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Timor-Leste - To be confirmed a week after the meeting

- 4) **Formally agree on the Assessment Report Outline, Outline for the Region-wide Conservation Plan for Threatened Species, Regional Roadmap for Threatened Species and Next steps.** Chair requested the Secretariat to present the outline for the regional assessment report and for the members to review and comment on the outline as presented. This was followed with a presentation and review of the outline for the region-wide conservation plan for threatened species and the regional TSWG roadmap and next steps generated from the first REX. The Chair also asked the member states to review and comment on the roadmap and next steps as presented so that needed modifications can be incorporated upon concurrence of the meeting members.

**Decision:** The meeting adopted the following:

- a. Outline for the CTI Regional Assessment Report on Threatened Species (Annex A) adopted as presented.
  - b. Outline for the Region-wide Conservation Plan for Threatened Species (Annex B) adopted with minor addition: Add to Chapter 3, b.iv - Unsustainable traditional practices and harvesting.
  - c. Regional Threatened Species (TS) Roadmap (Annex C) adopted as presented.
  - d. Next Steps (Annex D) adopted as presented.
- 5) **Calendar of Events.** The Chair requested the Secretariat to present the 2017 TSWG Calendar of Events which was put together during the workshop for review and additional information. SEAFDEC representative informed the body that SEAFDEC trainings are only provided to SEAFDEC members (2 from each member nation), however, non-members may be invited with outside funding support.

**Decision:** The meeting adopted the 2017 TSWG Calendar of Activities without further comments and additional information. (Annex E)

- 6) **Funding Support.** After reviewing the Regional TS Roadmap and the 2017 TSWG Calendar of Activities, it was noted that there were several regional action items or activities that need funding support. The Chair opened the floor for suggestions and ideas in terms of sourcing funds. Following discussions by the members, the following were agreed upon:

**Decision:** The meeting tasked the CTI Regional Secretariat to seek funding to support some of the regional activities identified in the TS Roadmap as well as in the 2017 Calendar of Events. Development partners present during the meeting also expressed their interest to support some of the activities and their commitment was already captured in the calendar matrix.

- 7) **Turnover of TSWG Chairmanship.** To begin discussions on this agenda item the Chair referred to the TSWG Terms of Reference wherein under item #3 on Membership and Structure it states that the term of the Chair and Vice Chair is two (2) years starting on 1 January of the year following the confirmation of the SOM. After referring to this statement, the Chair expressed the intention of Malaysia to handover the Chairmanship after having served as Chair since April of 2015. Philippines as the current co-chair of TSWG declined the chairmanship explaining that the Philippines was the immediate past Chair under the MPA Working Group and only assumed the role of co-chair to support Malaysia as the TSWG transitioned to become a separate WG. Further, the Philippines is currently the Chair of MPA WG and the CSO. The meeting recommended Timor-Leste and Papua New Guinea as possible chairs since these are the only member states not holding any chairmanships. Regional Secretariat suggested that once either country accepts the Chairmanship, the other country shall automatically assumes the co-chair. TL expressed willingness to co-chair only.

**Decision:** Papua New Guinea representative accepted the Chairmanship of TSWG subject to the approval of their government through the PNG NCCC.

- 8) **Other Matters.** There being no other items to be discussed, the Chair summed up the discussion.
- 9) **Closing/Meeting Adjourned at 5:15 pm.**

## **Annex A: Region-wide Assessment Report Outline on Threatened Species in the CT Region**

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Definition of Terms

### Chapter 1: Introduction

- Brief information on CT
- Brief background on threatened species
- Purpose of assessment
- Methodology
- Sources of data

Chapter 2: Threatened Species in the Coral Triangle Region (marine turtles, sharks and rays, marine mammals, seabirds, reef fishes and invertebrates)

- Species occurrence in the region
- Abundance, distribution and population status
- Habitat status
- Benefits and value of threatened species
- Gaps and challenges

### Chapter 3: Issues and threats

- By-catch
- Pollution (e.g. oil and gas exploration, etc)
- Climate change
- Marine debris
- Unsustainable tourism
- Illegal trade
- Poaching
- Trade and utilization (e.g. traditional use)
- Habitat degradation
- IUU fishing
- Habitat conversion
- Overlapping / conflicting national policies and regulations

### Chapter 4: Initiatives

- Management and protection initiatives by country
- Support by developments partners and institutions
- Policies legislated or enacted
- Status of enforcement

### Chapter 5: Way Forward

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## **Annex B: Region-wide Conservation and Management Plan for Threatened Species (Marine mammals, Sea Turtles, Sharks and Rays)**

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### **Section A**

Chapter 1: Introduction / CTI Context

- a. Background on CTI Goal 5
- b. Why these priority species

Chapter 2: Introduction to the Threatened Species

- a. Biology and ecology of the threatened species (may include migratory patterns)
- b. Conservation and management status
- c. Ecological role of the (threatened species)
- d. Socio-economic role of the (threatened species)
- e. Cultural role of the (threatened species)

