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An underwater photograph of a coral reef. The scene is filled with various types of coral, including branching and table corals. Several fish are visible, including a large yellow and blue fish in the upper left and a striped fish in the lower left. The water is clear, and sunlight filters through from above, creating a bright, slightly hazy atmosphere. The overall color palette is dominated by blues, greens, and browns.

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# Abbreviations and acronyms

ACB	ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity	CTMPAS	Coral Triangle Marine Protected Areas System
AHP	ASEAN Heritage Park	CVI	Coastal Vulnerability Index
AIS	Archipelagic and Island States Forum	CT6	Coral Triangle (six) countries
APEC	Asian-Pacific Economic Cooperation	DAO	Delivering as One
AROB	Autonomous Region of Bougainville	DED CS	Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Service
AWGNCB	ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity	DENR	Department of Environment and Natural Resources
BFA	Boao Forum for Asia	DIM	Data and Information Management
BFAR	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources	EAA	Ecosystem Approach to Aquaculture
BIEM	Bycatch and Integrated Ecosystem Management	EAFM	Ecosystems Approach to Fisheries Management
BMU	Federal Minister for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety	EBA	Ecosystem Based Aadaptation
BPSPL Denpasar	Balai Pengelolaan Sumberdaya Pesisir dan Laut (Center for Coastal and Marine Resources)	eCDT	Electronic Catch, Documentation and Traceability
BSSE	Bismarck Solomon Seas Ecoregion	e-NIPAS	Expanded-National Integrated Protected Area System
CCA	Climate Change Adaptation	ED	Executive Director
CCC	Climate Change Commission	EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
CCI	Cross-cutting Initiative	FAD	Fish Aggregation Devices
CDRA	Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment	FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
CEPA	Conservation and Environment Protection Authority	FGD	Focus Group Discussion
CEPF	Communication Education and Public Awareness	FMA	Fisheries Management Area
CIL	Centre for International Laws	FOM	Finance and Operations Manager
CMAR	Corredor Marino Del Pacifico Este Tropical	FRWG	Financial Resources Working Group
CMM	Conservation & Management Measures	GCF	Green Climate Fund
COASTFISH	coastal fisheries and poverty reduction	GEF	Global Environment Facility
COE	Centers of Excellence	GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH (German Corporation for International Cooperation GmbH)
COM	Council of Ministers	GSTC	Global Sustainable Tourism Council
CRCP	Coral Reef Conservation Program	GWG	Governance Working Group
CRMF	Climate Risk Management Framework	ICM	Integrated Coastal Management
CSO	Committee of Senior Officials	IEC	Information, Education and Communication
CTC	Coral Triangle Center	IED	Interim Executive Director
CTI-CFF	Coral Triangle Initiative for Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security	IFAD	International Fund for Agricultural Development
		IKI	International Climate Initiative



IMMA	Important Marine Mammal Areas	NPP3	National Physical Plan 3
IMO	International Maritime Organization	NPOA	National Plan of Action
IOC WESTPAC	Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Western Pacific	NSAGE	National Advisory Group of Experts
IOTC	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission	OECM	Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures
IRC	Internal Resource Committee	OFWG	Oceans and Fisheries Working Group
ISLME	Indonesian Sea Large Marine Ecosystem	PEMSEA	Partnerships in Environmental Management for the Seas of East Asia
IYOR	International Year of Reef	PEUMP	Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature	PNG CLMA	Papua New Guinea Centre for Locally Managed Area
IUU	illegal, unreported and unregulated	PRDP	Philippine Rural Development Project
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency	PROKLIM	Program Kampung Iklim
KOICA	Korea International Cooperation Agency	PROP	Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program
LCCAP	Local Climate Change Action Plan	PSF	People Survival Fund
LGN	Local Government Network	RAEOA	Region Authority of Oe-Cusse Ambeno
LGUs	Local Government Units	RAN-API	Rencana Aksi Nasional Adaptasi Perubahan Iklim (climate action on national level)
LMP	League of Municipalities of the Philippines	RBF	Regional Business Forum
LSS	Lesser Sunda Seas	RCTNO	Regional Coral Triangle Network Officers
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation	RETA	Regional Technical Assistance
MECDM	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology	RFMOs	Regional Fisheries Management Organization
MEWG	Monitoring & Evaluation Working Group	RPOA	Regional Plan of Action
MFMR	Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources	RSAP	Regional Strategic Action Plan
MFAET	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade	SAADP	Special Area for Agricultural Development Program
MMAF	Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries	SEAFDEC	Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center
MPA	Marine Protected Areas	SETI	Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation
MPAN	Marine Protected Area Network	SOACAP	Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management
MPA REX	Marine Protected Area Regional Exchange	SOM	Senior Officials Meeting
MSC	Marine Stewardship Council	SPREP	Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield	TAC	Total Allowable Catches
NALEC	National Law Enforcement Council	TDA	Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis
NCC	National Coordinating Committee	TIHPA	Turtle Island Heritage Park Protected Area
NCCAP	National Climate Change Action Plan		
NDCs	Nationally Determined Contributions		
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration		

TMP	Tun Mustapha Park
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
TOR	Terms of Reference
TS	Threatened Species
TWG	Technical Working Group
UNDP	United Nations Development Programm
UNEP	United Nations Environment Programme
US DOI	United States Department of Interior
USAID RDMA	US Agency for International Development Regional Development Mission for Asia
VA	Vulnerability Assessment
WCPFC	Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
WCS	Wildlife Conservation Society
WIMA	Women in Maritime
WLF	Women Leaders Forum
WPEA	West Pacific East Asia Project
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature

# Message from the Chair of CSOs

Over the years, we have seen the commitment and collaborative effort of the Coral Triangle member countries to work together in implementing regional action plans to address the threats and sustainably manage this extraordinary treasure trove, we call “Coral Triangle” to meet our needs and that of our future generations. Through the continuous regional exchanges, meetings, and workshops, we were able to better plan and implement our regional priorities, link our national programs and further build the capacity of our people to effectively and efficiently manage our marine resources. In this connection, I congratulate all CT6 countries and partners for our concerted efforts and achievements. Nevertheless, we must not be complacent; we must deepen and innovate our efforts to match the evolving nature of threats and issues faced within and outside the Coral Triangle.

As Chair for the Council of Ministers and Committee of Senior Officials of CTI-CFF, the Solomon Islands extends to you our sincere gratitude for your support and assistance in our tenure as Chair. We remain committed to carrying out the mandated tasks of overseeing the implementation of planned regional activities and providing strategic direction to the Regional Secretariat.

Having had the opportunity to visit the Regional Secretariat in Manado, Indonesia during the last quarter of 2019, it has given me further insights in the inner workings of the Secretariat and allowed me to have a meaningful exchange with the staff of the Secretariat particularly in the areas of staff and financial policies as well as in the general administration and financial operations of the Secretariat.

Indeed, the Regional Secretariat plays a vital role in ensuring that the Regional Plan of Action is implemented through the Secretariat’s active coordination and facilitation of regional activities with the CT6 countries. It serves as a conduit to CT6 strategic partners and potential donors to ensure that technical and financial support continues for the programs and projects of the CTI-CFF. As such, it is important that RS continues to perform its mandate and responsibilities with oversight from CT6 countries in order to build an effective and strong RS that

serves and responds to the current and emerging needs and challenges of CT6 countries.

Furthermore, I encourage the Regional Secretariat to explore ways to come up with sustainable financing mechanisms for the CTI-CFF to further achieve its objectives and priorities. I thank the Strategic Partners and donors for their relentless support and cooperation with the CTI-CFF.

I am honoured that 2019 ended with Solomon Islands hosting of the 15th Senior Officials Meeting in Honiara. We hoped that you have enjoyed our humble settings and that we have provided an ideal venue to reach key decisions for 2020 and beyond.

I am confident that our regional cooperation as CT6 countries will strongly echo our voices and messages at the global stage and gain support from other regional and international groupings sharing the same vision for sustainable coastal and marine conservation and management towards providing invaluable livelihood and food security benefits for communities in the Coral Triangle area and beyond.

## **DR. MELCHIOR MATAKI**

Chair, 2019–2020, CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials and Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, Solomon Islands



# Foreword

This 2019 Annual Report highlights the various activities of the CTI-CFF through the Regional Secretariat (RS) in order to attain the goals identified in the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) and CTI-CFF's continuous commitment.

In 2019, the Regional Secretariat facilitated and coordinated the renewal of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action or RPOA 2.0 through a series of workshops, meetings, country consultations and online questionnaires. An external consultant from PT Hatfield Indonesia consultancy firm led in facilitating these activities. We greatly appreciate the cooperation and support provided by the National CTI-CFF Coordinating Committees (NCCCs) and Strategic Partners in helping shape and determine the focus of the draft RPOA 2.0 which will be finalized soon.

Participation in various regional and international activities continues to be pursued as a venue to further promote CTI-CFF and align it with other international bodies in the promotion and conservation of marine and coastal ecosystems.

The Regional Secretariat has also improved its transparency and accountability by adopting to accrual accounting system from cash basis system. The CTI-CFF through RS hired Paul Hadiwinata, Hidajat, Arsono, Retno, Palilingan & Rekan, member of PKF International and registered public accountants in Indonesia as Independent Auditors to conduct audit of the Regional Secretariat's accounts in 2019. The auditors' opinion was that the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material aspects. The Regional Secretariat also improved the presentation in XERO accounting software towards a more adapted organizational type in its account's titles.

The continuous support from the strategic partners and other stakeholders is valuable to achieve the mission and goals of the Regional Plan of Action.



I also commend the Regional Secretariat team for their hard work and commitment, particularly in technical and logistical arrangements of activities led by the Technical Working Groups, Governance Working Groups and the Cross-Cutting Initiatives.

To this end, as the new Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat beginning November 2019, I would further continue to upgrade or improve as well as to introduce new approaches as deemed necessary for the betterment of operations and delivery of services to CTI Member Parties, strategic partners, like-minded organizations and the general public. I endeavor to build new level of cooperation whilst strengthening existing partnerships to help support the operations of the Regional Secretariat in attaining the goals of CTI-CFF without solely depending on CT6 country contributions. I thank the past management since the establishment to October 2019 of the Regional Secretariat in paving the way for the future of CTI-CFF.

**Dr. Mohd Kushairi Bin Mohd Rajuddin**

Executive Director, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat

# Executive Summary

In 2019, the CTI-CFF Technical and Governance Working Groups and Cross-Cutting Initiatives implemented most of the activities identified in their approved work plans. Some of the significant outcomes from the activities of the Technical Working Groups were: (1) Under the Seascapes Technical Working Group, Seascapes continue to be a successful mechanism of large-scale geographies prioritized for investments and actions, where best practices are demonstrated and expanded under RPOA 1.0 with endorsement of Priority Seascapes (Bismarck Solomon Seas Ecoregion and Lesser Sunda); further discussions on Bismarck-Solomon Sea Ecoregion (BSSE) among Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands were encouraged; and the importance of getting the final approval of Indonesia to finalize the Regional Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) was highlighted; (2) Under EAFM Technical Working Group, COASTFISH is recognized as an important EAFM approach towards ensuring sustainable livelihood and food security, thus, was recommended as one of the major foci of the draft RPOA 2.0. Furthermore, regional e-CDT roadmap and technical guideline tailored for CTI-CFF will be finalized; and agreed to conduct a regional planning workshop to identify priority activities to be implemented under the Sub-Regional EAFM Plan in Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape; (3) Under MPA Technical Working Group, strengthening CTMPAS via improved, evidence-based effective management of protected areas and Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (OECM) to upgrade from category 3 to category 4, and completion of CTMPAS awards program; identifying focal points for the Sustainable Marine Task Force from the CT countries as well as pilot community site(s) for immediate activities and higher-level site(s) for future planning; socialization of the destination development programs and criteria from the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) among CT countries for potential application in their national pilot sites; and preparation of a guideline for a joint roadmap of sustainable tourism for five years at

prioritized community sites, and phasing into larger sites; (4) Under CCA Technical Working Group, the group agreed to finalize the CCA Executive Course; develop and expand the TOR of Center of Excellence (COE) to include all the thematic areas and the CTI-CFF RPOA 2.0; (5) Under the Threatened Species Working Group, the group agreed to endorse the Pool of Experts for Threatened Species Working Group and to the conduct a writeshop on regional assessment of threatened species and national conservation plan for marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays in 2020.

Cross-Cutting Initiatives namely, Local Government Network (LGN), Women Leaders' Forum (WLF) and Regional Business Forum (RBF) came up with their Action Plans for short, mid-and long term plans that are expected to contribute to the existing RPOA 1.0 and RPOA 2.0. Also, LGN has applied to become a partner of CTI-CFF.

A coordinated approach was applied to deepen the level analysis for effective planning and development of the draft RPOA 2.0. Series of workshops focusing on strategic communication, financial resource and institutional framework; country consultations; questionnaire; and meetings were conducted with various stakeholders to gather a holistic perspective on the needs, challenges and opportunities facing the Coral Triangle Region today and look how to best position CTI-CFF. Pt Hatfield Indonesia, an independent consultant of CTI-CFF served as the project lead for these activities.

The CT countries also implemented various projects and activities towards achieving their respective NPOAs as well as implementing policies agreed upon at the regional level. These activities were supported by strategic partners, government agencies, civic organizations and the communities which contribute to better management and protection of the resources of the Coral Triangle.

The CTI-CFF partnered with WorldFish to provide the technical support in redesigning the CT Atlas and CTI-CFF provided the strategic vision for new CT Atlas development. The CT Atlas architecture is currently being hosted through Microsoft Azure. The CT Atlas is envisioned to provide a common platform for all the countries in the Coral Triangle to share their data, and to create a growing, updated database for better marine resource management decisions and science. WorldFish presented the CT Atlas during the series of workshops relating to the RPOA 2.0 and also trained members of the MPA Technical Working Group on October 2019.

In the context of the discussion of the RPOA2.0 and evaluation of the implementation of Presidential Regulation No. 46 of 216 concerning Host Country Agreement (HCA) between the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF on Privileges and Immunities, the Regional Secretariat carried out a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with some of the government agencies of Indonesia namely, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate of General Taxes - Ministry of Finance Ministry of Law and Human Rights, State Secretariat on 29th April 2019 in Manado, Indonesia to discuss the renewal of the HCA.

Strategic partners – USAID RDMA through US DOI and USAID Oceans, Australian Government, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), Coral Triangle Center (CTC), Conservation International (CI), Asia Development Bank (ADB) remain active and supportive in all the activities of CTI-CFF.

The Chair of CTI-CFF CSO, Dr. Melchior Mataka from Solomon Islands, the Vice-Chair of CSO represented by Mr. Horacio Guterres from Timor-Leste and IRC Chair Mr. Alick Misibini from Solomon Islands visited the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. The visit was an opportunity to update the Excellencies about the current activities and discuss openly the concerns in the internal operations of the Regional Secretariat. The insights and advice provided by the Excellencies will surely help further improve the operations of the Regional Secretariat.

The CTI-CFF continues to use different communication strategies such as exhibit, production of print materials and promoting via online platforms to raise awareness of its activities.

In 2019, the 15th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-15) was held in Honiara, Solomon Islands. The meeting discussed the draft RPOA 2.0 which sets goals for 2025 and 2030. CTI-CFF's strategic partners and collaborators namely, USAID, WWF, TNC, CTC, GIZ, and WCS were also present and called for the finalization of RPOA 2.0 and engagement of strategic partnership and support initiatives across CT countries and at the national level. The SOM-15 Chair Summary is shown in Annex I.

In November 2019, CTI-CFF welcomed the new top management of the Regional Secretariat – Dr. Mohd Kushairi Bin Mohd Rajuddin, the new Executive Director and Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu, the new Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services who are expected to steer CTI-CFF to greater heights through the Regional Secretariat.



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Kimbe Bay, Papua New Guinea  
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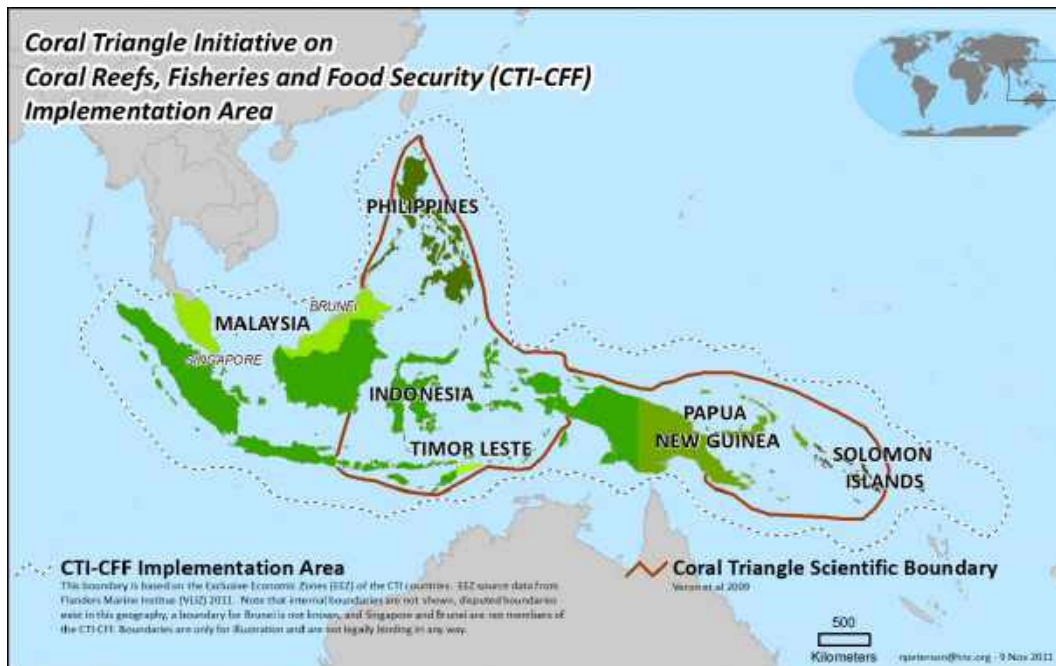


# CTI-CFF

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) is a multilateral partnership of six countries – Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste – working together to sustain extraordinary marine and coastal resources by addressing crucial issues such as food security, climate change and marine biodiversity.

