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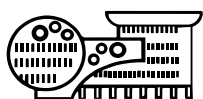
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Abbreviations and acronyms

ABNJ	areas beyond national jurisdiction	COE	Centers of Excellence
ACMP	Arnavons Community Marine Park	COM	Council of Ministers
ACP-EU NDRR	Africa Caribbean Pacific (ACP) – European Union (EU) Natural Disaster Risk Reduction	CRISP	Community Resilience to Climate and Disaster Risk in Solomon Islands Project
ADB	Asian Development Bank	CROP	Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP)
AED	Acting Executive Director	CSIRO	Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation
APEC	Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation	CSO	Committee of Senior Officials
APIK	Adaptasi Perubahan Iklim dan Ketangguhan (Climate Change Adaption and Resilience)	CTC	Coral Triangle Center
BBNJ	Biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction	CTI	Coral Triangle Initiative
BDFE	Biodiversity-Friendly Enterprise	CTI-CFF	Coral Triangle Initiative for Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security
BFAR	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	CTMPAS	Coral Triangle Marine Protected Area System
BSSE	Bismarck Solomon Seas Ecoregion	CTSP	Coral Triangle Support Program
BSME	Bismarck Solomon Marine Ecoregion	CT6	Coral Triangle (six) countries
CARE-CADRES	Coastal Assessment for Rehabilitation Enhancement – Development and Resiliency of Ecosystems	DENR	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
CBD –SOI	Sustainable Ocean Initiative – Convention on Biological Diversity	DOEE	Department of Energy and Environment
CCA	Climate Change Adaptation	DOF	Department of Fisheries
CCC	Climate Change Commission	DP	Development Partners
CCCB	Center Climate Change and Biodiversity	EAFM	Ecosystems Approach to Fisheries Management
CCI	Cross-cutting Initiative	EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
CCRES	Capturing Coral Reef & Related Ecosystem Services	ENB	East New Britain
CDT	Catch Documentation and Traceability	FAD	Fish Aggregation Devices
CEPA	Conservation and Environment Protection Authority	FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
CFC	Constituency Fisheries Center	FFA	Forum Fisheries Agencies
CI	Conservation International	FFEM	Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondial
CITES	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species	FRWG	Financial Resources Working Group
CMAR	Corredor Marino Del Pacifico Este Tropical	GCCA	Global Climate Change Alliance
COASTFISH	coastal fisheries and poverty reduction	GCF	Green Climate Fund
		GCF-AE	Green Climate Fund- Accredited Entities
		GEF	Global Environment Facility
		GFDRR	Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery
		GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (German Corporation for International Cooperation GmbH)

GIZ BMUB	Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety	M&E MECDM	Monitoring and Evaluation Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology
GOTL	Government of Timor-Leste		
GWG	Governance Working Group	MFMR	Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
HCA	Host Country Agreement		
ICM	Integrated Coastal Management	MESW	Maritime Environment Security Workshop
ICP	International Comparison Programme	MEWG	Monitoring & Evaluation Working Group
ICPDR	International Commission for the Protection of the Danube River	MIMA	Maritime Institute of Malaysia
ICRI	International Coral Reef Initiative	MKBA	Marine Key Biodiversity Area
IEC	Information, Education and Communication	MM	Ministerial Meeting
IED	Interim Executive Director	MMAF	Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries
IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development	MOSTI	Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation
IL	Intergenerational Learning	MP	Member of Parliament
IMO	International Maritime Organization	MPA	Marine Protected Areas
IOC/UNESCO	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission/United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization	MPAN	Marine Protected Area Network
		MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
		MSG	Melanesian Spearhead Group
		MSP	Marine Spatial Planning
IORA	Indian Ocean RIM Association	mWHS	marine World Heritage Site
IPB	Institut Pertanian Bogor (Bogor Agricultural University)	MYOB	Mind Your Own Business Accounting Software
IPCRBC	Indo-Pacific Coral Reefs Biodiversity and Conservation	NALEC	National Law Enforcement Council
ISLMEITS	Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember	NAWMC	National Aquatic Wildlife Management Council
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature	NBCTWG	National Blue Carbon Technical Working Group
IUU	illegal, unreported and unregulated	NBSAP	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan
JCU	James Cook University	NCC	National Coordinating Committee
JMC	Joint Management Committee	NFA	National Fisheries Authority
LGN	Local Government Network	NFRDI	National Fisheries Research and Development Institute
LGUs	Local Government Units		
LEAP	Local Early Action Planning		
LLCAP	Local Climate Change Action Plan	NGAs	Non-Governmental Agencies
LLG	Local-level government	NKSNP	Nino Konis Santana National Park
LMMA	Local Marine Manage Area	NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
LME	Large Marine Ecosystem		
LRFFT	Live Reef Fish for Trade	NMPA	Network of Marine Protected Areas
LSS	Lesser Sunda Seas		
MACBIO	Marine and Coastal Biodiversity	NPOA	National Plan of Action
MAF	Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries	NRA	Natural Resources Assessment
MCS	monitoring, control, and surveillance	NTIC	National Tuna Industry Council

PA	Protected Area	SPC	Secretariat of the Pacific Community
PCCC	Philippine Climate Change Commission	SPREP	Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
PDS	Pelagic Data Systems	SSME	Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion
PES	Payment for Environmental Services	SWG	Seascapes Working Group
PEMSEA	Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia	TIHPA	Turtle Islands Heritage Protected Area
PIFs	Pacific Island Forums	TNC	The Nature Conservancy
PKPT	Program Kerja Pengawasan Tahunan	ToR	Terms of Reference
PNA	Parties of the Nauru Agreement	TRNP	Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park
PNG	Papua New Guinea	TS	Threatened Species
PPF	Project Preparation Facility	TTX	table-top exercise
PPP	Public-Private Partnership	TWG	Technical Working Group
PREPSOM	Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting	UM	Universiti Malaya
RAWMC	Regional Aquatic Wildlife Management Council	UN	United Nations
RBF	Regional Business Forum	UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea
REAP	Region-wide Early Action Plan	UN DESA	United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs
REX	Regional Exchange	UNEP	United Nations Environment Program
RPOA	Strengthening Agricultural Productivity	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals	UNIDO	United Nations Industrial Development Organization
SDS-SEA	Sustainable Development Strategy for the Seas of East Asia	UN OHRLLS	United Nations of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries
SEA	Southeast Asia	UNTL	Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosa'e
SEAFDEC	Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center	UQ	University of Queensland
SI	Solomon Islands	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
SICCP	Solomon Islands Community Conservation Partnership	USAID RDMA	United States Agency for International Development/Regional Development Mission for Asia
SIDS	Small Island Developing States	US DOI	United States Department of Interior
SINU	Solomon Islands National University	US INDOPACOM	United States Indo-Pacific Command
SMT	Sustainable Marine Tourism	VIIRS	Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite
SMT-TF	Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force	VIP	Verde Island Passage
SOACAP IFM	Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management	VMS	Vessel Monitoring System
SOM	Senior Officials' Meeting	WCS	Wildlife Conservation Society
SPARC	Strategic Planning and Action to strengthen climate resilience of Rural Communities	WLF	Women Leaders' Forum
		WNB	West New Britain
		WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature



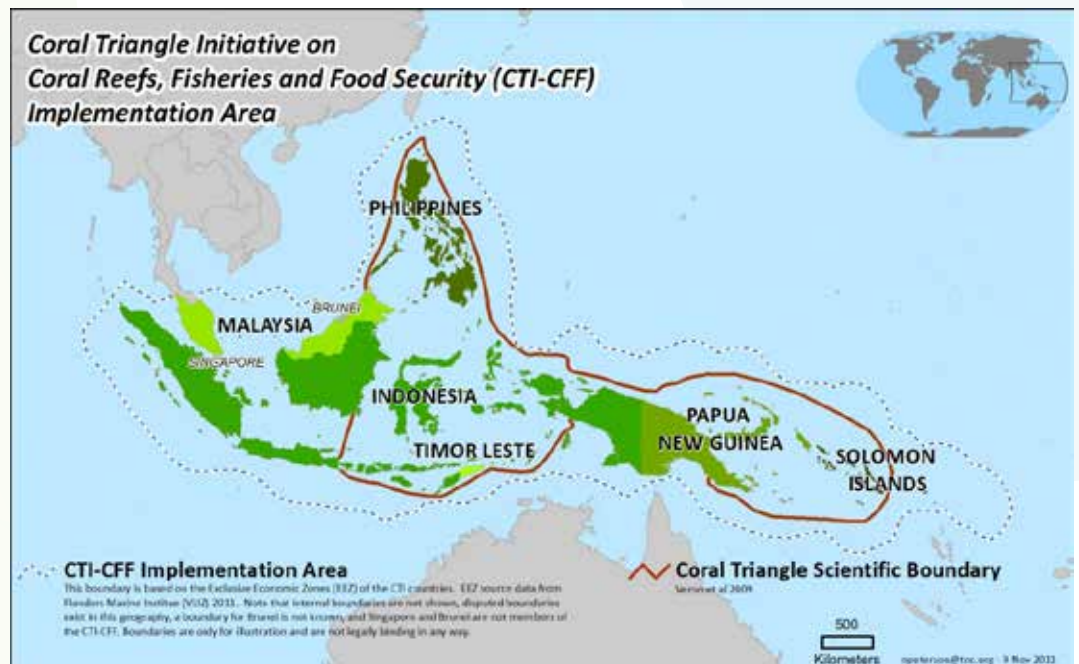
The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF)

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) is a multilateral partnership of six countries – Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste - working together to sustain extraordinary marine and coastal resources by addressing crucial issues such as food security, climate change and marine biodiversity.

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (interim) was created during the first CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting in Bali in December 2007. The permanent Regional Secretariat was officially established with the appointment of the first Executive Director in April 2015, where the office is located in Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia.

Mission

To preserve and manage the vast marine, coastal and small islands ecosystems and the unique biodiversity of the Coral Triangle region of the Indo Pacific, which provide invaluable livelihood and food security benefits for communities in the Coral Triangle area.



The CTI-CFF Implementation Area and the Coral Triangle Scientific Boundary



ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES

Chair, 2017–2018

CTI-CFF Committee of
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**Undersecretary for
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International Affairs**

Department of Environment
and Natural Resources,
Philippines

Message from Chair of CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials (CSO)

Greetings!

With almost a decade of existence, the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) has passed the test of time. Our Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) has almost come to a full circle. We have made progress in delivering our commitments. Priority seascapes have been established all throughout the region providing a venue for a more holistic and inclusive action to manage transboundary large marine ecosystems. Countries have adopted the Ecosystems Approach to Fisheries Management in order to meet the demands of the fisheries sector and to address its sustainability. With the influx of tourists in our coastal areas, we have also strengthened our actions towards sustainable marine tourism.

We plan to build on our accomplishments and learn lessons from our past experiences, as we prepare our 2nd RPOA. With guidance and support from the national governments and development partners, we will direct our efforts to the urgent needs of our region and contribute to the fulfilment of our international environmental commitments. Hence, this annual report attempts to record our achievements and we appreciate everyone who has contributed to these. Moreover, we realize that our actions have contributed to enhancing the resiliency of our coastal communities and improving the status of our threatened coastal and marine species.

For the past couple of years, the Philippines served as the Chair for the CTI's Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) and Council of Ministers. We are blessed to have worked closely with our fellow Coral Triangle countries and development partners to deliver the goals and targets of our RPOA. Most notably, we have addressed the challenges in operationalizing the CTI's Regional Secretariat.

We cannot sufficiently emphasize how grateful the Philippine government is, for the support of the CTI member states during its chairmanship. Moving forward, we are confident that with the leadership of the Solomon Islands and the efforts of our incoming Regional Secretariat, the CTI-CFF will flourish in the years to come and will reach new heights of development and sustainability in the Coral Triangle region.

Thank you and Mabuhay!

Message from Vice-Chair of CTI-CFF CSO

A decade ago, we observed the declaration of the Coral Triangle Initiative on coral reefs, fisheries and food security, by six of our coral triangle leaders. Our common vision is to protect and safeguard the world's marine epicentre (the Coral Triangle Region and its people).

Being part of this Initiative, has built our foundation, paved our path, and supported us to re-enforce our commitments as a region, towards achieving stronger governance and management of our oceans. For the Solomon Islands, we recognize that 98 percent of our country is ocean. Thus, we are committed to ensuring the sustainable management and protection of the ocean for now and into the future. The Coral Triangle Initiative at the national level affords us opportunities to manage ocean issues, and I believe this is also the case in the rest of our Coral Triangle Region.

Whilst we remain gratified that our Coral Triangle Region hosts 75% of known coral species, 37% of reef fishes, more than half of the world's coral reefs, large expanse of mangrove forest and sea-grasses meadows, and home to many endangered mammals and turtles, we must recognise and address the great challenges confronting our region. The valuable ecological goods and services are under threat from multiple and conflicting uses, overuse, destructive uses and pollution. Global pressure on our ocean from climate change is bringing increases in sea surface temperatures, storm intensity, sea level rise and acidification of the seawater. The above challenges are not restricted to any single country but affect us all. It is therefore, critical that the Coral Triangle countries and our neighbours continue to take a regional approach to addressing these challenges at the global and regional levels.

Our regional cooperation, and one voice will echo the outcomes of our efforts and messages stronger at the global stage, and garner support for our programmes. Our successes in protecting, conserving and sustainably managing the use of resources in the Coral Triangle Region will demonstrate how coastal and marine resources can be managed sustainably to contribute to food security and livelihoods. Our decisions and actions in the Coral Triangle Region should not only meet our needs today but also the needs of future generations, and this should be an important outcome of our programmes.



DR. MELCHIOR MATAKI

Vice Chair, 2017–2018

CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials

(now Chair, 2019–2020
CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials)

Permanent Secretary

Ministry of Environment,
Climate Change, Disaster
Management and Meteorology,
Solomon Islands

Foreword

The Year 2018 had been a productive and challenging year for CTI-CFF, particularly the Regional Secretariat.

With the diligence and commitment of the members of the CTI-CFF Technical Working Groups (TWGs), Governance Working Groups (GWGs) and Cross-Cutting Initiative (CCI), 14 activities were implemented to achieve the five (5) goals set for the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA).

The CTI-CFF was also active in pursuing and renewing partnership by participating in various international and regional forums such as Our Ocean Conference 2018, Samoa Partnership Dialogue, Sustainable Blue Economy Conference and the 33rd International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) Meeting with the end goal of sharing insights and further advancing marine and coastal conservation, sustainable fisheries, and food security.

During this year, the results of the RPOA review came out which recognized the need for reshaping and refinement to keep up with the times and challenges.

As such, the need for redesigning the RPOA 2.0 version and CT Atlas are part of the priority activities of CTI-CFF in 2019.

Before the year ended, the leaders of the CT6 member countries through the ministers and their representatives renewed their commitment and support to the aims of the CTI-CFF during the 7th Ministerial Meeting (MM-7) which was held in Manila, Philippines. In said meeting, the need for comprehensive monitoring, knowledge sharing, as well as communication of timely information between member countries, development partners, collaborators and other key stakeholders based on science for decision-making was accepted and recognized.

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat assures its partners and other stakeholders of its efforts to continue to look for new opportunities that will further advance the CTI-CFF and commits itself to provide the enabling environment for better articulation and coordination among environment national strategies and actions plan of its member countries.

DR. HENDRA YUSRAN SIRY
Interim Executive Director
CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat



Executive summary

This 2018 Annual Report highlights the various activities undertaken by the CTI-CFF in 2018. The TWGs, GWGs, and CCI implemented activities based on the approved 2017 workplan during the 13th CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-13).

In 2018, a total of 14 regional activities were implemented to further advance and promote the goals of the CTI-CFF. Further, CTI-CFF participated in nine (9) international activities to share with the world its success stories and tools on food security, sustainable livelihoods and ecosystem resilience.

Further, a review of the 10-year RPOA was conducted by a multidisciplinary team of consultants led by Dr. Lida Pet-Soede of PT Hatfield Indonesia. The support provided by Development Partners – US Government, Australian Government, Asian Development Bank (ADB), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) made the implementation of the RPOA Review possible.

The year 2018 saw the change in leadership within the Regional Secretariat. With the resignation of Dr. Widi Agus Pratikto as Executive Director in June 2018, Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim ably took over as Acting Executive Director (AED) upon the appointment in July 2018 by the Chair of the CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), until an Interim Executive Director (IED) is appointed by the Government of Indonesia. In October 2018, Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry was appointed by the Government of Indonesia and endorsed by the CTI-CFF CSO as the IED of the RS until a new Executive Director has been appointed by the CTI-CFF Council of Ministers (CTI-CFF COM).

Efforts were also pursued to initiate engagement, strengthen current partnership, and explore potential cooperation at the national, regional and international levels. CTI-CFF maintained its

partnerships with the ADB, Australian Government through the Department of Environment and Energy, Conservation International (CI), Coral Triangle Center (CTC), Global Environment Facility (GEF), GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH), Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP), TNC, WWF, and US Agency for International Development Regional Development Mission for Asia (USAID/RDMA). Moreover, the WCS was welcomed as a new development partner during the SOM-14. This partnership is hoped to provide future collaboration in protected areas, species conservation, integrated coastal management, climate change adaptation, community-based resource management and the like.

This Annual Report also presents the progress made by the member countries in the implementation of their respective National Plan of Actions. Though significant gains had been achieved, there is still the need for some member countries to review and finalize their financial structure to support the implementation of their respective NPOAs.

Development partners' assistance is crucial to complete this task and to effectively implement programs and activities. The CTI-CFF continues to cement its partnership with the Development Partners by collaborating in various activities that is aligned with the goals of the RPOA.

In December 2018, the CTI-CFF has been accepted as a member of the ICRI at the 33rd ICRI General Meeting in Monaco. This is a manifestation of CTI's recognition in other international groupings and creation of new alliances to integrate the efforts in full alignment with the concept and best practices of approaches to the conservation and sustainable use of living marine resources.



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Sustaining management of marine and coastal ecosystems

The CTI-CFF RPOA is supported by clear sets of actions and timelines to specifically address regional marine resource conservation and sustainability priorities. In 2018, the CTI-CFF technical working groups met, built capacity, exchanged insights, and planned activities to attain the targets identified in each goal.



GOAL 1

PRIORITY SEASCAPES DESIGNATED AND EFFECTIVELY MANAGED

- **Multilateral Meeting on the Nomination of Lesser Sunda and Bismarck Solomon Seas Ecoregion (BSSE) as Priority Seascapes**

20 April 2018 | Jakarta, Indonesia

In the meeting, Seascapes Working Group (SWG) particularly reaffirmed to jointly nominate Lesser Sunda and Bismarck Solomon Seas Ecoregion as priority seascapes of CTI-CFF based on the mandate of SOM-13. Compilation and completing the required data and information to support the nomination were undertaken. The proposal was circulated to NCCs and SWG Focal Points of Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste for inputs.

- **Regional Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Convergence Meeting and the Review of the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Ecosystems Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Plan**

3–6 July 2018 | Cebu, Philippines

In this meeting, the countries agreed to circulate and discuss the Convergence Report within NCCs and the SWG; discuss the updated Terms of Reference (TOR) of SWG plus structure, rules and procedure, including proposed details on the seascape coordinating mechanisms such as the sub-regional working group and the seascape manager, and discuss the Draft Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape EAFM Framework Plan with the NCCs and the EAFM WG as a parallel process.

As a show of unity, the countries signed a joint communique to the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to reiterate the importance of sustaining the collaboration within the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape. The SWG came up with a Sulu-Sulawesi EAFM Plan, which was also reviewed during the Convergence Meeting.

The meeting was organized by the SWG with support from the USAID Oceans, Conservation International Philippines and the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project on behalf of the Federal German Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety.



Seascapes Working Group together with partners USAID Oceans, Conservation International Philippines and GIZ.
Photo by Ms. Marion Daclan/GIZ

- **5th CTI-CFF Seascapes Working Group Meeting**

18–19 October 2018 | Banten, Indonesia

The activity brought together SWG focal points from CT6 countries as well as development partners and collaborators to follow up and evaluate the nomination of Lesser Sunda and BSSE as CTI-CFF priority seascapes. The rules of procedure of the SWG were also finalized, including the proposed coordination structure for each of the priority seascape. Among the key decisions were to propose Lesser Sunda as CTI-CFF priority seascape to be adopted at the SOM-14, and Solomon Islands shall follow up the nomination process of BSSE as CTI-CFF priority seascape, including the national mechanism. The rules of procedure including the development of sub-working groups for priority seascapes under the SWG had been reported and endorsed to the SOM-14.

This meeting was supported by the Government of Australia (Department of Environment and Energy).



