



**Program Description**  
**Monitoring & Evaluation Working Group Event**  
15-17 July 2024

**Venue: The Stanley Hotel & Suites, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea**

**Concept Note**

CT Atlas Training, National Plan of Action (NPOA) Learning Exchange, and  
Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG) Physical Meeting  
Hosted by Papua New Guinea

Title of the event: **CT Atlas Training, NPOA LE, and MEWG Physical Meeting**

Proposed Date: July 15-17, 2024

Venue: The Stanley Hotel & Suites

Hosts: Papua New Guinea and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat

**Participants:**

- 1 (one) Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG) Focal Point from Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste
- 1 (one) CT Atlas Focal Point from Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste
- 1 (one) NCC who will serve as NPOA Focal Point (NPOA taskforce) from Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste
- 8 (eight) representatives Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF
- 2 (two) representatives USAID-Sustainable Coral Triangle (SCT) Activity
- 1 (one) representative USAID-Sustainable Fish Asia Technical Support (SuFiA)
- 2 (two) CT Atlas Trainers – Allen Coral Atlas virtually
- Strategic Partners

**Introduction**

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) is a collaborative regional effort aimed at promoting sustainable management and conservation of marine and coastal resources within the Coral Triangle region. This initiative is a unique and ambitious partnership involving six countries in Southeast Asia and the Pacific, namely, Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste.

CTI-CFF represents a collaborative and forward-thinking approach to address the complex and interconnected challenges facing one of the world's most critical marine biodiversity hotspots. It underscores the importance of regional cooperation and holistic management practices for the long-term health and resilience of the Coral Triangle ecosystem.



The Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG) is among the three Governance Working Groups of the CTI-CFF that is supporting the six member of CT countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste). The primary function of the MEWG, as provided by Senior Official Meeting (SOM)-6, is to provide technical inputs and recommendations to the Regional Secretariat and the National Coordinating Committees of the CT6 in achieving the overarching goals that have been set forth in the Regional Plan of Action, especially for RPOA 2.0. To ensure these functions operate effectively, regular MEWG meetings play a crucial role in promoting coordinated efforts among the CT6 Member Countries.

The first day of this three-day MEWG event is the CT Atlas Focal Points Training which will address the critical need for staff familiarization, data enrichment, data updating, and data utilization for the Coral Triangle Atlas (CT Atlas). This training aspires to transform middle managers and technical officers into CT Atlas champions. These so-called champions will be the main users ensuring that they will be well-versed in utilizing CT Atlas features, datasets, and tools for informed decision-making and conservation planning in their respective country.

The NPOA Development Learning Exchange aims to facilitate an in-depth exploration of each member country's NPOAs and their alignment with the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0 goals and objectives. The RPOA 2.0 is the main guiding document within the Coral Triangle Initiative.

The final day is set for the M&E Working Group's annual meeting. This physical meeting serves as a crucial component of the CTI-CFF governance structure, focusing on monitoring, evaluation, and strategic recommendations. Participants will engage in reviewing MEWG work plans, budget allocations, and progress updates aligned with the CTI-CFF's overarching goals for year 2024-2025.

The financing of this event is supported by the Host Country Papua New Guinea and USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle (USAID SCT) under Activity 1.2.3 which states, *“to Conduct workshop and training related to collecting data for indicators of monitoring and evaluation plan framework to track the progress RPOA 2.0 implementation as well as the CT Atlas back-to-back with MEWG meeting.”*

## **Objectives**

1. Conduct CT Atlas Training to support data uploading, verification, and analysis with CT6 Focal Points.
2. Conduct NPOA Learning Exchange to initiate the creation of NPOAs for each CT6 member state ensuring that it is aligned with RPOA 2.0.
3. Conduct MEWG Meeting to discuss MEWG Workplan and Budget 2024 and 2025.



## **Key points;**

### CT Atlas Focal Points Training:

- Introduction to the Coral Triangle Atlas (CT Atlas) and its importance.
- Overview of features, datasets, and tools available in the CT Atlas.
- Training on creating logins, saving areas of interest, and exporting data within the Allam Coral Atlas Platform and importing data into the CT Atlas platform.
- Training on analysing datasets in GIS products.
- Discussion and practice sessions led by technical experts to address specific challenges and enhance data accuracy.
- Guidance on utilizing (data insert) on CT Atlas platform.

### NPOA Development Learning Exchanges (LE):

- Introduction to NPOA and its alignment with RPOA 2.0 objectives.
- Presentation and discussion of existing NPOA.
- Creation of new NPOA draft for countries without existing NPOA.
- Sharing of experiences and best practices in NPOA development among CT6 member countries.
- Review and feedback on initial NPOA drafts from each country.
- Mainstreaming all 6 NPOA ensuring alignment with RPOA 2.0.

### Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG) Physical Meeting:

- Updates on progress based on country reports and CT6 updates.
- Presentation of the CTI M&E Plan, templates.
- Get approval for the proposed tools.
- Review and adoption of MEWG work plan and budget for 2024 and 2025.
- Coordination with partners and discussion of collaborative activities.