## Mission

To preserve and manage the vast marine, coastal and small islands ecosystems and the unique biodiversity of the Coral Triangle region of the Indo Pacific, which provide invaluable livelihood and food security.



The CTI-CFF Implementation Area and the Coral Triangle Scientific Boundary



Sweetlips in Raja Ampat, Indonesia  
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A group of colorful striped fish, likely a species of snappers, swimming in the water. The fish have vibrant yellow and blue stripes. One fish in the foreground is particularly prominent, showing its yellow fins and blue stripes. The background is a deep blue, suggesting an underwater environment. A large white circle with the number '1' is overlaid on the top left of the image.

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# Taking action to achieve goals

In 2019, the CTI-CFF implemented activities/conferences/workshops that were all aimed to realize the goals of the RPOA. These activities were carried out with the support of the CT6 National Coordinating Committees (NCCs), Working Groups, and Strategic Partners.



## GOAL 1

### Priority seascapes designated and effectively managed

#### 6th Seascapes Working Group Meeting

3rd-4th September 2019 | Hotel Jen

Manila, Philippines

The 6th Seascapes Working Group Meeting was an opportunity to evaluate the progress of 2019 planned activities based on approved workplan for 2019 during the 14th SOM as well as plan ahead activities for 2020 taking into consideration the renewed CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 2.0).

Among the outcomes from the meeting were the recognition of Seascape as a successful mechanism as a chosen geographical area under RPOA 1.0 with a total of three (3) priority seascapes. Hence, the group pushed to continue strengthening the Seascape mechanism and to be included in the RPOA 2.0. Further, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands were encouraged to continue its discussion on Bismarck-Solomon Sea Ecoregion (BSSE) until the three countries have come up with a solid proposal to be submitted to the Global Environment Facility (GEF) 7 and other potential opportunities. Also, Indonesia and Timor-Leste were encouraged to continue to develop a program on the development of Lesser Sunda Seascape (LSS) despite recognized challenges.

The importance of getting the final approval of Indonesia to finalize the Regional Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) was highlighted, with the goal of discussing the plan with other CT countries for cross-scale learning.



Participants of the 6th Seascapes Technical Working Group Meeting held in Manila, Philippines.  
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## GOAL 2

### Ecosystem Approach to Management of Fisheries (EAFM) and other marine resources fully applied

#### Workshop on Catch Documentation Traceability System Design and Development Based on EAFM in Timor-Leste

25th -26th June 2019 | Hotel Timor Plaza

Dili, Timor-Leste

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat partnered with USAID Oceans, US Department of Interior (DOI), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) in conducting the workshop on electronic catch documentation and traceability (eCDT) among marine and fisheries specialists for CT6 countries in Dili, Timor-Leste. This workshop focused on increasing understanding of eCDT and how it can support EAFM to ensure sustainable fisheries management.

In the workshop, the importance of CDT technology was recognized, particularly advocating for eCDT systems to be built upon existing CDT protocols, and supported by strong enforcement among government agencies as well as coming up with a clear business model. Further, the workshop recognized that effective fisheries management plans should incorporate and be backed by eCDT systems along with other management measures. Regional e-CDT roadmap and technical guideline tailored for CTI-CFF will be finalized.

Human welfare and gender considerations were also perceived to be integral to fisheries management and should be included as key data elements in the eCDT programs of the CT countries and should be considered in the RPOA 2.0. USAID Oceans was also encouraged to continue the work that it has started with respect to human welfare and gender and to support future activities of CT6 countries that have no experts on CDT (except the Philippines) during its remaining life of the project. The activity was hosted by the Timor-Leste NCC and supported by the USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA) through US DOI.

Participants of the Workshop on Catch Documentation Traceability System Design and Development based on EAFM.  
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## Ecosystem Approach on Fisheries Management (EAFM) Working Group Meeting

2nd – 3rd September 2019 | Hotel Jen

Manila, Philippines

Along with finalization of the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Sub-Regional EAFM Plan, the 8th CTI-CFF EAFM Working Group Meeting was also a venue to evaluate the implementation of EAFM workplan 2019 as agreed in SOM-14 December 2018 in the Philippines.

In the meeting, COASTFISH was recognized as an important EAFM approach towards ensuring livelihood and food security, thus, was recommended to be included in the draft RPOA 2.0.

Further, the meeting took note of USAID Oceans' remarks that the Sub-Regional EAFM Plan in Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape is a document owned by the stakeholders within the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape.

The meeting also appreciated the potential support of USAID Oceans in partnership with Conservation International - Philippines in the following:

- o Conduct of a regional planning workshop to identify priority activities to be implemented under the Sub-Regional EAFM Plan in Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape;
- o Facilitate the establishment of the Sub-Regional Mechanism for Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape and the development of TOR; and
- o Provide coordination support to promote the engagement of Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines in the implementation of Sub-Regional EAFM Plan in Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape and continue support for Seascape and EAFM Working Groups.



Participants of the EAFM TWG Meeting in Manila, Philippines.  
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## GOAL 3

### Marine Protected Areas (MPA) established and effectively managed

#### 8th MPA Regional Exchange and 8th MPA Working Group Meeting

16th – 20th October 2019 | Le Meridian Hotel and Kudat Golf Marina Resort, Sabah, Malaysia

The 8th Marine Protected Area (MPA) Regional Exchange and 8th MPA Working Group meeting focused on strengthening the region-wide comprehensive, ecologically representative and well-managed Coral Triangle MPA System (CTMPAS) by conducting a review of its activities and effectiveness management tools and to include OECM.

The MPA Working Group visited the Tun Mustapha Park, a globally recognized marine conservation area in Sabah, Malaysia. The park is 898, 762 hectares in size, and located off the districts of Kudat, Kota Marudu and Pitas right up to the Balabac Strait.

The visit was part of the 8th MPA Regional Exchange activity which was aimed at sharing best practices in effectively managing marine protected areas. Also, it was an opportunity to look into the strengths and challenges in the management as well as potentials to further improve managing the sites towards sustainable marine eco-tourism.

In the meeting, among the notable agreements were the need for CT countries to identify their focal points for the Sustainable Marine Task Force as well as pilot community site(s) for immediate activities and higher-level site(s) for future planning; socialization of the destination development programs and criteria from the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) among CT countries for potential application in their national pilot sites; and the need for Regional Secretariat and Task Force's support in the preparation of a guideline for a joint roadmap of sustainable tourism for five years at prioritized community sites, and phasing into larger sites.

In terms of strengthening the CTMPAS, the group recommended the following: to develop pilot activities in community sites in CT countries that integrate with the EAFM COASTFISH program in the priority Seascapes; to develop awareness and capacity in the CT countries on the use of MPA networks as a tool for designing and integrating Category 3 and

4 MPAs with the prioritized roadmaps from EAFM, Threatened Species and Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Groups; and completion of the CTMPAS award program which is aimed to be launched in 2021 and the next Senior Officials Meeting.

Ms. Teoh together with Mr. Stanley Tan of WorldFish also trained the members of the MPA Working Group on inputting information/data to the CT Atlas database during the 8th MPA Regional Exchange and 8th MPA Technical Working Group Meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia on 17th October 2019. The event was attended by representatives



Top to bottom: Participants of the 8th MPA Regional Exchange; The MPA Working Group visited the Floating Coral Bar, which is part of the Tun Mustapha Park; the MPA Working Group listened to the Kudat Turtle Conservation Society as they explained their efforts in preserving and protecting turtles in Tun Mustapha Park. Photo credit: CTI-CFF RS/J. Polita

from CT countries (except Philippines) and strategic partners from WWF and Coral Triangle Center. The Government of Malaysia with support from Sabah Government and Sabah Marine Park hosted the events from 16th-19th October 2019 in Kota Kinabalu and Kudat, Sabah, Malaysia.

### Workshop for the development of a protocol for the monitoring of marine protected areas

27th September – 4th October 2019 | Gorgona, Colombia

The 5-day workshop was organized and fully supported by the Corredor Marino del Pacifico Este tropical (CMAR). This activity was part of the joint work between CMAR and CTI-CFF to strengthen regional initiatives aimed at the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in the Pacific Ocean region.

The participants from the CTI-CFF who attended the workshop were:

- 1) **Mr. Ikram Malam Sangaji**, BKPN, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia
- 2) **Mr. Fazrullah Rizally bin Abdul Razak**, Sabah Parks, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
- 3) **Mr. Bernard Komberg Suruman**, Conservation Environment and Protection Authority, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
- 4) **Mr. Peter Fitz Husi'au'ana Kenilorea**, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Honiara, Solomon Islands
- 5) **Mr. Sabino Leto Adonia**, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, Dili, Timor-Leste

CMAR and CTI-CFF participants both shared experiences on sustainable management of fisheries, control and surveillance, ecotourism and climate change adaptation.



Representatives from CT countries participated in CMAR workshop.



## GOAL 4

### Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) measures achieved

#### Climate Change Adaptation Capacity Building in Coral Triangle Countries: Increasing Resilience and Adaptive Capacity of Coastal and Marine Ecosystem through Technical Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) Workshop

2nd – 4th July 2019 | Aston Marina Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia

The CTI-CFF's Climate Change Adaptation Working Group (CCAWG) pushed raising awareness on climate action for coastal and marine ecosystem conservation and adaptation during its 3-day workshop in Jakarta, Indonesia.

The 3-day workshop included a field trip to Untung Jawa Island and a knowledge exchange among CTI country delegates and technical experts to raise climate action for coastal and marine ecosystems conservation and adaptation. The workshop also discussed the importance of developing an effective communication education and public awareness strategy which is crucial for the climate change adaptation strategy.

One of the important outputs from the workshop was the initial proposed plan of action, Climate Change Adaptation 2020 – 2024 which was facilitated by Mr. Safran Yusri (Terangi Foundation), Mr. M. Barmawi (BPSPL Denpasar), Ms. Ade Rachmi Yuliantri (TNC).

The workshop was supported by GIZ-Climate Governance, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Indonesia's Ministries of Environment and Forestry as well as the Ministry of Marine and Fisheries, Indonesia NCC, CCA WG, Indonesia CCA WG, Yayasan Konservasi Alam Nusantara and The Nature Conservancy – Indonesia.



Participants and organizers of the workshop.  
Photo credit: GIZ/Dwi Chandra

#### 6th Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Working Group Meeting

5th-6th September 2019 | Hotel Jen

Manila, Philippines

The CCA Working Group discussed the updates on RPOA 2.0 and accomplishments of CT Atlas from the 2019 workplan as well as planned activities for 2020.

The group agreed to finalize the CCA Executive Course in 2020 noting that the objectives shall be based on recent developments and prepare the program based on specific target participants to identify and address their needs. Also, the group recognized the importance of developing and expanding the TOR of Center of Excellence (COE) to include all the thematic areas and the CTI-CFF RPOA 2.0.

Further, the group identified the following priorities of CCA Action Plan 2020 – 2024: 1) Capacity Building (Executive Course on CCA included); 2) Mapping of Coastal Vulnerability; and 3) Development of Common Knowledge Platform; and 4) Coastal Management Policies, Rehabilitation, Protection. The group noted that gender empowerment should be integrated into the identified priorities.



Participants of the 6th CCA Technical Working Group Meeting held in Manila, Philippines.  
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## GOAL 5

**Threatened species (TS) status improving such as sea turtles, marine mammals, seagrass, corals and other identified species**

### **Regional Training on Identification of Sharks and Rays**

*25th – 27th February 2019 | Novotel Hotel, Lombok, Indonesia*

The CTI-CFF, Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) joined efforts to build on existing systems and expertise to further develop capacity for shark and rays' conservation in the CT Region. The training was conducted also for relevant government institutions in CT Region to enforce species' protection laws and trade regulations as well as ensure legal and sustainable use and compliance with international national regulations.

One important highlight of the training was the suggestion to compile baseline data of sharks and rays in CT countries for future management use and generic information since the data is not readily available.



Top to bottom: Participants of the training measure the size of the shark.

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### **3rd CTI-CFF Threatened Species Working Group**

*17th-19th September 2019 | Horison Hotel  
Gorontalo, Indonesia*

A recent peer-review study estimated that about 100 million sharks are fished every year to satisfy a market for their fins, meat, and liver oil. More than half of shark species and their relatives are categorized as threatened or near threatened with extinction.

With this daunting scenario, the Threatened Species Working Group (TS WG) of the CTI-CFF was fixed on the development of a regional conservation plan for marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays for its 3rd annual meeting. Strategic partners namely, WCS, CI and World Wild Fund for Nature (WWF) joined in this effort.

In the meeting, the group agreed to conduct the writeshop of the regional assessment of threatened species and national conservation plan for marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays in 2020. Also, assistance from strategic partners were sought to support the development of the assessment of threatened species and national conservation plan of the CT countries.

In the meeting, the WWF Indonesia gave a presentation on map for migratory routes for threatened species. They offered their expertise to CT countries to assist in manipulating their shp data to develop distribution of Migratory Routes of Threatened Species.

The meeting was hosted by the Government of Indonesia with support from the Provincial Government of Gorontalo and Bone Bolango Regency.

The activities led by the five (5) Technical Working Groups were successfully conducted with support from CT countries, CTI Partners and local governments. Further, it was also complemented by the efforts of the Governance Working Groups (GWGs) and Cross-Cutting Initiative (CCI).

Top to bottom: Participants of the TSWG Meeting; Members of the TSWG together with the Strategic Partners discussing about M&E indicators.  
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Fishermen in Timor-Leste  
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**C**omplementing and synergizing efforts with technical working groups

# Governance Working Groups

The Governance Working Group ascertained the activities being carried out by the TWGs through the Regional Secretariat. It is composed of the Internal Resource Committee (IRC), Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) and Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG).

## A. Financial Resources Working Group

### Financial Resources Working Group Meeting

11th February 2019 | Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia

The meeting deliberated the following: (i) Roles of FRWG; (ii) External Funding Institutions; (iii) CTI-CFF Financial Regulations and Financial Policies and Procedures Manual; (iv) CTI-CFF Staff Rules and Regulations and Staff Policies and Procedures Manual and; (v) 2018 Annual Report.

Particularly, the meeting highlighted the importance of strengthening and establishing collaboration with strategic partners by reactivating the Strategic Partners - CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat physical meeting; engaging and organizing formal meeting where possible, with potential donors and supporters like China, Korea, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Monaco, New Zealand, India and other like-minded countries/institutions.

The Working Group also recommended that all funds by donor countries/partners shall be channeled to the Regional Secretariat with a certain management fee based on international standards. This is taking into account that the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat is now fully established and a legal entity since 2015. In November 2017, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was registered at the United Nations Secretary General as an intergovernmental organization.

## B. Internal Resource Committee

### Internal Resource Committee (IRC) Meeting

12th February 2019 | Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia

The IRC had its first meeting after the SOM-14 approved its creation with the primary role of providing an independent review of the internal resources of the Regional Secretariat and to recommend to the CTI Council of Senior Officials (CTI-CSO) the following: 1) Annual Budget; 2) Internal Audit & Acceptance of Annual Audit Report; and 3) Policy Directions pertaining to financial and asset management.

Some of the recommendations of the Committee were the following:

Tasked the Regional Secretariat to align the result of the legal opinion from Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs to the Staff Regulation and Staff Policies and Procedures Manual;

- Agreed on the proposed amended Salary Scale of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat which refers to recommended Salary Scale by SOM-10 with two columns - Minimum and Maximum (based on Mid Salary);
- Agreed on the proposal of the capacity building of CT member countries through the six Regional Coral Triangle Network Officers and its term of reference;

FRWG Meeting in Manado, Indonesia.  
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Mr. Alick Misibini (right), Chair of IRC presided the 1st IRC Meeting in Manado, Indonesia.  
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- Reiterated the decision made during SOM-14 on Session 7.2.g of Chair's Summary which states, "Tasked the Regional Secretariat to consider putting the minimum grade scale salary for the new appointed ED and DED(s), taking into account the qualification and experience of the successful candidate;" and
- Agreed to use part of the cash surplus of USD 951,168 (as per 2017 audit report) in the following:
  1. Recruitment costs of the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services
  2. Renewal of the RPOA
  3. Use for CT Atlas Redesign and Migration
  4. Use for Capital Expenditure of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat
- Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to follow up with the Chair's Summary Session 9. MEWG 3.b stating the willingness of the Government of Republic of Indonesia to host the 2nd Leaders' Summit; and
- Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to seek the possibility for the Leaders' Summit to be conducted in conjunction with APEC Summit in 2020 in Malaysia.

The recommendations of the Committee were presented during SOM-15 in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

## C. Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group

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

*2nd May 2019 | Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia*

The MEWG Meeting was conducted back-to-back with the conduct of the 1st Consultative Workshop on RPOA and the 3rd Regional Priority Setting Workshop (RPW 3) in Manado, Indonesia. The meeting deliberated on RPOA 2.0, M&E indicators, CT Atlas, emerging issues, and Leaders' Summit among others.

## Preparation for the Renewal of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 2.0)

It has been 10 years since the six countries – Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste – endorsed and adopted the CTI-CFF RPOA 1.0, which has been the foundation for the program's long term vision, goals, and actions to protect the environmental and economic assets of the Coral Triangle Region.

In 2019, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat facilitated the renewal of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 2.0) which is hoped to continue to provide a strong foundation for meeting the needs of coastal communities whilst maintaining and enhancing the Coral Triangle Region.

The preparation for the draft RPOA 2.0 was handled by the PT. Hatfield Indonesia with Dr. Lida Pet-Soede as Consultant. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat appointed Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim, Deputy Executive Director for Program Services as the Review Manager.