**GOAL 2
ECOSYSTEM APPROACH
TO MANAGEMENT
OF FISHERIES (EAFM) AND
OTHER MARINE RESOURCES
FULLY APPLIED**

**Regional Training Workshop on EAFM with
Corredor Marino del Pacifico Este Tropical
(CMAR)**

7–10 August 2018 | Bali, Indonesia

The workshop gathered officials from conservation, environment, fisheries and maritime agencies from CT6, Central American and South America (Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Indonesia, Malaysia, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste). Participants were provided with concepts, principles of EAFM and its application. They were also taught to develop and implement and monitor EAFM Plan to sustainably manage fisheries resources.

With the workshop, coordination among CT6 and South American countries is hoped to be continued, especially in terms of sharing experiences in the implementation of EAFM in their countries and further foster cooperation in various fields of marine natural resource management in the future.

The participants from CMAR were funded by CMAR.



Representatives from Costa Rica, Colombia, Ecuador, Panama, Indonesia, Malaysia, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste actively listened to an EAFM presentation.
Photo by Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim/CTI-CFF RS



**GOAL 3
MARINE PROTECTED AREAS
(MPA) ESTABLISHED AND
EFFECTIVELY MANAGED**

MPA Regional Exchange

30 September – 5 October 2018 | Sorong and Raja Ampat, Indonesia

In this activity, the MPA TWG revisited and updated the MPA M&E indicators and database as well as their implementation. The TWG also discussed the criteria that will serve as a guide for CT6 countries in the management of sustainable tourism in their respective countries. Branding for sustainable marine tourism in CTI-CFF MPA System was also discussed to create a unique 'brand/image' for MPAs in the CTI region distinct from other MPAs in the world. The meeting also acknowledged the urgency to constitute the Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force (SMT-TF).

Further, MPA TWG had a field trip at Raja Ampat Islands, one of the natural wonders in the world which is a good example of the important contribution of marine protected areas to economic sector. The field trip was an opportunity to see the importance of how the stakeholders at Raja Ampat are protecting their local marine resources as part of promoting sustainable tourism. Increasing the size of MPAs has significantly contributed to the ability of the local people to manage their coastal marine resource and at the same time uphold food security with a healthy ecosystem.



MPA TWG had a field study at Raja Ampat, Indonesia.
Photo by Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia



**GOAL 4
CLIMATE CHANGE
ADAPTATION (CCA)**

MEASURES ACHIEVED

**The 5th CTI-CFF CCA Working Group
Regional Exchange and Grant Workshop**

10–13 April 2018 | Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia

The CCA WG recalled and reviewed the priority actions outlined in the Region Wide Early Action Plan (REAP) CCA, both at the country and regional levels. It also discussed and assessed the status of its implementation in order to identify what needs to be done to achieve the REAP objectives. Further, the CCA WG developed and finalized the draft ToR for the establishment of the Regional Center of Excellence on CCA; developed the course outline for the Executive Course on CCA designed for local governments based on the Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) Guide; and strengthened the skills of the participants in terms of proposal-writing to increase chances of winning grants to support the national CCA programs and activities.



CCA WG met to review the priority actions outlined in the REAP.

Photo by Malaysia NCC



**GOAL 5
THREATENED SPECIES (TS)
STATUS IMPROVING SUCH**

**AS SEA TURTLES, MARINE MAMMALS,
SEAGRASS, CORALS AND OTHER
IDENTIFIED SPECIES**

**The 1st CTI-CFF TS Working Group
Regional Exchange**

24–26 April 2018 | Quezon City, Philippines

The TSWG finalized the draft TOR for the creation of a pool of experts on threatened species and initiated the drafting of the TSWG M&E indicators. Additionally, the targets of Goal 5 were discussed particularly on how to complete the region-wide conservation plans on TS and the region-wide TS status report. The activities were implemented based on the approved work plan of each working group. The work plan was formulated by each working group and endorsed to SOM for approval.



First TS Working Group Regional Exchange.

Photo by Ms. Astrid Lim/CTI-CFF RS

Complementing and supporting the initiatives of the five (5) TWGs are the Governance Working Groups (GWGs) and Cross-Cutting Initiative (CCI). GWGs ensure that the CTI-CFF through its Regional Secretariat efficiently operates and implement activities based on clear goals and resources available.

CCI remains crucial in CTI for it addresses elements or issues not identified in the RPOA but are critical towards the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the RPOA and aligns as well to global commitments. Elements and issues on gender equality, private sector involvement, local communities, promotion of scientific research and findings, and identification of capacity building needs are addressed in the following: Women Leaders' Forum (WLF); Regional Business Forum and Business Advisory Council (RBF/BAC); Local Government Network (LGN); Scientific Advisory Group (SAG); and Capacity Building. These cross-cutting themes are mainly led and supported by the CTI-CFF Development Partners in the early years of the CTI-CFF establishment.

Governance Working Group

Financial Resources and Coordination Mechanism Working Group Meetings

17–19 April 2018 | Jakarta, Indonesia

The meeting brought together two (2) governance working groups to deliberate on internal CTI-CFF matters such as: (i) Staff Regulations & Rules and Procedures; (ii) Financial Regulations & Rules and Procedures; (iii) Budget 2018 and 2019; and (iv) Audit matters. Additionally, the meeting deliberated and assessed the possibility of establishing an independent committee to oversee internal financial matters such as preparation of budget and audit. The meeting agreed for the Regional Secretariat to complete several tasks and report back to the CSOs within a set period of time.

Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG)

In 2018, the MEWG was particularly focused on ensuring the smooth and successful implementation of the RPOA Review. Further discussion of the RPOA Review is available on Chapter 2.

In response to the requests from all TWGs and members of CSO for the CT Atlas to be re-operationalized and maintained, Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry met with Dr. Gareth Johnstone, Director General of WorldFish in Penang, Malaysia on 8 November 2018. The meeting acknowledged that the CT Atlas is linked to the ReefBase database and WorldFish in principal. Further, it was agreed that CT6 data in Reefbase can be migrated to CT Atlas when it is moved to Manado. A Concept Note was prepared describing the two years program of redesigning, training, and migrating the CT Atlas to the RS's headquarters.

Cross-cutting Initiative

Recognizing the crucial role of the local government and communities in attaining sustainable fisheries management, the CTI-CFF Local Government Network (LGN) was established. The CTI-CFF LGN tries to empower and encourage more local leaders to play an active role in protecting the Coral Triangle.

LGN Workshop – The Role of Local Governments in Sustainable Fisheries Management in Coral Triangle Areas

9 May 2018 | Jakarta, Indonesia

A workshop was conducted for the local governments of Coral Triangle (CT) member countries namely, Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste to develop a local government plan of action that will ensure coastal and marine management and protection. Moreover, the workshop envisaged to localize the EAFM and encourage other local governments to develop a plan that is aligned with the national and regional plans of action for the Coral Triangle. The workshop was supported by the CTC through the USAID-DOI.



Participants of the Workshop on Role of Local Governments in Sustainable Fisheries Management in Coral Triangle Region organized by the Maritime Local Government Network. Photo by: Maritime Local Government Network

Another CCI activity that is contributing to the achievement of the goals of the RPOA is the **Women's Leaders Forum**, a peer learning network for women who are playing a key leadership roles in sustaining the marine resources of the Coral Triangle region. In 2018, WLF conducted the following activities:





- **WLF Call Meetings:** Several call meetings were conducted with CTI-CFF Partners to attempt at initiating the development of a CTI-CFF Gender Policy as per SOM-13 decision. A preliminary scoping report was prepared and found that indeed a CTI-CFF Gender Policy is critically needed to ensure mainstreaming of gender matters into program implementation and to drive the development and implementation of gender legislations. However, this would need full and committed participation by all CT6 with the support from Partners with adequate resources. A call would be made for all future CTI

programs to incorporate gender elements and indicators at all stages of its implementation.

- **Inter Generational Leadership Program:** This program provides a knowledge sharing platform between senior marine conservation women leaders in the six Coral Triangle countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste) who serve as mentors to a younger generation of early career women who show both potential and interest in developing leadership qualities. Each pair of mentor and mentee is breaking ground by finding solutions to some of the most pressing marine conservation issues in the Coral Triangle. The program is being implemented by the US Department of the Interior and the Coral Triangle in Center, in collaboration with CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committees and funded by USAID.



Below is the list of women leaders who are pressing for progress by taking on conservation challenges in the Coral Triangle region. These women are taking on more leadership roles in marine conservation and making progress towards gender equality.

Country	Conservation Challenge	Mentor	Mentee
Indonesia	Reducing the mining of corals and sea sand in the Banda Sea Marine Protected Area through community approaches	 <p>Dinah Yunitawati Senior Technical Officer, Directorate of Marine Spatial Planning, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries</p>	 <p>Sri Rahayu Mansur Currently works at Banda Sea MPA in program planning and conservation activities</p>
Malaysia	Protecting green turtle nesting sites and increasing green turtle populations in Pantai Teluk Dalam, Pulau Redang, Terengganu, Malaysia	 <p>Associate Prof. Dr. Siti Aisah Binti Hj Alias Deputy Director, National Antarctic Research Centre, Institute Graduate Studies, Universiti Malaya</p>	 <p>Dr. Nurul Huda Ahmad Ishak Senior Lecturer, School of Marine and Environmental Sciences, Research Associate at Institute of Oceanography and Environment, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu</p>

Country	Conservation Challenge	Mentor	Mentee
Papua New Guinea	Establishment of a Community-Based Fish Aggregated Device (FAD) in the Central Province of Papua New Guinea	 <p>Barbara Masike-Liri Director, The Nature Conservancy's program in Papua New Guinea</p>	 <p>Martha Wamo CTI-CFF Liaison Support Officer, Conservation and Environment Protection Authority</p>
Philippines	Advocacy Geared towards the conservation of our Oceans and Seas" or "AGOS"	 <p>Salome G. Bonnit Regional Focal Person of the Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program, Department of Environment and Natural Resources</p>	 <p>Emerlynn C. Daliong Site level focal person for the Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program</p>
Solomon Islands	Developing a 'best practice' model of sustainable financing for conservation and sustainable development efforts for KAWAKI (Kia, Wagina & Katupika) Women's Network in the Solomon Islands	 <p>Agnetha Zima Ann Vave-Karamui Conservation Officer within Environment & Conservation Division, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology (MECDM)</p>	 <p>Duta Bero Kauhiona Coordinator of the Expanding the Reach of Community Based Marine Resource Management in the Solomon Islands Project, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources</p>
Timor-Leste	Restoring reef productivity by awareness raising and waste management in Atauro Island, Timor Leste	 <p>Alda Sousa Senior staff for Fish Processing and Quality Control at the Fisheries Gender Focal Point</p>	 <p>Esmeralda dos Santos Gender Focal Point, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries</p>



Photo by Coral Triangle Center



Enhancing CTI-CFF Management

In 2018, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat faced operational challenges with the sudden resignation of Executive Director Dr. Widi A. Pratikto on June 2018. A Special SOM was urgently called upon to deliberate and recommend actions on the following: (i) identify interim management measures to address operational challenges related to change in leadership; (ii) evaluate and decide on the proposed 2018 budget of RS; and (iii) discuss and present the proposed amendment of the Financial and Staff Regulations of the RS.

The Special SOM particularly agreed on the following actions:

1. Interim management measures
 - The Government of Indonesia will designate an IED to lead the RS to be compensated under the budget of RS. The term of the IED is until the new Executive Director is appointed by the CTI-COM;
 - Recall all RS staff temporarily to the CTI-CFF headquarters in Manado to assist the Acting Executive Director; and
 - Hire a temporary Finance Manager until such time that a new Finance Manager shall be appointed by the RS.
2. Approved the 2018 Budget of the RS in the amount of USD \$948,735.00
3. Comments on the proposed Financial and Staff Regulations of the RS shall be submitted by CT6 countries and shall be presented during the RPOA review.

The Special SOM was conducted in Manila, Philippines on 25–26 July 2018. Full details of the Special SOM Chair’s Summary is given in Appendix F.

Change in Leadership

With the resignation of Dr. Pratikto, Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim was appointed as the Acting Executive Director upon the authorization by the CTI-CFF Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials from 4 July 2018 until an IED was appointed. For 3 months, she held the AED position where she was concurrently also the Deputy Executive Director for Program Services (DED PS).

Dr. Nora Ibrahim’s tenure during the 3-month transition provided substantial bridging results as tasked during the Special SOM 2018. As the Acting Executive Director, Dr. Nora Ibrahim with the staff of Regional Secretariat and the Consultant successfully facilitated two audit processes. During that period, USAID RDMA through US DOI provided financial support to do strategic assessments and support the conduct of Preparatory SOM and MM (PREP-SOM.MM). The Australian Government provided partial support to fund the CTI-CFF Seascope meeting as well as the PREP-SOMM.MM to ensure smooth

implementation of the 14th Senior Officials Meeting. At the PREP-SOM MM, the strategic analyses reports and draft audit reports were presented.

Dr. Nora also assisted the RPOA Review process in her capacity as the RPOA Review Manager. Dr. Nora now continues her original functions as DED PS after Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry started as IED in 1 October 2018.

Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry was appointed by the Government of Indonesia and endorsed by the Council of Ministers (CTI-CFF COM) through the CTI-CFF CSO as Interim Executive Director (IED) of the CTI-CFF RS until a new Executive Director has been appointed by the CTI-CFF COM.

Dr. Hendra was part of the CTI-CFF Interim Regional Secretariat and member of Transition Team of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. He served as Secretary for Coordination and External Affairs from January 2013 up to March 2015 when the permanent Regional Secretariat was fully established in 1 December 2015 when the Host Country Agreement between the CTI-CFF RS and the Government of Indonesia was signed.

Prior to joining the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Dr. Hendra assumed several leadership roles as a Deputy Director for Coastal Disaster Mitigation and Climate Change Adaptation of the Indonesia’s Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) for eight years and Deputy Director for Spatial and Zoning Plans Region II for almost a year in the same ministry. He was responsible in developing strategic inputs and recommendations; providing policy coordination and technical advice/support for the formulation of standard operating procedures (SOPs); overseeing partnership management and resource mobilization; including managing development, implementation and management of programs in coastal disaster mitigation and climate change adaptation.

Preparatory Senior Officials Meeting (Prep-SOM.MM)

The Prep-SOM.MM held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 9–12 October 2018 featured an engaged group of CT6 representatives who dealt decisively with a series of issues arising from significant changes at the



CTI-CFF RS, outstanding financial and management tasks, and strategic considerations connected to the recently completed Review of the RPOA.

The meeting drew on the expertise and reporting of two main consultants – Mr. Danang Widodo (team leader, management and finance review of the Regional Secretariat) and Dr. Lida Pet-Soede (team leader, RPOA Review).

Highlights of the meeting included:

a. Finance and Operations

- Special Audit (2014–16), general Audit 2017, and management review revealed RS's finances are in good shape overall – no deficit; in fact, there was a cash surplus of USD \$951,168 in 2017;
- Accounting and HR procedures are to be upgraded, from cash basis to accrual basis; gaps are being addressed;
- Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) ToR was adopted, particularly internal considerations; and
- A leaner and more agile management structure; the need for form (staffing structure) to follow from function (objectives).

b. RPOA Review

- Key findings were focused on effectiveness and included conclusions about not just the thematic focus of the RPOA but its implementation – and so recommended corresponding institutional reforms and leadership capabilities if the CTI-CFF is to mature to the next level of its potential. And in doing so, become financially stable.

c. Engagement

- The Development Partners (DP) represented by Dr. Andrew Chek (Australian Government) as DP coordinator, welcomed the opportunity to open strong links of communication and broad central participation by DPs to

The PREP-SOM.MM was highly attended by representatives from CTI NCCs and Development Partners.

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accompany CTI-CFF on its development paths. DPs conveyed its strong support for the findings of the RPOA Review and its overarching message – that reform, governance, operations and strategy is urgently needed if the CTI-CFF is to retain a competitive position among other initiatives.

RPOA Review

In 2018, as mandated at SOM-13, the review of the RPOA was undertaken through a wide-ranging study and consultation over several months by a multi-disciplinary team of nine-consultants led by Dr. Lida Pet-Soede of the Marine Unit of PT Hatfield Indonesia as selected by the CTI-CFF RPOA Review Committee.

The RPOA Review had three (3) primary purposes as follows:

- to provide an evidence-based assessment of the influence and effectiveness of the RPOA as the guiding framework for the CTI-CFF and its current utility as a framework for meeting the priorities and needs of the member governments, development partners and local stakeholders at the regional, sub-regional and national levels;
- to promote institutional and operational improvements, learning and knowledge sharing and improved communication and partnerships between the CTI member countries, development partners, collaborators and other key stakeholders; and
- to provide the CTI-CFF members and stakeholders with guidance on how the RPOA might be reshaped or revised in 2020 to build on the accomplishments of the past 9 years. Further, to take strategic advantage of any new regional and global drivers which have or are emerging and which might generate a positive influence and impact on the future achievement of CTI-CFF Goals.

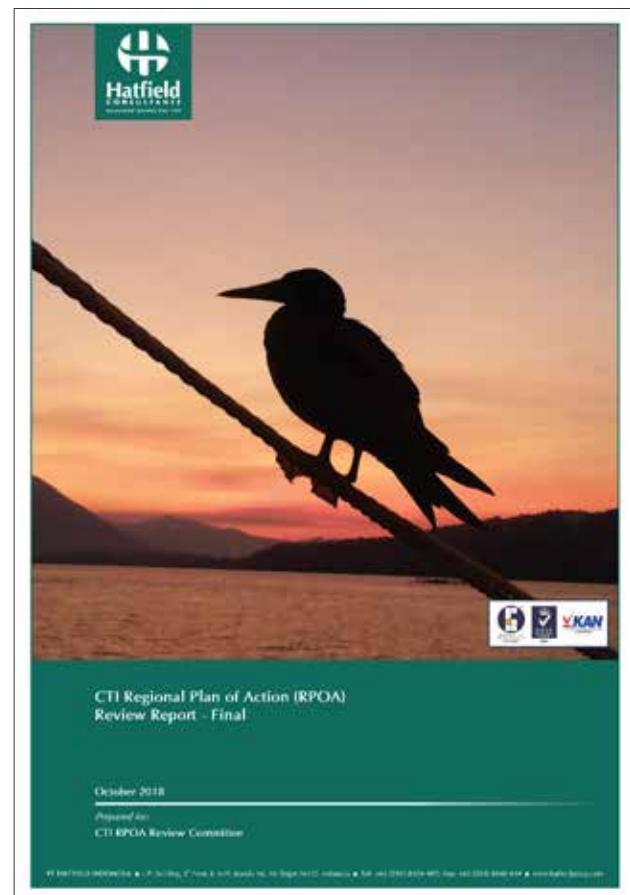
Review Findings

The review revealed that in terms of the influence and effectiveness of RPOA as a guiding framework for the CTI-CFF and its utility for meeting government and partner priorities, it is important,

ambitious, a bit dysfunctional, somewhat stagnant, rather bureaucratic and somewhat outdated. Further, the RPOA appears to not have a huge amount to show for the amount of investment it has gone into the regional level.

Further, the review further revealed that as a whole, CTI-CFF appears as research- and policy-oriented and not overly inclusive. There is an imbalance between Asian countries and the Pacific members in receiving attention and support for the needs that relate to what is described by several as different levels in-country capacity.

It noted that national and local governments as well as coastal communities are the most important beneficiaries of CTI-CFF. While the National Plan



CTI-CFF RPOA Review Report prepared by PT Hatfield.

of Actions (NPOAs) show significant results, the initiative lacks broad-based support for regional action in the government sector for some that are not directly involved in the CTI-CFF do not fully understand its history and the opportunity provided through RPOA.

Review Recommendations

It was recognized that it was important to apply the experiences and lessons learned in each to improve the RPOA for the next 10 years. As such, recommendations have been identified that can be categorized into four (4):

- **Institutional Improvements**

Definition and agreement on the tasks of the RS is required for an effective leadership and teamwork among RS management and staff as well as RS and the CSOs and TWGs.

Also, CTI-CFF as an organization would benefit from a more explicit adoption of an adaptive management and learning approach, and consider targeted coaching to develop talent and leadership of the team. Focus should also be more directed towards regional matters for CT6 members and should lessen the bureaucratic process of reporting on past progress.

Further, presence of a diverse representation of the CT countries in the RS could enhance understanding of the different needs and priorities of each country.

- **Operational Improvements**

The next version of the RPOA should clearly spell out what can be realistically achieved at national and regional levels. This includes a resource mobilization strategy to support the implementation of the various activities, projects and programs.

Particularly, operational improvements require three (3) actions as follows:

1. Address trust issues, conduct a financial audit and complete financial obligations;
2. Support a shift in regional purpose related to recent shifts in funding availability; and
3. Work diligently with partners to set up a trust or other sustainable finance mechanism

- **Learning and knowledge sharing**

Reviving Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG) and ensuring a fully functional M&E system. Review of the usefulness and practicality of tools developed for M&E is considered a priority. Actively reviving the CT Atlas will allow it to serve the function of 1) sharing information to researchers, media and students; and profiling the work of all CTI-CFF actors to engage new partners and grow constituency and positive energy.

