



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

**ANNEX 5:
Decision Document on:
STATE of CORAL TRIANGLE REPORT
(SCTR)**

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State of the Coral Triangle Report

It is necessary for CTI-CFF to have a report describing the current status of the marine resources and environment at the beginning of collaboration to serve as the point of reference to track progress and changes in the future. CT6 had agreed in SOM6, November 2010 in Manado to develop the State of the Coral Triangle Report (SCTR). The Asian Development Bank is supporting this effort in coordination with the Interim Regional Secretariat. Each country will produce a report using an accepted outline presented in SOM6. The outline, now being used by the countries as template, benefitted from discussions during the last ADB Regional Needs Assessment Workshop held in March 2011 in Manila. From the individual country reports, with support from partners, the Regional Secretariat will prepare the regional SCTR report.

The SCTR is different from the CTI Progress Report which describes progress on the regional and national plans of action, programs, and implementation activities. The SCTR deals more directly with the status of biophysical and socio-economic characteristics of the marine resources, communities, country or region, as appropriate as the baselines for future Monitoring and Evaluation measurements.

Towards the end of the 2nd quarter of 2011, the consultants through official ADB communication, requested the CT6 to designate their respective focal points for the preparation of the SCTR. All countries have complied with this request, and SCTR writing teams have been designated. The designated SCTR point persons are presented in attachment 5-1. At present, CT6 countries are also at various stages in the writing of the SCTR. Discussions are also underway between the Technical Assistance and the USCTI Program for the latter to provide some additional technical writing support for the preparation of the Regional SCTR and the conduct of regional write shops.

The ADB team presented an initial concept proposal for a pre-conference event to launch the CTI SCTR to be held in conjunction with the 12th International Coral Reef Symposium (ICRS) in July 2012 in Cairns, Australia. The launching of the SCTR with 12 senior officials from the CT6 is being favourably considered to be jointly funded by the Australian Government and ADB.

Decision:

Based on the presentation made at the Seventh Senior Officials Meetings, the Meeting:

1. Acknowledges the efforts made by countries in the preparation of the SCTR
- 2.. Agrees to support the Roadmap to completion of the SCTR.
3. Supports the pre-conference State of the Coral Triangle activity at ICRS (International Coral Reef Symposium) in July 2012.
4. Agrees to task the Regional Secretariat to oversee a technical review and approvals of the CTI Progress Report and the State of the Coral Triangle Report before final approvals.