



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

CHAIR'S SUMMARY

CTI-CFF 15th SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-15)

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by

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

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A. INTRODUCTION

1. The 15th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-15) of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) was convened at the Heritage Park Hotel in Honiara, Solomon Islands from 7th -8th November 2019.
2. The meeting was chaired by the Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), H.E. Dr. Melchior Mataka, the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Environment, and Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology of the Government of Solomon Islands. The Chair was assisted by co-chairs from the delegation of the CTI-CFF Member Countries.
3. The objectives of the SOM-15 meeting were as follows:
 - a. Acknowledge and accept Regional Secretariat's 2019 Progress Report;
 - b. Accept the report of the Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials (CTI-CSO);
 - c. Accept the amendments to the CTI-CFF rules and procedures;
 - d. Acknowledge the draft RPOA 2.0 and update of the CT Atlas;
 - e. Accept Regional Secretariat's Financial Report;
 - f. Acknowledge the 2020 Calendar of Events;
 - g. Acknowledge the venue and tentative date for SOM-16, MM-8 and the 2nd Leaders' Summit;
 - h. Acknowledge and accept Country Reports from CT6 Member Countries;
 - i. Accept and agree to the reports, roadmaps, budgets and recommendations submitted by the five (5) Technical Working Groups;
 - j. Accept and agree to the reports, roadmaps, budget and recommendations submitted by the three (3) Governance Working Groups;
 - k. Acknowledge and accept the reports, roadmaps, budgets and recommendations from the Cross-Cutting Initiatives of the CTI-CFF;
 - l. Participate in Partner's Dialogue focusing on the future of CTI-CFF;
 - m. Acknowledge and accept the inauguration of the new Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services; and the completion of Interim Executive Director's term; and

- n. Acknowledge and accept the amendments of the renewal of the Host Country Agreement.

A. CHAIR SUMMARY: DECISIONS

SESSION 1: OPENING CEREMONY BY HOST COUNTRY

- 1.1. Acknowledged that the Opening Ceremony was officiated by the Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), Dr. Melchior Mataki, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology of the Government of Solomon Islands;
- 1.2. Accepted the Opening and Welcome Remarks by the Chair of CSO to set the tone for SOM-15 (Annex 1);
- 1.3. Acknowledged the representatives of the CT6 Member Countries; and
- 1.4. Accepted the provisional agenda of SOM-15 (Annex 2).

SESSION 2: 2019 PROGRESS REPORT

- 2.1 Acknowledged and accepted the 2019 Progress Report by the Regional Secretariat (Annex 3); and
- 2.2. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to prepare and submit 2019 Annual Report to include the accomplishments and progress of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action 2.0 (RPOA 2.0) as well as audited financial statements by end of May 2020.

SESSION 3: CHAIR'S REPORT

- 3.1 Accepted and approved the Chair's Report from the Chair of CSO (Annex 4).

SESSION 4: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND AMENDMENTS TO CTI-CFF RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 4.1 Acknowledged and approved the updated 2019 Organizational Structure of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (Annex 5);

- 4.2 Approved the 2020 organizational structure with an added position Monitoring and Evaluation Manager (Annex 6);
- 4.3 Agreed to entrust the Executive Director to appoint professional and support staff as needed as per Staff Regulation 4.2 (g);
- 4.4 Agreed to adopt and fully apply the following CTI CFF Regulations to enhance human resource management and operations and the financial and internal work procedures of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in a transparent and accountable manner:
 - 4.4.1 the amended Staff Regulations (Annex 7);
 - 4.4.2 the revised Financial Regulations (Annex 8);
 - 4.4.3 the updated version Financial Policies and Procedures Manual (Annex 9);
 - 4.4.4 the Guide to Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Diplomatic Protocol (Annex 10).
- 4.5 Tasked Regional Secretariat to prove and circulate a revised version of updated Staff Policies and Procedures Manual by 17th November 2019; and a 30-day period is given for CT6 Member Countries to comment. In the event that no comment or input received from the CT6 Member Countries by the 30-day deadline, the draft Staff Policies and Procedures Manual shall be deemed final as mandated by the SOM-14 and fully applied.