- **Improved Communications and Partnerships**

Improved communications are needed so that the CTI-CFF can avoid duplicating work that is already done by other regional organizations and focus on its core competencies or where it holds a competitive advantage. Aligning more strategically with other organizations will also allow the CTI to work towards better complementing work done by others.

Further, it is important to communicate the work at the regional level clearly and more specifically to specific target audiences and individual decision makers. Particularly, communicating CTI's need alongside relevant, intermediate impact/benefit indicators especially to higher decision-making bodies of governments with the end goal of investment in regional collaboration.

The review of the RPOA provided a recommended pathway for engineering the priority areas of focus of an RPOA 2.0 along with its changes to increase its relevance, effectiveness, and agility.



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Translating goals on the ground

To help achieve the CTI-CFF RPOA, the CT6 member countries implemented their NPOAs through the support of the development partners, government agencies, civic organizations and the community. The initiatives and the programs created and implemented by each country helped ensure the sustainability and conservation of the resources of the Coral Triangle region. The progress made in the implementation of the NPOAs in each country are shown in tables in this chapter.



Table 1. Progress of the Indonesia’s National Plan of Action

Goals	Progress
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Publication of seascapes documents • Actively supported and pushed for Lesser Sunda and BSSE • Development of rules and procedures of CTI-CFF SWG • Set-up 14 provincial marine spatial plans • Set-up 6 inter-regional marine spatial plans
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministerial Decree on Establishment of Fisheries Management Council • Ministerial Decree on Tuna, Skipjack, and Neritic Tuna Management Plan • Adoption and implementation of various international and regional regulation on Tuna • Implemented workshop on EAFM in collaboration with CMAR last August 2018 • Conducted capacity building on post-harvest in small scale fisheries and also EAFM • Diversification and business development in Ternate and establishment of community-based capture fisheries enterprise in 34 provinces • Observer on board in place • Implementing e-Logbook system
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.7 mil ha MPAs • Established MPA Network • Participatory process on MPAs planning and management • Effectively-managed national marine protected areas system • Preparation on legalization of sustainable marine protected areas management • Conducted training on MPAs’ sustainable financing, competency, and training of trainers • Conducted campaign: Gita Laut, Youth Ocean Camps, Beach School
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed One Map Policy • Mainstreaming CCA • Conducted climate budget tagging • Conducted climate adaptation campaign: Gita Laut, Pandu Laut, Coastal Youth Camp • Conducted research on Climate Impact on the Ocean and Fisheries • Implemented Community and Ecosystem-based Climate Adaptation Program: Program Kampung Iklim (Proklam), Program Kerja Pengawasan Tahunan (PKPT), Adaptasi Perubahan Iklim dan Ketangguhan (APIK) and Strategic Planning and Action to strengthen climate resilience of Rural Communities (SPARC) • Implemented Indonesia Climate Change Trust Fund: Project on Increase Community Resilience towards Disaster and Climate Change in Lembeh Island and Likupang Beach, North Sulawesi • Conducted workshop on Low Carbon Development Plan and Climate Resilience • Conducted workshop on Indonesia Blue Carbon Strategy Framework • Participated in the 5th Our Ocean Conference: Climate Related Impacts to the Ocean

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Goals Progress

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- Prepared national assessment reports and national conservation plans on threatened species (sharks and rays, sea turtles and marine mammals)
 - Created National Plan of Action on Marine Mammals Conservation through the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Decree Number 79 Number 2018
 - Implemented export ban for Hammerhead Sharks and Oceanic Whitetip Shark through the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Regulation Number 5 Year 2018
 - Developed Guideline on Survey and Monitoring for Dugong and Seagrass
 - Satellite tagging for whale shark in West Papua and Sumbawa
 - Developed Guideline for stranded marine mammals handling
 - Monitoring of Manta Ray Population in West Papua
 - Bycatch mitigation study for Mobula using LED in East Flores and WebGIS for dugong and seagrass distribution <http://db.oseanografi.lipi.go.id/dugong>
 - Acoustic tagging for whale sharks in Gorontalo
 - Photo ID monitoring for whale sharks in Berau

Challenges

Full realization of the goals is hampered due to the challenges in the following: coordination mechanism with other countries in relation to the management of priority seascapes; harmonization of regulations, programs and data accessibility related to CCA among the various authorities and other stakeholders; irresponsible and unsustainable tourism management; and monitoring, control and surveillance toward certain species in some locations. The worsening marine debris and pollution as well as habitat degradation and conversion contribute to slow progress in meeting the goals.





Table 2. Progress of the Malaysia’s National Plan of Action

Goals	Progress
1	<p>Participated in the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multilateral meeting on nomination of Lesser Sunda & Bismarck Solomon Sea ecoregion as Priority Seascapes • Seascape capacity building and learning mechanisms Sulu-Sulawesi Regional Convergence Meeting • Finalization of SWG rules and procedures • 5th Seascapes Working Group meeting
2	<p>Implemented the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Essential EAFM Training for stakeholders • EAFM Plans Consultation for Anchovies • EAFM Approach to Semporna Shark Conservation and Awareness • EAFM Consultation for anchovies for Fishermen from Pitas and Tawau • The 3rd stakeholder consultation for EAFM Community Research Project for Small Pelagics
3	<p>Implemented the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13th Meeting for Turtle Islands Heritage Park Joint Management Committee (JMC) • MOU Signing with Universiti Malaya (UM) for joint benefits in research • Action Plan for Elimination of Fish Bombing in Tun Sakaran
4	<p>Implemented and participated in the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5th CTI-CFF Climate Change Adaptation Working Group Regional Exchange and Grant-Writing Workshop • Students Exchange Programme in Ludwig Maximilian University, Munich Germany and Borneo Marine Research Institute, University Malaysia Sabah • International Conference on Marine Science and Aquaculture • Grant Opportunities Workshop • Youth Climate Change Training Camp #POWERSHIFTSABAH2018 • Coral Triangle Day 2018 in conjunction with the Marine Biodiversity Awareness Week • Marine BioD Edu Station in conjunction with Marine Biodiversity Awareness Week
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTI-GIZ Project, Semporna: Stakeholder Engagement of EAFM Project for Sharks Conservation • 1st Technical Working Group on Threatened Species chaired by Deputy General Director (Development)

Challenges

There are still limitations in the full realization of the goals such as the need for translating the principles and concepts into policies and tangible projects; limited resources such as knowledge, manpower, financial resources; and stakeholders’ participation at all levels.



Table 3. Progress of the Papua New Guinea's National Plan of Action

Goals	Progress
1	<p>Bismarck Sea Seascapes planning: WWF provided technical input for the Bismarck Solomon Seas Ecoregion nomination as a priority seascape for the CTI-CFF. Other details include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• (2015–2017) Designed and built decision-making tools and processes to enable better consideration of potential social and environmental benefits and costs of large-scale development across land and sea in the Bismarck Sea• Funding support from Australian Government
2	<p>National programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Fisheries Management Act is being revised with assistance from FAO. Various fisheries management plans (BDM, marine aquarium trade, mud crab management plans etc.) have been established with focus on EAFM.• Ongoing programs being conducted such as the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Clean Seascape Program, Trap Net Program and Seaweed Farming Program.• Establishment of the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) for tuna fisheries. There is also ongoing tuna tagging program and stock assessment being done.• A moratorium on live reef food fish trade is implemented in PNG. A management plan for the trade will be revised once there is a decision to reopen the trade. Also, a Marine Aquarium Management Plan is in place but has yet to be gazetted. There is a domestic market or trade of ornamentals, however no exports have been made in the last few years. <p>Programs/activities in relation to CTI-CFF goals (not directly budgeted under national CTI-CFF programs)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inshore Fish Aggregation Device• Clean Seascape Program (Projects on coral rehabilitation, mangrove reforestation project and waste management)• Seaweed Farming program• Fish Trap Net Project
3	<p>National programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bootless Bay Marine Conservation Initiative in the National Capital District• Kimbe Bay MPA/Local Marine Managed Area (LMMA) Network in the West New Britain province (Bismarck Sea)<ul style="list-style-type: none">» In Madang province, WWF has worked with local communities to establish community-based management areas.» In Milne Bay province, Eco Custodians Advocates are working with communities to set aside community-based management areas using traditional customs.• In Manus province, 3.5 million hectares set aside using a mix of LMMA management planning process and traditional management.

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Goals Progress**4 National programs**

- Established coastal & Inland Flooding early warning systems in five (5) provinces for observation, data collection and information management and dissemination
- Supported community-led mangrove reforestation and conservation projects
- Climatic Risk and Vulnerability maps produced for five (5) Maritime Provinces – risk profiling done for all the districts
- Strengthened institutional capacity at national and sub-national levels to integrate climate change-related risks into sectoral policies and management practices
- Reviewed and published the community-based mangrove handbook
- Implemented Climate Change Adaptation and Food Security project in Ahus Island, Manus province (German BMU)
- Ongoing mangrove planting projects in different parts of the country

Programs that support CTI-CFF goals (but not directly budgeted under national CTI-CFF programs)

- WWF is building community and marine resource resilience through its Community-based Fisheries Co-management approach and its focus on mangrove protection and rehabilitation in Madang Province.
- In Ahus Island, Manus province, TNC implemented a Climate Change & Adaptation project and trained women on soil improvement methods to get quality yields of vegetables and greens.
 - » Mangoro Market Meri, led by The Nature Conservancy, is a platform for empowering women to generate income based on sustainable management of their mangroves. Blue Carbon and REDD+ strategy, an activity led by the University of PNG in Suau, District of Milne Bay province.

5 National programs

- A National Database listing of all the threatened species was compiled and prepared for endorsement by PNG NCC to be circulated for confirmation by all stakeholders.
- Drafting of Marine Mammals and the Marine Turtles Species Management Plan outline has commenced; end of 3rd Quarter 2019 is target completion.
- The Review of the PNG Marine Program 2018–2022 will allow the Threatened Species Goal to become more focused on capacity building for the 14 maritime provinces (9 priority province-2018/19).
- A full scale educational awareness program will be conducted for the 9 priority provinces addressing biology, conservation, habitats, migratory pathways, feeding and foraging sites, telemetry, threats both natural and anthropogenic.
- All threatened species occurring in PNG waters had been mapped and described.
- PNG is updating its information on the International Marine Mammal Assessment.
- Jomard Passage Community-Based Turtle Monitoring in the Milne Bay Province.
- In Madang province, a community based organisation Mas Kagin Tapani, is working with local communities to protect their beaches to save leatherback turtles.



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Goals	Progress
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5	Programs that support CTI-CFF goals
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducting freshwater dolphin research through the joint efforts of the James Cook University and Exxon Mobil PNG Ltd project in the Gulf province. • Major campaign on the marine plastic pollution around coastal provinces starting in Port Moresby. • Management plans for other threatened marine species which the National Fisheries Authority (NFA) and CEPA will work closely to produce all commercial species both sedentary and finfish. • Through WWF's support, research and strategies for key threatened species provided to TSWG. • Rapid Assessment Tool for Sharks and Rays and an MPA guide for the effective design and management of MPAs for Sharks and Rays. |
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Challenges

Some factors that affect the full realization of the goals are:

- limited timelines for implementation;
- lack of coordination of activities amongst stakeholders due to capacity issues at the PNG NCC;
- lack of governance and political will;
- delay in the enactment of the Protected Area bill;
- sustainable financing for the PNG Marine Program;
- need for improved partnership dialogue between all 14 maritime provinces and other stakeholders; and
- lack of communications/gender strategies.



Table 4. Progress of the Philippines' National Plan of Action

Goals	Progress
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Project (MPA and EAFM) • Planning for Seascape Implementation: West Philippine Seascape and North Seascape
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuous conduct of resource/habitat assessments, resource ecological assessments, fisheries profiling, and implementation of National Stock Assessment Program • Nationwide vulnerability and suitability assessment for capture and aquaculture fisheries • Creation of Philippine Committee on IUUF through Executive Order No. 154 • Creation of National/Regional Law Enforcement Council (NALEC/RLEC) • Continuous conduct of IEC activities such as conduct of summits/ conferences focusing on highly valued commodities i.e., sardines, tuna, shrimp, milkfish, tilapia, etc. • Fishing gear regulation on municipal waters • Development of management plans i.e. Tuna Management Plan, Sardine Management Plan • Tuna traceability system development (initial phase is the development of application/database) • Baseline Assessment of Napoleon Wrasse in Tubbataha Reefs Natural Park (TRNP) and Napoleon Wrasse Non-Detrimental Findings study in Tawi-Tawi completed with management recommendations • Seasonal Fishing Closures in Northern Palawan, Davao Gulf, Visayan Sea, Zamboanga, and Balayan Bay • Development of Electronic Catch Documentation and Traceability and small scale catch documentation • Reconstitution of National Tuna Industry Council (NTIC), amending Special Order No. 659, series of 2000 through Special Order No. 1117 series of 2018 • Conducted value chain analyses on tuna, sardines and ornamental fishes • Conducted assessments on reef-based ornamentals
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Legislation of additional 10 MPAs under RA 11038 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » National MPAs: 43 » Locally Managed MPAs: 1816 » 1.4% protected of the total sea area (EEZ) • Proclamation of 1st offshore MPA: Philippine Rise through PP489 • Implementation of the Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program from 2017 to 2018 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 25 MPA networks supported and about 200 biodiversity friendly enterprises assessed and provided with technical assistance » Conducted habitat assessments, as well as ocean acidification baseline study, coastal stability assessment, deep water survey, reef and reef fish monitoring on nationally-managed MPAs including Philippine Rise and West Philippine Sea • 2M hectares of MPA in NE, Palawan established • MPAN management plan approved in Davao Gulf • Establishment of seven lines in Southern Palawan

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Goals	Progress
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Verde Island Passage (VIP) Management Board Established (CI-SmartSEAS) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » 1st Management Board meeting conducted » MPA and MPA network establishment in 5 provinces in VIP » Effective Management of MPA networks: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Oriental Mindoro – MSN Best MPA Network - Batangas MPAN – MSN Hall of Fame • Resumption of Joint Management Committee on Turtle Islands Heritage Protected Areas (TIHPA) • Attendance to MPA REX and Meeting • Marine Enforcement Manual in Davao Gulf • MPA Capacity Building Training for Mentors – Modules Completed
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commission Resolution on Climate Risk Management Framework with Academe, CSOs, LGUs and NGAs • Mainstreaming Climate Change Action in Ecosystem Based Adaptation Planning • 2nd National Convention on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Reduction • Blue Carbon <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » National Blue Carbon TWG (NBCTWG) created to draft roadmap for management of blue carbon ecosystem • VIP Mangrove Rehabilitation (CI-Turing Foundation Mangrove Green Wall of Mindoro Project) • Research, mangrove MPA and nursery establishment; policy and outreach; sustainable financing (livelihood and ecotourism) • Carbon Stock Assessment conducted to identify blue carbon management sites (CI) • VA-CCA planning workshop in Davao Gulf • Building Coastal Resilience for DRR and CC (CI Fonds Français pour l'Environnement Mondial (FFEM)) (Project site is Concepcion, Iloilo; and will explore feasibility of green-gray approach) • Drafting of Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) Climate Change Strategic Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction and Management • Nationwide vulnerability and suitability assessment for capture and aquaculture fisheries
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPOA for Marine Turtles and Dugong • Updating of Marine Turtle tagging database (Include Protect Wildlife Project) • CI-Protect Wildlife: Palawan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Local communities trained on behavioural change towards biodiversity » Universities trained in developing research and conservation curricula » Local government trained in combatting wildlife and environmental crime » Policy review/development to combat wildlife crimes • Cetacean Study in Davao Gulf • Draft Wildlife Communications and Coordination Protocols for the Marine Turtle Protected Area Network • Research on Napoleon Wrasse • Attendance to TSWG REX/Meeting • Publication and Dissemination of Sharks and Napoleon Wrasse Country Status Report with NPOA • Full implementation of Fisheries Administrative Order 233 (Aquatic Wildlife Conservation) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Operationalization of National/Regional Aquatic Wildlife Management Council (NAWMC/RAWMC) » Operationalization of Philippine Aquatic Red List Committee » Activation and Utilization of Aquatic Wildlife Management Fund • Ongoing Red Listing of Philippine Aquatic Species

To complement the activities and projects implemented under the five goals, the Philippines NCC implemented activities along cross-cutting themes. These activities were:

Research

- Mapping and impact research on resilience of reefs
- National ocean modeling for coral reef connectivity
- Continuous Professional Masters-Tropical Marine Ecosystems Management

Enabling Policy

- DENR Administrative Order 2016–26 on the Implementation of Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Program
- Republic Act 11038 Amendment to National Integrated Protected Areas System Act
- Fisheries Compliance Audit (Memorandum Circular)
- BMB-BFAR Convergence Consultation

Capacity Building

- Green fins (Assessor trainings etc)
- Biodiversity-Friendly Enterprise (BDFE) - Business Model Workshop
- Coastal Assessment for Rehabilitation Enhancement – Capacity Development and Resiliency of Ecosystems (CARE-CADRES)
- 3rd Biodiversity Resource Information Network Group Training on Marine Biodiversity Management

- Paralegal training for enforcement conducted
- Capacity Building on Aquatic Wildlife Management

Enforcement

- 2nd Wildlife Law Enforcement Summit
- Boracay Rehabilitation Project
- Manila Bay Project
- Visible Infrared Imaging Radiometer Suite (VIIRS) night light boat detection Implementation in MPAs

Communication, Education, and Public Awareness (CEPA)

- Celebration of Special Environment Events (Month of the Ocean, Coral Triangle Day, Environment Day, International Coastal Cleanup, International Year of the Reef)
- Knowledge, Attitudes and Practices survey conducted and consequent development and implementation of Flagship Communication Campaigns on the 33 nationally-managed MPAs
- Participation in various knowledge exchange fora (Asia-Pacific Coral Reef Symposium, East Asian Seas Congress, Sustainable Blue Economy Conference)
- CTI Roll-out (Country-wide)

Challenges

To fully realize the goals set in NPOA, NCCC should be strengthened noting that some agencies are inactive. One way to strengthen NCCC is to expand membership to other agencies to cover and support activities.

Another challenge is the insufficient manpower resources to fully meet implementation requirements. Also, NPOA needs an implementation plan, and needs to be mainstreamed and relevant to Coastal and Marine Ecosystems National program as well as global targets. M&E indicators need to be updated as well.

On MPA implementation, the challenges remain to be the insufficient data on metes and bounds of locally managed MPAs; identification of Coral Triangle Atlas focal points and identification of Marine Tourism Task Force Focal Point.



