



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

**ANNEX - 9  
DECISION DOCUMENT ON:  
PROGRESS OF THE NINE (9)  
REGIONAL PRIORITY ACTIONS:  
RESULTS FROM PRIORITY ACTIONS AND COORDINATION**

**6<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING (SOM6)  
10-12 November 2010  
Manado, Indonesia**

**Adopted 12<sup>th</sup> November 2010  
By the Government of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,  
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

## **SESSION #2**

### **Progress on the Regional Priority Actions**

#### **1. Background**

The *CTI Regional Priority Action and Coordination Workshop 2010-2011* launched collective planning for collective implementation of regional actions identified by the *CTI Regional Plan of Action*, endorsed by the leaders of the six Coral Triangle countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste) at the CTI Summit in Manado in May 2009. The workshop resulted in an improved sense and reality of partnership across the country governments and partners, a priority selection of nine actions from the regional plan to initiate collaborative activities, and implementation activities for those nine actions with teams, funding streams and next steps identified. Significant focus and progress from the six countries in developing their *CTI National Plans of Action* and institutional development of the CTI has absorbed most of the past year. This event was the first opportunity for the six countries and their partners to convene for coordination and planning on the substantive content of the CTI and implementation of the Regional Plan of Action.

#### **Workshop Background**

The workshop was held from 17 to 19 May 2010, in Jakarta, Indonesia. Hosted by the CTI interim Regional Secretariat and the Government of Indonesia with support from the US CTI Support Program and Conservation International, the meeting was mandated by the CTI Ministerial Meeting held in Gizo, Solomon Islands in November 2009 to initiate collective and regional scale activities towards achieving the ambitious goals of the Regional Plan of Action.

The purpose of the workshop was to prepare coordinated activities at the regional level that addressed the prioritized actions from the CTI Regional Plan of Action for 2010-2011, in the context as early actions with pilot mechanisms while the formal structure of the CTI was being established. As the first work planning and coordination milestone, the workshop was structured simply and informally to allow innovation, adaptive management and goal-oriented cooperation to fuel the process, using small round table discussions and break out groups by RPOA Goal. Approximately 60 participants from 10 countries worked in teams (consisting of country representatives, government and non-government partners, technical advisors and observers) defined by the five thematic goals of the Regional Plan of Action (Seascapes, Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management, Marine Protected Areas, Climate Change Adaptation and Threatened Species). Goal Teams identified one or two priority actions for each goal under the Regional Plan and a sequence of activities to implement the selected action. Cross cutting themes were also reviewed in this context. For each Priority Action, Goal Teams identified the key activities needed to achieve each Action, a multi-stakeholder implementation team with some roles defined, a funding stream, and immediate next steps.

#### **2. Workshop Outputs**

Outputs included: 1) Nine identified priority actions from the RPOA for initial implementation, 2) Activities and implementing teams with funding streams, and initial steps identified for each of the nine priority actions, 3) Initial agenda and plans for the sixth Senior Official Meeting to be held in Indonesia in July or September in 2010, and 4) Initial contents of the First Annual CTI Report

### **3. Recommended Priority Actions**

The workshop identified nine priority actions from the Regional Plan of Action that required collective action(s), or that generated economies of scale that warranted collective or parallel actions. These included:

Goal 1 (Seascapes), Target 2 (Marine and coastal resources within all "Priority Seascapes" are being sustainably managed), Action 1: Adopt a general "model" for sustainable management of seascapes.

Goal 2 (EAFM), Target 1 (Strong legislative, policy and regulatory frameworks in place for achieving an ecosystem approach to fisheries management (EAFM)), Action 1: Collaborate to develop a "common regional framework for legislation and policy" that would support EAFM; drawing on this, strengthen regional and national legislation, policies and regulations.

Goal 2 (EAFM), Target 1, Action 2: Improve enforcement of IUU fishing through greater collaboration.