SESSION 5: REGIONAL SECRETARIAT'S FINANCIAL REPORT

- 5.1 Acknowledged the Regional Secretariat facilitation on audit process for Financial Year 2018 and fulfilling within 90 (ninety) days submission of the Audited Financial Report for Financial Year 2018 which complies to the Regulation on External Audit of the Financial Regulations;
- 5.2 Acknowledged and accepted to adopt the Audited Financial Report for Financial Year 2018 conducted by external international auditor, Y. Santosa dan Rekan (Annex 11);
- 5.3 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to appoint an external auditor to conduct an audit of the 2019 financial performance of the Regional Secretariat based on rules and regulations;
- 5.4 Acknowledged and appreciated update from the Regional Secretariat on the migration from cash basis to accrual basis as well as implementation of XERO, a new accounting software that provides real time and online financial

reporting to stakeholders for transparency of financial expenditures and standing;

- 5.5 Acknowledged and appreciated the CT6 Member Countries' contribution for 2019 Financial Year as of 25th October 2019 as well as financial support provided by Development Partners namely, USAID, US Department of Interior and Australian Government;
- 5.6 Acknowledged and appreciated the financial investment of the cash amounting to USD426,063 from the cash surplus USD951,168 (as per 2017 audit report) on 23rd July 2019 with current balance position of USD427,349.16 as of 23rd October 2019 in Mandiri Bank Deposit Swap and shall not be used for payment of operational deficiencies (Annex 12);
- 5.7 Acknowledged the fund utilization report amounting to USD1,006,730 as of 25th October 2019 or 61.06 % of total approved allocated budget with detail utilization USD594,870 from Country Contribution and USD411,861 from Approved Surplus (Annex 13).
- 5.8 Approved the proposed budget of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat for Financial Year 2020 amounting USD1,811,251 which consist of USD1,041,251 from 2020 country contribution calculation based on 2013 GDP, USD300,000 from estimated saving and USD470,000 from other sources (Annex 14);
- 5.9 Tasked the Regional Secretariat and the IRC to prioritize the funding of the 2nd Leaders' Summit with amount USD250,000 from other sources such as from uncollected outstanding country contributions; and
- 5.10 Acknowledged the projected budget of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat for Financial Year 2021-2023 (Annex 15).

SESSION 6: MONITORING AND EVALUATION, FINAL DRAFT RPOA 2.0 and CT ATLAS MIGRATION

Development of Regional Plan of Action 2.0

- 6.1 Acknowledged and appreciated the activities and progress of the RPOA 2.0, including the following reports produced by the consultant: Communication Strategy, the Financial Strategy and Architecture, and the Institutional Arrangement;

- 6.2 Noted and appreciated the information shared by NCC Malaysia at the MEWG pre-SOM on improving the structure and mechanism of the CTI-CFF (Annex 16);
- 6.3 Acknowledged and appreciated the support from Development Partners throughout the development process of the RPOA 2.0;
- 6.4 Acknowledged and appreciated the resource mobilization and inputs from the National Coordinating Committees (NCCs) during the development process of RPOA 2.0;
- 6.5 Noted and acknowledged the fourth draft of RPOA 2.0 documents circulated by the Regional Secretariat on the 2nd November 2019; and discussion by the MEWG during pre-SOM and tasked the Regional Secretariat to compile all comments and distribute to the NCCs by 30th November 2019;
- 6.6 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to prepare a matrix comparing comments from CT6 Member Countries and others made during the 1st Consultative RPOA 2.0 Workshop; 3rd Regional Priority Setting Workshop back-to-back with MEWG Meeting; Strategic Communication Expert Workshop; Strategic Financial Resources Expert Workshop; and Institutional Change Framework Workshop and Writeshop for RPOA 2.0, in preparation for the next MEWG workshop; and
- 6.7 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to convene a meeting to oversee the finalization of RPOA 2.0 back to back with the meeting on monitoring and evaluation indicators in 2020.