Table 5. Progress of the Solomon Islands' National Plan of Action

Goals	Progress
1	<p>National programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Participated in Managing Reef Resilience Under Climate Change in the Bismarck – Solomon Marine Ecoregion Workshop (James Cook University and Australia)• Explored opportunities to initiate potential seascape programs – Broader Arnavons (Kia-Wagina-Katupika) and Kavachi seascape area• Participated in SWG meetings – towards BSSE nomination <p>Programs/activities in relation to CTI-CFF goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pacific Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP) Agencies – Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Pacific Island Forums (PIFs), Secretariat of Pacific Community (SPC), Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG), Forum Fisheries Agencies (FFA), Parties of the Nauru Agreement (PNA)• Wildlife Conservation Society – Kavachi Seascape Project• Foreign Affairs – areas beyond national jurisdiction (ABNJ) and Biodiversity beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) positions• Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Management (MACBIO) Project and Ocean12:<ul style="list-style-type: none">» Developed and launched the SI Marine Bioregions Report; completed Technical Brief on Ocean Zones Placement Guides and develop data, information, processes and guidelines for national Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) process
2	<p>National programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Completed GEF/ADB 2012–2018 TA775• Strengthening community based natural resource management to safeguard food security in Malaita Province• Support to MECDM to development of national crocodile management plan• Gazettal of the Fisheries Management (prohibited activities) regulations 2018 and review of Environment Act 1998 <p>Programs/activities in relation to CTI-CFF goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Development of the SI National Ocean Policy• Coral and invertebrate surveys• Support for establishment of Constituency Fisheries Centers (CFCs)• Fish Aggregation Devices (FAD) program• Development of Coral, Clam and Trochus management plans• WWF Solomon Islands – implementation of sustainable community-based fisheries co-management, linked to empowering women through financial inclusion• JICA/Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources - Livelihood improvement through community based coastal resource management and utilization for SI• Pacific Ridges to Reefs Project – GEF/UNEP/FAO and SPC• Aquaculture program

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Goals	Progress
3	<p>National programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establishment of and support to MPA/MMAs – >200+ sites, 0.12% EEZ coverage (10% target, NBSAP); rangers capacity, management plans, baseline surveys, awareness and trainings • Enforcement and compliance – SOP, rangers training, M&E <p>Programs/Activities in relation to CTI-CFF goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In collaboration with MACBIO Project: <i>i) produced the SI special unique marine areas report; ii) produced typology and placement guidelines; iii) produced Amavons Community Marine Park (ACMP) lessons learnt report</i> • NGOs and CBOs support towards establishment of MPAs and MMAs – WWF (Tetepare), TNC (Isabel & Choiseul), WF (Malaita), CI (Guadalcanal), WCS (Western Province), Solomon Islands Community Conservation Partnership (SICCP), (Zaira, Marovo), OceanWatch (Temotu)
	<p>National programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National discussion on Blue Carbon opportunities > Proposal for funding support to GIZ and IUCN • Climate Change Division – MECDM <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Policy and legislation – Climate Change Bill » Conducted Integrated Vulnerability Assessment for 24 communities in Malaita Province » Conducted education, awareness and trainings for climate change topics for coastal communities, schools and stakeholders <p>Programs/activities in relation CTI-CFF goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • USAID Climate Ready Project – Access to Finance, Legislation • Solomon Islands Water Sector Adaptation program (2014–2018) • GEF/UNDP: activities include – Climate change adaptation planning and support for three townships – Taro, Gizo and Tingoa and three communities – Ferafalu (Malaita), Santa Catalina (Makira) and Tuwo community in Temotu province. • Community Resilience to Climate and Disaster Risk in Solomon Islands Project (CRISP) supported Africa Caribbean Pacific (ACP) – European Union (EU) Natural Disaster Risk Reduction • ACP-EU NDRR Program, Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery (GFDRR) and the World Bank • 48 community sub-projects rolled out in Guadalcanal, Temotu, Malaita and Central Island
5	<p>National programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft National Threatened Species Reports – marine turtles, dolphins, sharks and rays • Gazettal of new regulations – Dugong, bump-head parrotfish and Maori Wrasse • Awareness and training on turtle tagging and nest relocation <p>Programs/activities in relation to CTI-CFF goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completion of the 4 years GEF/Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project • SPREP – Marine Species Regional Program • NGO Partners involved in TS work – TNC, Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF)

Challenges

Goal 1: Slow paced buy-in for the BSSE nomination from relevant stakeholders.

Goal 2: Increasing demand of resources for income and food as well as unsustainable development activities including waste management (plastic pollution) that threatening coastal and marine ecosystems. Improvements needed on policies and legislations such as the Environment Act, Forestry Resources and Timber Utilization Act. Further, enforcement capacities needed at community, provincial and even national levels.

Goal 3: Lengthy processes and steps under the Protected Areas Act and Fisheries Management Act.

Goal 4: Limited focus of adaptation programs on marine and coastal sector; activities of the various partners difficult to track and monitor activities outside of government and NCC.

Goal 5: Need for baseline data and monitoring programs for key threatened species; technical capacity and training needed.





Table 6. Progress of the Timor-Leste's National Plan of Action

Goals	Progress
1	<p>National programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conducted Seminar and NCC Focus Group Discussion on Perspectives on the Seascape Management Concept to raise awareness on coastal management resources• Built spatial dataset and its support data through collation of available secondary data – nationally and globally to produce seascape map in north and south coast• Developed scenario area of seascape referred to approximate line on EEZ (not officially) to help understand better mapping and zoning for seascape management• Divided country EEZ into North Seascape and South Seascape• Continuous coral reef, seagrass and mangrove monitoring in five (5) municipalities• Installed Pelagic Data Systems (PDS) in eight (8) municipalities resulting to more less 500 fishing vessel movement of catch efforts and all fishing vessel controlled <p>Programs/activities in relation to CTI-CFF goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Actively engaged in the Lesser Sunda Priority Seascape to be managed as regional seascape with government• Officially endorsed the readiness of the country to propose the country seascape (North and South Seascape into Lesser Sunda regional manage seascape)• Committed to provide necessary data required for the completion of its submission processes for proposal
2	<p>National programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Installed FAD in selected sites (three municipalities) to increase fish production and income of fishermen and communities;• Initiative value chain function of fishermen which resulted to landing site established and fishing gear to increase income of fishermen and communities for sustainability resources• Provided alternative livelihood (processing for diversification of fish product, Seaweed Farm) by installing FADs and fishing gear to increase fish production and income of fishermen and communities• Conducted campaign on Red Snapper Management in south coast to increase fish production and income of fishermen and communities for sustainability <p>Programs/activities in relation to CTI-CFF goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dissemination of Fisheries Decree law and regulation to increase fish production and income of fishermen and communities for sustainability resources• Several article about Fisheries Decree law and Regulation for Fishermen and communities to increase understanding of the law

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Goals	Progress
3	<p>National programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 2018, the number of community-based MPA has increased – established a total of 21 national MPAs • Established 12 new MPAs in 2017 and 2018 in Atauro Island and expanded existing Vila MPA and its zoning which resulted to conservation/coastal resources management • Established MPA for Dugong and Seagrass in Com in 2018 • Under progress – launching of six (6) MPAs in the next two years namely MPA Kaitehu, MPA Maubara Lake, MPA Biacou-Palaka, MPA Be-Malai, MPA Lamsanak, Modo Mahut and MPA Adarai • Established women’s household group on waste management • Established MPA in Atauro Island and Liquica (on progress): Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) and CTC <p>Programs/activities in relation to CTI-CFF goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bilateral cooperation under FAO-funded on the ISLME including share management of cross border MPA with Indonesia • Submitted Nino Konis Santana National Park (NKSNP) Marine Park as CT MPA Flagship (process has yet to be completed)
4	<p>National programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Established Center for Climate Change and Biodiversity at the Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosa’e (CCCB-UNTL) • Developed and operated national information network on climate change • Implemented coastal community resilience program in seven (7) municipalities <p>Programs/activities in relation to CTI-CFF goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted beach clean-up for healthy environment • Zero plastic decree law in place
5	<p>Programs/activities in relation to CTI-CFF goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Built spatial datasets on cetacean movement in the EEZ Timor-Leste (mega fauna survey, whale migration, turtles nesting area, dugong sea grass conservation, cetacean scoping survey) • Ministerial Diploma on Protected Aquatic Species • Decree Law on Biodiversity (waiting for promulgation by President of Republic) • Drafted Cetacean watching guideline • Developed tourism policy which included marine-based tourism management

Challenges

Some factors that affect the full realization of the goals are: lack of technical assistance and support of national level due to limited human resource; lack of enforcement to address IUU fishing; limited infrastructure and public facilities as well as financial support.



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Forging partnerships

The partners play an important role in sustaining the CTI-CFF by providing technical and scientific expertise; funding for priority conservation and sustainability projects; and activities at the regional, national and community levels. Partners also support the CTI-CFF in the preparation of reports and studies as well as communication efforts to increase public awareness about the Coral Triangle and the CTI-CFF. The CTI-CFF also engages individuals and other stakeholders such as academic and private sector institutions, in various projects at the regional and national levels.

The CTI-CFF's formal partners include governmental, inter-governmental and non-government organizations who support the CTI-CFF RS and the NCCs in achieving the goals specified by the RPOA. The CTI-CFF has maintained its linkage with its partners namely, ADB, Conservation International, Coral Triangle Center, Department of Environment and Energy of the Australian Government, GIZ, USAID SEA Project, USAID Oceans, USDOl, and USAID RDMA.

USAID Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management (SOACAP)

Activity 2.1: CTI-CFF Public Private Partnership (PPP) Preparation: Expert Consultation Meeting on PPP design and arrangement

4–5 April 2018 | Jakarta, Indonesia

The activity was aimed at introducing and building better understanding concept of PPP in sustainable fisheries to CT member countries through the National Coordination Committee of CTI-CFF; developing better and suitable PPP arrangement which allows member countries to actively participate in the development of PPP activities related to improve sustainable fisheries practices i.e. catch documentation and traceability (CDT) systems in seafood value-chains; and establishing a quasi PPP task force to assist development and preparation of countries PPP proposals and arrangement.

The consultation meeting was chaired by Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry of the NCC Indonesia and attended by representatives from the CT6 member countries. Resource persons were PPP specialists namely, Ms. Lisa Peterskovsky (GIZ), Mr. Koichi Yamashita (JICA), Mr. Michael Abbey (NOAA Fisheries), Mr. Kongpathai, Dr. Yuttana Theparoonrat (SEAFDEC), Mr. Geronimo Silvestre, Ms. Araya Poomsaringkan, Mr. Len Garces and Mr. John Parks (The Ocean and Fisheries Partnership), Mr. Craig Kirkpatrick (USAID RDMA), Mr. Ryan Yulhendri and Mr. Syarif Syahrial (Directorate of Venture Capital Management).

Activity 1.2 Learning Exchanges for CT6 Countries at USAID Oceans Learning Site

25–28 June 2018 | Manado-Bitung, Indonesia

The CTI-CFF through the Regional Secretariat and the USAID Oceans partnered to conduct a learning



exchange focusing on the application of CDT system for fisheries and seafood products. In the Learning Exchange, participants gained insights on the implementation of the USAID Oceans self-developed CDT schemes at one of their sites in Manado, Indonesia. They learned how CDT systems can be properly developed, implemented and integrated into their local fisheries development plan.

The Learning Exchange is part of the many activities lined up under the Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management (SOACAP IFM) partnership program between the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and USAID through its US Department of Interior. The SOACAP-IFM is a plan aligned with USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnerships (USAID Oceans) and USAID SEAFDEC project towards strengthening regional cooperation to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, promote sustainable fisheries, and conserve marine biodiversity in the Asia-Pacific region.

Further, CTI-CFF through the Regional Secretariat participated in various international/regional events in order to share information and promote goals of the CTI-CFF. Moreover, the CTI-CFF participated in these activities to build new alliances and attract support to the initiatives of the CTI-CFF. The regional cooperation and international activities participated in by CTI-CFF are reflected in table on the next page.



Table 7. Participation in Regional Cooperation and International Events

Activity	Date and Venue	Organizer	Description
REGIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES			
Third Targeted Regional Workshop for GEF IW projects in East Europe and Asia-Pacific	30 April – 2 May 2018 Bangkok, Thailand	ICPDR, IUCN, UNIDO, PEMSEA and CCRES project	The workshop focused on knowledge platforms, innovative tools, legal and institutional frameworks, benefit sharing, and economic valuation
Ocean and Fisheries Partnership Technical Working Group Planning	16 – 18 July 2018 Bangkok, Thailand	USAID Oceans	The event gathered inputs from participants for the development of a set of regional guidelines on the adoption and use of e-CDT that would support sustainable fisheries management, human welfare, and leverage public-private partnership.
Maritime Environmental Security – US Pacific Command Maritime Fusion Cell Table Top	31 July – 3 August 2018 Manado, Indonesia	US INDOPACOM	The table-top exercise (TTX), which demonstrated the value of information sharing for countering Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) Fishing, advanced maritime domain awareness and information sharing among Indo-Pacific partners. This approach allowed partners to consider information sharing of a non-contentious topic.

Activity	Date and Venue	Organizer	Description
REGIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES			
Managing Reef Resilience Under Climate Change in the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion (SSME)	7–9 May 2018 Manado, Indonesia	University of Queensland, James Cook University and Hasanuddin University in cooperation with CTI-CFF RS and other university partners – Deakin University, University of Borneo, University of Malaysia Sabah, University of the Philippines, and University of Sam Ratulangi	Marine and conservation experts from Australia, Indonesia Malaysia, and the Philippines gathered to look into the transboundary management strategy for coral reefs and fisheries within the SSME.
Managing Reef Resilience Under Climate Change in the Bismarck Solomon Marine Ecoregion (BSME)	13–15 August 2018 Brisbane, Australia	James Cook University	CT member countries – Papua New Guinea, the Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste as well as selected Australian Universities namely, James Cook University, Deakin University and Queensland University gathered to discuss the needs and feasibility of developing a transboundary management strategy for coral reefs and fisheries within BSME. It identified issues and challenges facing reefs and associated fisheries within the BSME region, both at regional and national level and how these can be translated into a proposal for implementation.
41st Meeting of the SEAFDEC Program Committee (41PCM) and 21st Consultative Group of the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Strategic Partnership	5–7 November 2018 Langkawi, Malaysia	SEAFDEC	The meeting reviewed the programs of SEAFDEC that was implemented through the year 2018 and discussed new projects and activities for the coming year 2019. Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry made an intervention to call for focus on the issue of illegal trade of Live Reef Fish for Trade (LRFFT); and to work closely with SEAFDEC on activities that would benefit the CT6 countries such as capacity building trainings and workshops particularly in EAFM practices.

Activity	Date and Venue	Organizer	Description
REGIONAL COOPERATION ACTIVITIES			
Courtesy Meeting to the Maritime Institute of Malaysia (MIMA)	9 November 2018 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	CTI-CFF RS	CTI-CFF RS and Malaysia NCC met with Deputy Director General, Dr. Rizal Abdul Kadir. The meeting agreed that MIMA can be one of policy resource organizations both for Malaysia. They can also contribute to CT6 discussions through the various TWGs and especially during the development of RPOA 2.0 phase.



Participants of Ocean and Fisheries Partnership Technical Working Group Planning
Photo by USAID Oceans



Participants of Managing Reef Resilience Under Climate Change in the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion (SSME)
Photo by Mr. Medy Kesuma/CTI-CFF RS



Participants of Maritime Environmental Security – US Pacific Command Maritime Fusion Cell Table Top
Photo by US INDOPACOM

Activity	Date and Venue	Organizer	Description
INTERNATIONAL			
Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS) Regional Preparatory Meeting	19–21 June 2018 Nuku'alofa, Tonga		The Meeting provided an invaluable opportunity for SIDS in the Pacific to share their national experiences and best practices as well as identify opportunities to address major challenges. The SIDS also emphasized the importance of full ownership and leadership of their sustainable development priorities with the support of global and regional partners.
Sustainable Ocean Initiative – Convention on Biological Diversity Workshop (CBD-SOI)	31 July – 3 August 2018 Jakarta, Indonesia		In this forum, the CTI-CFF through the RS expressed commitment to contribute towards the achievements of Aichi Biodiversity Targets 10 and 11 and the Priority Actions during the CBD-SOI Sub Regional Capacity-Building Workshop Coral Triangle. Particularly, the CTI-CFF committed to provide the enabling environment for better articulation and coordination among marine environment-related national strategies and action plans of its member countries.
Our Ocean Conference 2018	29–30 October 2018 Bali, Indonesia		<p>The CTI-CFF RS participated in the 5th Our Ocean Conference particularly in the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ocean Talk “Strategic Direction for Coral Triangle: Update and Way Forward for Regional Plan of Action • Ocean Talk “Legacy for Coral Triangle – Towards International Recognition for Marine Megabiodiversity Area” • Side event: Women Leaders, Breaking Waves in Ocean Conservation • Details of RS participation are provided in page 38.

Activity	Date and Venue	Organizer	Description
INTERNATIONAL			
Inter-Regional Partnership Dialogue	29 October – 1 November 2018 Apia, Samoa	Facilitated and supported by UN DESA through the SIDS Unit, OHRLLS and relevant agencies of the UN system including Regional Commissions.	The activity intended to review the progress and implementation of the Samoa Pathway at the national and regional levels. The discussions were built on the outcomes of three regional partnership dialogues, with the overall objective to advance the SAMOA Pathway and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development in SIDS by increasing the capacity of stakeholders in forging new, genuine and durable multi-stakeholder partnerships, and strengthening the monitoring and review process of partnerships in SIDS.
Sustainable Blue Economy Conference	26–29 November 2018 Nairobi, Kenya		The conference focused on providing global leaders insights on the importance of marine protected areas in blue economy planning; how sustainable development furthers social progress and economic growth; how to meet the goals outlined by the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development; and the challenges facing us as we move towards a sustainable economy, and how to work together to overcome them.
23rd ICRI General Meeting	5–7 December 2018 Monaco		CTI-CFF through the RS participated in this event to present CTI-CFF as a new member of ICRI.



Inter-Regional Partnership Dialogue Samoa.
Photo by Dr. Gregory Bennett/CTI-CFF RS

Our Ocean Conference 2018

One of the international events CTI-CFF actively participated in was the Our Ocean Conference 2018 held in Bali, Indonesia last 29–30 October 2018. Particularly, CTI-CFF through its Regional Secretariat participated and organized the following two (2) Ocean Talks:

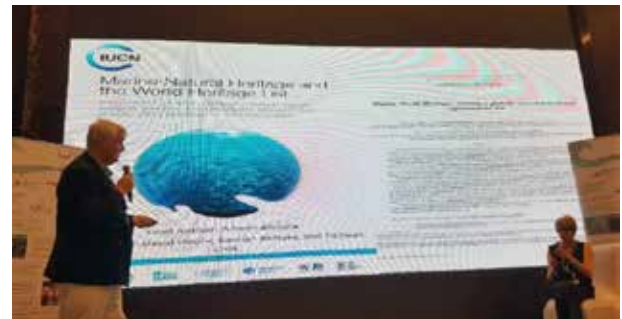
a. Ocean Talk “Strategic Direction for Coral Triangle: Update and Way Forward for Regional Plan of Action

This OCEAN TALK provided information on the RPOA review in a talk show format – the findings and recommendations and discussions on the potential ways forward in the RPOA 2.0. The ‘host’ was Dr. Lida Pet-Soede, RPOA Review Lead Consultant with notable panelists, namely: Prof. Dr. Ove Hoegh-Guldberg, Director of the Global Change Institute at the University of Queensland; Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim, Deputy Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat; Dr. Nagulendran a/I Kangayatkarasu, UnderSecretary and Head of the Strategic Technology and Application Division for the Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC) of the Government of Malaysia; Mrs Agnetha Vave-Karamui, Chief Conservation Officer at the Environment, Conservation Division (ECD), Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management; Meteorology (MECDM) of the Government of the Solomon Islands; and Mr Farid Maruf – Catch documentation and traceability specialist for The Oceans and Fisheries Partnership (USAID Ocean).

b. Ocean Talk “Legacy for Coral Triangle – Towards International Recognition for Marine Megabiodiversity Area”

This Ocean Talk provided information and awareness to the CT6 member countries and others on:

- the ecological, socioeconomic, cultural and other benefits of Listing unique CT marine areas that fulfills the requirements as a marine World Heritage Site (mWHS) under the UNESCO World Heritage Convention;
- the ecological, socioeconomic, cultural and other benefits of unique CT marine areas that are vulnerable to damage from maritime activities or international shipping to receive special



Dr. Fanny Douvere, UNESCO's Coordinator for Marine Programme World Heritage Center, and Mr. Carl Gustav Lundin, IUCN's Director for Global Marine & Polar Programme graced the Ocean Talk event as speakers. Photo by Ms.Jasmin Mohd Saad/CTI-CFF RS

- protection as a Particularly Sensitive Sea Area (PSSA) under the International Maritime Organization (IMO);
- the procedures on how to go about the above, in achieving international recognition;
- ways on how to involve coastal communities and women in the areas; and
- ways on how to achieve sustainable funding for the WHS and/or PSSA.

Notable speakers were Dr. Fanny Douvere, UNESCO's Coordinator for Marine Programme World Heritage Center, Mr. Carl Gustav Lundin, IUCN's Director for Global Marine & Polar Programme, Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Deputy Executive Director, and Dr. Vladimir Ryabinin, the Executive Secretary of IOC-UNESCO.

c. Side event: Women Leaders, Breaking Waves in Ocean Conservation

This side event focused on the leadership qualities of successful women leaders and was aimed to gain inspiration, insights and tools that can guide other women leaders around the globe in charting their own path in protecting our oceans. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat supported the event with Coral Triangle Centre (CTC) as organizer.





Photo by Yudi Permana

A photograph of a person in a small wooden boat on clear turquoise water. The person is standing and using a long pole to navigate. The water is very clear, showing the seabed below. The sky is a pale blue. The overall scene is peaceful and serene.

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Paving the way towards sustainable management of marine resources

To ensure that CTI-CFF through the Regional Secretariat carry out its business efficiently and to provide the direction for the conduct of its programs, projects and activities, the annual CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting and biennial Ministerial Meeting are being conducted.



14th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-14)

The SOM-14 was convened to oversee and decide on the technical matters concerning CTI-CFF and provide guidance to Regional Secretariat in the year ahead. The meeting was chaired by the Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials, H.E. Atty. Jonas R. Leones, the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs of the Philippines' Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

SOM-14 was also an opportunity for the Philippines to call for the CT6 member countries to scale up efforts to achieve widespread impact. H.E. Leones noted that moving forward, focus should be shifted on actions that can really deliver higher level of outcomes such as poverty reduction and improved food security. He assured that the Philippines as member of the CTI-CFF shall give its utmost service and response to the call of other nations with regard to preserving natural resources.