A coordinated approach was applied to deepen the level of analysis for effective planning and development of the draft RPOA 2.0. Series of workshops focusing on strategic communication, strategic financial resource and institutional framework; country consultations; questionnaire; and meetings were conducted with various stakeholders to gather a holistic perspective on the needs, challenges, and opportunities facing the Coral Triangle Region today and look how to best position CTI-CFF.

### 1st RPOA Consultative Workshop

*29th April – 2nd May 2019 | Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia*

Marine and environmental conservationists, experts and key government officials from CT countries gathered for a three-day consultation workshop on RPOA and RPW 3 to identify and discuss regional priorities for the CT region. The RPW 3 was supported by USAID.

The consultation workshop was aimed at ensuring the RPOA 2.0 is focused on the countries' commonalities and consistent with positive impacts on shared concerns. Further, it was aimed at



Top to bottom - left to right: Representatives from CT countries, strategic partners and officials from the North Sulawesi Government and Philippines Consulate in Manado attended the Opening Ceremony of the 1st RPOA 2.0 Workshop in Manado, Indonesia on April 2019; participants from Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands; and participants from Timor-Leste.  
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identifying strategies that are feasible and are aligned to global commitments as well as national targets across CT countries.

The workshop noted that the impacts of the RPOA 1.0 were increased attention to marine and coastal issues, regional cooperation relevant to international commitment, and nurtured cooperative linkages between Southeast Asia and Pacific countries.

Further, it noted that CT Atlas, the Global Coral Reef Monitoring Network, Technical and Governance Working Groups, and Cross-Cutting Initiatives are important and instrumental platforms in achieving the RPOA.

### **Strategic Communication Experts Workshop**

*22nd – 23rd May 2019 | Eastwood Richmond Hotel, Quezon City, Philippines*

As part of the series of workshops for renewal of CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action, a Strategic Communication Experts Workshop was conducted on 22nd – 23rd May 2019 in Quezon City, Philippines. The workshop supported b the Australian Government.

Attended by representatives from CT countries and strategic partners namely, Coral Triangle Center (CTC) and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), the workshop intended to provide relevant expertise to draft a strategic communications plan in support of

the RPOA and compile further recommendations and relevant information.

Outcomes and recommendations from the workshops are provided below:

1. The CTI-CFF Communication Plan shall have four overarching goals:

- Foster understanding and appreciation on the importance of CTI-CFF as a platform to foster regional collaboration in addressing crosscutting issues that are of regional and global impact.
- Position CTI-CFF as a thought leader, an expert, and custodian of knowledge on Coral Triangle; becoming a high-level and prestigious enabler of stakeholder outreach and partnerships on matters related to ocean conservation in Southeast Asia and the Pacific.
- Generate significant public awareness and enhance communities' knowledge of the CTI-CFF benefits, thus, enabling citizens to speak out on the subject matter.
- Deliver and sustain operational efficiencies and effectiveness of CTI-CFF communications at regional and national levels.

2. Target audiences

- Government
- Business Sector

- Knowledge sources (most of who are members of the civil society including multilateral organizations)
- Communities

3. Advocacy messages are segmented into three:

- Coral Triangle as a home and community to many.
- The Coral Triangle and Food Security.
- The Coral Triangle and the Poor.

Consultants from PT Hatfield also had proposed a Communication Strategy Plan at A Glance.

### Country Consultation and Online Questionnaire

Consultants from PT Hatfield conducted country consultation to the CT countries to further draw information about their perspective on the RPOA 2.0.

The online questionnaires were sent to the Regional Secretariat, NCCs, strategic partners, and other stakeholders to understand the respondent's familiarity with the RPOA goals; to gather opinion on specific statements about CTI-CFF and how they are related to CTI-CFF today; and to seek views on the structure of Draft 1 RPOA 2.0 document.



Participants of the Strategic Communication Experts Workshop held in Quezon City, Philippines. Photo credit: CTI-CFF RS

## Financial Resource Strategy Experts Workshop

31st July – 1st August 2019 | WCS Regional Headquarters, Singapore

Financial experts and senior officials from CT countries, financial institutions and international non-government organizations gathered for a 2-day workshop in Singapore to help draft a financial resource strategic plan in support of the renewal of CTI-CFF RPOA 2.0.

In the workshop, participants were provided with a summary of political, economic, environmental and social contexts to CTI-CFF and its goals which served as a backdrop to consider options to mobilize financial resources for CTI-CFF. Particularly, the workshop noted that given the history of work done on finance mobilization of CTI, the need for good leadership, political will and alignment between the RPOA 2.0, donors and country priorities are important considerations for sustainable financing of CTI-CFF.

In the workshop, financial expert Dr. David Meyers from Conservation Finance Alliance discussed about conservation finance. ADB/GEF Senior Environment Specialist, Mr. Arunkumar Abraham introduced the new ADB Action Plan (2019–2024): Ocean Finance Initiative with a target of USD 5 billion, committing to do more investments and technical assistance in Oceans and Blue Economy.

Potential cases on securing reef-related livelihoods, sharks and rays, ecosystems approach to financial management as well as national trust funds were also discussed as possible areas of investments of CTI-CFF. These cases were presented by Ms. Nicole Coombe of Australian Government, Dr. Elizabeth Matthews and Ms. Hollie Booth of Wildlife Conservation Society, Ms. Susan Roxas of WWF, and Ms. Laura Whitford of The Nature Conservancy respectively. A presentation on the Caribbean Challenge by Ms. Leah Carriere of YNC stimulated the participants to think of other financial mechanism approaches.

The workshop emphasized the following important points: the need to prioritize finance options and solutions in order to make an effective workplan and task the right experts to start developing the finance solutions; a trust fund or blended approach to finance mobilization that will allow for a mix of financial solutions and mechanisms; and importance of a clear and communicable value proposition of the CTI-CFF to target audiences relevant for finance mobilization.

The workshop was supported by the WCS team led by Mr. Martin Callow, Regional Director for Southeast Asian Archipelago.



The Financial Resource Experts Strategy Workshop conducted in Singapore and supported by the Wildlife Conservation Society.  
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## Institutional Framework Workshop and RPOA 2.0 Writeshop

13th – 15th August 2019 | The Kuta Beach Heritage Hotel, Bali, Indonesia

Building on the first CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 1.0) review findings and considering the direction of the RPOA 2.0, senior officials from CT countries, chairs of the CTI-CFF Working Groups and Cross-Cutting Initiatives, as well as strategic partners sat down together to discuss the draft institutional framework and operational plan for an effective CTI-CFF in support of RPOA 2.0.

The workshop drew from the participants' view of RPOA 2.0 which highlighted the following: the need to build on past successes and address key challenges; must be relevant to CT national and regional priorities; CTI's relevance and value-added must be demonstrated and its financial sustainability must be addressed; improvement on the internal operations and processes of RS; better partnerships; and NCCs should be strengthened.

Further, the workshop noted the importance of Working Groups (WGs), particularly in attracting support from potential donors and partners through its initiatives. Thus, financial support is needed to cover the activities of the WGs. The notable work of the WGs should also be communicated. However, the workshop pressed the need for WGs' performance to be assessed through an effective M&E system.

In the end, the participants identified short-term to long-term recommendations to strengthen CTI-CFF. The immediate recommendations were completing the RPOA 2.0 at the highest professional level; preparing and implementing an institutional plan for the Regional Secretariat; clear statement on the value-added of CTI-CFF; identifying cross-sectoral and synergies between and among WGs; explore ways to strengthen NCCs; and for the incoming Executive Director to meet key leaders of CT countries to explain the relevance of CTI-CFF.

Change management experts Dr. Lida Pet-Soede of PT. Hatfield Indonesia and Mr. David Sheppard, former Director General of the South Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) facilitated the workshop. Communication experts from WWF, CTC and PT. Hatfield helped in crafting the crisp narrative commitment statement for CTI-CFF which was reviewed by CT member countries for endorsement at the SOM-15 on November 2019 in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

The workshop was conducted for 1.5 days in Bali, Indonesia with support from the US Department of Interior (US DOI). The workshop was followed by a writeshop for the draft RPOA 2.0.

Participants of Institutional Framework Workshop and RPOA 2.0 Writeshop.  
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## CT Atlas Design and Migration

CTI-CFF partnered with WorldFish to provide the technical support in redesigning the CT Atlas and CTI-CFF provided the strategic vision for new CT Atlas development.

At the Institutional Change workshop in Bali, Indonesia, Ms. Shwu Jiao Teoh, IT expert and CT Atlas technical lead from WorldFish, presented a simple, user-friendly and easy-to-the-eye look of the CT Atlas. The usual features of the CT Atlas were retained such as descriptions about CT Atlas, CT6 country profile, database, publication, interactive map, image gallery and M&E.

The CT Atlas architecture is currently being hosted through Microsoft Azure. The CT Atlas is envisioned to provide a common platform for all the countries in the Coral Triangle to share their data, and to create a growing, updated database for better marine resource management decisions and science.

Prior to the Bali workshop in August 2019, Ms. Teoh conducted an online survey among the NCCs, Regional Secretariat, strategic partners, and other stakeholders regarding CT Atlas. The result was presented during the May 2019 1st Consultative Workshop on RPOA 2.0 in Manado, Indonesia.

Ms. Teoh together with Mr. Stanley Tan of WorldFish also trained the members of the MPA Working Group on inputting information/data to the CT Atlas database during the 8th MPA Regional Exchange and 8th MPA Technical Working Group Meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia on 17th October 2019.

To fully complete the migration of CT Atlas to CTI-CFF, WorldFish will be training the staff of RS in the administration of the website and database as well as NCCs on uploading data in CT Atlas. WorldFish will also be providing the operational manual of CT Atlas to RS.

The CT Atlas can be accessed via <http://ctatlas.coraltriangleinitiative.org/>



Right: Ms. Shwu Jiao Teoh of WorldFish explained the redesigned CT Atlas. Bottom: Screenshot of CT Atlas webpage. Photo credit: CTI-CFF/J. Polita

# Cross-Cutting Initiatives

The Cross-Cutting Initiatives (CCI) help facilitate the implementation of TWG activities through different stakeholders such as women's groups, local government and business/private enterprises. CCI helps bring the activities on the ground.

## A. Local Government Network

### Maritime Local Government Network roll up sleeves for Strategic Partnership and Resource Mobilization Planning

29th – 31st July 2019 | Jakarta, Indonesia

With support from USAID and US DOI, the Maritime Local Government Network (LGN) conducted a workshop to discuss and plan for organizational strategic partnership and resource mobilization. Particularly, the workshop revisited and reviewed LGN's strategic goals as well as priorities. The workshop was hosted by Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries.

The network has a total of 29 local government members across the CT countries. One of LGN's activities was collaborating with UNESCO Jakarta and Indonesia's Coordinating Ministry of Maritime Affairs to conduct a Regional Workshop on Building National and Local Capacity on Measuring Science, Engineering, Technology and Innovation (SETI) for SDGs in the Asia Pacific in June 2019. The LGN is working on an MOU with Indonesia's Ministry of Home Affairs for strengthening the capacity and performance of coastal and maritime local governments in conserving sustainable coastal and marine resources.

The Maritime Local Government Network has applied to be a partner of CTI-CFF in their efforts to seek and engage in important strategic partnerships with CTI-CFF and other institutions/organizations that will enable LGN to extensively promote the achievement of RPOA 2.0 goals and contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), in particular SDGs 14 (Life Below Water) & 17 (Partnerships).



Participants of the workshop revisited and reviewed LGN's strategic goals as well as determined its strategic priorities. Photo Credit: CTI-CFF RS /A. Anggorojati

## B. Women Leaders' Forum (WLF)

### WLF Meeting

27th June 2019 | Dili, Timor Leste

The Women Leaders' Forum (WLF) met on 27th June 2019 in Dili, Timor-Leste with NCC representatives and strategic partners to discuss ways to synergize existing and future work in the region. The meeting also gathered inputs from the participants to be included into the draft gender policies/regulations matrix especially on the gaps and challenges - how women participation is included in the planning and implementation process, gender equality integration. Further, the information will feed into the RPOA 2.0 process.

Resource persons during the meeting were Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat; Dr. Arlene Satapornvanit of USAID Oceans; Ms. Jasmin Mohd Saad of USAID Oceans representing Ms. Agnetha Karamui, WLF Chair from Solomon Islands; Ms. Agustinha Duarte of WorldFish Timor-Leste; Ms. Lusitania Lopes of Women Maritime in Asia (WIMA); Ms. Kulthida Techasarin of US DOI; Ms. Esmeralda Dos Santos of Timor-Leste NCC; and Ms. Bernadette da Fonseca of FAO Timor-Leste.

Malaysia and Papua New Guinea also shared their gender/women initiatives. The WLF meeting was supported by USAID Oceans and US DOI. The Timor-Leste and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat hosted and co-organized the event respectively.

### WLF Planning Meeting

22nd – 23rd July 2019 | Bali, Indonesia

Ensuring gender mainstreaming in all CTI-CFF programs, members of the CTI Women Leaders Forum met up to identify and plan activities in Bali, Indonesia. In the meeting were Ms. Patricia Bickley of US DOI; Dir. Rili Djohani, Ms. Susantry, and Ms. Leilani Gallardo of Coral Triangle Center (CTC); and Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. They were also joined by USAID consultant Mr. Robert Schout.

The group identified two activities for implementation in September 2019. First, a training that targeted women leaders (supervisors, managers, and academics) in marine and coastal conservation areas in the CT countries. The training is intended to amplify the impact of women leaders to influence their organizations and build the capacity of more women to take on leadership roles in marine and coastal management in the region. The second activity is a 2-day workshop and a 1-day write shop to generate inputs and insights from CTI-CFF stakeholders on how to integrate CTI-CFF's cross cutting initiatives into the RPOA 2.0. The activity is targeting representatives from the CTI-CFF NCCs and Regional Secretariat, strategic partners and cross-cutting initiative stakeholders.

The planning meeting was organized by the CTC and supported by US DOI.



Left to right: (1) Ms. Lusitania Lopes of WIMA explained initiatives of their women's group. (2) Participants from CT countries and development partners gathered together for the WLF Dinner Meeting in Dili, Timor-Leste.

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**Workshop on Aligning Cross-Cutting Initiatives to the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action 2.0 & The CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum Developing a Competency Model to Elevate Women Leadership in Marine and Coastal Management**

24th – 26th September 2019 | Coral Triangle Center, Bali, Indonesia

The Regional Secretariat participated in the workshop on Aligning Cross-Cutting Initiatives to the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action 2.0 which brought together senior officials from NCCs and key leaders of WLF, LGN and Regional Business Forum. In said workshop, the three (3) Cross-Cutting Initiatives came up with an Action Plan that identified key activities and outputs for immediate action, short-and long term periods, which are all aligned to the CTI-CFF RPOA 2.0.

In parallel with the workshop was the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum Developing a Competency Model to Elevate Women Leadership in Marine and Coastal Management.

The activity was aimed at developing a customized leadership competency model for women leaders across the Coral Triangle region. The model and portfolio includes a competency model and framework, a list of skills and knowledge associated with each competency and a sampling of educational resources that will support leadership development, and tips for integrating the competencies in each organization, aiming to provide more women leaders with the capacity needed to champion marine and coastal resource management.

The activity was also the final activity by USAID and US DOI for 2019.



Top to bottom: (1) USAID Consultant Robert Schout facilitated the WLF Workshop. (2) and (3) Women leaders from CT countries shared the many competency skills of women leaders and the various ways to further enhance these skills through role playing and video presentation. Photo credit: CTI-CFF RS/J. Polita

Top to bottom: Participants of the Workshop on Aligning Cross-Cutting Initiatives to the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action 2.0. Photo credit: CTI-CFF RS/J. Polita



Sabah Fish Landing  
Photo credit: CTI-CFF RS

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## Delivering commitments on the ground

The CT countries have implemented various projects and activities towards achieving their respective NPOAs as well as implementing policies agreed upon at the regional level. These activities were supported by strategic partners, government agencies, civic organizations and the community which contribute to better management and protection of the resources of the Coral Triangle. Tables 1-5 shows the activities and progress of CT member countries in line with the goals of CTI-CFF at the national level.





