



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex 8
Decision Document on:
COORDINATION MECHANISMS

8th CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting (SOM8)

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by the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines,
Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste

I. Background

At the Seventh Meeting of the Council of Senior Officials (SOM7) held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 24 – 26 October 2011, the suite of Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of the CTI-CFF was endorsed by the CTI Council of Ministers. The Agreement still needs to be signed by Ministers, and ratified by each of the CT6. It has been one year since the conclusion of the negotiations on the Agreement of the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat, and there is need for fast-tracking the ratification process.

SOM7 also resulted in a Roadmap to a Permanent Secretariat, endorsed for implementation by the Council of Ministers. Currently there is a lack of progress on the steps outlined in the Roadmap, and the process needs to be reinvigorated.

A draft outward Communications Strategy has been in circulation amongst the CT6 countries. A Communications Strategy is vital in guiding the efforts of the CTI in its outreach and in the engagement of future partners/collaborators, and the wider international community. At the moment, such outreach is conducted in an ad hoc basis.

The CT-CFF has received informal inquiries from several potential new CTI Partners. The criteria and processes for the admission of new CTI Partner need to be developed to give a positive signal to those organizations that the CTI-CFF is an inclusive organization.

Finally, in order to be able to better facilitate and support the CTI-CFF as an organization, there is need for the interim Regional Secretariat to develop an operations plan.

II. Decision of the CTI Council of Senior Officials at its 8th Meeting (SOM8)

Decision 1. Noting the need to clarify how the signing of the Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of the CCTI-CFF ('Agreement') by Ministers should proceed, agree that:

- 1.1. Page 8 of the Agreement be replaced by a page that contains only the names of Ministers or officials that are ready to sign the Agreement at MM4.
- 1.2. Members that are ready to sign the Agreement at MM4 will sign the copy of the Agreement that was signed by Indonesia at MM3, with this amendment.
- 1.3. Following MM4, the interim Regional Secretariat will facilitate the signing of the same copy of the Agreement by any CTI member countries that are not able to sign the Agreement at MM4

Decision 2. To continue implementing the Roadmap to a Permanent Regional Secretariat agreed at the 3rd Meeting of the Council of Ministers (MM3), agree to the following:

- 1.1. The Transitioning to a Permanent Secretariat Workplan ('Workplan').
- 1.2. Implementation of the Workplan is to be led by the CMWG and facilitated by the interim Regional Secretariat.
- 1.3. The timing of CMWG meetings under the Workplan should be aligned with other CTI regional meetings, in order to minimize travel and costs.

Decision 3. Endorse the Communications Strategy Design and 2013 Work Plan for the completion of the CTI Communications Strategy by 2013

Decision 4. On the criteria and processes for the admission of new CTI Partners, agree to adopt the following:

4. 1 Definition

“Partners” remain a select group of strategic supporters as outlined by the CTI Rules and Regulations. Other supporters are involved as a part of a “CTI Stakeholder Group” who share information on their activities, receive information on CTI plans and activities, invited to meetings on a case-by-case basis (not automatically).

4.2. Criteria of a CTI Partner

4.2.1. Demonstrate commitment, and capability and integrity to be a major supporter over a sustained period of time for the implementation of CTI RPOA and NPOAs.

4.2.2. A commitment to work with the Regional Secretariat, NCCs and other Partners in planning and providing support towards achieving the shared vision of the CTI-CFF.

4.2.3 A commitment to work with the CT6 and other Partners to help to successfully develop the CTI-CFF as a regional forum, and to help plan, coordinate and mobilize efforts to achieve successful implementation of the CTI-CFF RPOA and NPOAs.

4.3 Process for becoming a CTI Partner: Application to the Secretariat, which then facilitates the CTI Council of Senior Officials and Council of Ministers’ consideration of the application.

Decision 5. Agree there is need for the interim Regional Secretariat to have an Operations Plan for 2013 by 15 December 2012 in order to be able to fulfill its mandates in an effective manner.