Migration and upgrading of CT Atlas

- 6.8 Acknowledged and appreciated the activities and progress of the two (2)-year Coral Triangle Atlas (CT Atlas) migration program from WorldFish to the Regional Secretariat, including the hosting, storage, revision and updating CT Atlas interface, recruitment of the new IT Officer and CT Atlas training session at the 8th MPA Regional Exchange (REX) Meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah on 17th October 2019 (Annex 17);
- 6.9 Acknowledged and appreciated the support from the Development Partners towards CT Atlas migration;
- 6.10 Acknowledged and appreciated the willingness of WWF to produce and share distribution maps for threatened species (including marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays), focusing on three (3) CTI-CFF Priority Seascapes into the CT Atlas by February 2020;

- 6.11 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to hold the CT Atlas Training for National Coordinating Committees in Q1 of 2020; and
- 6.12 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to finalize mechanism for data collection and information sharing;

Reflections from Development Partners

- 6.13 Acknowledged and appreciated the reflections from Development Partners on progress of renewal process of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 2.0) and the two (2) year CT Atlas migration program from WorldFish to the Regional Secretariat (Annex 18);
- 6.14 Extended its appreciation and gratitude to the Development Partners' reaffirmation for continued support as presented and shall look forward to the various programs that has been planned for CTI-CFF;

Other Matters

- 6.15 Noted and appreciated the Information shared by Ms. Jackie Thomas of WWF on "No Plastic in Nature" during the MEWG Pre-SOM 15 (Annex 19); and
- 6.16 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to collaborate with WWF to develop a stocktake report on marine plastic pollution in Coral Triangle Region and to provide potential strategies to minimize it.

SESSION 7: 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- 7.1 Noted the 2020 Calendar of Events subject to further update and revisions (Annex 20); and
- 7.2 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to work with National Coordinating Committees, Technical Working Groups, Cross Cutting Initiatives and Development Partners to strategize and further prioritize participation to profile CTI-CFF in the proposed events, subject to availability of funds.

SESSION 8: 16th SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-16), 8th MINISTERIAL MEETING (MM-8) and 2nd LEADERS' SUMMIT

- 8.1 Acknowledged the efforts of the Regional Secretariat in exploring and communicating with the APEC focal points in each CT6 Member Countries,

the APEC Secretariat and the APEC Ocean and Fisheries Working Group (OFWG) on the possibility to host the 2nd CTI Leaders' Summit during APEC Summit 2020 in Malaysia to enhance political commitment among CT6 Member Countries;

- 8.2 Noted that the Government of Malaysia is unable to host the 2nd CTI Leaders' Summit during APEC Summit 2020 and its suggestion to the Regional Secretariat to explore the possibility in organizing the high-level side event in COP-15 CBD in China in 2020 (Annex 21);
- 8.3 Tasked the Regional Secretariat in close consultation with the Government of Indonesia to explore the possibility of convening the 2nd CTI-CFF Leaders' Summit back to back with the Archipelagic and Islands States (AIS) Forum Summit in 2020 in Manado, Indonesia; and
- 8.4 Noted that the Government of Solomon Islands is unable to host the 16th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-16) and the 8th Ministerial Meeting (MM-8) in 2020, and tasked the Regional Secretariat to host the same in Indonesia.

SESSION 9: COUNTRY REPORTS

- 9.1 Acknowledged and appreciated 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 (Annex 22);
- 9.2 Acknowledged and appreciated the Development Partners and collaborators for their support in implementing CTI-CFF activities and programs at the national level; and
- 9.3 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to compile and publish the highlights from the country reports upon clearance of the respective NCCs.

SESSION 10: TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS REPORT, ROADMAP & BUDGET

10.1 Seascape Working Group

- 10.1.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Seascape Technical Working Group (Annex 23);