**Table 1. Indonesia’s implemented activities and progress made in line with CTI-CFF goals.**

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<p><b>1</b> In managing the ocean, Indonesia uses marine spatial planning (MSP) as a management tool to identify where the activities will be implemented and also consider the spatial compatibility of activities. MSP helps reduce spatial use conflicts, optimizes resources use, provides legal certainty and uses as the basis for permit.</p> <p>Seascape serves as the geographical scope of MSP; while MSP serves as the tool for achieving the Seascape’s goals and objectives.</p> <p>The implementation of MSP is drawn from the following Indonesia laws and guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indonesian Law No. 27/2007 on Management of Coastal and Small Islands</li> <li>• Indonesian Law No. 32/2014 on Marine Affairs</li> <li>• Indonesian Government Regulation No. 32/2019 on Marine Spatial Plan</li> <li>• Minister of MMAF Regulation No. 23/2016 on Planning for Management of Coastal Areas and Small Islands</li> </ul>																																		
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<p><b>3</b></p>	<p>Indonesia has committed to adopt with the global mandates such as Aichi Target 11, CBD, and SDG 14.5 to preserve 10% or 32.5 million hectare of the country's MPAs in 2030. Indonesia has a marine territorial area totalling to 325 million hectares.</p> <p>As of 2019, Indonesia has established 195 MPAs with the total area of 22.68 million hectares or 6.98%. In order to meet the 10% goal, Indonesia has conducted an analysis of potential marine locations that is appropriate to be under MPAs and the result was adopted by the National Roadmap Development Plan on MPA.</p> <p>In the CTI region, Indonesia has contributed 117 MPAs with a total area of 16.28 million hectares, which protects 49% of coral reefs. Apart from protecting the marine coastal ecosystem, Indonesia's MPAs have protected various marine endangered and threatened species, which includes sea turtles, cetaceans, dugong, manta ray, sharks, mola-mola, and banggai cardinal fish.</p> <p>Indonesia's activities will continue to focus on three (3) priority seascapes - Sulu Sulawesi Seascape, Lesser Sunda Seascape, and Bismarck Solomon Sea Ecoregion</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Since 2012, Indonesia has been implementing Program Kampung Iklim (PROKLIM), a program which aims to recognize the participation of local communities implementing actions of climate mitigation and adaptation, which contributes to the achievement of national greenhouse gas reduction targets and increases the community resilience to climate change impact.</li> </ul> <p>Other activities implemented to contribute to attain Goal 4 are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of Mangrove Adaptation to Climate Change, a project that supports ecosystem based adaptation (EbA) and climate action on national level (RAN-API)</li> <li>• Initiation of roadmap about Mitigation and Adaptation of Land Subsidence in Coastal Lowland to reduce disaster risk of land subsidence in coastal lowlands area</li> <li>• Development of Ocean Health Index to increase health of ocean as well as solve climate change problem</li> <li>• Establishment of Indonesia Mangrove Society to accelerate mangrove rehabilitation activity and increase economic income for coastal communities</li> </ul>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p>Indonesia is home to 35 species of marine mammals that are entirely protected under the government law. The five (5) species of sea turtles that have landed in the country are being protected while of the 117 species identified as sharks and more than 200 known rays inhabiting Indonesian waters, it is only the whale sharks and manta rays that are protected under national law</p> <p>Most of the strategies/programs listed in the NPOA have been accomplished, except for Dugong NPOA that started in 2018 through a UNEP-assisted program called the Dugong and Seagrass Conservation Project. In addition, Indonesia is on the way to complete the development of whale sharks NPOA.</p> <p>The implementation of the national action plans has certainly contributed to the sustainability of the threatened species. For instance, it is reported that thousands of sea turtles individuals have been released to the oceans in Sulawesi, one of CTI-CFF hotspot for sea turtles. Of these numbers, 95% are baby turtles that will ensure its sustainability.</p>

## Goals

## Progress

5 Indonesia's national first response action in handling the stranded marine biota has helped marine mammals to sustain their lives. In cooperation with veterinarians' community (the flying vet), 96% of stranded biota from 2018-2019 and found alive in coastal areas have been successfully released back to the oceans.

A number of guidelines for the three (3) groups of threatened species - sharks and rays, marine mammals and sea turtles have also been developed such as the bycatch mitigation guideline for sea turtles.

## Challenges

At the local level, local community support, participation, compliance and co-management remain a challenge. Further, public awareness on threatened species remains low, particularly in remote areas.

Communication and coordination among stakeholders, synergizing the activities of thematic working groups, population increase in coastal areas and harmonizing regulations among sectors and government levels are constraints in the implementation of activities at the national level.

While at the regional level, support for research findings on CTI issues, alternative funding to support implementation of NPOA and ways for CTI-CFF to contribute to other international initiatives are issues that need to be addressed.

Source: Indonesia's Country Report presented during SOM-15.





**Table 2. Malaysia's implemented activities and progress made in line with CTI-CFF goals.**

Goals	Progress
<p><b>1</b></p>	<p>Completed Seascope Regional Project as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ADB Regional Technical Assistance (RETA) 7813</li> <li>• CTI-GIZ Sulu Sulawesi Seascope Project-BMU German</li> </ul> <p>Actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Coastal Zone Physical Plan</li> <li>• Integrated Shoreline Management Plan for the West of Sabah</li> <li>• National Physical Plan 3 (NPP3), National Coastal Zone Physical Plan for Peninsular Malaysia, Structure Plan and Local Plan</li> <li>• Jointly develop investment plans with seascope partners for all identified Priority Seascapes (including the existing SSME (Sulu Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion Seascope))</li> </ul>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p>Achievements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Developing maps showing the location of Malaysian COASTFISH sites, along with other spatially-referenced data</li> <li>• Economic valuation of mangrove forest and its implication to community</li> <li>• Assessment of fisheries stock for sustainable management</li> <li>• Tuna fisheries resources survey in Sulu-Sulawesi Seas</li> </ul> <p>Completed Activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• State level Essential Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management Training for Stakeholders on 23rd -26th July 2019 and 17th -19th September 2019</li> <li>• EAFM Marine Conservation Program for Secondary School Students on 27th April 2019 and 6th July 2019 (in conjunction with World Oceans Day and Coral Triangle Day 2019)</li> </ul>
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p>Actions include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strengthening MPA management human resource capacity through recruitment and training</li> <li>• Implement a program on connectivity related research, such as larval dispersal, genetics, spawning aggregations</li> <li>• Design and implement a spatial zoning plan and gear-based management strategies within the TMP</li> <li>• Conduct research on reef resilience against global climate change</li> </ul>

Goals	Progress
4	<p>Achievements include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish an inter-agency committee for planning &amp; management of the environmental data collection &amp; archiving system</li> <li>• Complete National Coastal Vulnerability Index (CVI) for Coastal Strategic Assets &amp; Major Urban Centres in Peninsular Malaysia and East Malaysia</li> <li>• Complete the Malaysian Climate Change Coastal Adaptation Plan, with a focus on sustainable management of fisheries and livelihood diversification</li> </ul> <p>Ongoing actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scientific research</li> <li>• CEPA</li> </ul>
5	<p>Accomplishments include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gazettement of six (6) species of sharks and rays as protected endangered species</li> <li>• Increasing landings trends green turtles and hawksbill turtles</li> <li>• Waters surrounding east coast of Johor recognized as Important Marine Mammal Areas (IMMA) for the presence of dugong</li> <li>• All six (6) marine parks in Sabah are declared as Shark Sanctuaries</li> </ul> <p>Ongoing activities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular engagement with stakeholders to encourage co-management of turtle hatcheries</li> <li>• Review of endangered species NPOAs</li> <li>• Education and awareness programs</li> <li>• Research activities on population, inventories and domestic trade</li> </ul>

## Challenges

Malaysia identified the following challenges in attaining the goals of NPOA: limitations in resources – financial, time, manpower and expertise; coordination and M&E; synergizing efforts amongst all relevant stakeholders; socialization of actions and plans; and translating efforts into profits and social impact.

Source: Malaysia's Country Report presented during SOM-15.



**Table 3. Papua New Guinea’s implemented activities and progress made in line with CTI-CFF goals.**

Goals	Progress
<p><b>1</b></p>	<p>In terms of CTI-CFF national programs, Papua New Guinea accomplished the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Secured commitment from national, provincial, and local level governments and other stakeholders.</li> <li>• Development of maps showing environmental features and values.</li> <li>• Identification of Focal Points in respective provincial governments and other stakeholders.</li> <li>• Capacity building programs for provincial governments and other stakeholders</li> </ul> <p>Further, PNG has been awaiting the progression of the Bismarck Solomon Seascope. The progression of Solutions for Marine and Coastal Resilience in the Coral Triangle project proposal will serve as the vehicle to progress this work.</p>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p>The WCS – ADB supported project “Strengthening Local Capacity of Vulnerable Island Communities in PNG for an Ecosystem Based Approach to Resource Management” was able to build community and local partnerships; strengthen management approaches as well as local capacity to manage local resources; and implement livelihood and climate change adaptation initiatives.</p> <p>Other achievements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IFAD Program</li> <li>• Building coral reef resilience</li> <li>• Food security for communities</li> <li>• Livelihood/Income generation</li> </ul> <p>Clean Seascope Program</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Coral reef rehabilitation</li> <li>b. Mangrove reforestation</li> <li>c. Waste Management</li> </ol> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Trap Net Program: creating an alternative livelihood for communities</li> <li>• Seaweed farming: community livelihood/income generation</li> <li>• Sea cucumber mariculture (NIRF) Sandfish restocking</li> </ul>

Goals	Progress
3	<p>Implementation of the WCS – ADB supported project “Strengthening Local Capacity of Vulnerable Island Communities in PNG for an Ecosystem Based Approach to Resource Management” and other programs related to CTI-CFF goals such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bootless Bay – CEPA/JICA</li> <li>• Tribal Network, Manus, TNC</li> <li>• Kairuku LMMA- PNGCLMA</li> <li>• Milne Bay LMMA Network – Coral Sea Foundation</li> <li>• Coastal Plastic Campaign- CEPA</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Development of the Community-based Mangrove Planting Handbook for Papua New Guinea</li> <li>• Implementation of the Adaptation project which includes the following activities: Adaptation to coastal flooding-related risks and hazards for North Coast and Islands Region communities; and awareness raising and knowledge management</li> <li>• Under building resilience to climate change in Papua New Guinea, conducted the following activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Piloting sustainable fishery ecosystems and food security in nine (9) vulnerable islands and atoll communities (includes LMMAs, mangrove rehabs, buffer, watersheds) – Morobe, AROB, Manus, Milne Bay and ENB</li> <li>b. Climate proofing of Alotau/provincial wharf</li> <li>c. Vulnerability mapping and planning</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
5	<p>Under CTI-CFF national programs, conducted the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Threatened species and major boundaries listed and mapped</li> <li>• Development of management plans – Maza Management Plan and Commercial Species Management Plan</li> <li>• Raised public awareness and interest in threatened species via CEPA-led coastal clean-up programs and city market ban on sale of species such as turtles</li> </ul>

## Challenges

Realization of CTI-CFF goals is constrained by the following:

- Capacity within provinces to sustain implemented work programs
- Lack of adequate resourcing for in-country extensive consultation for RPOA 2.0
- Prioritizing regional resource allocation for program implementation across all CT6 countries
- Remoteness and accessibility of areas/sites
- Limited resources and short project timeframe for implementation
- Conservation vs economic activities

Source: Papua New Guinea's Country Report presented during SOM-15.



**Table 4. Philippines' implemented activities and progress made in line with CTI-CFF goals.**

Goals	Progress
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of expanded-National Integrated Protected Area System (e-NIPAS) with implementing rules and regulations and budget allocation</li> <li>• Conducted experts' forum and marine research for West Philippine Sea</li> <li>• Development of Philippine Rise Management Plan</li> <li>• Mainstreaming of Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape activities</li> <li>• Conducted National Marine Summit</li> <li>• Ongoing implementation of the UNEP-SEAFDEC Refugia and WPEA Projects</li> <li>• Passage of Bangsamoro Law</li> </ul>
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishment of Fisheries Management Area</li> <li>• Implementation of Biodiversity Friendly Enterprises and Special Area for Agricultural Development Program (SAADP)</li> <li>• Continuous conduct of IEC activities such as conduct of summits/ conferences focusing on highly valued commodities i.e., sardines, tuna, shrimp, milkfish, tilapia, etc.</li> <li>• Conducted Fisheries Summit 2019</li> <li>• Drafted Guidelines on the Delineation of Municipalities with Offshore Islands</li> <li>• Continuous implementation of seasonal fishing closures in Zamboanga Peninsula, Balayan Bay, Visayan Sea, Davao Gulf and Northern Palawan with adaptive measures</li> <li>• Regulation on wild juvenile groupers through an FAO</li> <li>• Establishment of data collection scheme in municipal catch documentation and traceability system in the LGU for management of fishery resources</li> <li>• Support to the implementation of FishRight Program</li> <li>• Establishment of convergence initiatives with DENR Biodiversity Management Bureau</li> <li>• Creation of National Scientific Advisory Group of Experts (NSAGE)</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Passage of Republic Act 11038 and approval of DAO 2019-05</li> <li>• Establishment of Marine Turtle Protected Area Network (MPAN) locally managed to form part of buffer zone in Sarangani Bay Protected Seascape</li> <li>• TWG meeting on Marine Turtle Protected Area Network (MTPAN)</li> <li>• MPA Awards and Recognitions (Para El Mar) for MPAs locally managed, Best Mangrove Award, MPA Network Awards and MPA NIPAS Award</li> <li>• Policies formulation e.g., Vulnerability Assessment (VA), Guidelines on the establishment of Marine Protected Area Network (MPAN), Technical Bulletin on MPAN</li> <li>• National MPA Capacity Building Program</li> </ul>

**Goals****Progress**

- 4** Activities implemented:
- Drafted the Communique on Climate Change for review by the CCA WG
  - Ongoing field level implementation of mangrove conservation, rehabilitation, protection and management
  - Mindoro Mangrove Green Wall Initiative
  - Green Gray Infrastructure Initiative in Northern Iloilo
  - Mangrove rehabilitation and blue carbon assessment in Verde Island Passage
  - Policy engagement through the National Blue Carbon WG
  - National Mangrove Summit (9-10 October 2019)
  - Blue Carbon Strategy Workshop
  - Ongoing nationwide CC vulnerability and suitability assessment and mapping of aquaculture and capture fisheries funded by the Philippine Rural Development Project (PRDP)
  - Issuance of Commission Resolution on the Creation of Blue Carbon Steering Committee and Technical Working Group of the Philippines
  - Issuance of the Commission Resolution No. 2019-001 “Resolution Adopting a National Climate Risk Management Framework to Address the Intensifying Adverse Effects of Climate Change”
  - Inter-agency TWG workshops on the development of Blue Carbon Roadmap
  - Conducted the National Technical Conference on Coastal, Marine and Oceans
  - Ongoing updating of the National Climate Change Action Plan (NCCAP)
  - Conduct of trainings on Local Climate Change Action Plan (LCCAP) development, and provided assistance to Department of Interior and Local Government in the formulation of the “LGU Guidebook in the Formulation of LCCAP”
  - Continuous technical and policy guidance to the LGUs to access the People Survival Fund (PSF) and Green Climate Fund (GCF)
  - Continuous mainstreaming of CCA and Climate Risk Management Framework (CRMF) at the national and local level through Training Needs Assessment and Program development and assistance in the development of Climate and Disaster Risk Assessment (CDRA)
  - Continuous implementation of the BFAR Climate Change - Disaster Risk Reduction Management Strategic Framework Conduct of the National Coastal Fisheries Summit and issuance of League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) Resolutions for the President on the following:
    - a. Strengthening of Coastal Fisheries Governance to ensure preferential rights by municipal fisherfolk over the use of coastal and marine resources
    - b. Strengthening of coastal and fishery law enforcement in coastal communities
    - c. Improving functionality of current MPAs and fish sanctuaries, establish and strengthen new one to ensure sustainable and resilient habitats, fisheries and communities
    - d. Mainstreaming of coastal resources and fisheries in the climate change programs and Policies
    - e. Prioritization and provision of adequate financing for sustainable coastal resources and fisheries management programs
- 5**
- Finalization of the National Conservation Plan of Action for Marine Turtle and Dugong
  - Conducted marine turtle conservation and hatchery management training for local stakeholders in Sarangani Province (14-18 October 2019)
  - Trainings on Identification of Sharks and Rays



Goals	Progress
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Turtle Island Heritage Park Protected Area (TIHPA) Bilateral Agreement with Philippines and Malaysia (Ongoing)</li> <li>• Ongoing IUCN red list assessment of aquatic organisms being conducted by the Philippine Aquatic Red List Committee pursuant to FAO 233</li> </ul>

## Challenges

The Philippines has identified the following challenges in realizing the goals of CTI-CFF:

### Institutional

1. Change in leadership/management of government offices, including political dynamics both at the local and national levels
2. The need for local chief executives to prioritize conservation and environmental protection and to ensure their strong support on the sustainable localization of programs/projects
3. Weak linkage between the scientific community and relevant government agencies to formulate a science-based IEC materials/ action/ policy/ strategy
4. Donor-driven programs must be transformed into programs that are sustainable, promotes community-ownership, and manifests what the community really needs

### Socio-Economic

Poverty in some areas wherein the pressure and threats on the blue carbon ecosystems are high

Funding and investment

1. Inadequate investment on communication strategies to strengthen CEPA at the local level
2. Insufficient funding on researches and on localization process
3. Sustainable financing for the baselining (gathering of data and field validation) is urgently needed to conduct CEPA properly and avoid misinformation; which might result in maladaptation

### Others

1. Natural and anthropogenic disturbances (typhoons, earthquakes, floods, climate change, etc.)
2. Pollution, habitat loss and over extraction of resources
3. Establishment of West Philippine Sea as one of the priority seascapes under CTI-CFF
4. Harmonization and standardization of methodologies and approaches is a must; enable effective monitoring and evaluation
5. Language/dialect barriers must be overcome in order to translate messages and make them appreciate more

Source: Philippines' Country Report presented during SOM-15.





