



# **CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE**

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

**Annex - 13**  
**Decision Document on:**  
**CTI-CFF Local Government Network (LGN)**

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**The 9<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING (SOM9)**

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**Adopted on 27<sup>th</sup> November 2013**  
**by the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,**  
**The Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

## I. Background

On December 6, 2012, local government leaders from the CT6 gathered in Manila, Philippines and signed a declaration (see Attachment 1- CTI-LGN Manila Declaration) advocating for stronger and more direct local government engagement with CTI-CFF and its bodies, including the IRS and NCCs. They agreed to form the CTI-CFF Local Government Network (LGN), promote the CTI-CFF goals, and call on the IRS to build their technical capacity to undertake integrated coastal resource management, CCA, MPA management, ecosystem management and coastal law enforcement.

Participants have since initiated their own inter-local government activities. In April 2013, the City of Ambon in Maluku Province, Indonesia convened a “Regional Meeting of Heads around Maluku Province,” where the Province’s District and City heads signed the Ambon Declaration 2013 to manifest their commitment to support CTI-CFF (see Attachment 2). The League of the Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) issued a Memorandum (see Attachment 3) urging members to participate in the Coral Triangle Day celebrations in June 2013. Similar initiatives were planned and carried out in Indonesia, Solomon Islands and PNG. In November 2013, the Governors of the Maritime of Provinces of PNG agreed to hold an annual Coastal Governors Roundtable to increase cooperation among provinces and the national government for sustainable fisheries and coastal and marine management.

In the past two meetings in Jakarta (2011) and Kuala Lumpur (2012), the SOM was updated on key developments and activities of the CTI-CFF LGN dating back in 2009 where they participated as observers of the Second Conference of Coastal Municipalities of the Philippines. Subsequent inter-local government activities were undertaken and duly noted by the CTI-CSO at SOM7 (Jakarta, Indonesia) and SOM8 (Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia), resulting in the recognition by the CTI-CFF of the key role local governments play in the implementation of NPOAs and RPOA. This recognition was reaffirmed during the recent RPW2 where the LGN was identified as a cross-cutting mechanism for supporting the Regional Priority Actions.

## II. Decision

Based on discussions during the session on *Other Matters* at SOM9, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Acknowledge the initiatives undertaken by CTI-CFF LGN and its members to work with each other and CTI-CFF bodies toward the goals of the NPOAs and RPOA;
2. Endorse the *CTI-CFF LGN Manila Declaration*;
3. Recognize the LMP as the designated Secretariat of the CTI-CFF LGN;

4. Enjoin the NCCs to engage local government associations in implementing key CTI activities, e.g.. through active participation in NCC meetings, involvement in CT day celebrations, and implementation of the NPOAs in their respective localities;
5. Call on the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and Partners to support regional LGN activities that promote policy forums, sharing of best practices, capacity building, and local environmental governance.
6. Endorse the conduct of the 2014 CTI-CFF LGN Forum in PNG in coordination and collaboration with the IRS and the LGN Secretariat

Reference:

Activity Report: CTI-CFF Local Government Network Forum, Manila, Philippines, December 3-6, 2012