Decision arising from the SOM-14 can be seen on Appendix I.



The SOM-14 was convened to oversee and decide on the technical matters concerning CTI-CFF and provide guidance to Regional Secretariat in the year ahead. It was attended by high officials from CT6 member countries and CTI-CFF development partners.

Photo by Mr. Chris Timbol/Philippines NCC

7th Ministerial Meeting (MM-7)

Ten years into implementation of the CTI, the environment and marine ministers and their representatives of the CT member countries gathered together in the MM-7 held last 14 December 2018 in Manila, Philippines. Part of the agenda was the discussion of a redesigned Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) version 2.0 and CTI system in 2019 to keep pace with the demand and changing needs of the CT region.

The need for RPOA 2.0 is a result of a recently completed review by independent experts of CTI's 10-Year RPOA's effectiveness with regard to fit of the plan, focus, responsiveness and implementation arrangements around it.

The ministerial meeting also gathered senior-level officials from marine conservation development partners and collaborators, namely Conservation International, Coral Triangle Center, German Cooperation for International Cooperation (GIZ), Wildlife Conservation Society, WWF, Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), The Nature Conservancy, Asian Development Bank, USAID, to discuss CTI-CFF's value in the implementation of national programs in each country as well as plans in the next two years.

Further, in MM-7, the Government of Philippines handed over the role of chair of the CTI-CFF Council of Ministers to the Government of Solomon Islands. The Philippines' Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy Cimatu thanked all partners for supporting the Philippines during their two-year leadership and called on CT6 members "to continue to support the CTI's cause of empowering communities and providing them with options that will address their needs amidst the emerging impacts of climate change."

In the MM-7, WCS was also presented as the new partner of the CTI-CFF. The WCS was founded in 1895 as the New York Zoological Society (NYZS). Its goal is to conserve the world's largest wild places in 16 priority regions, home to more than 50% of the world's biodiversity. Particularly, its mission is to save wildlife and wild places worldwide through science, conservation action, education, and inspiring people to value nature.



Top: The environment and marine ministers of the CT6 member countries renewed its commitment and support to CTI-CFF. Bottom: The Government of the Philippines led by H.E. Roy Cimatu, Secretary of Department of Environment and Natural Resources handed over the role of chair of the CTI-CFF COM to the Government of the Solomon Islands led by Ms. Rosalie Masu, Deputy Director for Inshore Fisheries Division, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources.
Photo by Mr. Ayodya Satryo Anggorojati/CTI-CFF RS

WCS has worked in the Coral Triangle for over 20 years. Its marine and terrestrial programs in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia and Fiji are nationally and internationally recognized. WCS programs in the region have grown across to include more seascapes, more local partners including new initiatives in Solomon Islands.

WCS has technical strength in protected areas designation and management, species conservation (with special expertise in sharks/rays, cetaceans and wildlife trade), small-scale fisheries management, ridge-to-reef management, integrated coastal management, community-based resource management, and climate change adaptation. (Source: "On the ground and in the water in the Coral Triangle: WCS in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon islands and Fiji," WCS publication, 2016)

The Joint Ministerial Statement is given on Appendix J.



Photos by Julia Giebel/No Trash Triangle Initiative



Promoting CTI-CFF

The CTI-CFF values the importance of raising awareness and engaging various stakeholders to tackle different marine conservation challenges as well as encourage support in various CTI-CFF initiatives in order to achieve marine ecosystem conservation and protection aims. As such, in 2018, CTI-CFF continued to implement communication and outreach activities to promote the organization's initiatives as well as supported activities to various stakeholders.

Coral Triangle Day Celebration

In 2018, the CT Day celebration focused on increasing awareness on the impacts of plastic on marine environment and the destructive wastefulness of single use plastics such as straws, coffee cup lids, cotton buds. World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) in partnership with the CTI-CFF through its Regional Secretariat launched the Instagram contest last May 2018. The contest was aimed at encouraging Instagram users to show how they are helping to cut out single-use plastics by tagging their photo or video with #plastic resistance and #coral triangle. The Instagram contest attracted a total of 447 entries and ran until June 22. First place winner came from UK (@s.hilbourne) with second place and third place coming from Indonesia (@kidancagalli) and USA (@lolo_atp) respectively. The contest was supported by Raja Ampat's Papua Diving Resort, Scuba Junkie Borneo, Conservation International, Mission Blue, Matador Network, Connect4Climate, and Bye Bye Plastic Bags.



Winners of the CT Day Instagram Contest – 1st Place: @s.hilbourne; 2nd Place: @kidancagalli; and 3rd place: @lolo_atp



Bimonthly production of CTI-CFF Newsletter

The CTI-CFF through its Regional Secretariat produces a bimonthly CTI-CFF Newsletter that features activities of TWGs and NCCs as well as development partners. In 2018, CTI-CFF Newsletter highlighted profile of identified experts in marine conservation field. The newsletters are distributed to CTI-CFF CSO, NCCS, Development Partners and other stakeholders. The 2018 newsletters is given on Appendix K.

Preparation and dissemination of Press Releases

To promote the activities/projects and other initiated efforts of the CTI-CFF to a wider public, the Regional Secretariat produced and disseminated press releases about selected CTI-CFF activities to 19 online news organizations in the CT Region.

Regular updating/maintenance of CTI-CFF Website and Social Media Platforms

Activities of the CTI are regularly posted on the CTI-CFF Website and CTI-CFF social media platforms to further inform website visitors of latest undertakings of the CTI as well as upcoming events. CTI-CFF values the power of social media in reaching out to the general public.

Development of Infographics and Production of IEC/Promotional Materials

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat developed infographics about e-CDT, CT Day MPAs, IYOR and Sulu-Sulawesi Seascapes. The infographics were developed as supplemental tools to allow people to easily digest information about CTI-CFF- supported initiatives with the use of visual data and statistics aided by proper use of color, proportion and space. The infographics were uploaded in all CTI-CFF social media accounts.

To complement information drive in social media, the CTI-CFF also produced information materials such as brochures and fact sheets. These print materials were made available in exhibitions as well as uploaded on CTI website. Relevance, uniformity, simplicity of the content and language, accuracy of information, length of the material, cultural appropriateness and target audience were considered in the development of the materials.

Participation in International Exhibition

The CTI-CFF through its Regional Secretariat participated in the Our Ocean Conference 2018 exhibition on 29–30 October 2018 in Bali, Indonesia. Participating in exhibits helps promote the accomplishments as well as future activities of the CTI-CFF 'closely' to a targeted audience in a face-to-face manner (interacting with exhibit visitors). It also a way to directly learn audience's interests and queries about CTI activities.



CTI-CFF set-up an exhibit at the Our Ocean Conference 2018 held in Bali, Indonesia.

Photo by Mr. Wiwin Joko Winarbo/CTI-CFF RS



Photo by James Morgan

Managing financial resources

As of December 31, 2018, CTI-CFF Audited net asset is USD \$1,126,008 that is proper basis to be used for 2019 budgetary activities which is subject to approval by the CTI-CFF Internal Resource Committee (IRC) and Committee of Senior Officials.

Further, based on the Audit Report of 2018, it is important to note that the opinion cited on the report stated that the financial information presents fairly, in all material respects, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards.



REGIONAL SECRETARIAT

**INTERIM EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS' STATEMENT
REGARDING THE RESPONSIBILITIES FOR
THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION OF THE CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE ON
CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY (CTI-CFF)
REGIONAL SECRETARIAT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018, AND 2017 AND FOR THE YEARS THEN ENDED**

We, the undersigned:

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Phone Number : 0812-9143-536
Position : Interim Executive Director

declare that:

1. I am responsible for the preparation and presentation of The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries And Food Security (CTI-CFF) financial information;
2. The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) financial information has been prepared and presented in accordance with a comprehensive basis of accounting other than Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards (SAK);
3. a. All information contained in the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) financial information has been prepared and presented in a complete and truthful manner;
b. The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) financial information does not contain any incorrect information or material facts, nor do they omit information or material facts;
4. I am responsible for of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) internal control system.

The statement is made in all truth.

Manado, March 30, 2019

For and on behalf of Regional Secretariat
the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries And Food Security (CTI-CFF)

Hendra Yusran Siry, Ph.D
Interim Executive Director



**CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT
STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**

DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017

(Expressed in United States Dollar, unless otherwise stated)

Table 8. Statements of financial position

	Notes	2018	2017
ASSETS			
Cash	3	1,157,854	955,217
Prepaid Tax		100	-
Total Assets		1,157,954	955,217
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS			
Taxes payable	4	7,598	4,049
Unearned revenues	5	23,795	-
Accrued expense		554	-
Total Liabilities		31,947	4,049
NET ASSETS			
Temporarily restricted fund		1,126,007	951,168
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		1,158,954	955,217

CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017
(Expressed in United States Dollar, unless otherwise stated)

Table 9. Statements of activities

	Notes	Temporary Restricted	
		2018	2017
REVENUES			
Members' contributions	6	1,007,158	995,226
Grants	7	107,862	66,996
Interest income		4,046	1,868
Other income		2,078	161
Total revenues		1,121,144	1,064,251
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries	8	551,733	489,905
Office costs	9	227,881	219,137
Program Activities	10	111,814	179,687
Senior officials' meetings expenses	11	54,877	32,224
Total Expenditures		946,305	920,953
INCREASE IN NET ASSETS		174,839	143,298
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		951,168	807,870
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR		1,126,007	951,168

CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017
(Expressed in United States Dollar, unless otherwise stated)

Table 10. Cash

	2018	2017
Cash in bank		
United States Dollar		
Bank Mandiri Acc. No. ****3407 (Country Contribution)	1,135,079	941,942
Bank Mandiri Acc. No. ***8151 (US DOI)	3,562	-
Subtotal	1,138,641	941,942
Indonesian Rupiah		
Bank Mandiri Acc. No. ****3399 (Country Contribution)	17,669	13,275
Bank Mandiri Acc. No. ****1128 (US DOI)	1,544	-
Subtotal	19,213	13,275
Total	1,157,854	955,21787

Table 11. Taxes payable

	2018	2017
Income taxes:		
Article 21	6,989	3,922
Article 23	-	29
Article 26	-	98
Article 4(2)	609	-
Total	7,598	4,049

Table 12. Unearned revenues

	2018	2017
Republic of Indonesia	11,633	-
Malaysia	6,329	-
Republic of the Philippines	5,833	-
Total	23,795	-

Unearned revenues represent contribution received in advance.

Table 13. Members' contributions

	2018	2017
Papua New Guinea	349,895	-
Republic of Indonesia	320,808	415,768
Malaysia	174,555	221,263
Republic of the Philippines	161,900	198,599
Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste	-	122,332
Solomon Islands	-	37,264
Total	1,007,158	995,226

Based on the CTI-CFF Financial Regulations Schedule 1 Assessed Contribution Formulae, all parties will contribute to the General Fund of the Secretariat on the following basis:

- The total amount to be contributed will be determined by the CTI-COM based on the draft budget provided by the Secretariat;
- Sixty percent of the amount identified in paragraph (a) mentioned above will be contributed by each of the parties in equal shares, and;
- The remainder of the total amount identified in paragraph (a) mentioned above will be divided between the parties based upon the relative size of their gross domestic product (GDP) as calculated by the most recent year for which GDP figures are available for all parties.

Table 14. Grants

	2018	2017
Department of the Interior of the Government of the United States of America	100,000	50,000
Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Department of the Environment and Energy	7,862	16,996
Total	107,862	66,996

Department of the Interior of the Government of the United States of America

On June 15, 2017, the Secretariat entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management (SOACAP-IFM) with the Department of Interior of the Government of the United States of America (DOI) in order to implement the interagency agreement between DOI and the US Agency for International Technical Assistance Program. The total project grant made in five payments on a quarterly basis amounted to USD250,000. Total grants received for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 amounted to USD100,000 and USD50,000, respectively. The MOU was extended until September 31, 2019.

Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Department of the Environment and Energy

On October 9, 2018, the Secretariat received funds from the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Department of the Environment and Energy (DOOE) to support Seascope working group held in Jakarta, Indonesia in October 2018 amounting to USD7,862.

On August 10, 2017, the Secretariat received funds from DOEE to support the attendance of Pacific delegates at the Blue Carbon Workshop held in the Philippines in August 2017. Total funds received amount to USD16,996.

CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017
(Expressed in United States Dollar, unless otherwise stated)

Table 15. Salaries

CTI-CFF	2018	2017
Salaries	416,352	424,912
Benefits	110,948	60,216
Relocation	24,018	4,777
Subtotal	551,318	489,905
Department of the Interior of the Government of the United States of America-Salaries	415	-
Total	551,733	489,905

Table 16. Office costs

	2018			
	CTI-CFF	DOI	DOEE	TOTAL
Travel				
Airfare	11,428	26,642	5,958	44,028
Ground transportation	5,862	11,904	1,915	19,681
Per Diem	3,897	12,790	-	16,687
Accommodation	1,167	2,639	-	3,806
Others	136	89	-	225
Subtotal	22,490	54,064	7,873	84,427
Consultancy fees	21,468	51,109	-	72,577
Workshops, meetings and seminars	-	18,040	-	18,040
Professional fees	13,158	-	-	13,158
Vehicle rental	9,437	-	-	9,437
Mobile and telephone	6,559	-	-	6,559
Miscellaneous	4,688	22	-	4,710
Publication and printing	3,587	256	-	3,843
Temporary contract	2,534	-	-	2,534
Bank services charges	2,360	91	35	2,486
Others	8,763	1,347	-	10,110
Total	95,044	124,929	7,908	227,881

**CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 AND 2017
(Expressed in United States Dollar, unless otherwise stated)

Table 17. Office costs

	2018			
	CTI-CFF	DOI	DOEE	TOTAL
Travel				
Airfare	39,199	9,854	9,609	58,662
Per diem	27,106	3,025	3,300	33,431
Accommodation	19,031	2,590	1,733	23,354
Ground Transportation	7,238	954	-	8,192
Others	1,177	-	-	1,177
Subtotal	93,751	16,423	14,642	124,816
Publication and printing	17,730	304	-	18,034
Repairs and maintenance	17,122	131	-	17,253
Vehicle rental	14,456	-	-	14,456
Professional fees	9,073	-	-	9,073
Consultancy fees	9,020	-	-	9,020
Utilities	4,092	-	-	4,092
Office supplies	3,161	317	753	4,231
Hosted meeting costs	2,953	222	-	3,175
Vehicle fuel and maintenance	2,710	-	-	2,710
Resource person fees	-	2,200	-	2,200
Workshops, meetings and seminars	287	1,161	-	1,448
Others	8,624	-	5	8,629
Total	182,979	20,758	15,400	219,137

Table 18. Program activities

The Secretariat undertakes and supports activities of working groups, cross-cutting initiatives and other programs to achieve the goals of CTI-CFF. Costs for these activities include travel costs of technical working group participants to attend working group meetings and workshops, among others. Program activities costs for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 consisted of:

CTI-CFF	2018	2017
Travel		
Airfare	46,173	74,174
Per diem	21,534	38,784
Accommodation	15,666	32,742
Ground transportation	354	1,201
Others	156	160
Subtotal	83,883	147,061
Consultancy fees	19,531	13,706
Workshops, meetings and seminars	6,145	12,875
Publication and printing	2,047	4,468
Resource person fees	-	491
Others	208	1,086
Total	111,814	179,687

Table 19. Senior officials' meeting expenses

The costs incurred by the Secretariat to support the implementation of Senior Officials' Meeting consisted of:

	2018	2017
Travel – Senior Officials		
Airfare	16,294	9,501
Per diem	5,400	9,808
Others	1,080	61
Accommodation	470	8,843
Ground transportation	153	146
Subtotal	23,397	28,359
Travel – Staff		
Per diem	8,110	-
Ground Transportation	-	32
Others	-	1,024
Subtotal	8,110	
Workshops, meetings and seminars	19,850	-
Publication and printing	1,990	730
Office supplies	1,198	781
Others	332	1,298
Total	54,877	32,224

CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT
A PROJECT ADMINISTERED BY CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT
FOR CTI-CFF MEMBERS' CONTRIBUTIONS

FUND ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018
 (Expressed in United States Dollar, unless otherwise stated)

Table 20. Fund accountability statement

	Budget 2018	Actual 2017	Under (Over) Budget 2018
REVENUES			
Member contributions	948,735	1,007,158	(58,423)
EXPENDITURES			
Salaries	501,234	551,318	(50,084)
Office costs	694,274	95,044	599,230
Program activities	26,712	791	25,921
Senior officials' meetings expenses	27,000	54,877	(27,877)
Technical working groups	95,000	88,960	6,040
Cross cutting themes	46,500	22,063	24,437
Expenditures	1,390,720	815,053	577,667
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(441,985)	194,105	(636,090)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT
A PROJECT ADMINISTERED BY CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT
FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
FUND ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018
 (Expressed in United States Dollar, unless otherwise stated)

Table 21. Fund accountability statement

	Budget 2018	Actual 2017	Under (Over) Budget 2018
REVENUE			
Grants	250,000	100,000	150,000
EXPENDITURE			
Office costs	124,929	124,929	-
Salaries	415	415	-
Expenditures	125,344	125,344	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	124,656	(25,344)	150,000

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT
A PROJECT ADMINISTERED BY CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT
FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF AUSTRALIA AS REPRESENTED BY
THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY
FUND ACCOUNTABILITY STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018
 (Expressed in United States Dollar, unless otherwise stated)

Table 22. Fund accountability statement

	Budget 2018	Actual 2017	Under (Over) Budget 2018
REVENUE			
Grants	13,200	7,862	5,338
EXPENDITURE			
Office costs	7,908	7,908	-
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	5,292	(46)	5,338

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Independent Auditors' Report

Report No. 00030/2.0902/AU.1/11/0384-2/1/IV/2019

The Interim Executive Director
**The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF)
Regional Secretariat**

We have audited the accompanying financial information of The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat (the "Secretariat"), which comprises the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2018, and the statement of activities for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial information.

Management's responsibility for the financial information

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of such financial information in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting (a comprehensive basis of accounting other than Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards) as described in Note 2 to the financial information, which includes determination that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial information in the circumstances.

Auditors' responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial information based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with the Standards on Auditing issued by the Indonesian Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those Standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether such financial information is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial information. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial information, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial information in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial information.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial information referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the statement of financial position of The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) as of December 31, 2018, and its statement of activities for the year then ended, in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 2, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards.

Y. Santosa dan Rekan
Registered Public Accountants
Licence Number: 430/KM.1/2012



Y. SANTOSA DAN REKAN

Basis of accounting

Without modifying our opinion, we draw attention to Note 2 to the financial information which describes the basis of accounting. The Secretariat prepares its financial information on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards. As a result, the financial information may not be suitable for another purpose.

Other matter

Our audit is conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial information taken as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial information. The information has been subjected to the procedures applied in the audit of the financial information and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial information taken as a whole.

Limitation use of report

Our report is intended solely for information and use of the Interim Executive Director of the Secretariat, members of CTI-CFF, Department of the Interior of the Government of the United States of America and the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Department of the Environment and Energy and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Y. Santosa dan Rekan
Registered Public Accountants



Tjiendradjaja Yamin
Public Accountant Registration No. AP.0384

March 30, 2019

NOTICE TO READERS

The accompanying financial information is not intended to present the financial position and results of operations in accordance with accounting principles and practices generally accepted in countries and jurisdictions other than Indonesia. The standards, procedures and practices utilized to audit such financial information may differ from those generally accepted in countries and jurisdictions other than Indonesia. Accordingly, the accompanying financial information and the auditors' report thereon are not intended for use by those who are not informed about Indonesian accounting principles and auditing standards, and their application in practice.

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Registered Public Accountants
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APPENDICES

APPENDIX A

Council of Ministers (COM)



H.E. Susi Pudjiastuti

Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries



H.E. Yeo Bee Yin

Minister of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment, and Climate Change



H.E. John Pundari, MP

Minister for Environment and Conservation & Climate Change



H.E. Roy A. Cimatu

Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources
COM Chair



H.E. Dr. Culwick Togamana

Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and
Meteorology
COM Vice -Chair



H.E. Joaquim José Gusmão Dos Reis Martins

Minister of State and Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries

APPENDIX B

CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials (CSOs)



H.E. Brahmantya Satyamurti Poerwadi, S.T.

Director General of Marine Spatial Management
Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries



H.E. YBhg. Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd Azhar Bin Hj. Yahaya

Secretary General
Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology and Environment and Climate Change



H.E. Mr. Gunther Joku

Managing Director
Conservation and Environment Protection Authority



H.E. Atty. Jonas R. Leones

Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Chair of CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials



H.E. Dr. Melchior Matak

Permanent Secretary
Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology
Vice-Chair of CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials



H.E. Acacio Guterres

Director General of Fisheries
Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

APPENDIX C

CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committee



H.E. Brahmantya Satyamurti Poerwadi, S.T.

