

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

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LIVE REEF FISH TRADE (LRFT)
WORKSHOP REPORT TO SOM6

6th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING (SOM6) 10-12 November 2010 Manado, Indonesia

LRFT Workshop Report to SOM 6

Goal #2, Target #4 of the CTI-CFF RPOA

"Achieving more effective management and a more sustainable trade in Live Reef Fish and Reef-Based ornamentals"

- Actions 1 & 2
 - Develop a collaborative work program on management of and international trade in coral reef-based fish
 - Establish an informal CTI Forum on Management of and International Trade in Coral Reef-Based Organisms

Ecosystem Approaches to a Sustainable Live Reef Fish Trade in the Coral Triangle

- Regional Exchange: 12-15 Oct 2010; Kota Kinabalu
- Objectives
 - ✓ EAFM & LRFT Theme common understanding
 - ✓ Science Needs for Management Theme cooperation
 - ✓ Forums & Roundtables Theme review models
 - ✓ APEC-sponsored LRFFT Workshop prepare
- Participants: (~21 CT6, ~10 Resource Persons)
 - ✓ CT6 Fisheries Managers, EAFM Focal Points, Science Advisors, and Specialists on EAFM, Round Tables, Fisheries Policy (US CTI SP sponsored)

Results 1: EAFM and the LRFT

- Comparative Policy Review begun will continue
- Priority "Needs" to Reform LRFT to be more EAFM
 - 1. Base National Polices on EAFM principles— LRFF as pilot
 - 2. Collaborate to encourage (and later require) buyers import from responsibly managed, legal sources (i.e. IUU)
 - 3. Develop, promote & enforce complementary management across CT6 standards for high risk LRFT species
 - 4. Encourage/facilitate Public-Private Partnerships for full-cycle mariculture of important species using Better Management practices
 - 5. Standardize LRFT management in CT with codes of practice, certification, traceability
 - 6. Standardize statistics needed for better LRFT management

Results 2: Science for Management Science is undervalued.

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Overlapping Priorities for new Science & Info:

- To determine timing, location, behavior of Fish Spawning Aggregation Sites by species
- To improve knowledge of existing stocks and habitats
- To improve knowledge of basic life history characteristics for target species at relevant scales
- To support development of "viable" full-cycle mariculture production
- To improve traceability (chain of custody) of LRFF from wild-caught and aquaculture production

Results 3: Roundtables & Forums

- Multi-stakeholder initiative (e.g., Round Table) is a good option for LRFT Dialog and Reform
- Technical Working Group established to formulate & endorse TOR to establish a sub-committee/working group to consider appropriate model, including composition involving markets and the private sector
- 11 Core Issues for Dialog defined, including:
 - a. Species under threat from over-exploitation and unsustainable fishing practices
 - b. Unsustainable demand from Market
 - c. Unfair pricing for Fishers/Collectors
 - d. Lack of Regulations on Fish Size, Spawning Collection
 - e. Bad Practices along Value Chain (IUU, high mortality)
 - f. Lack of Awareness of issues along value chain
 - g. Lack of information on ecological, biological, socio-economic indicators

Result 4: APEC FWG Workshop

Market-Based Improvement in the Live Reef Food Fish Trade, Feb 2011, Session on Regional Cooperation; CTI Invited as Speaker

- Good opportunity to Showcase CTI and Initiate LRFT Reforms. Recommend:
- CTI Senior Official Message: CTI members working together through Ecosystem Approaches towards LRFT sustainability, seeking cooperation from other countries & stakeholders
- LRFT Participant: Summary of the Workshop

Recommendations to SOM for Approval

Recommendation 1:

Approval to present results of the CTI LRFT October Workshop as an official CTI result to the APEC LRFT Workshop to be held in Indonesia (Feb 2011)

Senior Official message & CTI LRFT Workshop results

Recommendation 2:

Request EAFM Focal Points and relevant Technical Working Group review and incorporate recommendations from the LRFT Workshop into their work as appropriate

Recommendation 3:

Request that as per recommendations from LRFT Workshop, multi-stakeholder initiatives for LRFT be considered by the appropriate Technical Working Group as

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part of overall effort to strengthen private sector engagement with the CTI through Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) that support the EAFM Policy Framework.

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