Goal 3 (MPA), Target 1: (Region-wide Coral Triangle MPA System (CTMPAS) in place and fully functional), Action 1: Jointly establish overall goals, objectives, principles, and operational design elements for a CTMPAS centered around priority MPA networks.

Goal 3 (MPA), Target 1: (Region-wide Coral Triangle MPA System (CTMPAS) in place and fully functional), Action 3: Build capacity for effective management of the CTMPAS.

Goal 4 (CCA), Target 1 (Region-wide Early Action Plan for Climate Change Adaptation for the near-shore marine and coastal environment and small island ecosystems developed and implemented), Action 1: Identify the most important and immediate adaptation measures that should be taken across all Coral Triangle countries, based primarily on analyses using existing models.

Goal 4 (CCA), Target 1, Action 3 and 4: (blended) Complete and implement a Region-wide Early Action Plan for Climate Change Adaptation and Conduct capacity needs assessments and develop capacity programs on climate change adaptation measures

Goal 5 (Threatened Species), Target 1 (Improved status of sharks, sea turtles, seabirds, marine mammals, coral, seagrass, mangroves and other identified threatened species), Action 3: Complete and implement region-wide Sea Turtles Conservation Action Plan.

Goal 5 (Threatened Species), Target 1, Action 5: Complete and implement region-wide Marine Mammals Conservation Action Plan.

### **4. Recommended Implementation Activity Plans for Priority Actions**

A table that more clearly defines the specific Actions and planned activities for implementing the actions is developed as part of the report of this event. This

table will be refined soon with the verification from the CT6 country and the first meetings of the Activity Teams that consist of CT6 Focal Points and partners. The table is separated by GOAL, defines each selected Target, Priority Action and activities under each action, with a proposed schedule, implementing and resource teams, and responsible party for the next step.

A set of cross-cutting themes were reviewed and used to potentially facilitate coordination among the activities towards implementation efficiency and to facilitate various organizations in recognizing ways to contribute or participate in the CTI implementation. The workshop identified capacity building and knowledge management as the two most common themes among the regional priority actions. Participants proposed a recommendation for SOM to establish a working group with the CT6 and partners on capacity building that could facilitate development of a stronger foundation among the CT6 countries towards becoming more self-reliant.

## **5. DECISION**

Session #2 on Progress on the Regional Priority Actions was chaired by Papua New Guinea. Based on the final draft presented and the discussions held on this topic at the 6<sup>th</sup> Senior Official Meeting (SOM6), the Meeting took the following decisions:

1. ENDORSED the identified nine actions from the Regional Plan of Action as the priority actions for the CTI-CFF in 2010 – 2012 (as Attachment 9-1)
2. ENDORSED the establishment of thematic working groups based on the Terms of Reference attached (Attachment 9-2) to accommodate and facilitate the development of immediate next steps required to implement the set of activities related to each priority action, namely:
  - a) Seascape Working Group (SWG)
  - b) Fisheries Working Group (FWG)
  - c) Marine Protected Areas Working Group (MPAWG)
  - d) Climate Change Working Group (CCWG)
  - e) Threatened Species Working Group (TSWG)
3. ENDORSED the establishment of a cross-cutting issue working group to facilitate coordination among various organizations and activities towards implementation efficiency in capacity building programs, namely:  
Capacity Building Working Group (CBWG)
4. AGREED to assign not more than two personnel/staff to become the focal points for each working groups established in decision #2 and decision #3.
5. AGREED to immediately set the working groups in motion to facilitate the implementation of the priority actions based on decision #1
6. TOOK NOTE the presentation on the progress of regional priorities activities in Seascape, Marine Protected Areas, and Capacity Building.
7. TOOK NOTE the decision proposed by the Interim Climate Change Adaptation working group (as Attachment 9-3).
8. APPROVED the recommendation proposed by the Interim Fisheries Working Group on activities of Live Reef Fish Trade (Attachment 9-4)