- 10.1.2 Noted the suggestion from the Regional Secretariat to produce a knowledge product i.e. audio-visual production, infographic with support from Development Partners to highlight the success of the Sulu Sulawesi Seascapes Project as a promotional tool for raising awareness and appreciation among key leaders of CT6 Member Countries and potential donors;
- 10.1.3 Acknowledged and accepted the Project Concept entitled “Transboundary Approach to Securing Coral Reef Fishery and Biodiversity Resources in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape” to be implemented in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines in collaboration with University of Queensland, Australia.
- 10.1.4 Agreed that the submission of the Seascape Working Group on its position for the inclusion of the Seascape General Model and Regional Framework for Priority Seascapes in the RPOA 2.0 through the Regional Secretariat;
- 10.1.5 Tasked the Seascapes Sub-Working Group to develop their Terms of Reference (ToR);
- 10.1.6 Endorsed the Solutions for Marine and Coastal Resilience in the Coral Triangle (SOMACORE) Project proposal aiming to request support from the German Federal Government (Annex 24);
- 10.1.7 Recognized the recent legislations in the Philippines i.e. Bangsamoro Organic Law and the Enhanced National Protected Area System (NIPAS), both aimed to protect and guide the management of the coastal and marine environments particularly in the southern Philippines abutting the Sulu Sea of the Sulu Sulawesi Seascapes; and
- 10.1.8 Endorsed the Seascape TWG Workplan for 2020 (Annex 25).

10.2 Ecosystem Approach of Fisheries Management (EAFM) Working Group

- 10.2.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Ecosystem Approach of Fisheries Management Technical Working Group (Annex 26);
- 10.2.2 Acknowledged and appreciated funding from the US Department of Interior through the Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity (SOACAP) activities. Part of the funding supported two workshops namely the Regional Priorities Workshop (RPW-3) for

Renewed Regional Plan of Action held from 30th April until 2nd May 2019 and the Institutional Framework and Writeshop in Bali, Indonesia in 13th – 15th August 2019;

- 10.2.3 Noted the collaborative effort of Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines in partnership with USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership to finalize and agree on the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Sub-Regional EAFM Plan;
- 10.2.4 Endorsed the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Sub-regional EAFM Plan (Annex 27);
- 10.2.5 Tasked EAFM Working Group to take forward the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Sub-regional EAFM Plan in coordination with Seascape Working Group to explore possibilities for funding and its implementation;
- 10.2.6 Acknowledged and appreciated the potential support of USAID Oceans in partnership with Conservation International - Philippines in the following:
 - a. Conduct of a regional planning workshop to identify priority activities to be implemented under the Sub-Regional EAFM Plan in Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape; and
 - b. Facilitate the establishment of the Sub-Regional Mechanism for Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape and the development of Term of Reference.
- 10.2.7 Requested for continued support from Development Partners and collaborators to support EAFM Working Group programs for 2020;
- 10.2.8 Encouraged Indonesia to complete the process of Endorsement of the Strategic Action Program for the Sustainable Fisheries Management of the Sulu-Celebes (Sulawesi) Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (SCS-LME); and
- 10.2.9 Endorsed the EAFM TWG Workplan for 2020 (Annex 28).

10.3 Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Working Group

- 10.3.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Marine Protected Areas Technical Working Group (Annex 29);

- 10.3.2 Acknowledged the efforts of the CT6 Member Countries and the Development Partners on the status of the SOM-14 decisions;
- 10.3.3 Acknowledged the countries that have submitted the nominees for Sustainable Marine Tourism Focal Points, pilot community sites and encourage other countries to submit their nominees;
- 10.3.4 Encouraged NCC to socialize with national counterparts the destination development programs and criteria from the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) for potential application in their national pilot sites, and provide brief report to Regional Secretariat;
- 10.3.5 Tasked Regional Secretariat and Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force to provide support in the preparation of a guideline or outline for the concept paper of a joint roadmap of sustainable tourism for five years at prioritized community sites, and phasing into larger sites;
- 10.3.6 Requested all NCCs to complete their data inputs to the CT Atlas in preparation for the CT Atlas training in the First Quarter of 2020;
- 10.3.7 Recommended for the formal certification of Category 1,2 3 and 4 be done every two years at SOM;
- 10.3.8 Requested NCCs to nominate the external advisors who will review the CTMPAS Category 3 and 4 sites;
- 10.3.9 Acknowledged the MPA TWG recommendation on the next steps in strengthening the CTMPAS as follows:
 - a. develop pilot activities in community sites in CT6 Member Countries that integrate with other Technical Working Groups and Cross Cutting Initiatives in the priority Seascapes;
 - b. develop awareness and capacity in the CT6 Member Countries on the use of MPA networks as a tool for designing and integrating Category 3 and 4 MPAs with the prioritized roadmaps from EAFM, Threatened Species and Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Groups for next operational steps in the priority Seascapes; and
 - c. complete the design of CTMPAs award program to first be launched in 2021 at the next SOM in connection with the reverification of the CTMPAS inventory.

