CTI-CFF CAPACITY BUILDING ROADMAP

<u>Summary Update – September 2023</u>

In July 2023 the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, with partners the Coral Triangle Center (CTC) and WWF Coral Triangle Programme (WWF CTP), were successful in acquiring some seed support from USAID SuFIA TS to develop a RoadMap for Capacity Building in the Coral Triangle (CT).

The concept for supporting capacity building across the CT was first posited in the Partner Position Papers prepared in July 2021 to support the RPoA2.0. This led to the completion of a Capacity Building Stocktake for CT countries, resulting in the Stock-take Report.

The report developed numerous recommendations for how to:
- Scale capacity building for marine and coastal practitioners in the CT (including catalysing and leverage existing capacity building support to better achieve targets),
- Accelerate capacity building support (as optimally and efficiently as possible to build the competencies of the right people, in the right places, at the right time), and
- Sustain capacity support (ensuring support provided directly translates into improved marine and coastal management sustainably in the region).

Out of this stocktake **the development of a RoadMap was recommended and was endorsed at the SOM at the end of 2021.** Between January and May 2022, further discussions took place around what a RoadMap could look like, with the vision to "*accelerate skills-building across the CT to sustain and effectively manage resilient marine and coastal habitats benefitting nature and communities*"; and **four key pillars were proposed** for the work:

Pillar 1 - Tools & Packages   Pillar 3 - Delivery On-The-Ground
Pillar 2 - Systems for Catalysing Leadership   Pillar 4 - Mobilization of Peer Learning Opportunities

In May 2022 at the RS & Strategic Partners Hybrid Meeting, further design inputs were gathered for the RoadMap. These results were **presented at the SOM at the end of 2022, and progression for RoadMap under the four pillars identified was approved and endorsed**.

So this year we have been focusing on advancing RoadMap design, with a plan to develop:
- **A RoadMap outlook for 2030, and**
- **A RoadMap workplan for implementation in the coming three years (2024-2027)**

These initial three years are anticipated to include the following:
Pillar 1 - Tools & Packages
> The development of a capacity building repository dedicated to the CT (including directories of CT relevant training opportunities, scholarships, and directories of capacity providers and funding opportunities for practitioners), and the development of an online learning platform with training courses tailored for CT practitioners.

Pillar 2 - Systems for Catalysing Leadership
> The development of a CT Ambassadors programme to support awareness raising regionally and globally.

Pillar 3 - Delivery On-The-Ground
> The development of regional training nodes, and the development of a pilot internship / apprenticeship program for CT practitioners.

Pillar 4 - Mobilization of Peer Learning Opportunities
> The development of learning sites representing ranging governance frameworks across the region, as well as learning exchange protocols to advance peer learning and the sharing of best practices.

We have now started preparing '**Stakeholder Summaries**' presenting the various ideas and suggestions for the first three years of implementation for the above initiatives, and will be holding stakeholder consultations in the coming weeks to gather input, feedback and thoughts, such that we may draft a preliminary three-year workplan for review prior to, and at the SOM.