**Table 5. Solomon Island’s implemented activities and progress made in line with CTI-CFF goals.**

Goals	Progress
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Marine Spatial Planning with the target of having an MSP - proper planning of ocean space to maximize the economical, ecological and social objectives of users with the ocean space</li> <li>• Kavachi Managed area – Consultation (WCS)</li> <li>• Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction - engage in ongoing intergovernmental negotiations</li> <li>• BSSE - New proposal under BMU-IKI project with GIZ, IUCN and CI</li> </ul>
2	<p>CTI-CFF National Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National policies and legislations</li> <li>• Integrated Ocean Governance framework</li> <li>• Community Based Resource Management</li> </ul> <p>Activities relating to CTI-CFF goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Marine Spatial Planning process</li> <li>• Development of provincial fisheries ordinance for three (3) provinces – Malaita, Guadalcanal and Choiseul Province</li> <li>• Coral and invertebrate surveys</li> <li>• WWF Solomon Islands – implementation of sustainable community-based fisheries co-management, linked to empowering women through financial inclusion</li> <li>• JICA/MFMR - Livelihood improvement through community based coastal resource management and utilization for SI</li> <li>• Aquaculture programs - Seaweed, tilapia</li> <li>• Ocean finance – PROP programme for innovative financial mechanisms</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continuous support provided to new and existing MPAs - Assessment and monitoring</li> <li>• &gt;200+ CBRM sites , 0.12% EEZ coverage (10% target, National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan)</li> <li>• Strengthening enforcement and compliance – SOP, rangers training, M&amp;E</li> <li>• Tetepare Marine PA, Three Sisters – Malauolo in Makira – in progress for declaration</li> <li>• World Heritage Sites – in process for declaration under PA Act. Threats include oil spill and other development</li> <li>• CBRM Activities               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Capacity building for practitioners and communities</li> <li>b. Integration of livelihoods into community management initiatives</li> <li>c. M&amp;E for management areas - CBRM Tracking tool</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Draft National CBRM scaling up strategy</li> <li>• Expansion of CBRM interventions to new sites and provinces</li> </ul>

Goals	Progress
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pacific Ecosystem based Adaptation to Climate Change (2107-2020) - promoting ecosystem-based approach as a climate change adaptation strategy. Activities in two (2) sites Wagina (Choiseul) and Honiara (Guadalcanal)</li> <li>• Integrated vulnerability and adaptation assessment (21 communities in Malaita Province)</li> <li>• USAID Climate Ready project – access to finance, capacity building training and legislation</li> <li>• UNDP Small Grants Project</li> <li>• Solomon Islands Water Sector Adaptation program (2014-2018)</li> <li>• GEF/UNDP: activities include - Climate change adaptation planning and support for three (3) townships – Taro, Gizo and Tingoa and three (3) communities – Ferafalu (Malaita), Santa Catalina (Makira) and Tuwo community in Temotu province</li> <li>• Ongoing CC adaptation activities through CBRM approaches by NGOs (WorldFish, The Nature Conservancy and WWFSI) and community-based organisations across the country.</li> <li>• Establishment of Oceans and Climate Change Desk with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade ( MFAET).</li> </ul>
5	<p>CTI-CFF National Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Fisheries Management Programs – CBRM programs</li> <li>• Ongoing – CBRM initiatives for protection and management of threatened species</li> <li>• Ongoing – Awareness of fisheries regulations</li> </ul> <p>Activities relating to CTI-CFF goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NGO Partners involved in TS work - TNC, CEPF, ACMPA, WCS, WWF</li> <li>• Sharks – initial discussions with WWF for technical support for sharks for 2020</li> <li>• National invertebrate population assessment targeting coral and clams</li> <li>• Drafting instruction for formulation of species management plans</li> <li>• Initial discussion for PEUMP Bycatch Integrated Ecosystem Management (BIEM) through SPREP for revision of SB Turtle Management and Strategic Action Plan next year</li> <li>• Initial work for development of snapper fisheries management plan</li> </ul>

## Challenges

The following are the constraints in attaining the goals of CTI-CFF:

- Goal 1: There is slow paced buy-in for the BSSE nomination from relevant stakeholders.
- Goal 2: Increasing demand for resources for income and food and unsustainable development activities including waste management (plastic pollution). Also, improvements needed on policies and legislations such as the Environment Act, Forestry Resources and Timber Utilization Act. Enforcement capacities needed at community, provincial and even national levels.
- Goal 3: Requirements need a lot of finance and technical efforts.
- Goal 4: Limited focus of adaptation programs on the marine and coastal sector. Multiple partners – difficulty to track and monitor activities outside of government and NCC partners.
- Goal 5: Needs for baseline data, monitoring programs for key threatened species, technical capacity.

Source: Solomon Islands' Country Report presented during SOM-15.



**Table 6. Timor-Leste’s implemented activities and progress made in line with CTI-CFF goals.**

Goals	Progress
<p><b>1</b></p>	<p>CTI-CFF National Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Built National Perspectives on the Seascape Management Concept (Seminar and NCC Focus Group Discussion)</li> <li>• Built spatial dataset and its support data through collation of available secondary data nationally and globally</li> <li>• Developed scenario area of seascape and referred to approximate line on EEZ (not officially) to help better understand on the mapping and zoning for seascape management</li> <li>• Divided country EEZ into North Seascape and South Seascape</li> </ul> <p>Activities relating to CTI-CFF goals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Actively engaged in the Lesser Sunda Priority Seascape to be managed as a regional seascape with government</li> <li>• Officially endorsed the readiness of the country to propose the country seascape (North and South Seascape into Lesser Sunda regional manage seascape</li> <li>• Committed to provide necessary data required for the completion of its submission processes</li> </ul>
<p><b>2</b></p>	<p>CTI-CFF National Programs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Livelihood program</li> <li>• Waste management (household recycle fabric plastic &amp; cloth) in Atauro by WLF – CTC</li> <li>• Activities relating to CTI-CFF goals</li> <li>• Indonesia Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (ISLME) (Transboundary Diagnostic Analysis (TDA), MSP, Ecosystem Approach to Aquaculture (EAA)) – FAO</li> <li>• Pelagic Data System (WorldFish)</li> <li>• Livelihood program/fish aggregating devices (FAD) - (WorldFish)</li> <li>• Coastal Resilience Mangrove (UNDP)</li> <li>• Tourism for all (USAID)</li> <li>• Ecotourism (PEMSEA)</li> <li>• Reforestation (KOICA/UNDP)</li> <li>• Project on National Marine Resources Survey in Timor-Leste Water 2019 through the support of the Kingdom of Thailand (hydrobiology, oceanography, biomass, heavy metal and micro plastic)</li> <li>• Ecological potential identified</li> <li>• Fisher centre mapping</li> <li>• Tilapia farming</li> <li>• Seaweed farming</li> </ul>

Goals	Progress
3	CTI-CFF National Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established 12 new MPAs in 2017 and 2018 in Atauro Island</li> <li>Established MPA for dugong and seagrass in 2018</li> <li>Established MPAs connectivity in Atauro Island and one (1) MPA connectivity in Kaitehu, Ulmera, Liquiça in 2019</li> <li>Ongoing establishment of marine conservation</li> <li>Ongoing – launching of seven (7) MPAs in the next 2 years namely, MPA Maubara Lake, MPA Biacou, MPA Palaka, MPA Be-Malai, MPA Lamsana, MPA Modomahut and MPA Adarai</li> <li>Training on MPA basic principles and design</li> </ul>
4	CTI-CFF National Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Waste management household recycle fabric plastic &amp; cloth in Atauro by WLF – CTC</li> </ul> Activities relating to CTI-CFF goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coastal resilience mangrove replantation (Bobonaro- Be Malae, Liquica Ulmera &amp; Vatubou, Dili-Metinaro, Manufahi - Modomahut, Viqueque – Beaco, Manatuto - Lamsana &amp; RAEOA - Citrana) by UNDP</li> <li>Small Scale Rural infrastructure (UNDP)</li> <li>Zero Plastic (Environment Policy)</li> <li>Green School</li> <li>Integrated regulation assessment climate change working group</li> </ul>
5	CTI-CFF National Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fish stock assessment survey (shark and rays identification), a joint ministerial agreement Thai-Timor</li> <li>Training on Identification of shark and rays by RS.</li> </ul> Activities relating to CTI-CFF goals <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sea turtle monitoring &amp; mapping area by CI</li> <li>Marine mammals identification by CI (GEF) &amp; Blue Venture</li> <li>Cetacean Survey (Guidelines on Whale Watching) by Blue Venture (USAID)</li> </ul>

## Challenges

For Timor-Leste, the lack of technical assistance and support from national level; limited human resources; inadequate infrastructure and public facilities; limited financial support and the lack of enforcement in IUU fishing are challenges in achieving the NPOA and/or RPOA.

Source: Timor-Leste's Country Report presented during SOM-15.



Timor-Leste  
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A woman with her hair in a bun, wearing a black polo shirt, stands in the foreground on the left. Behind her is a modern building with a large, curved, brown roof and several circular blue-tinted windows. The background shows a clear blue sky with some light clouds. A large yellow graphic element, consisting of a triangle pointing towards the bottom right, is overlaid on the right side of the image.

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**C**apacity  
Building  
Program for  
Regional  
Coral Triangle  
Network  
Officers  
(RCTNO)

# Capacity Building Program for Regional Coral Triangle Network Officers (RCTNO)

The CTI-CFF through its Regional Secretariat (RS) implemented the Capacity Building Program for RCTNO. The 5-month program intended to provide learning experience on improving the implementation of the current Regional Plan of Action (RPOA); to be involved and contribute in the renewal of RPOA process; to improve understanding of RS functions; to provide opportunity on improving and strengthening the linkages of NPOAs to the RPOA; and act as focal points between RS and their respective NCCs for communication assistance.

The program gathered one (1) nomination from each CT country who are young professionals working in the field of marine/coastal ecology, fisheries science, management, monitoring and other relevant fields in the government department of the countries. The Regional Secretariat had four RCTNOs in the headquarters namely Dr. Conni Sidabalok (Indonesia), Ms. Phelameya Haiveta (Papua New Guinea), Mr. Simeon Baeto (Solomon Islands) and Mr. Sabino Adonia (Timor-Leste). They started the program on 15th July 2019.

The RCTNOs were exposed to numerous activities of RS particularly relating to RPOA 2.0. Moreover, the RCTNO helped in various facilitation and coordination work of the Technical and Governance Working Groups and Cross-Cutting Initiatives such as documentation of activities, preparation of workshop materials and activity report, attendance in training and meetings.

The RCTNOs particularly attended the following activities:

1. Institutional Change Workshop and Writeshop for RPOA in Bali, Indonesia
2. Threatened Species Working Group Meeting in Gorontalo, Indonesia
3. Training on Financial Literacy and Management for Women in Fisheries in Bitung, Indonesia
4. Workshop Towards the Sustainable Fishery Management in North Sulawesi through EAFM approach in Manado, Indonesia
5. 15th Senior Officials Meeting in Honiara, Solomon Islands

Top (left to right): Dr. Conni Sidabalok (Indonesia); Ms. Phelameya Haiveta (Papua New Guinea); Mr. Simeon Baeto (Solomon Islands); and Mr. Sabino Adonia (Timor-Leste).  
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Bottom photos: The RCTNOs were exposed to various activities such as (1) presentation of mapping of country project; (2) participation of Manado Coral Triangle Day activity in Bunaken; (3) sharing of CMAR experience; (4) documenting TSWG meeting.  
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## **S**trategizing plans for sustainable marine and coastal management

In an effort to continue safeguarding the region's marine and coastal resources efficiently, the annual meeting of the Committee of Senior Officials is pursued as a venue to assess the activities conducted the previous year, discuss future activities and needed resources for project implementation.

## 15th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-15)

On 7th- 8th December 2019 in Honiara, Solomon Islands, the designated senior officials of the CT countries gathered to discuss the progress and accomplishments of the Working Groups, Cross-Cutting Initiatives as well as the Regional Secretariat. The Committee also reviewed the projects and activities on continuing and areas of cooperation

The annual senior officials meeting was set-up as a formal mechanism to consolidate and strengthen relations of the CT countries, assess country accomplishments with respect to the RPOA, review projects and activities on continuing and areas of cooperation and collaboration.

One of the significant items discussed was the draft RPOA 2.0 which sets goals for 2025 and 2030. The draft RPOA 2.0 proposes to focus to two (2) Flagship programs namely, the CT Marine Protected Areas System (CTMPAS) and Sustainable Coastal Fisheries and Poverty Reduction Initiative (COASTFISH) designed to apply an Ecosystem Approach on Fisheries Management (EAFM). The CTMPAS visualizes a system of “networks” of MPAs that are connected, resilient and sustainably financed.

The need for RPOA 2.0 is a result of a completed review by independent experts on the effectiveness of the 10-Year RPOA with regard to fit of the plan, focus, responsiveness and implementation arrangements around it.

The CSO agreed that a meeting shall be convened to finalize RPOA 2.0 back to back with the meeting on M&E indicators in 2020 and this shall be handled by RS.

The meeting also gathered CTI’s strategic partners and collaborators namely, USAID, WWF, TNC, CTC, GIZ, and WCS where all call for the finalization of RPOA 2.0 and engagement of strategic partnership and support initiatives across CT countries and at the national level. The SOM-15 Chair Summary is shown in Annex I.



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(1) Representatives of CT countries of deliberated on one of the significant items, the draft RPOA .2.0. ; Delegates from (2) Indonesia; (3) Malaysia; (3) Papua New Guinea; (4) Philippines; (5) Solomon Islands; (6) Timor-Leste; (7) The participants of the SOM-15 composed of representatives from CT countries, strategic partners and the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. Photo credit: CTI-CFF RS/(1) J. Polita; 2-7: A. Anggorojati







Top (left to right) to bottom: CTI-CFF through Dr. Melchior Mataki welcomed the new ED of RS, Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin and Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu, new DED CS.

Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry (second from right) with Ms. Norsham binti Abdul Latip, Senior Undersecretary from Malaysia's MESTECC, Ms. Laura Whitford, TNC's Director for Marine Strategies and Partnerships and Dr. Melchior Mataki, CTI-CFF CSO Chair.  
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## Welcoming the new heads of the Regional Secretariat

At SOM-15, the CTI-CFF welcomed Dr. Mohd Kushairi Bin Mohd Rajuddin as the new Executive Director (ED) and Mr. Gustaf Adolf Lumiu as the new Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services (DED CS) of RS effective 8th November 2019. The inauguration ceremony of the new ED and DED CS took place in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

Dr. Kushairi formerly worked as a researcher on mangroves and seagrasses in the Fisheries Department of Malaysia. He later joined the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Centre (SEAFDEC) in charge on the management of resources in the South China Sea, working on coral reef and artificial reef ecosystems. Prior to joining the Regional Secretariat, Dr. Kushairi was a Professor of Science at the University of Selangor, a private university in Malaysia for many years. He had over 35 years of working experience and being consultant to many international organizations.

He graduated from University Pertanian Malaysia with a Bachelor of Science in Fisheries. He received his Masters on Tropical Coastal Management and PhD in Ecology from the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne in England.

The new Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu has expertise in fiscal management and financial reporting of International Aids - bilateral and multilateral such as USAID, WorldBank, AUSAID, UNDP, and the like. He has a Master of Development Management degree from the Asian Institute of Management in Manila, Philippines.

Both the ED and DED CS were appointed by the Senior Officials of the CT countries for a term of four years. The ED and DED CS were selected from the nationals of CT countries noting that ED is selected based on alphabetical rotation of the CT6 countries.

Also, at SOM-15, the CT countries recognized and appreciated the Government of Indonesia for the designation of Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry as the Interim Executive Director of RS from October 2018 to 7th November 2019. Dr. Siry helped in the development process of RPOA 2.0. and also the financial operations of RS by moving to accrual basis accounting from cash basis and complementing it with software XERO for real time financial reporting to CT countries and strategic partners.

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# From the lens

Dr. Mohd Kushairi Bin Mohd Rajuddin, the new Executive Director of the Regional Secretariat paid a courtesy visit to the officials of Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries.

Dr.Kushairi also visited and met with the heads of international organizations namely, Conservation International Indonesia, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, RARE Indonesia, The Nature Conservancy Indonesia, UNDP Indonesia, Wildlife Conservation Society Indonesia and WWF during his first few weeks as head of Secretariat. These meetings were captured in the photos.



**Meeting with Indonesia NCC.** With Dr. M.R.M. Kushairi are (from left to right) Mr. Agus Dermawan, Secretary of Directorate General of Marine Spatial Management; Mr. Brahmantya Satyamurti Poerwadi, former Director of Marine Spatial Management, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Republic of Indonesia and Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry. Photo credit: CTI-CFF RS/R.Wasturini



**Meeting with former Minister of Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries.** From left to right: Mr. Freddy Numberi, former Indonesian Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (2004-2009), Chair of Organizing Committee of the 1st CTI-CFF Leaders' Summit; Dr. M.R.M. Kushairi; and Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry, former IED of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. Photo credit: CTI-CFF RS/R.Wasturini



**Meeting with World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF).** Dr. M.R.M Kushairi with Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry and Mr. Klaas Tulle, WWF Coral Triangle Program Leader. Photo credit: CTI-CFF RS/R.Wasturini





**Meeting with The Nature Conservancy (TNC) Indonesia.**

Dr. M.R.M. Kushairi together with Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry met with Dr. Muhammad Ilman (second from left), Director of Indonesia Oceans Program, TNC and Mr. Narmoko Prasmadji, Senior Advisor of TNC and former Director General of Capture Fisheries Indonesia

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**Meeting with Wildlife Conservation Society.**

From left to right: Dr. M.R.M Kushairi with CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Staff, Ms. Rumanti Wasturini, Assistant Manager for Publications, Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim, Deputy Executive Director for Program Services; Dr. Noviar Andayani, Country Director Indonesia Program, WCS; Ms. Ita Sualia, Marine Policy Coordinator, WCS; Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry; and Dr. Tony Ruchimat, Advisor, WCS (CTI-CFF EAFM Chairman).

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**Meeting with United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Indonesia.**

From left to right: Ms. Mareska Mantik, Advisor; Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry; Dr. M. R. M. Kushairi; Dr. Abdul Wahid Situmorang, Senior Advisor for Natural Resources Governance; and Mr. Sharief Natanagara, Consultant, Project Leader of the Archipelagic and Island States (AIS) Forum.

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**Meeting with Conservation International Indonesia.**

From left to right: Mr. Achmad Fuad Fathurrahman, Senior Officer Aquaculture Education Program; Mr. Abraham Sianipar, Elasmobranch Conservation Management Specialist; Dr. Ateng Supriatna, Fisheries and Aquaculture Program Manager; Dr. M.R.M. Kushairi; Dr. Victor Nikijuluw, Senior Director Marine Program; Dr. Audrie J. Siahainenia, Peat and Mangrove Ecosystem Initiative, IKI; and Mr. Sathya Reza Faturakhman, Senior Officer Aquaculture Program.

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**Top to bottom: Meeting with Centre of Human Dialogue.**

From left to right: Ms. Namira Asmar, Consultant and Mr. Alex Douglas, Advisor of Centre of Human Dialogue with Dr. M.R.M. Kushairi and Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry;

**Meeting with Rare Indonesia.** Dr. M.R.M. Kushairi with Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry met with Dr. Taufiq Alimi, Vice President of Rare Indonesia (left).