10.3.10 Accepted the recommendation of the MPA to turn over the Chair from Indonesia to Solomon Islands and the turnover of the Co-Chair from Solomon Islands to Timor-Leste based on the provisions stipulated in the Rules of Procedures of the MPA WG; and

10.3.11 Endorsed the MPA TWG Workplan for 2020 (Annex 30);

10.4 Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Working Group

10.4.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group (Annex 31);

10.4.2 Noted the progress of the development of the draft TOR Executive Course and urge the CCA Working Group to finalize by 2020;

10.4.3 Acknowledged the urgency to increase the Resilience and Adaptive Capacity of Coastal and Marine Ecosystem through Coastal Vulnerability and Climate Risk Profiling including Development of Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) and Strategy for CCA;

10.4.4 Acknowledged the progress to develop the Term of References (ToR) of Centre of Excellence (CoE) and agree to expand the ToR of COE to include other Thematic Areas;

10.4.5 Noted the need for a Communique on the impacts of climate change in the Coral Triangle Region; and

10.4.6 Endorsed CCA TWG Workplan for 2020 (Annex 32);

10.5 Threatened Species Working Group

10.5.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Threatened Species Technical Working Group (Annex 33);

10.5.2 Acknowledged that Indonesia has completed its conservation plan and country assessment report of threatened species (marine mammals, sea turtle, and sharks and rays) entitled "*Assessment of Threatened Species in Indonesia*" and it can be accessed on the CTI-CFF website. Encouraged other CT6 Member Countries to send their conservation plan and country assessment report by February 2020;

- 10.5.3 Acknowledged the submission of the CT6 Member Countries national conservation plan for marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays to be compiled by the Regional Secretariat by 29th February 2020;
- 10.5.4 Endorsed the conduct of the Writeshop of the Regional Assessment of Threatened Species and national conservation plan for marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays to be included in the TSWG Work plan for 2020;
- 10.5.5 Acknowledged and appreciated the contribution of WWF Indonesia on the development of Distribution Map of Threatened Species that will be completed by end of January 2020;
- 10.5.6 Endorsed the Terms of References (ToR) of the Threatened Species Working Group;
- 10.5.7 Endorsed the ToR of the Pool of Experts;
- 10.5.8 Called on the Development Partners for continued support on the development of the Assessment of Threatened Species and National Conservation Plan of the CT6 Member Countries;
- 10.5.9 Endorsed the conduct of the Writeshop for the finalization of M&E indicators in First Quarter of 2020; and
- 10.5.10 Endorsed the TSWG Work Plan for 2020 (Annex 34).

SESSION 11: INTERNAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND FINANCIAL RESOURCE WORKING GROUP

11.1 Internal Resources Committee

- 11.1.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Internal Resources Committee (Annex 35);
- 11.1.2 Acknowledged and accepted the Chair's Summary of the IRC Meeting on 12th February 2019 in Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia (Annex 36);
- 11.1.3 Acknowledged the Legal Opinion/Analysis received from the legal Firm Makarim & Taira and the Focus Group Discussion on 29th April 2019 on the Status of Host Country Agreement between CTI-CFF

Regional Secretariat and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia (Annex 37);

11.1.4 Acknowledged and accepted the recruitment of following Staff of the Regional Secretariat, which has some adjustments in the title of positions:

- a. Mr. Ivan Saltano Kiagoes as Finance and operation Manager (FOM) on 11th February 2019;
- b. Mr. William Tumimomor as the Operation Assistant (OA) on 1st February 2019;
- c. Ms. Rumanti Wasturini as the Assistant Manager for Publication on 29th April 2019;
- d. Mr. Solomon Sundah as the IT Officer on 26th August 2019;

11.1.5 Acknowledged the presentation of progress report of capacity building program, the 2019 Regional Coral Triangle Network Officers (RCTNOs) during the Pre-SOM IRC (Annex 38); and

11.1.6 Approved to continue the implementation of the capacity building of CT6 Member Countries through the Regional Coral Triangle Network Officers (RCTNOs) for CT6 capacity building program for Financial Year 2020 and task the Regional Secretariat to further improve the program.