Director General of Marine Spatial Management
Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries
Focal Point, Indonesia National CTI Coordinating Committee

**H.E. YBhg. Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd Azhar Bin Hj. Yahaya**

Secretary General
Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology and Environment and Climate Change
Focal Point, Malaysia National CTI Coordinating Committee

**Ms. Kay Kumaras Kalim**

Deputy Secretary, Sustainable Environment Program
Ministry of Environment and Conservation and Climate Change
Focal Point, Papua New Guinea National CTI Coordinating Committee

**Dr. Crisanta Marlene Rodriguez**

Director of Biodiversity Management Bureau
Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines
Focal Point, the Philippines National CTI Coordinating Committee

**Ms. Agnetha Vave-Karamui**

Chief Conservation Officer, Environment and Conservation Division
Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology
Focal Point, the Solomon Islands National CTI Coordinating Committee

**Mr. Horacio Guterres**

National Director of Aquaculture Dili, Timor-Leste
Focal Point, Timor-Leste National CTI Coordinating Committee

APPENDIX D

Chairs of CTI-CFF Technical Working Groups

Seascapes Working Group	Mr. Suharyanto Chair
Ecosystems Approach to Fisheries Management Working Group	Dr. Jose Da Silva (NCC Timor-Leste) Chair
Marine Protected Areas Working Group	Mr. Andi Rusandi (NCC Indonesia) Chair
Climate Change Adaptation	Dr. Nagulendran Kangayatkarasu Chair
Threatened Species Working Group	Mr. Vagi Rei (NCC Papua New Guinea) Chair

Chairs of CTI-CFF Governance Working Groups

Coordination Monitoring Working Group	Ms. Mahreena Mahpudz (NCC Malaysia) Chair
Financial Resources Working Group	Mr. Andre Omer Siregar (NCC Indonesia) Chair
Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group	Dr. Crisanta Marlene Rodriguez (NCC Philippines) Dr. Theresita Mundita-Lim (until April 2018) Chair

Chairs of CTI-CFF Cross-Cutting Initiatives

Local Governance Network	Mr. Hugua (Indonesia) Chair
Women Leaders Forum	Ms. Agnetha Vave-Karamui (Solomon Islands) Chair

APPENDIX E

Partners

Asian Development Bank	Mr. Bruce Dunn Principal Environment Specialist, Environment and Safeguards Division
Conservation International	Ms. Niquole Esters Director, Coral Triangle Initiative
Coral Triangle Center	Ms. Rili Djohani Executive Director
Department of Environment and Energy, Australian Government	Ms. Paula Perrett Assistant Secretary, Marine and International Heritage Branch
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH	Ms. Franca Sprong Project Director, BMUB SULU-SULAWESI SEASCAPE PROJECT Collaborator
Global Environment Facility	Ms. Leah Bunce Karrer Sr. Environmental Specialist, GEF Secretariat-Programs Unit
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program	Mr. Kosi Latu Director General Collaborator
Southeast Asia Fisheries Development Center	Dr. Kom Silapajarn Secretary General
The Nature Conservancy	Ms. Laura Whitford Director of Development Policy and Partnerships
USAID/Regional Development Mission for Asia	Ms. Angela Hogg Director, Regional Environment Office
Wildlife Conservation Society	Mr. Jason Patlis Executive Director
World Wide Fund for Nature	Ms. Jacqueline Thomas Leader, WWF Coral Triangle Programme

APPENDIX F

CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Staff as of December 2018

Interim Executive Director	Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry	1 October 2018 until a new Executive Director has been appointed by CTI-COM
Acting Executive Director	Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim	4 July 2018 – 30 September 2018
Executive Director	Dr. Widi Agus Pratikto	1 April 2015 – 10 June 2018
Program Services Division		
Deputy Executive Director	Dr. Sharifah Nora A. Syed Ibrahim	15 November 2017 – mid-November 2021
Technical Working Group Senior Manager	Ms. Romina Astrid Cristina V. Lim	1 July 2015 – 30 June 2018
Governance Working Group and Cross-Cutting Theme Senior Manager	Ms. Jasmin Mohd Saad	1 September 2015 – 31 August 2018
Technical Program Senior Manager	Dr. Gregory Bennett Dr. Muhammad Lukman	May 2018 – April 2021 2 November 2015 – 31 March 2018
Communication and Information Manager	Ms. Janet Rosalie Anne Polita	May 2018 to April 2021
Technical Program Assistant	Ms. Destyariani Liana Putri	29 February 2016 – 12 October 2018
Corporate Services Division		
Finance and Operation Senior Manager	Mr. Cepy Fuad Syahda	27 July 2015 – 26 July 2018
Interim Finance and Operation Manager	Mr. Mamimpin Napitupulu	15 August 2018 – December 2018
Assistant Manager for Finance & Accounting	Mr. Mamimpin Napitupulu	July 2015 – 14 August 2018
HRD and Office Management Manager	Mr. Toni M. Arman	9 July 2015 – 8 July 2018
Protocol and Conventions Services Manager	Mr. Ilham Perintis	20 October 2015 – 23 June 2018
Communication and Information Manager	Mr. Andie Wibianto	18 Sep 2015 – 31 March 2018
Assistant Manager for Administrative Affairs	Mr. Muhamad Alvin Pahlevi	1 January 2016 – 5 August 2018
Legal and Agreement Assistant Manager	Mr. Arezka Ari Hantyanto	21 July 2017 – 30 June 2018
Communication Assistant	Ms. Kirana Agustina	22 October 2015 – 31 March 2018
IT Software Assistant	Mr. Medy Kesuma Putra	14 June 2017 – 31 July 2018
IT Services Support	Mr. Windu Margono	25 January 2016 – 23 June 2018
HRD & Office Management Assistant	Ms. Maria Deswita Br. Turnip	15 August 2016 – 31 July 2018

Special SOM Chair's Summary

SPECIAL SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING

July 25-26, 2018

Eastwood Richmond Hotel

Quezon City, Philippines

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY

Background

The Regional Secretariat is currently facing operational challenges especially due to the resignation of Executive Director Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D, therefore the Special SOM was called to deliberate and recommend actions, on the following:

1. Identify interim management measures to address operational challenges related to change in leadership of Regional Secretariat;
2. Evaluate and decide on the proposed 2018 Budget of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat which was put on hold due to issues on financial management; and
3. Discuss and present the proposed amendment of the Financial and Staff Regulations of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.

DAY 1

Session 1: Opening Program

- Appreciated the Welcome Message of Ms. Crisanta Marlene P. Rodriguez, the Director of DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau and the Head of Philippine National CTI Coordinating Committee (PH-NCCC) acknowledging the presence of CT6 countries, physically and virtually through Skype, welcoming the delegates and encouraging everybody to have a fruitful discussion. She further stated that the hosting of the Special SOM 2018 is one way of showing to the CTI community that the Philippines is indeed committed in every step that the CTI will undertake to support and strengthen the Regional Secretariat and to achieve the CTI goals (See Annex 1A);
- Appreciated the Opening Message by Atty. Jonas R. Leones, the Undersecretary for Planning, Policy and International Affairs of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and the CTI-CFF Chair of Committee of Senior Officials, thanking the CT6 countries for responding to the urgent call to convene the Special Senior Officials' Meeting

(SOM). The CTI-CSO Chair recalled the 13th SOM Decisions/Agreements such as the fiscal management concerns, audit and fiscal management issues and reform and encouraged the delegates to use the Special SOM as platform to arrive at consensus and recalibrate actions towards more efficient management (See Annex 1B); and

- Acknowledged the messages from the Senior Officials, as requested by the CTI-CSO Chair. Indonesia acknowledged the hosting of the Philippines of the Special SOM and for the warm welcome. Dr. Suseno Sukoyono, the Head of Indonesian Delegation, expressed Indonesia's serious support and commitment to resolve the current challenges in the Regional Secretariat. Dr. Ramzah Dambul, the Senior Official of Malaysia informed the group that he is the sole representative due to the change of administration in Malaysia; there is an ongoing massive restructuring in the guardian Ministry of CTI CFF Malaysia. Mr. Horacio Gutterres of the NCC Timor Leste, stated that they are hopeful that the CT6 countries will be able to define solutions to the issues at hand.
- Noted that the delegates from Papua New Guinea were not able to attend the first day of the meeting for various reasons. Solomon Islands delegates were not able to attend the meeting due to logistical reasons.

Session 2: Approval of the Agenda

- Noted that before approving the agenda, the members of the CSO officially acknowledged the designation of the Deputy Executive Director Sharifah Nora Ibrahim Ph.D as the Acting Executive Director by the Chair of CTI-CSO, in accordance with Staff Regulation 4 (3), due to the resignation of ED Pratikto. Further, Dr. Ibrahim as the designated ED, shall assume the powers and functions of an ED (Refer to approved agenda on Annex 2);
- The Acting Executive Director acknowledged the endorsement of the CTI-CSO and assured to continue to perform its roles such as the RPOA review and other ongoing/planned workshops (e.g. USAID/SOACAP Activities, CTI-WLF Forum, Sustainable Ocean Initiative, CBD, MPA Regional Exchange);
- Accepted the proposal of the CTI-CSO Chair to have a close-door discussion regarding the concerns of the Regional Secretariat;

Session 3: RPOA Review and Other Updates

- Acknowledged the milestones of the RPOA Review as reported by the Acting Executive Director such as the conduct of 75 interviews (through online and physical interviews). It was also noted that by end of July 2018, the draft report on the RPOA review will be submitted to the RPOA Review Steering Committee Members, chaired by the Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG) Chair and circulated to the NCCs where the

comments are compiled/consolidated. The report with the comments of countries will then be presented to SOM for deliberation and endorsement by COM.

- Noted the update made by Acting Executive Director on the initial recommendation on the RPOA review the following: a) Recruitment for a broader-based Secretariat and member countries; and b) Development Partners' increased participation;
- The Acting Executive Director reported and expressed appreciation to the Government of Papua New Guinea for their country contribution for the years 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017 with a total amount of \$349,895.09 (USD).

Session 4: Presentation of the Current Status of the Regional Secretariat

- Acknowledged the presentation of Acting Executive Director on the status of the Regional Secretariat. The presentation involved concerns on the current issues resulting from the resignation of the Executive Director on the financial matters, human resources issues, legal implications, gaps and recommendations (Refer to Annex 3);
- Agreed to have a close-door session for the CSOs to deliberate and agree on the recommendations of the Acting Executive Director as follows:
 1. Regional Secretariat in accordance with the appropriate procurement procedures shall hire consultants to be financed/supported by the USAID-DOI with no conditions. The contract of the consultants should be between the Regional Secretariat and the Consultants. The USAID-DOI will provide funds in lump sum/block grant and the Regional Secretariat shall liquidate the same based on appropriate accounting procedures;
 2. All Regional Secretariat Staff should be recalled temporarily to the CTI Headquarters in Manado, Indonesia until SOM 14 to assist the Acting ED;
 3. Resolve Regional Secretariat human resources challenges in accordance with the Staff Regulations and Indonesian laws and regulations.
 4. Not to hire a new Finance Manager;
 5. The CTI-CFF Staff Regulations should not be similar to ASEAN or UN;
 6. The Government of Indonesia will designate an Interim Executive Director to lead the Regional Secretariat to be compensated under the Regional Secretariat's budget. The term of the Interim Executive Director is until the new Executive Director is appointed by the CTI-COM;
 7. Regional Secretariat to proceed/start with the audit with qualifications to include only the contributions made by the CT6 and the Development Partners covering the

years 2015-2016 and regular audit of 2017 operations with Australian Government offering to partially finance the audit;

Session 5: CY 2017 Audit

- Acknowledged the background's presentation made by Philippine NCCC regarding the CY 2017 Audit (Refer to Annex 4);
- Agreed to follow the decision No. 7 during the close-door session;

Session No. 6: Response of former Executive Director to the letter of the CSO

- Noted that the former Executive Director Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D submitted the response with justifications on December 2017 (Refer to Annex 5);
- Recalled that during the close-door meeting in Jakarta last April 2018, the CT6 agreed to review the abovementioned document for submission of comments to CTI-CSO Chair;
- Agreed that CT6 countries will submit position paper to the Philippine NCCC Secretariat for consolidation. Thereafter, the Chair of CTI-CSO will issue an official letter to NCC Indonesia for proper action and subsequent submission to the Indonesian Government for appropriate action.

DAY 2 (July 26, 2018)

Session No. 7: Regional Secretariat 2018 Budget

- Recognized the delegate of Papua New Guinea, Ms. Yvonne Tio, who briefly conveyed a message of thanks and shared the information regarding Papua New Guinea's four (4) years country contribution which has been remitted to CTI-CFF account;
- Acknowledged the presentation of the Acting Executive Director together with other RS Staff, Dr. Gregory Bennet and Ms. Janet Polita. The presentation contains the following: a) proposed expenditures of the Regional Secretariat and made reference to the 2016 audited, 2017 unaudited and 2019 projected budgets; b) indicative contribution of the CT6 countries; c) contributions of the CTI Partners; and d) current bank balances;
- Agreed to hire a Temporary Finance Manager until such time that a new Finance Manager shall be appointed by the Regional Secretariat for a long term due to the admission of the current Assistant Finance Manager, Mr. Mamimpin Napitupulu, that he is incapable to perform the expected tasks;

- Indonesia NCC committed to assist the Regional Secretariat in securing the complete handover reports of all the financial concerns from the former Finance Manager within two (2) weeks;
- Reiterated the previous instruction to the Regional Secretariat to have a separate bank account on the country contributions and funds from CTI Partners (donors);
- Approved the 2018 Budget of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in the amount of \$948,735.00 (USD) (Refer to Annex 6).

Session 8: Financial Rules of Procedure

- Acknowledged the background given by Director Angelito Fontanilla on the Financial Regulation which was discussed fully during the Jakarta Meeting last April 2018;
- Agreed on the following:
 - January to December Fiscal Year to be retained
 - Retain the definition on Restricted Fund provided by Section 1B of the Draft Procedure
 - Regulation 5. Retain CTI COM (where initially it is discussed to be struck out)
 - Regulation 6 – Retain the word “annual”.
 - Regulation 6 – suggest the name of the Budget Committee through an email decision e.g. Organizational Resources Committee or Budget and Planning Committee. Include this in the TOR of the consultants to be hired.
 - Submission of comments on the revised Financial Rules of Procedure will be on August 16, 2018 and to be discussed back to back during the RPOA Meeting. The output of such will be submitted to the Consultant to be hired by RS;
 - The final version of the Draft Revised Financial Rules of Procedure shall be discussed before the 14th SOM; and
 - RPOA review on first week of September to be hosted by the Philippines.

Session 9: Staff Regulations

- Acknowledged the background given by the Philippines on the agreements during the discussion on Staff Regulations wherein the Philippines was not able to attend the said discussion and was instructed to provide comments before such document be endorsed to SOM;
- Acknowledged the comments provided by the Philippines on the Staff Regulations. However, such will be circulated to CT5 Countries for further comments considering 2 CT6 members (Timor Leste & Solomon Islands) are not present;

- Agreed that the comments on the Staff Regulations shall be submitted on August 16, 2018 to the Regional Secretariat to be included as one of the agenda in the next meeting regarding RPOA review on the first week of September in Manila, Philippines.

Session 10: Closing

- The CSO expressed appreciation to the Philippine Government for hosting the Special Senior Officials' Meeting; and
- The Regional Secretariat expressed appreciation to the CSO for convening the meeting and the Philippine Government for hosting the Special Senior Officials' Meeting.

MR. SUSENO SUKOYONO

Head of Delegation
Indonesia

DR. RAMZAH DAMBUL

Head of Delegation
Malaysia

MS. YVONNE TIO

Head of Delegation
Papua New Guinea

MS. CRISANTA MARLENE P. RODRIGUEZ

Head of Delegation
Philippines

MS. RONNELLE PANDA

Head of Delegation
Solomon Islands

MR. HORACIO GUTTERES

Head of Delegation
Timor Leste

ATTY. JONAS R. LEONES

Chair, CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials
Philippines

PREP-SOM.MM Chair's Summary

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY

The following recommendations guide the deliverables and actions that are required to be taken by the Regional Secretariat, CT6 Member Parties and Development Partners. The meeting notes that under Rule 12(4)(c) that any item proposed by CTI-CFF Party to be included in the SOM agenda must be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to SOM. The deadline for submission is 11th November 2018.

1. SESSION 1: MEWG MEETING

- 1.1. Accept the Review of RPOA Findings Report (refer to Annex 1.1 to Annexe 1.3);
- 1.2. Agree to develop a draft Terms of Reference (TOR) for the development of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) version 2.0 using the existing structure and team of the Review of RPOA Steering Committee to be presented and endorsed at SOM-14 and MM-7;
- 1.3. Acknowledge and appreciate the potential commitment from the Australian Government for a consultancy for the development of the draft Terms of Reference (TOR);
- 1.4. Note that the Regional Secretariat shall develop a Calendar of Events;
- 1.5. Note that the Regional Secretariat shall develop a Concept Note for the 2nd Leaders' Summit for presentation at SOM-14; and
- 1.6. Agree for the need to revisit the detailed functions and services of Regional Secretariat (refer to Article 5 of the "Agreement").

2. SESSION 2: DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS' DIALOGUE

- 2.1 Acknowledge the statement made by the Australian Government on behalf of the Development Partners;
- 2.2 Agree to include and work closely with Development Partners and collaborators in all CTI-CFF activities including meetings; and
- 2.3 Agree to improve communication practices including practice inclusive and open means of communications between the Regional Secretariat, NCCs and Development Partners.

3. SESSION 3: SENIOR STRATEGIC FINANCE, ADMINISTRATIVE AND OPERATIONAL CONSULTANT REPORT

- 3.1 Acknowledge and appreciate updates from the Acting Executive Director on tasks completed from June to October 2018 (Annex 3.1);
- 3.2 Appreciate and extend appreciation to the United States Government (USG) for the support provided to undertake the financial, administrative and legal assessment consultancies;
- 3.3 Accept the findings of the Senior Strategic Finance, Administrative and Operational Consultant Report for approval and endorsement at SOM-14 and MM-7;
- 3.4 Accept and agree to the proposed temporary organizational structure up to December 2018 (refer to Session 4);
- 3.5 Acknowledge the challenges in recruitments for competent mid-level management positions to be based in Manado, Indonesia and cost implications of the location of the Regional Secretariat's Headquarter;
- 3.6 Note the response from NCC Indonesia that the location of the Regional Secretariat in Manado is stated in the Host Country Agreement and issued under the Presidential Decree No. 46/2016 and the complexity of future changes;
- 3.7 Acknowledge that the Regional Secretariat shall adopt international accounting standards of IPSAS-1 and PSAK45; implementation of accrual basis; and changes to the Chart of Accounts and the potentiality of changing the accounting system;
- 3.8 Acknowledge and accept that the Regional Secretariat to create separate segment for Fund Management in the system;
- 3.9 Acknowledge and accept that the Regional Secretariat shall adopt the new system by January 2019 with bridging period from September to December 2018;
- 3.10 Agree to recruit Finance & Operation Manager based on the standard competency set by Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA);
- 3.11 Acknowledge and accept that the Regional Secretariat shall set up proper appropriation for employee benefits and entitlement in accordance with the budget (as per Financial Regulation 4) and acknowledge the on-going work for 2019 implementation; and
- 3.12 Agree to seek advice from Human Resources Legal Advisor Specialist to ensure compliance with Host Country labor law and to manage any liabilities and risks raised by previous staffs and on needs basis.

4. SESSION 4: 2018 & 2019 ORGANIZATION CHARTS AND APPOINTMENT COMMITTEE ESTABLISHMENT

- 4.1 Acknowledge the presentation by the Interim Executive Director (IED) (refer to Annex 4.5)
- 4.2 Agree to the proposed 2018 organization chart as an interim measure up to end of December 2018 (refer to Annex 4.6);
- 4.3 Agree to lift the freeze on rehiring of staff;
- 4.4 Agree and task the Regional Secretariat to prioritize the hiring process of the Financial and Operational Manager pending the appointment process of the Deputy Executive Director (Corporate Services);
- 4.5 Encourage the CT6 in accordance to national circumstances to assign focal points within each NCCs to improve coordination between the Regional Secretariat and CT6;
- 4.6 Agree to the revised 2019 Organization Chart to be presented and approved by CTI CSO in SOM-14 and endorsed by CTI COM in the 7th Ministerial Meeting (MM-7) (refer to Annex 4.6);
- 4.7 Agree for Regional Secretariat to negotiate with other database provider and manager [e.g. WorldFish and World Resources Institute (WRI) to host/adopt CT Atlas];
- 4.8 Request for Chair of CSO to communicate to COM on the delegation of responsibility and power of appointment from CTI COM to CTI CSO for the appointments of the new Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director (Corporate Services) (Staff Regulation 7) and request for nomination for members of the Appointment Committee;
- 4.9 Urge the Regional Secretariat and the Appointment Committee to develop selection criteria for both positions;
- 4.10 Urge the Regional Secretariat to submit to CT6 the revised draft Terms of Reference (TOR) (incl. job description, functions, responsibility and selection criteria) for Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director (Corporate Services) [taking into consideration findings from the Review of RPOA on the requirements for soft skills, e.g. leadership and entrepreneurial skills] and for CT6 to respond and comment within 14 days of receipt of the revised TORs;
- 4.11 To agree to seek legal advice to resolve issue on Staff Regulation 7 (3)(b) with regards to the nationality of the new Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director (Program Services), considering Article 62 of Manpower Act No.13 of the Republic of Indonesia and inform CSO of the advice.