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# Strengthening strategic partnerships

Building and strengthening partnerships is at the core of CTI-CFF operations. CTI-CFF's engagement with its strategic partners has contributed in capacity building through provision of technical and scientific expertise; funding of priority conservation and sustainability projects and activities at the regional, national, and community level. By partnering with CTI-CFF, strategic partners were able to assist in ensuring the development of the RPOA 2.0.



## A. USAID Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management (SOACAP)

CTI-CFF through USAID Regional Development Mission Asia (RDMA), established partnerships with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), US DOI and USAID Oceans to provide ongoing scientific and technical assistance to CTI-CFF regional partners and the Regional Secretariat. The partnership was intended to promote country-to-country engagement, learning-by-practice and undertake scientific and capacity building programs in its effort to meet the goals set out in the CTI-CFF RPOA.

In 2019, through the SOACAP project, CTI-CFF was able to implement the following activities:

- 3rd Regional Priority Workshop for RPOA 2.0 in Manado, Indonesia on 1st May 2019;
- Workshop on CDT System Design and Development based on EAFM in Dili, Timor- Leste on 25th-26th June 2019; and
- Workshop on Institutional Change for effective of CTI-CFF in Bali, Indonesia on 13th-14th August 2019.

Apart from these activities, the Regional Secretariat worked closely with USAID RDMA and US DOI on capacity building to optimize its functions in implementing the RPOA. This includes improvement of the Corporate Services, financial and administration services, and capacity building for RS managers to support Program Services delivery to the six (6) member states.

CTI-CFF greatly appreciates the support provided by USAID towards attaining RPOA goals. The SOACAP project was completed in October 2019, with the submission of the final Quarterly Report.

Ms Kulthida Techasarin from US DOI gave her insights during the RPOA 2.0 Writeshop in Bali, Indonesia  
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## B. Australian Government Support

The Australian Government through the Department of Environment supported the Strategic Communication Experts Workshop on 22nd - 23rd May 2019 in Manila, Philippines. The output was a draft Strategic Communication Plan which identified high-level government officials, business sector, international development agencies and general public as priority audiences or stakeholder at the regional level.

Further, the workshop came up with key messages that is intended to resonate with the public and should effectively position and differentiate CTI-CFF from many other advocacies that the development sector seeks to address. The messages are intended to be used consistently to foster understanding on the cause and in building the CTI-CFF image.



The Strategic Communication Experts Workshop that was held in Manila, Philippines was funded by the Australian Government.  
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## Development Partners Meeting

25th-28th June 2019 | Singapore

The CTI-CFF together with strategic partners discussed plans in addressing gaps or required actions in the CTI-CFF RPOA 2.0 in Singapore.

Senior officials from the Australian Government, CTC, TNC, WCS, WWF and USAID RDMA also discussed the outcomes from the CTI-CFF Finance Resource Strategy Expert Workshop and analyzed how this fit in the RPOA 2.0.

Strategic partners also sat down with the management and finance team of RS to have a common understanding of respective priorities, concerns, gaps, and capabilities with respect to the RPOA 2.0 completion and implementation. Areas where partners can support were also laid down. In the meeting, the following points were recognized:

- The need to socialize the RPOA 2.0 between the writeshop and SOM-15 along with an Impact Assessment Report.
- The role of the Executive Director of RS is important in finalizing RPOA 2.0.

The meeting also highlighted the support of strategic partners to promote message of commitment to audience at high levels. Furthermore, support to build capacity of RS staff as a team and technical assistance to CT countries were noted.



Senior officials from Australia Government, CTC, TNC, WCS, WWF and USAID RDMA with RS discussed the outcomes from the CTI-CFF Finance Resource Strategy Expert Workshop and analyzed how this fit in the RPOA 2.0.

## C. Other Cooperation Activities

To build and renew partnership with government and potential donors, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat paid courtesy visits to the following ambassadors and international organizations:

- Ambassador of Solomon Islands to Indonesia
- Ambassador of Timor-Leste to Indonesia
- Ambassador of Australia to Indonesia
- Ambassador of Norway to Indonesia
- Ambassador of Germany to Indonesia
- Secretary General of ASEAN Secretariat
- Ambassador of European Union to Indonesia
- Consulate General Philippines in Manado

The courtesy visits to several ambassadors of CT countries and potential partners were intended to provide an update on the activities of CTI-CFF and seek potential strategic engagements.

Ambassadors expressed their satisfaction on the progress made by CTI-CFF in safeguarding and introducing sustainable marine conservation activities in the Coral Triangle region.



Senior officials from the Australia Government, CTC, TNC, WCS, WWF and USAID RDMA with RS discussed the outcomes from the CTI-CFF Finance Resource Strategy Expert Workshop and analyzed how this fit in the RPOA 2.0.

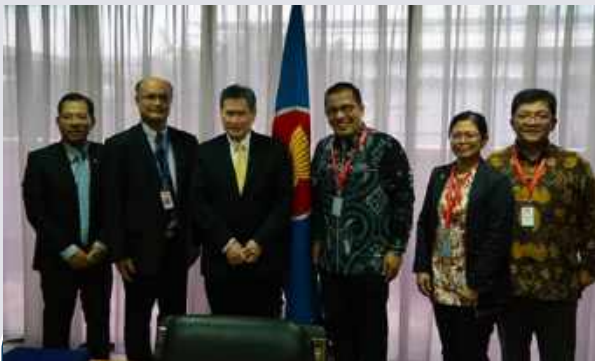
## CTI-CFF and ASEAN

The Regional Secretariat paid a courtesy visit to ASEAN Secretary General Excellency Dato' Paduka Lim Jock Hoi with the aim of strengthening ASEAN-CTI-CFF collaboration on 18 February 2019 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

In the meeting, ASEAN Secretary General Dato' Paduka Lim Jock Hoi recognized that the corals in the Coral Triangle must be protected and that CTI-CFF is an important forum for marine conservation and fight against illegal unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing. Also, he emphasized the importance of using local expertise and offered ASEAN Secretariat's support and participation to the RPOA 2.0 process.

During the meeting, the ASEAN Secretariat committed to inform relevant ASEAN WGs about CTI-CFF and potential for CTI-CFF to participate as stakeholder in relevant ASEAN WGs.

RS also had a back-to-back meeting with the Director of Corporate Affairs of the ASEAN Secretariat, Mr. Ung Srengkong. The meeting was intended for RS to learn ASEAN's Secretariat's experience in implementing its role and function as an intergovernmental organization in Indonesia.



The RS composed of Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry, Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim, and Mr. Asa Silalahi met with ASEAN Secretary General Dato Paduka Lim Jock Ho (third from left). In the meeting were also from left, Dr. Pham Quang Minh, Asst. Director, Head of Food, Agriculture and Forestry Division, ASEAN Sectoral Dev't Directorate; and Dr. Vong Sok, Asst. Director, Head of Environmental Division, ASEAN Sustainable Directorate.

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## CTI-CFF and EU

The Regional Secretariat through Dr. Siry met with Ambassador of EU to Indonesia, Mr. Vincent Guerend. The discussion focused on the following:

- EU has similar concern with CTI-CFF in relation to conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity resources and pointed out that EU foreign policies are, amongst other, focus on forging regional and international cooperation. Thus, EU stands ready to further develop ventures with CTI-CFF.
- Invitation to EU to become a partner of CTI-CFF CTI-CFF's possible ventures in low-carbon development, preservation of biodiversity, promoting climate resilience and connecting economic and environmental gains.

In the meeting, Ambassador Guerend was accompanied by Michael Bucki (Counselor for Climate Change and Environment) and Daniele De Bernardi (Program Manager for Environment, Climate Change and Forestry) while Dr. Siry was accompanied by the Executive Officer, Mr. Asa Silalahi.

The Regional Secretariat team also met with European counterpart team led by Dr. Puricacio Canals, Chair of Mediterranean Protected Area Network (MedPAN) with Mr. Filip Foster from GOPA Worldwide Consultants. The European team was joined by Mr. Klaas Teule, WWF Coral Triangle Program Leader. The group met to discuss potential synergy regarding strengthening ocean governance through European Union's assistance.



The RS met with European team Dr. Puricacio Canals, Chair of MedPAN with Mr. Filip Foster from GOPA Worldwide Consultants (second the third from left). The European team was joined by Mr. Klaas Teule, WWF Coral Triangle Program Leader.

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## Participation in International/Regional Events

The CTI-CFF through RS participated in the following events in order to share information with other regional groupings that share or in congruence with the goals of CTI. Further, RS participated in these activities to build new alliance and attract support to the initiatives of CTI-CFF.

### **International Conference on Regional Cooperation for the Protection of the Marine Environment**

*15th- 16th January 2019 | Singapore*

With the aim to investigate cooperative mechanisms by the numerous existing regional bodies and possible ways forward to improve the state of the marine environment in the region, the National University Singapore - Centre for International Law (CIL) organized the International Conference on Regional Cooperation for the Protection of the Marine Environment. The K.G. Jebsen Centre for Law of the Sea, UiT Arctic University of Norway supported the conference. Dr. Nora Ibrahim was invited to present at two sessions.

The conference investigated regional cooperation efforts by the numerous existing regional body and explored possible ways forward to improve the protection and management of the marine environment in the seas of Southeast Asia. One of the leading research questions addressed at the Conference was the extent to which the many ASEAN documents on the marine environment have incorporated, refer to or are de facto implementing obligations under international law to preserve and protect the marine environment.

At the conference, plastics and ship source pollution were also discussed as key marine environmental issues in Southeast Asia. The particular challenges of the region were explored, including legal and political issues, the role of science and financial assistance. The final discussion centered on the way forward and called for enhanced cooperation within ASEAN.

### **51st Meeting of the SEAFDEC Council**

*18th – 22nd March 2019 | Shangri-La Hotel Surabaya, Indonesia*

The meeting was intended to discuss matters on the policies and consideration on important issues, programs relevant to the present situation in regional fisheries as well as results of implementation of programs based on the Resolution and Plan of Action adopted by the ASEAN-SEAFDEC Member countries in 2018.

### **Boao Forum for Asia (BFA) Annual Conference: Maritime Security in the Asia Pacific Cooperation, Order and Rules**

*31st March 2019 | Boao, China*

In this forum, RS expressed CT countries' commitment to continue action to create real change and work together to sustain extra ordinary marine and coastal resources by addressing crucial issues such as food security, climate change and marine biodiversity. Further, RS welcomed any support from like-minded organizations in the global, regional and national levels to align and integrate the efforts with the concept and application of conservation and sustainable development of oceans, seas and coastal resources.

The forum was organized by the National Institute for South China Sea Studies and Center for International Strategy and Security, Tsinghua University.

Participants of the International Conference on Regional Cooperation for the Protection of the Marine Environment.



## 12th Intergovernmental Session of IOC WESTPAC

2nd-5th April 2019 | Manila, Philippines

The session brought together national competent governmental agencies and marine scientific communities aiming to improve science-policy interface; advance international cooperation on marine science, observations and service and to enhance institutional capacities to address critical challenges to sustainable development in the Western Pacific and its adjacent regions.

WEST-PAC deliberated on and came up with concrete action plans towards future strategic and program developments in the context of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030).

## Women Maritime Asia Regional Conference

9th – 11th April 2019 | Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The Regional Secretariat participated in the Women Maritime Asia Regional Conference with the theme “Empowering Women in Maritime Bridging the Gap”. The conference was supported by the International Maritime Organization (IMO). Dr. Nora Ibrahim, Deputy Executive Director for Program Services was invited to speak at the conference.

The conference was aimed to provide support to women managers in maritime and port sectors with the goal of strengthening WIMA Asia to further promote the role and contribution of women to the maritime sector among others.



CTI-CFF through its Regional Secretariat participated in the Women Maritime Asia Regional Conference with the theme “Empowering Women in Maritime Bridging the Gap” being conducted in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 9-11 April 2019. The conference is supported by the International Maritime Organization (IMO)..



Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim (second from right), together with Ms. Jasmin Mohd Saad, USAID Ocean's Coordinator for CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum; Ms. Aminath Jihaan and Ms. Mariyam Hameeda from Maldives.





Participants of the Meeting of the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA) Technical Working Group on Marine Litter.

### **Meeting of the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA) Technical Working Group on Marine Litter, and at the COBSEA Intergovernmental Meeting**

*19th – 20th June 2019 | Bali, Indonesia*

The Regional Secretariat participated and emphasized the renewed relevance of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 2.0) that focuses on the resilience of the ocean and coastal communities during the COBSEA meeting in Bali, Indonesia.

In the meeting, CTI-CFF through the Regional Secretariat expressed that the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) COBSEA and CTI-CFF share a common purpose in good ocean governance, including aiming for improvement of social and economic livelihoods of coastal communities in the Coral Triangle area. The CTI-CFF focuses on its core competencies and comparative advantage by aligning more strategically with, among others, the COBSEA.

In the first meeting on the WG on Marine Litter, Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim informed the group that CTI-CFF wishes to join COBSEA and work together. Negative impacts of marine debris on threatened species such as sea turtles, cetaceans, dugongs, seabirds and others will also be addressed.

Issues such as food security and sustainable livelihoods are basic to the coastal communities' resilience and are high priorities in the RPOA 2.0. COBSEA WG meeting on Marine Litter and the COBSEA Intergovernmental Meeting were organized by the UNEP and the COBSEA together with the Government of the Republic of Indonesia—the Ministry of Forestry and Environment and Forestry.

### **Workshop on Incorporating Blue Carbon into Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs): Integrating Science with Policy Discourse to Address Climate Change and Achieve in Sustainable Development in Asia Pacific Region**

*8th -12th July 2019 | Hanoi, Vietnam*

In this workshop, the Regional Secretariat shared the common views with the Center for International Forestry Research (CIFOR) on the importance of conservation and restoration of coastal ecosystems, including tidal salt marshes, seagrass meadows, and mangrove forests (collectible called blue carbon ecosystems), as excellent nature-based solutions for climate change mitigation and adaptation.

As a follow-up activity, the Regional Secretariat encouraged CIFOR to do a study and develop strategic blue carbon opportunities in Coral Triangle region through a Review on Understanding Strategic Coastal Blue Carbon Opportunities, which covers the following topics:

- What is the status of blue carbon ecosystems in Coral Triangle Region?
- What are the rate of loss and scale of emissions in Coral Triangle Region?
- How does blue carbon fit with National Climate Commitments and Policies in Coral Triangle Region?
- What are the actionable steps to advance management in Coral Triangle Region?
- What opportunity for blue carbon finance mechanisms developing in Coral Triangle Region?

## **PEMSEA 11th Partnership Council Meeting**

*July 2019 | Surabaya, Indonesia*

At the PEMSEA 11th Partnership Council Meeting, CTI-CFF through the Regional Secretariat expressed its desire to expand cooperation with PEMSEA particularly in strategic coastal blue carbon opportunities in the Coral Triangle region.

As the pioneer of integrated coastal management (ICM) in East Asia, PEMSEA provides integrated solutions for effective management of coastal and marine areas, supporting sustainable economic growth and blue economy, ecosystem rehabilitation and protection and adaptive and resilient communities.

PEMSEA's leadership in the region is being challenged to maintain its role as a leader, expert and convener on coastal and ocean issues, brokering agreements and new fundraising opportunities. But PEMSEA is still committed in its pursuit to set the region's direction in addressing new and emerging issues and relevant international commitment.

## **13th Meeting of the Ocean and Fisheries Working Group - APEC**

*20th-21st August 2019 | Puerto Varas, Chile*

The CTI-CFF through the Regional Secretariat participated in the 13th Meeting of the Ocean and Fisheries Working Group of the APEC held on 20th-21st August 2019 in Chile.

The highlighted activities of CTI-CFF were on CTMPAS; the initiatives of the Women Leaders Forum and the USAID-CTI-CFF collaboration on the promotion of applications of catch CDT data on fisheries capture to improve fisheries management and deter IUU fishing practices. Current work on the renewal of the CTI-CFF RPOA 2.0 was also highlighted.

The Regional Secretariat proposed to OFWG to include the 2nd CTI-CFF Leaders' Summit during the 2020 APEC Economic Leaders' Summit in Malaysia, noting that CTI-CFF was introduced at the APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Sydney in 2007, which resulted to a Leaders' Declaration on Climate Change, Energy Security and Clean Development. Further, he proposed of joint activities on coral reefs, fisheries and food security.

In that meeting, APEC Indonesia remarked that Indonesia would like to develop the center in Manado as an APEC Center of Excellence (COE) for coral reefs, fisheries, mangroves, and blue carbon, inviting all economies to engage with CTI-CFF. Malaysia indicated that its high officials would consider the possibility of recognizing the center in Manado as APEC COE.

## **NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program Learning Network Exchange – Creating a Community of Practice workshop**

*20th – 27th August 2019 | Washington D.C., USA*

On behalf of CTI-CFF, Dr. Siry presented the capacity building and networking programs namely the Regional Coral Triangle Network Officer (RCTNO) and Coral Triangle Marine Protected Areas System (CTMPAS) at the NOAA workshop in Washington D.C., USA.

Building on NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program's (CRCP) new strategic plan, the workshop was aimed at developing a Community of Practice to help strengthen and support capacity building programs and learning networks (both internationally and domestically) in which NOAA is engaged. The workshop also defined a framework for a more holistic approach to capacity building that not only includes learning exchanges, but also focuses on knowledge management and post-exchange support. Key metrics were also developed to measure the success and value of supporting learning networks and from creating a Community of Practice.

## **Sustainable Development of Marine Tourism and Conservation Management**

*30th September 2019 | Hotel Sheraton Bandara Banten, Indonesia*

In this event, participants discussed the roles and challenges that will be faced by the provincial and national governments of Indonesia for the effective management of marine protected areas and sustainable marine tourism. The Regional Secretariat shared its efforts, particularly the activities of the MPA Working Group.

The activity was attended by various government and international non-government agencies in Indonesia.

## 6th ASEAN Heritage Parks Conference

21st – 24th October 2019 | Pakse, Lao, PDR

The Regional Secretariat participated in this event through Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim, Deputy Executive Director for Program Services, as a resource person on the topic “Fulfilling Aichi Biodiversity Target 11 in East and Southeast Asia.” Further, Dr. Ibrahim took part in the Policy Dialogue on Protected Areas, Landscape and Wildlife.