11.2 Financial Resource Working Group

11.2.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Internal Resources Committee (Annex 39);

11.2.2 Acknowledged the update on actions undertaken by the Regional Secretariat as tasked in the FRWG Meeting of 11th February 2019;

11.2.3 Acknowledged the engagement of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat with existing and potential donors/funders;

11.2.4 Acknowledged the report on the Financial Resources Expert Strategy Workshop conducted between 31st July - 1st August 2019 in Singapore (Annex 40);

11.2.5 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to explore sustainable financing mechanisms through the following:

- a. engage financial experts from CT6 Member Countries to provide technical assistance in developing financial options and solutions;
 - b. develop proposals based on shared and common interest with existing and potential funding institutions;
 - c. consider a blended approach to finance mobilization to allow for a mixed financial solutions and mechanisms.
- 11.2.6 Acknowledged the update by Indonesian delegation on the possibility for partnership with Indonesian Aid as one of the alternative solutions to support the achievement of CTI-CFF's goals and SDGs; and tasked the Regional Secretariat to circulate the detailed information once it is available;
- 11.2.7 Acknowledged and appreciated TNC's efforts to continue to share learning on sustainable financing between the CTI-CFF and other regional oceans framework including the Caribbean Challenge and Micronesian Challenge; and
- 11.2.8 Endorsed FRWG Workplan for 2020 (Annex 41).

SESSION 12: CROSS CUTTING INITIATIVES

12.1 Women Leaders' Forum (WLF)

- 12.1.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Women Leaders' Forum (Annex 42);
- 12.1.2 Acknowledged and appreciated the contribution and support by USAID RDMA, US DOI, and Coral Triangle Centre (CTC) for the launch and development of the WLF in the last five (5) years and the development of the WLF Leadership Training and Competency Framework;
- 12.1.3 Acknowledged the contribution by The Nature Conservancy towards the completion of the Stock-take Assessment for CT6 Gender Policy towards the development process of a CTI-CFF Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Policy;
- 12.1.4 Welcomed and appreciated contribution of Ms. Laura Whitford from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) as WLF Co-Chair;

- 12.1.5 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to support WLF in the distribution and pilot of the WLF Competency Model as training activity early in 2020 for all CT6 Member Countries;
- 12.1.6 Encouraged NCCs to complete all nominations for WLF country Focal Points/Champion by February 2020;
- 12.1.7 Agreed and accepted that WLF will be a crucial component in RPOA 2.0, and shall be included in CTI CFF TWGs activities;
- 12.1.8 Endorsed the WLF's roadmap developed at the Cross-Cutting Initiative Workshop in September 2019 to support RPOA2.0 (Annex 43);
- 12.1.9 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to work with the WLF to ensure the completion of the GESI Policy through provision of funds and other resources; and
- 12.1.10 Endorsed the WLF Workplan for 2020 (Annex 44).

12.2 Local Government Network (LGN)

- 12.2.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Local Government Network (Annex 45);
- 12.2.2 Acknowledged and appreciated the support from USAID/USDOJ/CTC towards Maritime LGN activities and programs (2017-2019) and the valuable support of WWF Coral Triangle Program for LGN's bridge funding (November-December 2019);
- 12.2.3 Acknowledged and recognized the following:
 - a. the Maritime LGN was granted legal status as a registered association by the Ministry of Law and Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia and is now an independent entity;
 - b. the activities were carried out by LGN in 2019 such as the MPA Sustainable Tourism forum for Local Governments in Indonesia and the contribution towards the RPOA 2.0 development.
- 12.2.4 Acknowledged that the Maritime LGN Strategic Roadmap developed in the Cross Cutting Initiative Workshop in September 2019 as guidance and reference in the development of LGN activities (Annex 46);

- 12.2.5 Endorsed and recommended to the Council of Ministers, Maritime LGN application to be a CTI-CFF Partner as per Rules and Procedures Article 20 to assist CTI-CFF in implementing the RPOA 2.0 in an effective manner;
- 12.2.6 Encouraged the Maritime LGN to work in partnership with CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and respective NCCs; and
- 12.2.7 Agreed and recognized that local governments will be a crucial component for the implementation of RPOA 2.0.

