



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex 3

Decision Document on

The Updated Status of Brunei Darussalam as A New Member State of CTI-CFF

The 12th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-12)

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

**Adopted on 1 November 2016
by
the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

I. Background

At the 11th CTI-CFF Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-11) held on 2-3 December 2015 in Manado, Indonesia, the meeting was informed on the efforts of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat meeting with the Minister of Primary Resources and Tourism back in April 2015. The Meeting also endorsed Brunei Darussalam as a new member of CTI-CFF subject to the submission of the Head of State's adoption to the CTI Leaders' Declaration on CTI-CFF; and the submission of the Instrument of Accession to the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to the Depository.

The CTI-CFF Regional established communications with the Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism of Brunei Darussalam, in particular letter to the Honourable Minister in March 2016. Since then, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat established intensive communications with the office of the Ministry in order to get updates the said documents.

The Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Primary Resources and Tourism of Brunei Darussalam through his letter IKAN/96 CTI CFF on 15 September 2016 officially confirmed that due to unavoidable circumstances, Brunei Darussalam need to put the said application mentioned in SOM-11 decision on hold at this moment. The Ministry will inform the Regional Secretariat accordingly once Brunei Darussalam ready to join CTI-CFF. This letter also had been circulated to Committee of Senior Officials on 10 October 2016 for ready reference.

II. Decision

Referring to the discussion and consideration among the SOM-12 on session on Development Process on Status of Brunei Darussalam as A New Member State of CTI-CFF, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Acknowledged the notice from Brunei Darussalam to hold its application to be a new member state of the CTI-CFF; and
2. Agreed to discontinue this agenda item from future SOM until a notification letter Brunei Darussalam is being received to indicate its readiness to be part of CTI-CFF and to fully comply to the Rules and Regulations under Rule 21.

Attachment:

- 3.1. Presentation on updated status of Brunei Darussalam