5. SESSION 5: FRWG TERMS OF REFERENCE AND BUDGETS

- 5.1 Acknowledge the replacement for the Chair of Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) to Mr. Andre Omer Siregar, the Director of Asia-Pacific and African Intra-Regional Cooperation (Indonesia);
- 5.2 Accept the revised draft Terms and Reference of the Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) for CSO (SOM-14) approval and COM (MM-7) endorsement (refer to Annex 5.1);
- 5.3 Agree to the establishment of the Operation Plan and Budget Committee and recommend for CSO (SOM-14) approval and COM (MM-7) endorsement;
- 5.4 Accept the revised draft Terms and Reference (TOR) for the Operation Plan and Budget Committee and recommend for CSO (SOM-14) approval and COM (MM-7) endorsement (refer to Annex 5.2);
- 5.5 Agree for the discussion on the new chairmanship and vice-chair of FRWG to be discussed at FRWG pre-SOM meeting;
- 5.6 Agree for the discussion on the new chairmanship and vice-chair of the Operation Plan and Budget Committee to be discussed at FRWG pre-SOM meeting
- 5.7 Agree for the 2018 Expense Report (January to August 2018) to be accepted at SOM-14 and MM-7 (refer to Annex 5.3.1);
- 5.8 Accept the 2018 financial forecast report (September to December 2018) (refer to Annex 5.3.2);
- 5.9 Task the Regional Secretariat to revise the 2019 budget to reflect on the proposed 2019 Organization Chart, submit to CSO 30 days prior to SOM-14;
- 5.10 Task the Regional Secretariat to provide options on mechanisms for treating cash surplus in the Regional Secretariat's bank account for CSOs' decision.

6. SESSION 6: AUDIT REPORT

- 6.1 Acknowledge the updates and report by auditor with the following actions (refer to Annex 6.1):
 - 6.1.1 Acknowledge and accept the draft 2017 financial audit process, findings and recommendations;
 - 6.1.2 Acknowledge and accept Regional Secretariat management responses;
 - 6.1.3 Acknowledge and accept draft 2017 Financial Statements;
 - 6.1.4 Acknowledge and accept the draft 2014-2016 special financial audit process, findings and recommendations;
- 6.2 Note that the final audit reports to be distributed to all CT6 by 22nd October 2018;
- 6.3 Acknowledge and agree that the current auditor shall commence 2018 audit process by January 2019 following Financial Regulation 12(1); and

- 6.4 Agree to recommend to CSO and COM to approve and endorse the final 2017 financial audit reports and special audit reports for 2014 – 2016; and acknowledge Regional Secretariat's efforts and the United States Government's assistance to ensure full compliance to the Financial Regulations at the upcoming SOM-14 and MM-7.

7. SESSION 7: FINANCIAL REGULATIONS & RULES AND PROCEDURES

- 7.1 Acknowledge the presentation on the proposed process for the development of the Financial Rules and Procedures (Manual) (refer to Annex 7.1);
- 7.2 Remind and urge the Regional Secretariat of the extensive discussions and comments submitted by CT6 to be incorporated into the revised Financial Regulations and Rules & Procedures; and
- 7.3 Remind the Regional Secretariat to distribute the revised documents to CT6, 30 days prior to SOM-14 and MM-7 for approval and endorsement.

8. SESSION 8: STAFF REGULATIONS & RULES AND PROCEDURES

- 8.4 Acknowledge the presentation and update made by the Regional Secretariat (refer to Annex 8.1);
- 8.5 Acknowledge the extensive discussion by CT6 in April 2018 on both the Staff Regulation and Staff Rules & Procedures;
- 8.6 Appreciate the comments submitted by NCC Malaysia and NCC Philippines to the Regional Secretariat;
- 8.7 Agree to the definition of "*contract of employment*" to be defined as a contract regulating the appointment with the Secretariat, of at least twelve (12) months duration, having an expiration date specified in the letter of appointment;
- 8.8 Agree to the definition of "*employment agreement*" which refers to appointment with the Secretariat less than 12 months duration, as specified in the letter of appointment';
- 8.9 Agree for the revised Staff Regulation and Staff Rules & Procedures to be reviewed by Human Resources legal experts to ensure that it shall be compliant to the Act of the Republic of Indonesia Number 13, Year 2003 Concerning Manpower (*Undang-Undang Republik Indonesia Nomor 13 Tahun 2003 Tentang Ketenagakerjaan*);
- 8.10 Task the Regional Secretariat to distribute the revised documents to CT6, 30 days prior to SOM-14 and MM-7 for approval and endorsement.

9. SESSION 9: 14TH SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-14) AND 7TH MINISTERIAL MEETING (MM-7) AGENDA

- 9.1 Acknowledge the proposed draft provisional agenda for pre-SOM, 14th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-14) and 7th Ministerial Meeting (MM-7) (refer to Annex 9.1);

- 9.2 Recommend revisions to the draft provisional agenda for SOM-14 to incorporate presentation on the RPOA Review findings and discussion on the plan for development of RPOA version 2.0;
- 9.3 Acknowledge the offer from Development Partners to provide time for item 9.2 from the time allocation provided for Development Partner's progress / update presentation;
- 9.4 Propose for Development Partners and NCCs to work through the Regional Secretariat to identify the theme for the Development Partners' Dialogue Session during MM-7 with CT6 Ministers / Head of Delegation to be finalized by 11th November 2018;
- 9.5 Agree to disseminate the revised draft provisional agendas by 19th October 2018 as annex to the Save-the-Date letters of invitation to CT6 and Development Partners; and
- 9.6 NCC Philippines as the host of the SOM-14 and MM-7 requests for other CT5 for early confirmation of attendance by Ministers / Head of Delegation due to logistical arrangements and preparation for customized gifts. Guidelines for measurements will be provided as soon as possible.

10. SESSION 10: OTHER MATTERS

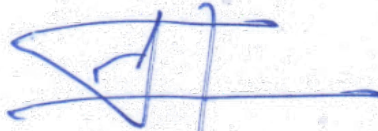
- 10.1 Acknowledge the information provided by Deputy Executive Director (Program Services) on the preparation for CTI-CFF Ocean Talk at the upcoming Our Oceans Conference (OOC) in Bali, Indonesia from 29th to 30th October 2018 to raise awareness to CT6 on getting international recognition for certain sites such as under marine World Heritage Sites, Particularly Sensitive Seas Area (PSSA) etc.;
- 10.2 Acknowledge updates and background information from NCC Indonesia as the host country for OOC (refer to Annex 10.1);
- 10.3 Note that NCC Philippines is interested to contribute to the Regional Secretariat's involvement in OOC;
- 10.4 Interim Executive Director encourage communication and promotional materials to be provided from CT6 and Development Partners to be deposited at CTI-CFF's booth;
- 10.5 Acknowledge information from NCC Indonesia that the President of Timor-Leste shall be attending the OOC, as well as Ministers from Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands;
- 10.6 Agree that the Regional Secretariat may organize an informal session between CT6 and other countries (incl. potential partners and collaborators) for fund raising purposes and to raise CTI-CFF visibility among international community;
- 10.7 Agree for the Regional Secretariat to provide all CTI-CFF related schedule during OOC to CT6; and
- 10.8 Acknowledge Interim Executive Director's proposition for CT6 to submit pledges (financial commitments and/or action-oriented commitments). CTI-CFF may submit its pledge based on the agreed budget 2019 amount as an investment from CT6 towards achieving goals of OOC (refer to Annex 10.2 for CTI proposed pledges).

CLOSING

1. The meeting acknowledged and appreciate the Government of Indonesia for hosting this meeting; United States Government for the full financial support to conduct this meeting; input from the Australian Government representative, Dr. Andrew Chek as Development Partners' representative; and the Regional Secretariat for excellent organizing and documenting work; and
2. Additionally, the meeting acknowledged and appreciate the support from the Australian Government, the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) RDMA, USAID DOI, and Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the Review of RPOA process.
3. The Chair close the meeting thanking everyone for the participation and commitment to move forward. The Chair also encourage everyone to carry the message of this meeting on renewed commitment, strengthened and expanded partnership, and change not only colleagues, stakeholders and beneficiaries, officials within fisheries and environment, but also to the relevant planning, foreign affairs, finance, and other relevant agencies so that CTI can work together with its members towards delivering transformative and sustainable impacts.

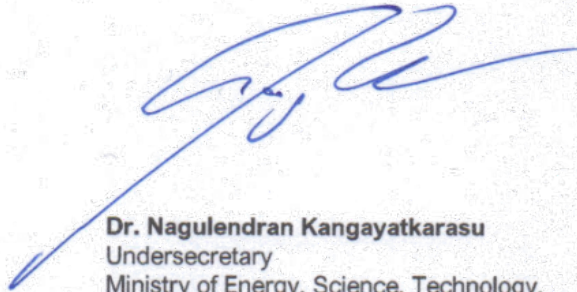
G. ACCEPTANCE OF CHAIRMAN SUMMARY RECOMMENDATIONS (PART F)

**Government of the
Republic of Indonesia**



Mr. Agus Dermawan
Secretary
Directorate General of Marine Spatial Management,
Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries
Head of Delegation

Government of Malaysia



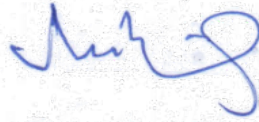
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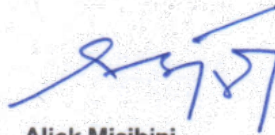
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14th Senior Officials Meeting Chair's Summary

CHAIR'S SUMMARY

CTI-CFF 14TH SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-14)
Manila, the Republic of Philippines, 12 – 13 December 2018

adopted on 13 December 2018

by

the Governments of Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the
Republic of Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste

A. INTRODUCTION

1. The 14th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM14) of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) was convened at the Dusit Thani hotel in Manila, Philippines from 12-13 December 2018.
2. The meeting was chaired by the Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials, H.E. Atty Jonas R. Leones, the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of Philippines. The Chair was assisted by co-chairs from the CTI-CFF Member States delegation.
3. The objectives of the SOM-14 meeting included the following:
 - 3.1. Acknowledge and accept Regional Secretariat's 2018 Progress Report;
 - 3.2. Accept Chair of the Committee of Senior Officers (CTI-CSO) report and acknowledge handover of duty to the next Chair;
 - 3.3. Accept and advise further amendments to the Agreement of the Establishment of CTI-CFF (incl. the Financial and Staff Regulations and its accompanying rules);
 - 3.4. Acknowledge and agree to the appointment process of new Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services;
 - 3.5. Discuss and agree on the findings of the Review of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action, proposed Terms of Reference for RPOA 2.0 and its governance framework;
 - 3.6. Participate in Partners' Dialogue focusing on future of CTI-CFF;
 - 3.7. Deliberate on Regional Secretariat's financial report Audit reports, financial statement for 2018, country contributions and budgets for 2019 and 2020);
 - 3.8. Accept and agree to the reports, roadmaps, budgets and recommendations submitted by the five (5) Technical Working Groups;
 - 3.9. Accept and agree to the reports, roadmaps and recommendations submitted by the three (3) Governance Working Groups;
 - 3.10. Acknowledge and accept the Country's reports from CT6 Member Parties;
 - 3.11. Acknowledge, accept and deliberate on the reports from the cross-cutting themes and potential mainstreaming efforts into CTI-CFF programs;
 - 3.12. Deliberate on the proposed calendar of events for 2019 prepared by the Regional Secretariat on potential high impact events to profile CTI-CFF;
 - 3.13. Accept the proposed agenda for the 7th Ministerial Meeting;and
 - 3.14. Acknowledge and accept the venue and date for the next 15th Senior Official's Meeting (SOM-15).

B. CHAIR'S SUMMARY: DECISIONS

SESSION 1: OPENING CEREMONY BY HOST COUNTRY

1. Acknowledge that the opening ceremony was officiated by the Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), H.E. Atty Jonas R. Leones, the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of Philippines;
2. Accept the opening and welcome remarks by the Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) to set the tone for the SOM-14; and
3. Accept the provisional SOM-14 agenda.

SESSION 2: CTI-CFF PROGRESS REPORT

1. Acknowledge and accept the Progress Report of CTI-CFF 2018;
2. Task the Regional Secretariat to prepare and submit the Annual Report to include accomplishments and progress of the RPOA goals and submits it on an annual basis; including the audited financial statements by May 2019; and
3. Acknowledge that an assessment of the RPOA has been made and captured in the Progress Report.

SESSION 3: CHAIR'S REPORT

1. Accept and approve the Chair's Report by the Chair of CSO.

SESSION 4: AMENDMENTS TO CTI-CFF REGULATIONS AND RULES & PROCEDURES

Agree on the following:

1. To recall SOM-13 Decision, agree for the appointment of Executive Director, to observe the principle of rotational basis in alphabetical order among the CTI-CFF member parties;
 - a. To recall decision 5.5.1 of SOM-13 Chair's Summary;
 - b. To retain the need for the Executive Director to be appointed on rotational basis in alphabetical order among the CTI-CFF member parties;
2. To revoke the requirement of "nationality" for the Deputy Executive Directors – *"will not be of the same nationality as Executive Director at any point of time"*;
3. To propose amendment to Staff Regulations 7.3 with additional sentence that reads *"The appointment mechanism for the Executive Director shall be made to observe the principle of rotation in alphabetical order among CTI-CFF Member Parties"*;
4. To consider the principle of rotational basis effective from the appointment of the first Executive Director from Indonesia on April 15, 2015;
5. To finalize the draft Staff Regulations and Rules & Procedures, taking into account the need for provisions on staff performance review, by February 28, 2019;
6. Take note the draft of Financial Regulations and circulate the revised version by 31st December 2018 and CT6 agree to provide comments no later by 31st January 2019. In the event of non-response by the deadline, it shall be deemed as final;
7. Take note the draft of Financial Policies and Procedures Manual and circulate the revised version by 31st December 2018 and CT6 agree to provide comments no later by 31st January 2019. In the event of non-response by the deadline, it shall be deemed as final; and
8. To recommend to COM to delegate powers and responsibilities to the CSO to endorse recommendations 5 and 6 when it is finalized.

SESSION 5: APPOINTMENT PROCESS OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR CORPORATE SERVICES

1. Recommend to Council of Ministers (COM) to delegate the responsibility and power of appointment to CTI CSO for the appointments of the new Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director (Corporate Services) based on Staff Regulation 7 during the 7th Ministerial Meeting;
2. Endorse to COM for approval of the Revised 2019 Organization Chart; and
3. Acknowledge that the next Executive Director shall be from Malaysia based on alphabetical rotational basis.

SESSION 6: FUTURE OF CTI-CFF: REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION 2.0

1. Accept the following for Committee of Senior Officials' (CTI CSO) approval at the 14th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-14):
 - a. Accept the RPOA Review Report;
 - b. Endorse the renewal Governance Framework and the TOR for the renewal of the Coral Triangle Initiative Regional Plan of Action, with the following revision to item no I (Governance Framework) as shown below (i):
 - i. Agree to establish a Task Group, composed of the following; (a) at least one senior staff of the RS; (b) at least one development partner; and (c) a representative from each of the CT6 to meet no later than December 20, 2018. Chair of the Task Group shall be from the Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG);
 - c. Task the Regional Secretariat to support a face-to-face meeting of the RPOA 2.0 Task Group, before February 28, 2019, including support of travel costs and logistics support, if required;
 - d. Agree that to the draft TOR for the RPOA 2.0 to be refined and approved by MEWG Chair, as necessary, under the RPOA Governance Framework;
 - e. Acknowledge that the cost of the development of an RPOA 2.0 is likely to range between \$160,000 and \$270,000 USD, depending on the amount of travel and consultation, and consider what existing CTI resources will be applied to this cost in 2019;
 - f. Agree for the Regional Secretariat to facilitate the development of RPOA 2.0 with Partners and collaborators;
 - g. Agree to Invite Partners and collaborators to support the development of the RPOA 2.0;
 - h. Encourage National Coordinating Committees of CT6 to mobilize and be ready to facilitate national inputs and proposed inputs during the development of RPOA 2.0 process; and
 - i. Acknowledge the need to complete RPOA 2.0 by SOM-15 (i.e., in review by NCCs and other stakeholders by July 2019).

SESSION 7: REGIONAL SECRETARIAT'S FINANCIAL REPORT

1. Extend appreciation to the United States Government for the support provided to undertake the financial, administrative and legal assessment consultancies;
2. Accept the following for Council of Ministers (CTI COM) endorsement at the 7th Ministerial Meeting (MM-7):
 - a. The findings and recommendations of the Senior Strategic Finance, Administrative and Operational Consultant Report as presented in Prep.SOM.MM Meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia (9-12 Oct. 2018);
 - b. Endorse the acceptance of the audit report for special audit 2014 – 2016 and regular audit 2017;
 - c. Recommend to Regional Secretariat to revise the 2019 Budget based on 2018 country contribution;
 - d. Inform the COM of the cash surplus of USD951,168.00 (as per 2017 Audit Report) and task the Regional Secretariat to prepare options on how to utilize the cash surplus through the submission of a supplementary budget by 28 February 2019;
 - e. To recommend to COM to delegate powers and responsibilities to the CSO to make decisions on the utilization of the cash surplus;
 - f. Take note the 2020 Forecast, and task the Regional Secretariat to prepare and submit 2021 and 2022 Forecast to the Internal Resource Committee which will assume related functions of the Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG) by March 2019; and
 - g. Task the Regional Secretariat to consider putting the minimum grade scale salary for the new appointed ED and DED(s), taking into account the qualification and experience of the successful candidate.

SESSION 8: TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS' REPORT, ROADMAP & BUDGET

Seascape Working Group

1. Recognize and appreciate the leadership of Indonesia and Philippines as Chair and Vice Chair of the SWG;
2. Adopt Lesser Sunda Ecoregion and Bismarck Solomon Sea Ecoregion (BSSE) as CTI-CFF Priority Seascapes, and progress discussions with donors, collaborators and partners;
3. Adopt the Rules of Procedure of the CTI-CFF Seascapes Working Group;
4. Approve the sub-working groups of Sulu-Sulawesi, Lesser Sunda, and Bismarck Solomon Sea Ecoregion (BSSE) under the structure and coordination mechanism of CTI-CFF Seascapes Working Group;
5. Acknowledge the support of partners in the finalization of the Rules of Procedure of the CTI-CFF Seascapes Working Group;
6. Call on development partners to support the management of priority seascapes, including collaborative programs and activities involving related countries;
7. Task the SWG to work with other TWGs and University Partnership program in the management of priority seascapes;
8. Task the NCCs of Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines to review the proposed project on Transboundary Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape climate change and reefs fisheries;

9. Support the recommendation of the SWG to turnover the Chairmanship from Indonesia to Malaysia and the turnover of the Co-Chair from Philippines to Solomon Islands based on the provisions stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the CTI-CFF Seascapes Working Group;
10. Acknowledge the successful implementation of Sulu-Sulawesi Seascapes Project supported by BMU in partnership with the Government of Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines, CI Philippines and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat; and
11. Approve the 2019 SWG Work Plan, subject to the availability of funding support.

Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management Working Group

1. Note the efforts of the CT6 member countries in implementing COASTFISH-related activities in each country, and call for stronger efforts towards this initiative at the regional level;
2. Acknowledge the activities implemented in the 2018 Workplan and note to carry over those activities not implemented in 2019 with the need for funding support;
3. Acknowledge support provided by USAID and USDOJ in the implementation of SOACAP activities;
4. Note the need for a dedicated position as EAFM coordinator for EAFM TWG under CTI Regional Secretariat with the acknowledgment of the support provided by the former EAFM TWG Coordinator
5. Recognize the 3rd Coral Triangle Fishers Forum Draft Action Plan presented by WWF;
6. Malaysia and Philippines accept and support the implementation of the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Sub-Regional EAFM Plan while Indonesia will review the plan. Request Indonesia to communicate the result of the in-country consultation to the Regional Secretariat;
7. Acknowledge the presentation of the Regional Strategic Action Program Sulu-Celebes Sea Sustainable Fisheries Management Project from CI Philippines and task Malaysia, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines to complete the endorsement process for application to GEF-7;
8. Acknowledge the Study of Yellowfin Tuna Commercialization Scenarios (WWF);
9. Acknowledge the Global Dialogue for Seafood Traceability (WWF) and their invitation to join the Global Dialogue Advisory Group Members either as the CTI-CFF or as individual governments;
10. Defer discussion on the Informal Tuna Governance Mechanism until the 2019 EAFM WG meeting;
11. Endorse for implementation the 2019 Workplan; and
12. Request for continued support from Development Partners and collaborators to support EAFM Working Group programs.

