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THE 19TH SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING

Session 2

CHAIR'S REPORT

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Chair of CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials

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Mandate

- **CTI-CFF Rules and Procedures – 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.
- **CTI-CFF Rules and Procedures – 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.
- **CTI-CFF Rules and Procedures – Rule 11, 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 – 8th 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.

Activities



Regional Secretariat

Date	Activity
Jan-24	Approval for selection of ED and DED-CS
Apr-24	Approval for hiring of the Indonesian Supreme Audit Institution (Badan Pemeriksa Keuangan RI) to hold the annual financial audit of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat for fiscal year 2023
11-Jun-24	Acknowledge the launching of CTCF
24-Jun-24	Approval for temporary utilization of the restricted fund by the Regional Secretariat
1-Jul-24	Officially received a visit from the Regional Secretariat to the TL Government
22-Jul-24	Approval for a courtesy visit from the Regional Secretariat to the SB Government
25-Sep-24	Acknowledge the Chairing of IRC Meeting, Dili

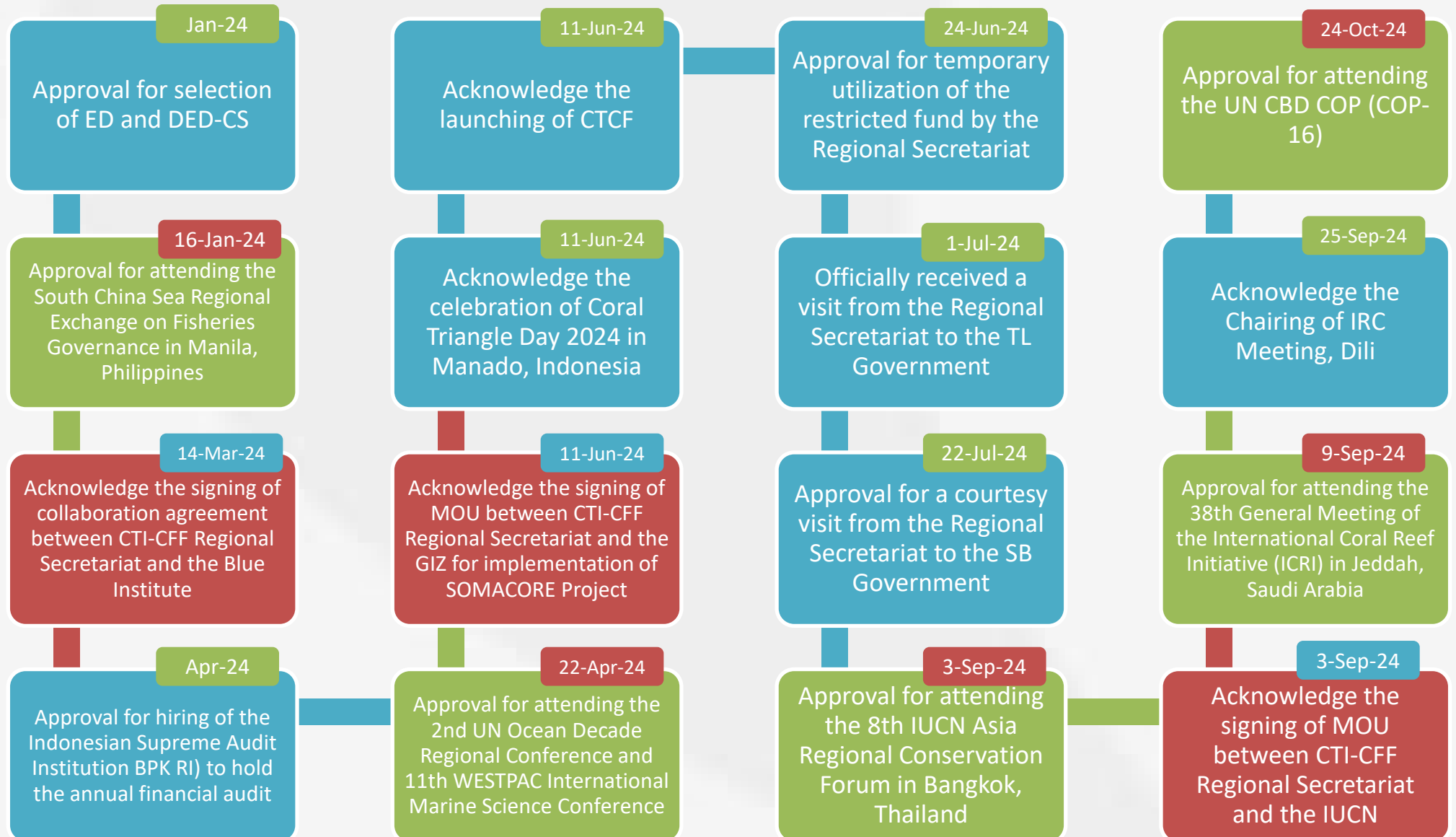
International Exposure

Date	Activity
16-Jan-24	Approval for attending the South China Sea Regional Exchange on Fisheries Governance in Manila, Philippines
22-Apr-24	Approval for attending the 2nd UN Ocean Decade Regional Conference and 11th WESTPAC International Marine Science Conference in Bangkok, Thailand
3-Sep-24	Approval for attending the 8th IUCN Asia Regional Conservation Forum in Bangkok, Thailand
9-Sep-24	Approval for attending the 38th General Meeting of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
24-Oct-24	Approval for attending the UN CBD COP (COP-16)

New Agreements

Date	Activity
14-Mar-24	Acknowledge the signing of collaboration agreement between CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the Blue Institute
11-Jun-24	Acknowledge the signing of MOU between CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the GIZ for implementation of SOMACORE Project
3-Sep-24	Acknowledge the signing of MOU between CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the IUCN

Summary Activities 2024



A close-up photograph of a purple dragonfly perched on a white flower. The dragonfly's body is a vibrant purple, and its long, thin legs are spread out. The flower's petals are large and white, with a subtle texture. The background is dark, making the dragonfly and the flower stand out. The word 'Reflection' is written in white text in the bottom left corner.

Reflection



Reflections

- Each step forward has reinforced our commitment to marine conservation, sustainable fisheries, and regional collaboration.
- The appointment of a new Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services, showed that we have sought leadership that aligns with CTI-CFF's core values. This leadership transition has paved the way for renewed vigor and direction as we navigate the complexities of regional environmental governance.
- Our engagement at various international platforms reflects the growing recognition of CTI-CFF's role in the global marine conservation community.
- Strategic partnerships have been at the heart of our progress. The signing of agreements with organizations like the Blue Institute, GIZ, and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) has enhanced our capacity for sustainable development.
- Our commitment to transparency and accountability is exemplified by the hiring of Indonesia's Supreme Audit Institution (Badan Pemeriksa Keuangan RI) for an annual financial audit, ensuring that our operations adhere to the highest standards of governance.
- Celebrating Coral Triangle Day in Manado reminded us of the deep connection our communities share with the ocean and the importance of fostering public awareness.
- The launch of the Coral Triangle Conservation Fund (CTCF) marked another milestone, providing a dedicated resource for sustaining conservation efforts across the region.

thank you

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