The AHP Conference brought together main actors in the ASEAN Heritage Parks Program including the ACB Governing Board, the members of the ASEAN Working group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity (AWGNCB), AHP Committee Members, AHP Managers, partners in AHP management and key stakeholders. It also endeavored to facilitate the exchange of knowledge, experiences, best practices and increase collaboration in biodiversity conservation and protected area management in the region.

## 12th RPOA –IUU Coordination Committee Meeting

26th-28th November 2019 | Siam Reap, Cambodia

Newly appointed Executive Director of the Regional Secretariat, Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, attended the meeting as observer. In the meeting, the participating countries namely, Australia, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore, Philippines, Timor-Leste, Vietnam and Papua New Guinea discussed the progress of IUU work; further implementation on RPOA IUU and developed workplan for RPOA 2020.

The committee was divided into sub-regional groups: First - Thailand, Singapore, Vietnam; Second: Southeastern China and Sulawesi Sea (Indonesia, Brunei, Malaysia and Philippines); and Third, Arafura-Timor Sea (Timor-Leste, Papua New Guinea, Australia and Indonesia).

## 34th Annual ICRI General Meeting

2nd – 7th December 2019 | Brisbane, Australia

As a member of ICRI, CTI-CFF through Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin attended the 34th Annual ICRI General Meeting hosted by the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority in behalf of the Australian Government. The meeting focused on the following themes: (1) Promoting effective and adaptable solutions to improve the protection of coral reef; (2) understanding trends of coral reefs; (3) live reef food fish trade; (4) help to reduce anthropogenic threats to coral reefs. Dr. Kushairi is now a member of rehabilitation of coral reef work which will be held in 2020 and beyond.

## Regional Workshop on Data and Information Management (DIM)

3rd – 5th December 2019 | Regional Capacity Center for Clean Seas, Bali, Indonesia

Ms. Janet Rosalie Anne Polita, Communication and Information Manager at the Regional Secretariat participated in this workshop and presented the CT Atlas of CTI-CFF, as a tool for managing and monitoring the activities of CT countries in relation to the goals set up by CTI-CFF.

The workshop was aimed at fostering inter-agency collaboration in sharing data and information and best practices on DIM especially in helping collecting data, provide good repository of knowledge as well as present state of the art tools that can guide and support data and information sharing on Large Marine Ecosystems (LME) as well as associated integrated coastal management (ICM) projects.

The event was jointly organized by the GEF IW: LEARN and PEMSEA.



Participants of the Regional Workshop on Data and Information Management (DIM).

Photo credit: PEMSEA



Children in Papua New Guinea  
Photo credit: Vika Chartier/Unsplash



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# Raising awareness on importance of marine conservation

The CTI-CFF through its Regional Secretariat conducted communication and outreach activities to promote and raise awareness on the organization's efforts to attain the goals in the Regional Plan of Action to its target and various stakeholders. Various communication activities and strategies were implemented to be able to reach a wider audience.

# Coral Triangle Day

The CT Day 2019 celebration focused on raising awareness on the important role and contribution of gender equality in the promotion of marine conservation and protection in the Coral Triangle Region. The CTI-CFF put the spotlight on gender with the theme "Corals of Change: Paving way for gender equality in Coral Triangle."

Particularly, the Regional Secretariat in partnership with USAID Oceans, Oceanic Fishing Port Bitung and the Office of Bitung Marine and Fisheries Service conducted an orientation-workshop for 20 women from the fishing community villages in Bitung City, North Sulawesi. The activity raised awareness on gender equality as a step towards making them informed and involved in contributing to the livelihood of their family, community and economic development of Bitung.

On the other hand, CT countries actively implemented activities such as beach and underwater clean-up, mangrove rehabilitation, fish apartment building, sea turtle fun day, knowledge sharing session with woman scientists, waste audit and turtle release, tree planting, bicycle fun ride, slogan completion, fun run talk shows, tv guesting and other media promotion, among others. These activities were implemented in collaboration with other partner government agencies, international and local non-government organization and communities. Further, women and youth organizations in these countries played a lead role in organizing and implementing the activities.



▲ School children enjoyed watching the Wayang Samudra performance which carried the message of protecting our oceans. Photo by C



▲ The Provincial Government of North Sulawesi in Indonesia conducted mangrove rehabilitation and building of fish apartment to celebrate CT Day. Photo by Provincial Government of North Sulawesi



▲ Beach clean-up activity participated by various international and non-governmental organizations in Manado, Indonesia. Photo by Indonesian

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▲ Students and participants of Marine Conservation Awareness Program, a joint collaboration program of Borneo Marine Research Institute, Department of Fisheries Sabah and Kudat Turtle Conservation Society (KTCS) in Universiti Malaysia Sabah, Malaysia. Photos by Malaysia NCC.



▲ Zola Karamul, Winner of the Essay Competition conducted by the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources in Solomon Islands. Photo by Solomon Islands NCC.



▲ Beach clean up (left) and turtle release (right) in Papua New Guinea. Photos by Papua New Guinea NCC.



▲ The Philippines National CTI-CFF Coordinating Committee gave awards to NCC members who contributed to the successful implementation of NPOA and RPOA. The PH-NCCC Awardees, left to right, top to bottom: **Ms. Evangeline Florence B. Miclat**, Director for Transboundary Marine, Policy and Learning Program of Conservation International Philippines; **Ms. Luz Teresa P. Baskinas**, Vice President for Project Development and Grants Monitoring of WWF Philippines; **Dir. Crisanta Marlene P. Rodriguez**, former Director of the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) of the DENR; **Ms. Marion Antonette G. Abuel-Dacian**, Senior Advisor for the River Basin Project of GIZ; **Dr. Mudjokeewis D. Santos**, Scientist III at the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute of the Department of Agriculture; and **Comm. Noel Antonio V. Gaerlan** of the Climate Change Commission. Photos by Philippines NCC.



▲ Coral Triangle Day Science Camp for students in the Philippines, which includes beach clean-up, art activities using recycleable materials, and team building. Photos by Philippines NCC.



## **Bimonthly production of CTI-CFF Newsletter**

The Regional Secretariat continues to produce a bimonthly CTI-CFF Newsletter that features activities of the TWGs, NCCs, strategic partners and other like-minded organizations. It also highlights profile of identified experts and people who have greatly contributed in marine conservation field in their own way. The newsletter is distributed to NCCs, strategic partners and people who took part in the various activities implemented by the Secretariat.

## **Preparation and dissemination of Press releases**

To promote the activities/projects and other initiated efforts of CTI-CFF to a wider public, the Regional Secretariat produces and disseminates press releases to 19 online news organizations in the CT Region.

## **Regular updating/maintenance of CTI Website and social media platforms**

CTI-CFF recognizes the power of the social media to reach a greater audience in order to build an informed public on the various issues confronting marine and coastal resources in the Coral Triangle Region and evoke participation among them in CTI-CFF's efforts. As such, activities of the CTI-CFF are regularly posted on CTI Website and social media platforms namely, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram to further inform website visitors of the latest undertakings of the organization as well as upcoming events.

## **Production of IEC/promotional materials and development of infographics**

To complement the information drive on social media, the CTI-CFF produced information materials such as brochure and fact sheets. These print materials were made available in exhibition as well as on CTI-CFF website. In the development of the IEC materials, the following were considered, relevance, uniformity, simplicity of the content and language, accuracy of information, length of the material, cultural appropriateness and target groups.

The Regional Secretariat developed infographics about e-CDT, CT Day MPAs, IYOR and Sulu-Sulawesi Seascapes.

The infographics are supplemental tool to allow people to easily digest information about CTI-CFF supported initiatives through the use of visual data and statistics. The infographics were uploaded in all CTI social media accounts.

## **Participation in exhibit**

RS joined the 5th Diplomacy Festival (Diplofest 2019) organized by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia.

The event which was held at the Celebes Convention Center drew a crowd of more than 10,000 coming from various secondary schools and universities in Makassar.

RS participated by setting up an exhibit which featured information about CTI-CFF and its goals. The exhibition was also an opportunity to answer queries from the students on how they can do their part in raising awareness about marine and coastal conservation.



## Community Outreach

Mr. Heinz Wokas, Principal of Sekolah Dian Harapan thanked The Regional Sec for providing insights to the students about the importance of Coral Triangle.

The Regional Secretariat also facilitated the participation of eight (8) students from England to become volunteers of marine conservation activities in Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia. The students, ages 15 to 21 years old volunteered for two days with the Mudung Family Community and BPSPL Makassar Wilker Manado. They cleaned-up the shorelines in Malalayang and set up information boards about restrictions on littering and learned how to transplant coral at the Manado Coral Stock Centre. Outfitted in wetsuits and scuba gear, they also conducted underwater beach clean-up.

Under the guidance of Mr. Mohammad Yasir, Coordinator for Manado Work Area (Wilker), Center for Coastal and Marine Resources Management of Makassar (BPSPL Makassar), the students also learned the importance of maintaining the continuity of our coral reef and ecosystem from the dangers of ocean plastic.





A fisherman is fixing his net at Gili  
Photo credit: WCS

The background of the slide is a photograph of fishing gear. It shows several large, tangled green fishing nets. Interspersed among the nets are several bright orange and red buoys. The scene is set outdoors, with a hazy, mountainous landscape visible in the background under a clear sky. A large, semi-transparent red triangle with a white border is positioned on the right side of the image, containing the main title text.

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# **M**aintaining efficient management of CTI-CFF operations

## Beefing up human resource

In 2019, to ensure smooth operation and assist in implementing the identified activities of CTI-CFF, the Regional Secretariat beefed up its human resource by hiring four (4) full-time staff namely,

- Mr. Ivan Kiagoes, Finance and Operations Manager
- Mr. Solomon Sundah, IT Officer
- Mr. William Tumimor, Operations Assistant
- Ms. Rumanti Wasturini, Assistant Publications Manager.

## Securing financial activity

In 2019, the Regional Secretariat moved to accrual basis accounting for more useful business analysis, easy planning and to make periodic financial statements to become more representative of its financial condition. XERO, an accounting software was also used to provide real time financial reporting to stakeholders that can be accessed via website for transparency of financial expenditures and standing of the Regional Secretariat.

In terms of administration and book keeping, the Regional Secretariat continues to observe proper book keeping and archiving of accounts and financial control that corresponds to the CTI-CFF standard operating procedures.

Further, the Regional Secretariat has observed and complied to the tax and manpower regulation of Indonesian government diligently.

## Selection of CTI-CFF RS Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director

On 27th and 28th May 2019, the CTI-CFF's Appointment Committee completed its selection for the ED and DED-CS of the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF.

A total of five (5) candidates from Malaysia for the position of ED as well as five (5) candidates for DED CS – two (2) from Indonesia, two (2) from Papua New Guinea, and one (1) from Timor-Leste were interviewed in Kuala Lumpur. The selected candidates for the two positions were endorsed to the CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials for approval. The new ED, Dr. Kushairi and DED CS, Mr. Lumiu were officially introduced during the 15th Senior Officials Meeting held in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

The members of the Appointment Committee were Mr. Aryo Hanggono (Indonesia), Dr. K. Nagulendran (Malaysia), Ms. Yvonne Tio (Papua New Guinea), Ms. Armida Andres and Ms. Nilda Baling as alternate (Philippines) and Mr. Acacio Guterres (Timor-Leste) with Mr. Patesson Lusi (Solomon Islands) as Chair.



From left to right: The members of the Appointment Committee: Mr. Aryo Hanggono (Indonesia), Dr. K. Nagulendran (Malaysia), Mr. Patesson Lusi (Solomon Islands) as Chair; Mr. Acacio Guterres (Timor Leste) and Ms. Yvonne Tio (Papua New Guinea). Ms. Armida Andres and Ms. Nilda Baling as alternate (Philippines) joined the meeting via Skype  
Photo credit: CTI-CFF RS

## FGD on the Renewal of Host Country Agreement

In the context of the discussion of the RPOA 2.0 and evaluation of the implementation of Presidential Regulation No. 46 of 2016 concerning Host Country Agreement (HCA) between the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF on Privileges and Immunities, the Regional Secretariat carried out a Focus Group Discussion (FGD) with some of the government agencies of Indonesia namely, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate of General Taxes - Ministry of Finance Ministry of Law and Human Rights, State Secretariat on 29th April 2019 in Manado, Indonesia to discuss the renewal of the HCA.

Also, the FGD was intended to clarify issues and concerns with regard to the privileges and immunities of the staff of the Regional Secretariat in consideration of the recognition of the UN Secretary General of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat as an international organization.



## Improving security and visibility

The Regional Secretariat has focused its efforts in improving its infrastructure by securing CCTV on the grounds and premises of the Regional Secretariat. Also, to enhance visibility, signages were placed outside the building.

## Capacity building

Key personnel of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat namely, Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim, Deputy Executive Director for Program Services; Dr. Gregory Bennett, Technical Program Senior Manager; Mr. Ivan Kiagoes, Finance and Operations Manager; and Ms. Janet Rosalie Anne Polita, Communication and Information Manager, underwent leadership training on 27th September 2019 at the Training Room of the Coral Triangle Center in Bali, Indonesia. Resource person for the activity was Mr. Robert Schout of the Powerskills Development and Training, Inc. The training was an opportunity to further learn the different leadership styles and skills set of leaders. How to address team challenges as well as how to negotiate with stakeholders were also discussed.

The training was supported by USAID RDMA and US DOI.



Mr. Robert Schout (second from left) discussed the concepts of leadership to key personnel of Regional Secretariat. Photo credit: CTI-CFF RS/J. Polita.

Participants of the FGD on the renewal of HCA discussed among others issues and concerns with regard to the privileges and immunities of the staff of the Regional Secretariat. Photo credit:CTI-CFF RS/J. Polita

## Promoting work-life balance

Ensuring the well-being of Regional Secretariat staff, the staff play badminton or do Zumba at least once a month, to promote healthy lifestyle and camaraderie among staff as well as employees working at the CTI Center in Manado, Indonesia.



Staff of the Regional Secretariat plays badminton as part of promoting work-life balance.  
Photo credit: CTI-CFF RS/A.Anggorajati.

## Expanding partners

The Regional Secretariat signed a Cooperation Agreement with PT Garuda Indonesia Manado on rendering flexibility services for all Garuda flight routes and other corporate privileges served by Garuda and its group as well as Sky Team on 13th March 2019. The Regional Secretariat was represented by Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry while PT Garuda Indonesia Manado was represented by General Manager Mac Fee Kindangen.



CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat through Dr. Siry inked a Cooperation Agreement with PT Garuda Indonesia through Gen. Manager Mac Fee Kindangen.  
Photo credit: CTI-CFF RS.