Marine Protected Areas Working Group

1. Endorse for implementation of the 2019 Workplan;
2. Urge the Regional Secretariat to prioritize the reactivation of the CT Atlas;
3. Request the Regional Secretariat and/or partners to support and secure funding sources for the engagement of an experienced MPA Coordinator immediately;
4. Acknowledge with appreciation the support of USAID SEA Project-Indonesia, CTC, WWF, CI and NOAA in the 7th MPA REX particularly on Sustainable Marine Tourism;

5. Acknowledge the progress and updates on MPA management of the CT6 Countries;
6. Recognize the need for sustained efforts to strengthen capacity building on MPA management including Sustainable fisheries;
7. Recognize the need to conduct research and development to generate information, technologies and methodologies to support effective MPA management; and
8. Endorse CTMPAS nominations as among the priorities in CT6 countries.

Climate Change Adaptation Working Group

1. Note the need to reprioritize and appreciate the support provided by Development Partners to the CCA WG;
2. Reprioritize, revisit and refocus issues affecting CT6 member countries, particularly on CCA what to do in subsequent years for inclusion in the RPOA revision;
3. Task the Climate Change Working Group to finalize the draft Executive Course of CCA - Introductory levels 1 and 2 – by urging CT6 member countries to provide comments by 30th March 2019;
4. Agree to carry over the implementation of two activities - the capacity building on Blue Carbon and CEPA activity in 2019 subject to availability of funds and acknowledge Indonesia to host the activities;
5. Urge the CT6 member countries to come up with their respective Blue Carbon roadmap / initiatives subject to national circumstances;
6. Agree for virtual regional Center of Excellence (COE) hosted by the existing CTI website with inputs from respective national COEs through their respective NCCs;
7. Support the recommendation of the CCA WG to turnover the Chair from Malaysia to Philippines and the turn-over of the Co-Chairmanship from PH to PNG based on the provisions stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the CCA WG; and
8. Approve the CCA TWG Work Plan 2019.

Threatened Species Working Group

1. Note the progress of the TSWG to develop the Regional Conservation Plan of Threatened Species (sharks and rays ,sea turtles and marine mammals);
2. Endorse TOR for pool of experts on threatened species as well as the list of pool of experts;
3. Note and urge countries to move forward in formulating the assessment report on Threatened Species and also developing the national conservation plan for marine mammals, sea turtles, shark and rays;
4. Note and urge countries to move forward in formulating the threatened species monitoring and evaluation indicators;
5. To recognize the need for Regional Secretariat and/or Partners to support and secure funding sources for the engagement of an experienced TSWG coordinator;
6. Acknowledge the support of the German BMU through GIZ and CI to the TSWG in producing a draft outline of the regional conservation plan for sea turtles and other priority threatened species; and
7. Endorse the work plan for TSWG for calendar year 2019.

SESSION 9: GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUPS' REPORT, ROADMAP & BUDGET

Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG)

1. Take note the following:
 - a. The status of the CTI-CFF website and that it would be maintained as it is without any upgrading or improvements in design and structure due to absence of an IT Manager;
 - b. The website is temporarily maintained by service provider located in Jakarta;
 - c. Part time IT personnel will be appointed in financial year 2019; and
 - d. The progress of the appointment of a Finance and Operations Manager.
2. Agree on the following:
 - a. The CTI Coffee Table Book to be developed after the adoption of the Regional Plan of Action 2.0;
 - b. Due to functionality issues, the CTI-CFF Official Document System (ODS) developed in 2017 be migrated to a secured Google Drive platform;
 - c. That the proposed 2019 Organization Structure (with a view to revisit the Organization Chart upon RPOA 2.0 completion) be endorsed by the Council of Ministers' during the 7th Ministerial Meeting (MM-7);
 - d. The proposed scope of work for the positions in the 2019 Organization Chart to be endorsed by the Council of Ministers' during the 7th Ministerial Meeting (MM-7);
 - e. The development of the Guidelines / Recommendations on the use of CTI-CFF for Project Development Pursuits and other related fund-raising initiatives (Guideline) commence upon the appointment of the Finance and Operations Manager; and
 - f. In transition the Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG) will be replaced by the Internal Resource Committee (IRC) overseeing Regional Secretariat's internal finance, operations and administrative matters.
3. Appreciate Malaysia's leadership as the Chair of the Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG).

Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG)

1. Agree on the following for Council of Ministers (CTI COM) endorsement at the 7th Ministerial Meeting (MM-7):
 - a. The amended Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) Terms of Reference;
 - b. The establishment of the Internal Resource Committee (Budget Committee), independent of the FRWG, and its Terms of Reference (TOR);
 - c. New Chair and Vice-Chair of the Internal Resource Committee (IRC) to match the Chair and Vice Chair of CSO and COM;
 - d. Note that Indonesia retain as Chair of FRWG and Malaysia as the Vice-Chair.
2. Accept the 2019 Roadmap and Budget for the Financial Resources Working Group and the Internal Resource Committee.

Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group

1. Migration and upgrading of CT Atlas
 - a. Endorse the Concept Note on a two (2) years program to migrate the Coral Triangle Atlas (CT Atlas) from WorldFish to the Regional Secretariat's Headquarter in Manado, Indonesia;
 - b. Acknowledge and accept that the proposed cost of USD160,000 (utilizing RS budget) for the redesigning of the CT Atlas is spread across two (2) years; and
 - c. Agree to seek options and means for mutual cooperation with other databases such as the ASEAN Centre of Biodiversity (ACB) database and SPREP database; and
 - d. Urge the Regional Secretariat to ensure that the CT Atlas function both as data sharing platform and monitoring & evaluation (M&E) platform.
2. Emerging Issues
 - a. Acknowledge that marine plastic pollution is an urgent problem and recommend for regional efforts among others on waste management and technology transfer and to note future funding opportunities can be explored via GEF-7 and others; and
 - b. Encourage CT6 Member Parties to jointly call for recognition of global response to the marine plastic pollution problem; and to recognize the process going under the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA) on global responses to the marine litter crisis.
3. CTI-CFF 2nd Leaders' Summit
 - a. Agree and recommend to the MM-7 that the 2nd CTI-CFF Leaders' Summit will be held in 2020 upon the completion of the Regional Plan of Action 2.0 in November 2019 or prior to SOM-15;
 - b. Task the Regional Secretariat to make preparations and explore options in hosting the 2nd Leaders' Summit in 2020 such as at COP CBD and to note and appreciate the willingness of the Government of Republic of Indonesia to host the 2nd Leaders' Summit; and
 - c. Ensure that progress towards the Leaders' Summit be reported to the next SOM-15 in 2019 by the host of this event.

SESSION 10: COUNTRY REPORTS

1. Acknowledge and appreciate the Country Reports highlighting activities and efforts of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste towards achieving the goals of their NPOAs and in relation to the RPOA;
2. Appreciate Development Partners, collaborators and Regional Secretariat towards implementing CTI-CFF activities and programs;
3. Recognize the differences among the CT6 in terms of capacities and expertise on the areas of climate change, threatened species and EAFM, thus encouraged the more advanced Member Parties to share their knowledge and expertise through regional exchanges and trainings; and
4. Task the Regional Secretariat to compile and publish the highlights from the country reports upon clearance of the respective NCCs.

SESSION 11: CROSS CUTTING THEMES

Women Leaders Forum (WLF)

1. Acknowledge the uncompleted activities that were unable to be completed in 2018 due to time and financial constraints;
2. Acknowledge Partners projects and programs from: Coral Triangle Centre (CTC) and the USAID and USDOJ for the continued support for WLF; i.e. Intergenerational Learning; Gender programs of the USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership in two (2) learning sites in Bitung, Indonesia and General Santos, Philippines which can form the basis for further comprehensive gender studies in CT6; WWF program for Financial Inclusion and Empowerment for Women in Coastal Communities; and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) works with women in Papua New Guinea in mangroves;
3. Note the importance of the role of women to affect change in marine resource management, waste management, climate change adaptation, amongst others, towards sustainable development;
4. Continue with the CTI-CFF Gender Policy development with support from partners and collaborators, and ensure the CTI-CFF Gender Policy is integrated in the development of the Regional Plan of Action 2.0 (RPOA 2.0), by July 2019;
5. Encourage participation of young and marginalized women into CTI-WLF programs;
6. Accept the financial support from the Regional Secretariat for capacity building programs, subject to budget approval;
7. Approve the following:
 - a. The Terms of References (TORs) for Ambassador and Chair of WLF for future appointments; and
 - b. WLF 2019 roadmap.
8. Agree for the WLF to call for CT6 nominations for WLF Ambassador and Vice-Chair roles and make appointments of both roles by end of February 2019.

Local Government Network (LGN)

1. Acknowledge the following:
 - a. Financial support from USAID-USDOJ will end in August 2019. The Maritime LGN needs to explore potential external funding (e.g. joint project proposal with partners);
 - b. Maritime LGN to continue to advocate for support of local governments in the goals and objectives of CTI members and partners and seeking voluntary budget from members, partners, and supporting countries;
 - c. The conduct of election for new chair of Maritime LGN (2019-2022) to take place in 2019.
2. Endorse the Local Government Plan of Action (LgPOA) for effective implementation of CTI-CFF Goals and Plans at local level;
3. Encourage NCCs to recommend local government champions for promotion of Maritime LGN in CT6 countries and to support the activities/programs of Maritime LGN;
4. Encourage CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to support the activities and programs planned by Maritime Local Government Network for the year 2019 and to strengthen the position of Maritime LGN in relevant events in CT6 countries;
5. Endorse CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to involve Maritime LGN in TWG's program development and activities as recommended in SOM13;

6. Task the Maritime LGN to develop proposal and establish linkages with the Development Partners to assist in implementing its 2019 program;
7. Encourage the Maritime LGN to expand its linkages to other LGUs /local governments; especially from the watershed ridges, and
8. Encourage the Maritime LGN to expedite all of its legal documents.

Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) / University Partnership

1. Acknowledge and appreciate University Partnership's effort and contribution in the transboundary workshops for SSME and BSSE, as supported by the Australian Government;
2. Task RS to recall SOM-10 to develop a list of experts in the field of coral reefs, fisheries and food security and allied fields of discipline pertaining to the RPOA goals or expertise within Coral Triangle area, subject to CT Atlas funding approval;
3. Task Regional Secretariat to coordinate with NCCs in establishing SAG before the 2nd Leaders' Summit;
4. Task Regional Secretariat to communicate with NCCs University Partnership with regards to research collaborations and training opportunities;
5. Task Regional Secretariat to develop guidelines for any transboundary project conducted under the auspices of the CTI includes provision for appropriate collaborative research by countries concerned in support of project objectives;
6. Task the Regional Secretariat to provide to NCCs the status of implementation status of each MOU signed under the University Partnership;
7. Task the Regional Secretariat to furnish the NCCs with draft MOUs in the pipeline for assessments and evaluation to ensure that the content of the MoU is in line with RPOA and NPOA goals; and
8. Task the Regional Secretariat to provide status of the University Partnership in terms of how it operates within the CTI-CFF structure and mechanism.

Capacity Building

1. Accept the proposed budget provided for capacity building opportunities for CT6 members (subject to RS budget approval);
2. Task the RS to work with NCCs and TWGs to submit priority training needs for RS to organize and conduct specific trainings;
3. Task Regional Secretariat to recall past SOM decisions on capacity needs of CT6 and submit report on the progress of implementation;
4. Task Regional Secretariat to revisit the recommendations in the Capacity Building Needs Assessment by GIZ; and
5. Task Regional Secretariat to consolidate capacity needs from various TWGs and CCTs as reported in SOM-14.

5th Regional Business Forum (RBF-5) & Our Ocean Conference

1. Note on Malaysia' withdrawal from organizing the 5th Regional Business Forum (RBF);
2. Task the RS to work with potential organizations/collaborators to redesign the RBF with the objective of attracting private organizations; and
3. Task the Regional Secretariat to plan for RBF with strong coordination with MPA WG as well as with other TWGs as relevant and Development Partners.

Our Ocean Conference

1. Appreciate the participation of the Regional Secretariat in representing CTI-CFF and CT6 countries during the OOC2018;
2. Acknowledge the following:
 - a. Acknowledge the outcomes of the Our Oceans Conference (OOC2018) as presented by the NCC Indonesia;
 - b. Acknowledge the goal of Regional Secretariat's Ocean Talk #1 on RPOA Review findings, highlighting the continued high relevance of this important multi-national collaborative initiative; and
 - c. Acknowledge the objective of Regional Secretariat's Ocean Talk #2 on "Legacy for Coral Triangle - Towards International Recognition for Marine Megabiodiversity Area." on how special status for selected Coral Triangle areas could contribute to both conservation of the natural world linked to responsible use and sustainable economic development.
3. Encourage Regional Secretariat to share information on relevant events to University Partnership members through the respective NCCs;
4. Acknowledge CTI-CFF USD1.3mill commitment made during the OOC in Bali, Indonesia (29-30 October 2018); and
5. Task Regional Secretariat to prepare a tracking commitment report on commitments put forward in the recent OOC2018 to the next OOC2019 (Nov 24-25, 2019).

SESSION 12: CALENDAR OF EVENTS

1. Note the 2019 Calendar of Events, subject to further update and revisions; and
2. Task the Regional Secretariat to work with NCCs, TWGs, cross cutting themes (CCTs) and Development Partners to strategize and further prioritize its participation to profile CTI-CFF in the proposed events.

SESSION 13: AGENDA FOR THE 7TH MINISTERIAL MEETING (MM-7)

1. Agree and approve the agenda for the 7th Ministerial Meeting; and
2. Agree to the draft Joint Ministerial Statement for COM's consideration in the 7th Ministerial Meeting.

SESSION 14: 15th SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-15)

1. Nominate Solomon Islands to host the 15th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-15); and
2. Acknowledge and agree that the 15th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-15) shall be held in November 2018 in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

SESSION 15: OTHER MATTERS

1. Appreciate that the Agreement on the Regional Secretariat of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) (with annexes) was registered and recorded with the United Nations Secretary General on 1st November 2017.

ACCEPTANCE OF CHAIR'S SUMMARY DECISIONS

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Joint Ministerial Statement from 7th Ministerial Meeting

JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT The 7th CTI-CFF Ministerial Meeting (MM-7) 14 December 2018, Makati City – Philippines

The 7th CTI-CFF Ministerial Meeting (MM-7) was held on 14th December 2018 in Makati City, the Republic of Philippines.

The Meeting was chaired by the Chair of the Council of Ministers, H.E. Roy A. Cimatu, Secretary of Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines; and co-chaired by the representative of Council of Ministers of the Solomon Islands Government, represented by H.E. Rosalie Masu, Deputy Director of In-shore Fisheries Division, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources;

and attended by representatives of the Government of Indonesia, H.E. Dr. Suseno Sukoyono, the Minister's Advisor from Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries for Public and Inter-Agency Relations; the Government of Malaysia, H.E. Isnaraissah Munirah Majilis, the Deputy Minister for Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC); the Government of Papua New Guinea, H.E. Yvonne Tio, Executive Manageress, Conservation and Environment Protection Authority; and the Government of Timor-Leste, H.E. Acacio Guterres, Director General of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

Bearing in mind that the Coral Triangle Initiative Leaders' Declaration on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security signed on 15 May 2009 in Manado, Indonesia sets the fundamental foundation for the conservation and sustainable management of coastal and marine resources within the Coral Triangle region;

Recalling the commitments of CTI-CFF in pursuit of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) implementation and to transform such goals along with its targets and regional actions into workable action plans with mutual and coherent coordination at CTI-CFF national levels.

Recognizing that the term of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) shall conclude in 2019 and actions are in place for the development of the Regional Plan of Action 2.0 (RPOA 2.0) to ensure CTI-CFF maintains its relevance as a regional platform to put oceans at the forefront of regional and national policy agendas in achieving significant progress on Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG14) – life underwater ; related SDGs, and emerging issues in the Coral Triangle area, and our global oceans, where this matters most.

Accepting the need for comprehensive monitoring, knowledge sharing, communication of timely information between member countries, Development Partners, Collaborators and other key stakeholders based on science for decision-making for the benefit of human well-being.

Agreeing that the CTI-CFF recognizes the importance of ocean ecosystems for food security and livelihoods; and it is critical to forge and maintain close partnerships while mobilizing resources.

We, the Ministers and Heads of Delegations, hereby:

1. Express our highest gratitude and appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Philippines for the warm hospitality and successful hosting of the pre-14th Senior Officials' Meeting (Pre-SOM), the 14th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-14) and the 7th Ministerial Meeting (MM-7);
2. Adopt the Chair's Summaries of the 13th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-13); Special SOM 2018; and the 14th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-14);
3. Appreciate the contribution and leadership of the Government of the Republic of Philippines as the Chair of the Council of Ministers (COM) and the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), and the Government of Solomon Islands as Vice Chair for 2017 and 2018;
4. 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;

5. Appreciate that the Agreement on the Regional Secretariat of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) (with annexes) was registered and recorded with the United Nations Secretary General on 1st November 2017;
6. Congratulate the Regional Secretariat and appreciate the acceptance of the CTI-CFF as a member of International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) at the 33rd ICRI General Meeting in Monaco on 5-7 December 2018;
7. Accept and appreciate Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim as Acting Executive Director of the CTI Regional Secretariat upon the resignation of Executive Director, Dr. Widi Agoes Pratikto on 10th June 2018;
8. Accept the nomination made by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and designation by the CTI CSO of Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry as the Interim Executive Director (IED) effective 1st October 2018;
9. Accept the amendment to Staff Regulation 7.3 with additional sentence that reads “*The appointment mechanism for the Executive Director shall be made to observe the principle of rotation in alphabetical order among CTI-CFF Member Parties*”;
10. Agree to delegate the responsibility and power of appointment to CTI CSO for the appointments of the new Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services pursuant to Staff Regulation 7.2;
11. Endorse the 2019 Regional Secretariat’s Organization Chart in Annex 1;
12. Endorse the Special Audit Report for 2014 to 2016 and the 2017 Audit Report in Annex 2;
13. Appreciate the annual countries’ financial contributions, and note the outstanding contribution of other member countries in Annex 3;
14. Endorse the transition of the Coordination Mechanism Working Group to the Internal Resource Committee;

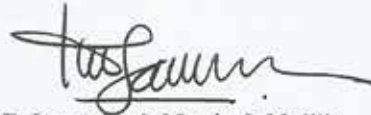
15. Endorse the establishment of the Internal Resource Committee (IRC) and its Terms of Reference (TOR) and Chair and Vice-Chair to follow the chair and vice-chair for the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) and the Council of Ministers (COM);
16. Accept the result of the review of RPOA and continue the process of the RPOA 2.0 development with involvement from all CT6 Member Parties, Development Partners, Collaborators, and relevant resource organizations;
17. Adopt Lesser Sunda Ecoregion and Bismarck Solomon Sea Ecoregion (BSSE) as CTI-CFF Priority Seascapes;
18. Appreciate the continued support from CTI-CFF Development Partners and Collaborators and welcome further cooperation towards meeting the goals of CTI-CFF;
19. Acknowledge the Development Partners' reflections and response to CTI-CFF's achievements, challenges, and willingness to move forward in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration;
20. Recognize the achievements of the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Project through the completion of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and GIZ by December 31, 2018;
21. Endorse and welcome the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) as a new CTI-CFF Development Partner;
22. Approve that the revised 2019 Budget shall be based on country contribution for 2018;
23. Accept the 2017 Audit Report indicating a cash surplus of USD951,168.00 and task the Regional Secretariat to prepare options on the utilization of the cash surplus through the submission of a supplementary budget by 28 February 2019;
24. Agree to delegate powers and responsibilities to the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) to make decisions on the utilization of the cash surplus;
25. Endorse that the 2nd CTI-CFF Leaders' Summit to be held in 2020.

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The CTI-CFF was established formally during the Leaders' Summit in 2009 with approval of the leaders from the CT6 countries. They adopted the CTI Regional Plan of Action (CTI RPOA) which is a strategic action plan with five goals: (1) designation of effectively managed seascapes; (2) application of an ecosystem approach to fisheries management; (3) establishment of a fully functional marine protected area system; (4) strengthening climate change adaptation and resilience; and (5) improving the status of threatened marine species.

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