Chapter 3: Key Issues and Concerns of the (threatened species) in the CT Region

*Note: Some issues may be presented by country*

- a. Biological / Environmental Pressures
  - i. Habitat destruction
  - ii. Marine pollution (also focus on micro plastics)
  - iii. Climate Change
- b. Socio-economic Pressures
  - i. Illegal, Unreported, and Unregulated Fishing
  - ii. Commercial harvesting of the (threatened species)
  - iii. By-catch and entanglement (entanglement may use for marine turtles)
  - iv. Unsustainable traditional practices and harvesting of (threatened species)
  - v. Unregulated export of the (threatened species) or its parts
  - vi. Illegal wildlife poaching and trading
  - vii. Unsustainable tourism activities
  - viii. Accidents involving ships
  - ix. Unregulated foreshore developments
- c. Socio-cultural Pressures
  - i. Policies or governance mechanisms not yet in place for (threatened species)
  - ii. Unsustainable traditional practices and harvesting

## **Section B**

### Chapter 4: Vision-Goal-Objectives of CTI-CFF Region-wide TS Conservation and Management Plan

- a. Vision Statement
- b. Goal Statement
- c. Objectives

### Chapter 5: Management Approaches and Strategies (Actions)

#### a. Management Approach 1:

- i. Action 1
- ii. Action 2
- iii. Action 3

#### b. Management Approach 2:

- i. Action 1
- ii. Action 2
- iii. Action 3

#### c. Management Approach 3:

- i. Action 1
- ii. Action 2
- iii. Action 3

### Chapter 6: Implementation Mechanisms

- Coordinative Mechanisms and Funding

### Annexes

### Annex C: Regional Threatened Species Roadmap (2017 - 2019)

2017	2018	2019
1. Establishment of a pool of experts / networking platform (Threatened Species Support Network)	1. Finalization of CTI Regional Assessment Report on Threatened Species	1. Development of CTI Threatened Species information portal
2. Capacity building: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Peer-to-peer learning</li> <li>• Training on species identification, etc.</li> </ul>	2. Finalization of region-wide conservation plans for marine mammals, sea turtles and sharks and rays	2. Review the targets and regional actions of Goal 5 of the RPOA
3. Information / Establishing data <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Maps of species</li> <li>• Improve public awareness</li> </ul>	3. Production of maps identifying the locations and migratory routes of the threatened species	3. Implementation of conservation plans
4. Better enforcement through surveillance, regulations and management to combat illegal wildlife trade	4. Continue capacity building activities and the conduct of IEC approaches and activities	4. Strengthen database / info on threatened species
5. Encourage information, education and communication (IEC) approach	5. Sourcing of funds	5. Regional project development and implementation on the conservation plans



## **Annex D: Next Steps for TSWG**

1. Country delegates to feedback to their respective NCCCs and to get their comments on the following:
  - a. Draft Assessment Report Outline on Threatened Species in the CT Region
  - b. Draft Region-wide Conservation Plan Outline
  - c. Draft Regional TS Roadmap
2. Process and output document - Workshop Report completed by end of April 2017
3. Feedback about hosting the writeshop: Solomon Islands recommend to write the letter to NCCC Solomon Islands for consideration
4. Call meeting - first week of May 2017; 5pm SI time. The following will be the agenda:
  - a. Expression of interest to host the writeshop
  - b. Feedback from NCCCs of the CT6 on the outlines of the assessment report and conservation plans
  - c. Feedback on TSWG Workshop report from CT6 delegates
  - d. Submission of the list of TS experts by the member states

### Annex E: 2017 TSWG Calendar of Events

Activities	Timeline	Lead Country/ Partners	Funding
1. Creation of pool of experts			
a. Inventory of pool of TS experts / Submission of list of TS experts (per country) to RS	First week of May 2017	CT6	
b. TS support networks: Formulation of TOR for TS pool of experts	Before SOM13 (October 2017)	NCC Philippines	
2. Capacity Building			
a. Identification training for Sharks and rays	September 2017	Malaysia / SEAFDEC	CTI to fund Pacific countries
b. Regional IUCN Red List workshop		WWF will assist to obtain IUCN experts) / SEAFDEC - Malaysia	
3. Encourage countries to undertake the following parallel activities to combat illegal wildlife activities:			
a. Capacity building for enforcers			
b. Combating illegal wildlife trade			
c. Improving regulations and management			
d. Activities linking to other TS relevant platforms (e.g. ASEAN CITES, WEN, RPOA IUU)			
4. Conduct of various information, education and communication (IEC) campaign / activities on TS such as public awareness activities on illegal wildlife trade	Present to end of 2017	CT6	
5. Formulation of CTI Regional Assessment Report on TS and Region-wide Conservation and Management Plans for Marine Mammals, Sea Turtles and Sharks and Rays	October 2017		Writeshop cost: RS to support the plane fares and per diems of the country participants. RS to seek for other resources to support other writeshop expenses.

a. Formulation of CTI Regional Assessment Report on TS		RS to collate the national TS assessment reports from the CT6	
b. Formulation of Region-wide Conservation and Management Plans for Marine Mammals, Sea Turtles and Sharks and Rays		CT6	
6. Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project side event during the 12th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS-COP 12)	One of the these days: October 22-28 Manila, Philippines	GIZ and CI Philippines	To be supported by GIZ.