



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex –10a
Decision Document on:
Admission of New Partners
Coral Triangle Center

The 9th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING (SOM9)
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I. Background

The necessary procedures and criteria for the admission of new Partners to CTI-CFF have been set at SOM8. The admission process requires the prospective Partner to submit a formal application to the Secretariat, which then facilitates the CTI-CSO's and CTI-COM's consideration of the application.

The IRS has received a letter of application from the Coral Triangle Center (CTC) to become a Partner. A preliminary assessment made by the IRS based on the admission procedures and criteria indicated that CTC's application could be facilitated and brought up to CTI-CSO and CTI-COM for their consideration.

II. Decision

Based on presentations made by the IRS and the applicant organization and discussions during the session on *Admission of New Partners* at SOM9, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Welcome the application by CTC for recognition as a CTI-CFF Partner;
2. Recommend to the CTI-COM the admission of CTC as a CTI-CFF Partner.



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Annex 10b Decision Document on:

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Put broadly, both CTI-CFF and FAO are pursuing objectives related to sustainable utilization of marine resources in the Coral Triangle, food security, poverty reduction and eradicating malnutrition among coastal rural communities in the region. In the months leading up to the RPW-2 last August 2013 in Manado, Indonesia, FAO expressed an interest to work closely with CTI-CFF and in a presentation at RPW-2, a representative of the organization explained to the CT6 the many avenues toward cooperation between FAO and CTI-CFF. These include sustainable tuna management, Large Marine Ecosystems (LMEs), and the development of sustainable marine aquaculture. FAO has extended the CT6 an offer of assistance in developing proposals for project funding, and an invitation to participate in some site-based capacity-building activities.

II Decision:

Based on presentations made by the IRS and FAO and discussions during the session on *Admission of New Partners* at SOM9, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Task the IRS to define, by 30 April 2014, a detailed mechanism for cooperation on fisheries and other shared interests between CTI-CFF and other international inter-governmental bodies like FAO;
2. Task the IRS to assist the CTI-CSO Chair in drafting a letter to FAO in response to the FAO presentations at RPW-2 and SOM9.



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SEAFDEC has been working with CTI-CFF on EAFM-related activities and has been designated as the Interim Secretariat of the Intergovernmental Forum on Live Reef Food Fish Trade (LRFFT) through a resolution signed on 1 February 2013 by some of its member-countries in the Coral Triangle. The SEAFDEC Council has taken cognizance of said resolution, noting in its April 2013 Meeting, *"the 'Resolution on Sustainable Live Reef Food Fish Trade (LRFFT) in the Southeast Asian Region and CTI-CFF Member Countries,' which was originally signed by Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Vietnam, Timor Leste, and Solomon Islands. Considering the importance of LRFFT, the Council endorsed the Resolution to enhance its implementation in the Southeast Asian region, and authorized SEAFDEC to serve as Interim Secretariat for the LRFFT Regional Forum."* Source: <http://www.seafdec.org/index.php/news/127-forty-fifth-meeting-of-the-council-southeast-asian-fisheries-development-center-seafdec>. SEAFDEC has expressed interest to formalize the partnership through an MOU (Attachment 1.)

II Decision

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1. Task the IRS to define, by 30 April 2014, a detailed Mechanism for Cooperation on fisheries and other shared interests between CTI-CFF and other international inter-governmental bodies ("Mechanism") like SEAFDEC and FAO;
2. Task the IRS in consultation with the EAFM WG to finalize, in accordance with said Mechanism, the draft MOU between CTI-CFF and SEAFDEC for presentation at SOM10.
3. Authorize the appropriate CTI-CFF organ to sign appropriate instrument of cooperation as defined in the Mechanism.

Reference:

Activity Report: Live Reef Food Fish Trade Intergovernmental Forum, Bangkok, Thailand, January 31 and February 1, 2013

Attachment1

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING Between THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SEAFDEC) And THE CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY (CTI-CFF)

PREAMBLE

Recognizing the mutual benefits that could be gained through enhanced cooperation, the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (hereinafter referred as “SEAFDEC”) and the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (hereinafter referred to as “CTI”), agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize relevant collaborative efforts in fostering Research and Development (R&D) in fisheries in the countries around the Coral Triangle that comprise the CTI-SEAFDEC partnership.

