



# **CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE**

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

## **Annex 14**

### **Decision Document on**

### **Reports of Cooperation Arrangements**

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**The 12<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-12)**

**1 - 2 November 2016  
Laguna Hotel, Waigani Drive  
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea**

**Adopted on 2 November 2016  
by  
the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,  
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

## I. Background

The 11<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-11) acknowledged and approved cooperation arrangements to support the CTI-CFF. Decision of the SOM11 on the cooperation arrangement including:

1. Acknowledged and noted progress of CTI-CFF Partners' initiatives to support the CTI-CFF;
2. Agreed that implementation of Partners' regional activities supporting CTI-CFF should be channeled through the Regional Secretariat for relevant monitoring;
3. Encouraged Partners' to continue working with NCCs in project planning implementation and alignment with the the CTI-CFF Member States' NPOAs;
4. Acknowledged results of the 1st Regional Workshop on Combating IUU Fishing and Sustainable Fisheries Exercise that intensifying prevention and eradication IUU fishing as crime that requires further cooperation, including the CTI-CFF Member States; and
5. Noted the presentation of Indonesia to develop the CT Information and Learning Center and request NCC Indonesia to provide detailed information/proposal to the next SOM.

Pursuant to the SOM11 decision arrangement this session presented progress towards the cooperation and all efforts undertaken by CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and partners to support CTI-CFF in alignment with RPOA and NPOA.. The partners include Australian Government: Department of Environment (DOE), U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Conservation Indonesia (CI), Coral Triangle Center (CTC), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), Global Environment Facility (GEF), Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), and Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

Among the cooperation arrangements, there are some initiatives undertaken by the Regional Secretariat proposed to be endorsed and acknowledged by the SOM12. namely:

1. CTI-CFF/USAID-DOI Regional Secretariat Work Plan for Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management. This 2-year work plan is supported by USAID/RDMA and assisted by US DOI, and in collaboration with USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnerships and SEAFDEC. The Work Plan aims to strengthen the Coral Triangle Initiative for Coral Reef, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) in ecosystem approach fisheries management (EAFM) through advancing a regional catch documentation and traceability (CDT) to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and promote sustainable fisheries for livelihoods and food security in the Asia and Pacific region by the end of 2018, which focus on :

- 1) Improve application of the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) throughout the Coral Triangle Region by strengthening networks, building technical capacity, and promoting, developing and implementing a Catch Documentation and Traceability (CDT) system throughout the region;
- 2) Integrate targets and goals of the EAFM efforts into other priority areas of the CTI-CFF. CTI-CFF will seek to ensure that the important aspects of the EAFM development effort are integrated into the activities of CTI-CFF's other priority thematic areas. These thematic areas include: 1) marine protected areas (MPAs), 2) climate change adaptation (CCA), 3) seascape protection; and 4) threatened species;
- 3) Strengthen collaboration among key CTI-CFF contributors and partners through a series of cross-cutting activities designed to promote country-to-country engagement, build professional networks, and leverage private sector funding.

The collaboration is pursuant to the SOM11 Decision No. 4.

2. CTI-CFF University Partnership through building collaboration by MOU with leading Universities/research centers in member countries and possible international universities/research center. This Partnership is a part of capacity building program that allow Universities involved to exchange research, education, and outreach in order to underpin all regional actions to achieve RPOA higher outcomes and long-term impacts. This Partnership respects to CTI-CFF principle of that CTI should be based on solid science. At this stage MOU has been established by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat with Bogor Agriculture University, Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember Surabaya, Hasanuddin University, Sam Ratulangi University, all in Indonesia. The partnership will be extent to MOUs with University Malaysia Trengganu in Malaysia as well as with University of Queensland and James Cook University in Australia. This initiative welcomes to any Universities/Research Center in CTI member countries and all over the world to join voluntarily the Partnership. which shall strengthen the CTI-CFF through professional capacity building, innovation and research activities among CT6 countries. The preliminary mechanism of partnership is explained in Concept Note of CTI-CFF University Partnership (attached).

## **II. Decision**

Referring to the presentation and discussion, and consideration among the member country presented at SOM-12 on session on Cooperation Arrangement, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Acknowledged the effort of Regional Secretariat to act as a channel of any initiatives developed in the framework of CTI-CFF supporting activities for relevant monitoring and coordination with member countries;

2. Acknowledged and endorsed the effort made by the Regional Secretariat to establish cooperation arrangements:
  - a. Initiated and signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SEAFDEC, SPREP and CTC in 2015; with GIZ in March 2016;
  - b. Initiated and signed MoUs with four of Indonesian universities in October 2016 namely Bogor Agricultural University, Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember Surabaya, Hasanuddin University and Sam Ratulangi University as for strengthening CTI-CFF to achieve its goals in terms of research supports, education, and outreach program for capacity building and scientific advisory group;
  - c. Acknowledged the initiation of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat for upcoming MOU with Universiti Malaysia Terengganu from Malaysia, James Cook University from Australia; as well as the upcoming potential signing of MoU to extent cooperation arrangements with PEMSEA, University of Queensland from Australia and Solomon Islands National University from Solomon Islands in the frame of the proposed CTI-CFF University Partnership and other potential cooperation arrangements to be established and pursued by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in the near future.
3. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to share existing MoUs with NCCs as well as to ensure NCCs involvement in respective cooperation arrangement to have better coordination and collective efforts;
4. Acknowledged the preparations done by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to collaborate with USAID-DOI for Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management and share the relevant project documents and information with NCCs for review and appropriate actions;
5. Urged the Development Partners to share, communicate; coordinate and follow through with the Regional Secretariat on its financial commitment and support extended to NCCs / CT6 Member Countries for transparency purposes;
6. Reviewed Regional Plan of Action in 2017 (due to expire 2020):
  - a. Review of effectiveness rather than actions;

- b. Aim is to consider major regional achievements and weaknesses in RPOA and make recommendations for developing strategic direction from 2020;
  - c. Review priorities for strategic action between now and 2020 to give focus to work plans – what regional actions are still to be achieved and are of high value; and
  - d. Partners willing and well-positioned to support this process.
7. Adopted consistent approach for Member oversight of Regional Secretariat:
- a. To ensure that Members provide support and feedback needed for optimal Regional Secretariat performance;
  - b. Compare with other regional institutions (e.g. SPREP);
  - c. Regular meetings with subset of members; and
  - d. Member annual review of senior staff performance.
8. Facilitated greater understanding of CTI decisions and constitution:
- a. Utilize workspace pages within CTI-CFF website to access and upload up-to-date documents and conversations.
9. Maximized impact of external communications:
- a. Strengthen focus within communications materials on value-add of regional approach;
  - b. Enhance promotion of achievements, knowledge products and lessons learned; and
  - c. Demonstrate tangible outcomes achieved through investment to date.