12.3 Regional Business Forum (RBF)

- 12.3.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Regional Business Forum (Annex 47);
- 12.3.2 Acknowledged and appreciated the contribution and support by USAID RDMA; US DOI; Coral Triangle Center (CTC) for the Cross-Cutting Initiatives Workshop in September 2019;
- 12.3.3 Noted on the proposal for the rebranding of RBF to CT SBF (Coral Triangle Sustainable Business Forum). A concept paper will be distributed to NCCs for review;
- 12.3.4 Accepted and agreed to the RBF's roadmap developed at the Cross-Cutting Initiatives Workshop (Annex 48);
- 12.3.5 Endorsed the RBF 2020 Activities:
 - a. Partners (WWF and CTC) in collaboration with the Regional Secretariat and NCCs to develop a concept paper on the rebranding of RBF to "CT-SBF" (Coral Triangle Sustainable Business Forum) for distribution and review by Q1 2020;
 - b. Partners (WWF and CTC) in collaboration with RS and NCCs to develop an initial scoping for the RBF "Value Proposition" and private sector mapping activity. Completed by end of Third Quarter 2020;
 - c. RS and NCCs to engage relevant ministries within CTI-CFF countries to help engage private sector (i.e. Trade/Commerce)
 - d. Capitalizing on CTI Summit, RS in collaboration with Partners to organize a small, high-level roundtable meeting with heads of

states, business owners/CEOs of multi-national companies. To be completed by end of Fourth Quarter 2020).

12.4 University Partnership and Scientific Advisory Group

- 12.4.1 Acknowledged and accepted the updates and noted the challenges of University Partnership and Scientific Advisory Group (SAG);
- 12.4.2 Took note of the result of the 1st Meeting of CTI-CFF University Partnership “*Building Tangible Program Actions for Capacity Building and Research*” from 28th February to 1st March 2017 at no cost basis to the Regional Secretariat or CTI-CFF (Annex 49);
- 12.4.3 Acknowledged the voluntary work and services of Prof. Grevo Gerung of Sam Ratulangi University in Indonesia as the CTI-CFF University Partnership Coordinator, elected by the University Partnership members in 2017 for the term of 2017 – 2020;
- 12.4.4 Noted the progress of the development of the draft online Coral Triangle Experts (<http://coraltriangleinitiative.org/content/coral-triangle-experts>) by the Regional Secretariat;
- 12.4.5 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to establish a platform or mechanism for engagement with the experts based on national and regional needs for the endorsement of NCCs;
- 12.4.6 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to explore the reactivation of the University Partnership to be on no cost basis by adopting models such as of the Asia Pacific Research University (APRU) and African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) that pools their own universities’ limited resources to leverage for external additional resources to support goals of the CTI CFF; and
- 12.4.7 Tasked the University Partnership and Regional Secretariat to explore potential partnership with the US SeaGrant program with input from USAID RDMA.

SESSION 13: PARTNER’S DIALOGUE

- 13.1 Recognized and appreciated the reflections from the Development Partners (USAID, TNC, WWF, CTC and WCS) and Collaborator (GIZ) for its support since the CTI CFF was established and its continuous support in the future activities of the CTI CFF (Annex 50);

- 13.2 Recognized the call of the Development Partners to finalize the RPOA 2.0, engage strategic partnerships and support initiatives across the CT6 Member Countries as well as national level; and
- 13.3 Proposed to Development Partners to provide information and if possible, to prioritize programs that can provide direct benefits relating to social well-being and livelihood of the communities in the Coral Triangle region.

SESSION 14: INTRODUCTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND NEW DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES

- 14.1 Recognized and appreciated the efforts of the Appointment Committee for Executive Director (ED) and Deputy Executive Director Corporate Services (DED CS) for overseeing the process to select, recruit and recommend the candidates for the ED and DED CS of the Regional Secretariat;
- 14.2 Appreciated the Government of Malaysia for hosting the interview process of the Appointment Committee for Executive Director (ED) and Deputy Executive Director Corporate Services (DED CS) between 27th to 28th May 2019;
- 14.3 Approved the Chair's Summary of the Appointment Committee for Executive Director (ED) and Deputy Executive Director Corporate Services (DED CS) (Annex 51); and
- 14.4 Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation of Dr. Mohd Kushairi Bin Mohd Rajuddin as the new Executive Director (ED) and Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu as the new Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services (DED CS) (Annex 52).