INTRODUCTION

SEAFDEC is an inter-governmental organization established in 1967 with the mandate to promote fisheries development and management in the Southeast Asian region. Governed by the Council Directors representing its Member Countries, 10 ASEAN member states and Japan, SEAFDEC comprises four departments located in Thailand, Singapore, Philippines, and Malaysia, with the headquarters in Bangkok, Thailand. SEAFDEC focuses on R&D in responsible fishing technologies and practices, fishery post-harvest and food safety, sustainable aquaculture, and fishery resources development and management.

The CTI is a multilateral partnership among six countries, namely: Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Timor Leste, and the Solomon Islands, with the main objective of addressing the urgent threats facing the coastal and marine resources of one of the most biologically diverse and ecologically rich regions on earth, the Coral Triangle. Embracing about 4 million square miles of ocean and coastal waters in Southeast Asia and the Pacific, the Coral Triangle is also home to some 363 million people and encompasses economic zones where each country has exclusive rights to the marine resources. Being recognized as the global center of marine biodiversity, the Coral Triangle serves as the spawning and juvenile growth areas for important fish species in the world, directly sustains the lives of more than 120 million people living within this area, and benefit millions more worldwide.

Since SEAFDEC and CTI share common interests in fostering research and training in fisheries, both Parties agreed to cooperate in the promotion of sustainable fisheries management in the Coral Triangle, utilizing their joint expertise.

PURPOSE / OBJECTIVE

While SEAFDEC aims to promote sustainable development of fisheries and aquaculture for food security in the Southeast Asian region: improve management and mechanism for sustainable development of aquatic resources; improve socio-economic well-being; and strengthen regional programs to sustainable use of aquatic resources including aquatic production systems for food security of the region; CTI aims to address the threats that confront the natural resources of the Coral Triangle area.

Taking into consideration the relevant functions of SEAFDEC and CTI, this general MOU shall focus on the following aspects:

1. Human Resource Development
 - 1.1 Training
 - Collaborative curricula development, especially in Responsible Fisheries, Seafood Product Development, and Ecological Sustainable Development
 - Exchange of expertise, e.g. staff/lecturers/experts/trainees/students exchange
 - Bi-/multi-lingual in-service training, tertiary level training
 - 1.2 Workshops, Seminars and Symposia
 - Participation of Parties by sending participants, contributors and resource speakers
2. Research and Development
 - Conduct of collaborative and joint research program using SEAFDEC research vessels
 - Extension of technological advancements and promotion of social development and socio-economic well-being, especially through regional workshops, seminars, symposia and on-site events
3. Consultancy
 - Collaborative consultancy by drawing on the expertise of SEAFDEC and CTI
4. Information Management and Networking
 - Information development, exchange, and dissemination
 - Cooperation in information networking

GENERAL PROVISION

In order to carry out and fulfill the objectives of this MOU, SEAFDEC and CTI will seek to work together on activities that would be of mutual interest of both Parties. Therefore, either Party may initiate proposals for activities that would be carried out under this MOU. Specific details for such activities shall be set forth in a Letter of Agreement which, upon signing by the Head Delegate of the two organizations, shall become an integral part of this MOU. The Letter of Agreement shall include such terms as:

- Elaboration of the responsibilities of each Party for the agreed upon activity;
- Schedule of implementation for the specific activity;
- Budgetary allocations and sources of funds for each activity; and
- Any other items necessary for the efficient achievement of the activity.

The respective Parties shall be responsible for the evaluation of the activities under this MOU in accordance with the practices of their respective organizations.

Both Parties will share all information derived from the activities undertaken, *i.e.* scientific technological research, marine capture fisheries, fisheries post-harvest technology, aquaculture, and fishery resources development and management.

DURATION AND TERMINATION

This MOU shall become effective on the date of signing and shall be valid for a period of ten (10) years from 2012 to 2021. The MOU may be renewed or extended by mutual consent, and may be terminated by either Party at any time provided that the terminating Party gives written notice of its intention at least three months before termination.

The MOU is done in Indonesia, on January 15, 2013, in two copies. In witness whereof, the Head Delegate of SEAFDEC and CTI, have hereto provided their endorsement.

For the Southeast Asian Fisheries
Development Center:

For Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral
Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security:

By: Chumnarn Pongsri, Ph.D.

Secretary-General and
Chief of Training Department

By: Sudirman Saad

Chairman of the CTI-CFF Interim
Regional Secretariat and Director of
Marine, Coasts and Small Islands of
the Ministry of Marine Affairs and
Fisheries, Republic of Indonesia

Date:

Date:

