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To:

Dr. Mohd Kushairi bin Mohd Rajuddin
Executive Director Regional Secretariat (RS)
Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security
Manado, Indonesia

Dear Mr. Executive Director,

I am pleased to inform you that the Threatened Species Working Group (TSWG) in collaboration with WWF will hold the 4th TSWG meeting in-person in June 2023. The meeting will be in conjunction with the 2023 Indonesia Sea Turtle Symposium in Jakarta. The purpose of this meeting is to complete our 2023 workplan in accordance with SOM-17 recommendation, as well as to share knowledge among CT6 countries through discussion on current issues, lessons learned, and future projections of sea turtle conservation in the region.

With regard to this meeting, I kindly request RS team to support the meeting arrangement by inviting **CT6 TSWG Focal Points** to this meeting on Monday to Thursday, 12-15 June 2023 in Jakarta. We expect **all CT6 TSWG Focal Points** can gather. WWF will cover travel expenses for 1 RS staff and 1 TSWG Focal Points per country. Participants should fill in the registration form through the following link bit.ly/4thTSWG-Registration by June 1, 2023, at the latest. Please find enclosed Terms of Reference of the meeting to provide you with the details. Ms. Yudit (+6281910512787) and Ms. Ranny (+6282225519277) will be the contact points for this activity.

Thank you for your kind attention and cooperation.

Yours sincerely,



E-signed

Firdaus Agung
Director for Marine Conservation and Biodiversity
Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Indonesia
as the Chair of Threatened Species Working Group CTI-CFF

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Director General for Marine Spatial Management
Secretary of the Directorate General for Marine Spatial Management

Terms of Reference
the 4th CTI-CFF Threatened Species Working Group (TSWG) Meeting
Jakarta, 12-15 June 2023
in conjunction with the 2023 INDONESIA SEA TURTLE SYMPOSIUM
(and the Greater Coral Triangle Region)

INTRODUCTION

Coral Triangle Region is home to some of the most diverse ecosystems with internationally recognised biodiversity hotspots and some of the highest levels of diversity and endemism in the world, including the marine sea turtle. While marine turtles are found throughout the world, the threats they face in different parts of their life cycles and in different regions can be quite distinct. Major sea turtle population decline had been reported globally for several decades (Marquez-M, 1990; Bjorndal et al. 1993; Limpus 1997). In 1990, FAO described that all sea turtle species with worldwide distributions had experienced a decrease in population over time (Marquez-M, 1990). These threats to marine turtles, are realised by the CT Region Cooperation called CTI-CFF and has been included in the RPOA 2.0, which specifically targets the identification and need to address these threats and establish effective migratory corridors (refer Objective A; Target A2).

To improve the management of sea turtles and critical habitats in the region, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) along with WWF-Indonesia have planned to conduct the 2023 Indonesia Sea Turtle Symposium (and the Greater Coral Triangle) sea turtle symposium on June 14-15, 2023 both to endeavour and to integrate scattered scientific data related to the aforementioned topics in order to evaluate the progress and status of sea turtle management and population number within the coral triangle region. Simultaneously, we will also engage in the face to face meeting of the CTI-CFF TSWG, a first since pre-COVID 2019, in conjunction with the [Indonesia Sea Turtle Symposium](#). In addition, as part of our agenda, attend and participate in the pre-symposium ShellBank and Asia-Pacific Marine Turtle Genetic Working Group event in line with CITES turtle mandates, to collect DNA samples from wild and seized marine turtle specimens to determine species and geographic origin in support of research, investigations and prosecutions” (also refer Target A2; Outcome A2.2.1).

This activity purpose is to ensure the knowledge exchange between adjacent countries, therefore foreign scientists, practitioners, and policy makers from the coral triangle region are invited to share their work so that we can delve into intercorrelated current issues, lessons learned, and future projections of sea turtle conservation in the region and strive together.

PURPOSE

- Provide the recent update of conservation status of Threatened Species including marine turtles, shark-ray and marine mammals within the 6 (six) countries by year 2023
- Identify the challenges and opportunity on Threatened Species management in 6 (six) countries
- Complete regional training, using genetics for marine turtle traceability in an open coral triangle and closed Indonesian workshop (including provision of sampling equipment)
- Share the lesson learned by the 6 (six) countries on sea turtle management to sea turtle symposium events

PLACE AND TIME

PLACE : Jakarta, Indonesia
 TIME : Monday – Thursday, 12 – 15 June 2023

TENTATIVE AGENDA

Day	Time Jakarta	Activities
10/11 June	09.00 – 16.00	Travel & check-in (CT6 Participants)
Monday, 12 June	09.00 – 09.15	Registration
	09.15 – 09.30	Opening: Welcoming remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTI CFF Regional Secretariat • TSWG Chair
	09.30 – 12.30	CT6 Presentation & Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recent update on conservation status of Threatened Species, include marine turtles, shark-ray and marine mammals within the 6 (six) countries by year 2023 • The challenges and opportunity on Threatened Species management in 6 (six) countries
	12.30 – 13.30	Lunch Break
	13.30 – 15.00	Presentation & Discussion: Global assessment / coral-triangle for shark-ray by Chair of IUCN SSG Asia
	15.00 – 15.30	Coffee Break
	15.30 – 16.00	Wrap up & Closing TSWG Meeting
Tuesday, 13 June	08.00 – 17.30	Regional training, using genetics for marine turtle traceability / Shellbank workshop
Wednesday, 14 June 2023	09.00 – 12.00	Sea Turtle Symposium opening day-1
	12.00 – 13.00	Lunch Break
	13.00 – 16.00	Presentation and Discussion by CT6 countries: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson learned by the 6 (six) countries on sea turtle management to sea turtle symposium events
Thursday, 15 June 2023	09.00 – 17.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel to origin country (CT6 participants)