SESSION 15: HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT

- 15.1 Acknowledged the letter of the Regional Secretariat to all members of the Council of Ministers dated on 20th March 2019 and the draft proposal for the renewal of the Host Country Agreement (Annex 53);
- 15.2 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to re-circulate draft proposal on the renewal of the Host Country Agreement to the CTI Member Countries;
- 15.3 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to engage with the Host Country and other CTI Member Countries to discuss the renewal of the Host Country Agreement with some amendments.
- 15.4 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to compile all comments of the draft HCA from the NCCs by 28th February 2020 and this will start the review process by the Executive Director; and
- 15.5 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to report the progress of the review of the Host Country Agreement at the next Senior Officials' Meeting.

SESSION 16: INAUGURATION OF NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND NEW DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND THE COMPLETION OF TERM OF IED

- 16.1 Congratulated Dr. Mohd Kushairi Bin Mohd Rajuddin of Malaysia for assuming his position as the Executive Director, at the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat commencing on 8th November 2019;
- 16.2 Congratulated Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu of Indonesia for assuming his position as the Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services, at the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat commencing on 8th November 2019;
- 16.3 Appreciated the Government of Indonesia for the designation of Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry as the Interim Executive Director to lead the Regional Secretariat from 1st October 2018 until the new Executive Director is appointed;
- 16.4 Expressed the Council of Ministers and the Committee of Senior Officials' highest appreciation and thanks to Dr Hendra Yusran Siry during his tenure as the Interim Executive Director and his resolute team at the Regional Secretariat, that under his leadership have successfully carried out the task that was entrusted to him to transform the CTI-CFF into a full-fledged international organization that it is now; and
- 16.5 Agreed that while the Executive Director will work with Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry to ensure smooth handover in any possible way until 30th November 2019.

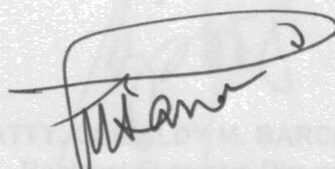
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Appreciated the warm hospitality and excellent hosting and organization of the pre-SOM and SOM-15 by the Government of Solomon Islands; and

Acknowledged and appreciated the support of The Nature Conservancy, World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF), the Coral Triangle Center and the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Project under Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources in the conduct of the pre-SOM and SOM-15.

A. ACCEPTANCE OF CHAIR'S SUMMARY DECISIONS

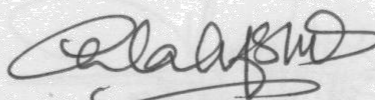
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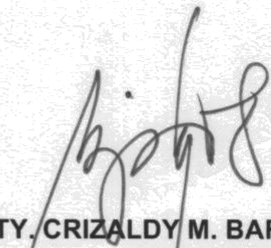
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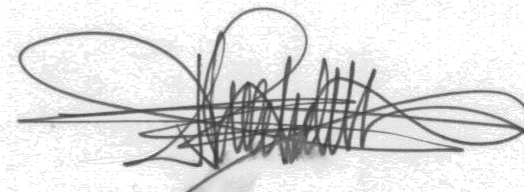
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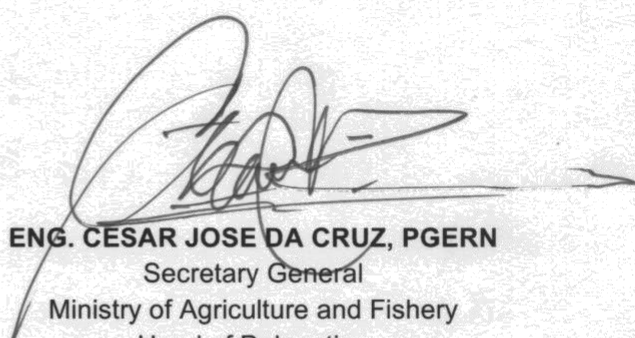
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