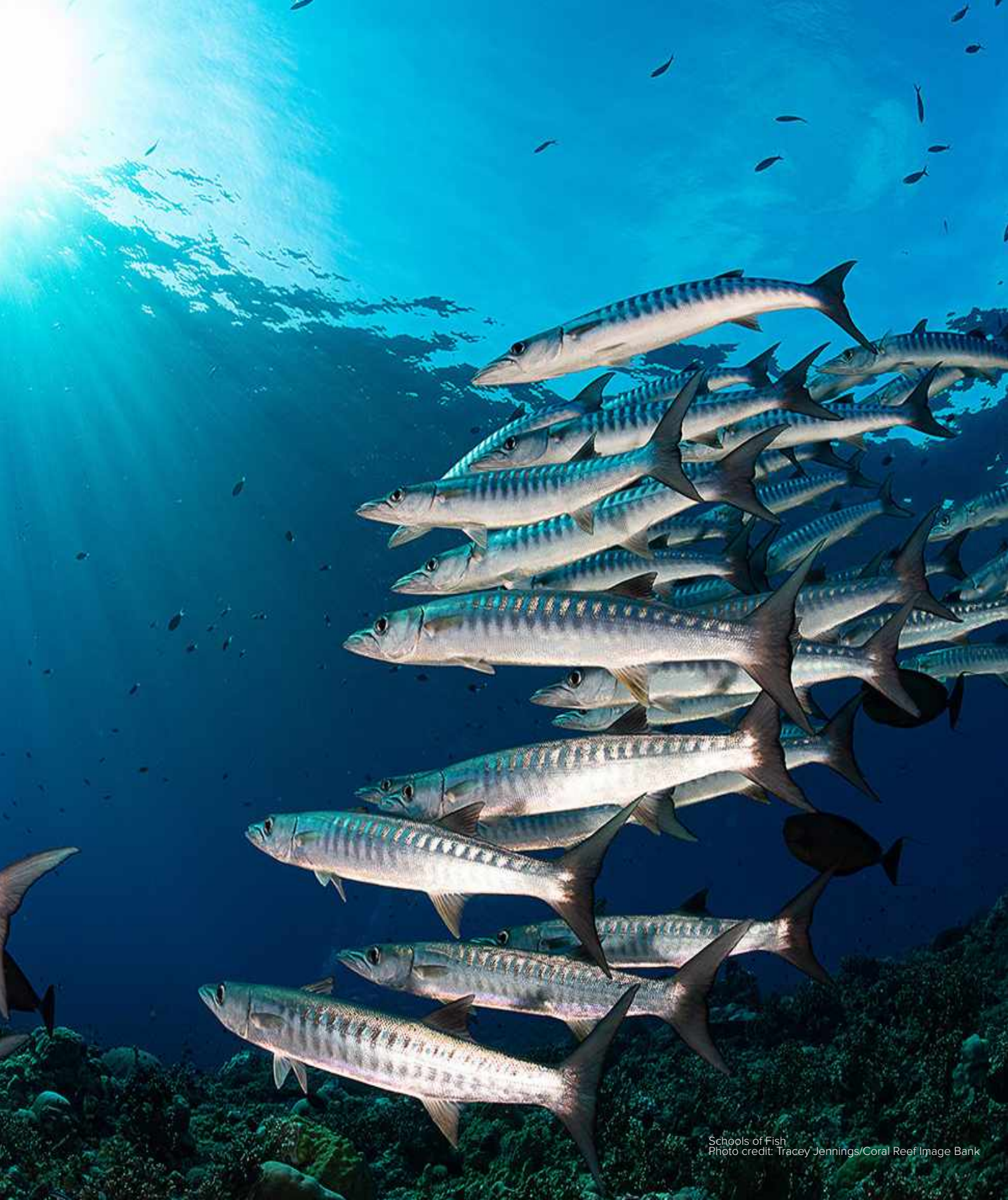
## Visit of Chair of CSOs

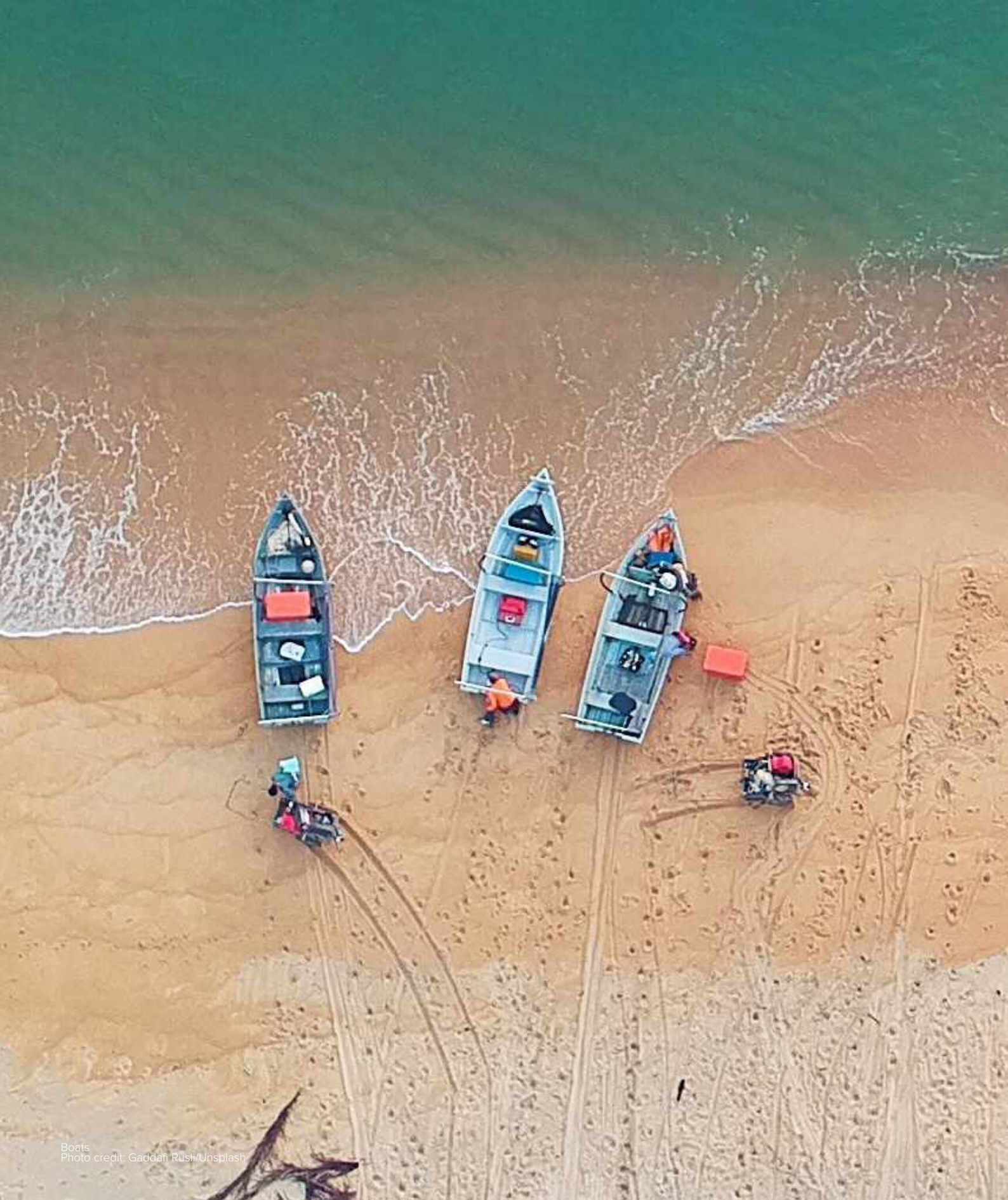
On 7th – 9th October 2019, the Chair of CTI-CFF CSOs Dr. Melchior Matakai from Solomon Islands, the Vice-Chair of CSOs represented by Mr. Horacio Guterres from Timor-Leste and IRC Chair Mr. Alick Misibini from Solomon Islands visited the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.

The visit was an opportunity to update the Excellencies about the current activities and discuss openly the concerns in the internal operations of the Regional Secretariat. The insights and advise provided by the Excellencies will surely help further improve the operations of the Regional Secretariat.

From left to right: Dr. Siry with Dr. Melchior Matakai, CSO Chair; Mr. Horacio Guterres, representative of CSO Vice-Chair; and Mr. Alick Misibini, IRC Chair.  
Photo credit: CTI-CFF RS/J. Polita







Boats  
Photo credit: Gadafi Rusli/Unsplash



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## Managing financial resources

The CTI-CFF through RS hired Paul Hadiwinata, Hidajat, Arsono, Retno, Palilingan & Rekan, members of PKF International and registered public accountants in Indonesia as Independent Auditors to conduct audit of the financial statements of RS which comprised of statement of financial position as of 31st December 2019, the statements of activities, changes in net assets, cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Based on the Auditor's opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat as of 31st December 2019, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards.



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**STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
OF THE CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE  
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY (CTI-CFF)  
REGIONAL SECRETARIAT  
FOR THE YEAR PERIOD ENDED ON 31 DECEMBER 2019**

We the undersigned:

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| 1. Name             | : Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin  |
| Office Address      | : Jl. A. A. Maramis Kayuwatu, Kairagi II,<br>Manado, North Sulawesi 95254, Indonesia   |
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| Position            | : Executive Director   |
| 2. Name             | : Gustaaf Adolf Lumiu  |
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| Phone Number        | : +62 812 9795 9571  |
| Position            | : Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services   |

Declare that

1. The Finance Office the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat has prepared and presented the financial statements as directives by the Executive Director;
2. We are responsible for the preparation and presentation of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat financial statement;
3. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat financial statements have been prepared and presented in conformity with the Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards;
4. a. All information in the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat financial statement have been disclosed in a complete and truthful manner,



- b. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat financial statements do not contain any incorrect information or material fact, nor do they omit information or material fact.
- 5. We are responsible for the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat internal control system.

We certify the accuracy of this statement.

Manado, 15 May 2020-05-15

For and behalf of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat

Signed by,

Approved by,



**Gustaaf Adolf Lumiu**  
Deputy Executive Director  
for Corporate Services

**Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin**  
Executive Director

No : 00859/2.1133/AU.1/11/0258-1/V/2020

## Independent Auditors' Report

### The Executive Director

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF)  
Regional Secretariat

### Report on the financial statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat (the "Secretariat"), which comprise the statement of financial position as of 31 December 2019, the statements of activities, changes in net assets, cash flows for the year then ended and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### Management's responsibility for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of such financial statements in accordance with Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditors' responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on such financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Standards on Auditing established by the Indonesian Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether such financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditors consider internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat as of 31 December 2019, and its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended, in accordance with the Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards.

### Emphasis of matter

We draw attention to note 19 to the financial statements which describe the economic condition of the impact of corona virus outbreak in Indonesia. The impact on the Secretariat's operation in the future can not be determined yet as the preventive measures as well fiscal and monetary policies introduced by the government are still evolving. The attached financial statements do not include adjustments that might result from the outcome of the uncertainty. Our opinion is not modified in respect of this matter.

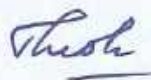
### Other matter

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. Project reports carried out by the Secretariat for the year ended 31 December 2019 which are presented as supplementary information to the accompanying financial statements are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not part of the basic financial statements required under Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards. The supplementary information has been subjected to the procedures applied in audits of basic financial statements.

The financial statements of the Secretariat as of 31 December 2018 and for the year ended, were audited by other independent auditors whose report dated 30 March 2019, expressed unqualified opinion on such financial statements.

As part of our audit of the financial statements as of and for the year ended 31 December 2019, we also audited the adjustments described in Note 18 to the financial statements that were applied to amend the financial statements as of and for the year ended 31 December 2018. In our opinion, such adjustments are appropriate and have been properly applied. We were not engaged to audit, review, or apply any procedures to the financial statements as of and for the year 31 December 2018, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the financial statements as of and for the year ended 31 December 2018 taken as a whole.

Paul Hadiwinata, Hidajat, Arsono, Retno, Palilingan & Rekan



Drs. Theo Kusnawara, Ak., CA, CPA, ACPA  
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15 May 2020

**CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat**  
**Statements of financial position**  
**As of 31 December 2019**

*(Expressed in United States Dollar unless otherwise stated)*

	Notes	31 December 2019	31 December 2018 <sup>(*)</sup>	1 January 2018 <sup>(*)</sup>
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	2c, 3	927,481	1,157,854	955,217
Account receivables	4	355,257	543,845	602,234
Prepaid expenses	5	2,786	6,062	-
<b>Total current assets</b>		<b>1,285,524</b>	<b>1,707,761</b>	<b>1,557,451</b>
<b>Non current assets</b>				
Fixed assets - net	2h, 6	65,910	8,748	21,026
<b>Total non current assets</b>		<b>65,910</b>	<b>8,748</b>	<b>21,026</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>1,351,434</b>	<b>1,716,509</b>	<b>1,578,477</b>
<b>Liabilities and net assets</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Account payables	7	31,453	-	-
Accrued expenses	8	20,423	5,342	-
Taxes payable	2f, 9	871	7,498	4,048
Unearned revenues	10	-	27,693	29,242
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>52,747</b>	<b>40,533</b>	<b>33,290</b>
<b>Net assets</b>				
Temporary restricted	2g	1,298,687	1,675,976	1,545,187
<b>Total net assets</b>		<b>1,298,687</b>	<b>1,675,976</b>	<b>1,545,187</b>
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>		<b>1,351,434</b>	<b>1,716,509</b>	<b>1,578,477</b>

<sup>(\*)</sup> Restated and reclassified, see note 18

The accompanying notes to financial statements form integral part of these financial statements.

*CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat  
Statements of activities and changes in net assets  
For the year ended 31 December 2019*

*(Expressed in United States Dollar, unless otherwise stated)*

	Notes	31 December 2019	31 December 2018 <sup>(*)</sup>
<b>Revenues</b>			
Members' contributions	2d, 11	948,710	948,769
Grants	2d, 12	198,398	133,206
Interest income		7,822	4,046
Other income		2,332	2,078
<b>Total revenues</b>		<b>1,157,262</b>	<b>1,088,099</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Salaries	2d, 13	567,707	537,152
Office expenditures	2d, 14	211,243	241,188
Program activities expenditures	2d, 15	645,624	111,816
Senior Officials' Meetings Expenditures	2d, 16	95,882	54,876
Depreciation expenditures	2d, 17	14,095	12,278
<b>Total expenditures</b>		<b>1,534,551</b>	<b>957,310</b>
<b>Increase in net assets</b>		<b>(377,289)</b>	<b>130,789</b>
<b>Net assets at beginning of year</b>		<b>1,675,976</b>	<b>1,545,187</b>
<b>Changes in net assets</b>		<b>1,298,687</b>	<b>1,675,976</b>

<sup>(\*)</sup>Restated and reclassified, see note 18

The accompanying notes to financial statements form integral part of these financial statements.

**CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat**  
**Statements of cash flows**  
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	31 December 2019	31 December 2018 <sup>(*)</sup>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>		
Changes of net assets	(377,289)	130,789
Additional (deduction) of items that is not affecting operating cash flow:		
Depreciation expenses	14,095	12,278
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>(363,194)</b>	<b>143,067</b>
<b>Changes in assets and liabilities</b>		
Account receivables	188,588	58,389
Prepaid expenses	3,276	(6,062)
Account payables	31,453	-
Accrued expenses	15,081	5,342
Taxes payable	(6,627)	3,450
Unearned revenues	(27,693)	(1,549)
<b>Net cash flows provided from (used in) operating activities</b>	<b>(159,116)</b>	<b>202,637</b>
<b>Cash flows from investing activity</b>		
Acquisition of fixed assets	(71,257)	-
<b>Net cash flows used in investing activity</b>	<b>(71,257)</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>(230,373)</b>	<b>202,637</b>
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning	1,157,854	955,217
<b>Cash and cash equivalents - ending</b>	<b>927,481</b>	<b>1,157,854</b>

<sup>(\*)</sup>Restated and reclassified, see note 18

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## **CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat**

### *Notes to financial statements*

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## **1. General**

### **a) Secretariat's establishment**

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat (the "Secretariat") was established in the Republic of Indonesia based on the Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) (the "Agreement") dated 28 October 2011 and has been ratified pursuant to Presidential Regulation of the Republic of Indonesia number 46 of 2016.

CTI-CFF became an International Organization after being registered with the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 1 November 2017, which issued the Statement of Treaties and International Treaties

The Governments of the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, Independent State of Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Philippines, Solomon Islands and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste (collectively referred to as "CT6"), acknowledge the vast marine, coastal and small islands ecosystems and the unique biodiversity of the Coral Triangle region of the Indo Pacific, which provide invaluable livelihood and food security benefits for the people. The Coral Triangle Initiative Leader's Declaration on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security, signed on 15 May 2009 in Manado, Indonesia, inter alia, emphasized the need to establish a secretariat to service the ongoing CTI-CFF implementation process.

In accordance with Article 5 of the Agreement, the Secretariat's functions include the following:

- i. Coordinate and support official meetings and events linked to the CTI-CFF process, including cross-cutting services in support of monitoring and evaluation, financial coordination, information management and outreach;
- ii. Coordinate the implementation of CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) and provide support to, and coordination with, National Coordination Committee, including advising the CTI Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) on emerging opportunities and priorities related to reaching goals and targets of the RPOA;
- iii. Develop regional plans, programs and project activities in relation to CTI-CFF from consideration with the CTI Council of Ministers (COM) in accordance with the approved policy guidelines set through the CTI CSO;
- iv. Act as the channel of communication and share information and foster networking between the Parties, CTI Partners and other organizations and donors in the efforts to promote the objectives of the CTI-CFF;
- v. Facilitate technical assistance, including recruiting and sourcing experts to support the Parties, in line with appropriate needs assessment procedures;
- vi. Assist the Parties in financing agreed projects and activities through support from CTI Partners and financial institutions; and
- vii. Perform such other duties and functions as may be assigned by the CTI COM or the CSO.

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**1. General (continued)**

**a) Secretariat's establishment (continued)**

The Secretariat is domiciled at CTI-CFF Secretariat Building, CTI Centre, Jl. A.A. Maramis Kayuwatu, Kairagi II, Manado, North Sulawesi 95254, Indonesia. The Secretariat commenced its operations in 2015.

The number of the Secretariat's employees as of December 31, 2019 and 2018 were 11 and 8 employees, respectively.

**b) Organizational structure**

Based on Summary of the 15th Senior Official's Meeting (SOM) dated 8 November 2019, the composition of Directors of CTI CFF as of 31 December 2019 and 2018 are as follows:

	2019	2018
Executive Director	Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin	Dr. Hendra Y. Siry
Deputy Executive Director		
- Program Services	Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim	Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim
- Corporate Services	Gustaaf Adolf Lumiu	-

**c) Completion of the financial information**

The preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements were the responsibilities of the management, and were approved by the Board of Managements (Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director) on 30 March 2020.

**2. Summary of significant accounting policies**

The significant accounting policies adopted by the Secretariat, which influence determination of financial position and results of its operations are explained below:

**a) Statement of compliance**

The financial statements of the Secretariat have been prepared in accordance with the Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards.

These financial statements are not intended to present the financial position, result of operations and cash flows in accordance with accounting principles and reporting practices generally accepted in other countries and jurisdictions.

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**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**b) Basic of preparation of the financial statements**

The financial statements have been prepared and presented in accordance with the Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards. The financial statements are prepared on the historical cost basis and the accrual concept, except for the statements of cash flows. The Secretariat has applied the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 45 "Financial Reporting of Non Profit Organizations".

The statements of cash flows are prepared using the indirect method by classifying cash flows on the basis of operating, investing and financing activities.

The currency used in the financial statements is United States Dollar (USD) which is the functional currency of the Secretariat.

**c) Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, deposits held at call with banks and other short-term highly liquid investment with original maturities of three months or less.

**d) Receipts and Expenditure Recognition**

Contributions are recorded on an accrual basis based on annual commitment of each member country. The commitment of each country is determined in the annual Senior Official's Meeting (SOM).

Grants are recognized when funds are utilized to carry out activities.

Expenses are recognized when incurred.

**e) Foreign Currency Transactions and Balances**

The Secretariat has determined that its functional currency is U.S. Dollar. Transactions during the year involving foreign currencies are recorded at the rates of exchange prevailing at the time the transactions are made.

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**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**e) Foreign Currency Transactions and Balances (continued)**

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency at the rates of exchange prevailing at the time the transactions are made. At the end of the reporting period, monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are adjusted to the functional currency to reflect the exchange rate published by Bank of Indonesia. Gains or losses resulting from such adjustment or settlement of each monetary asset and liability denominated in foreign currencies are credited or charged to statement of activities.

As of December 31, 2019 and 2018 the exchange rates used were as follows :

	2019	2018
USD 1	13,901	14,481

**f) Taxation**

Based on Law No. 17 of 2000 as amended by Law No. 36 of 2008 concerning the estimated income tax for foundations or similar organizations, donations received from grantors or donors are excluded from taxable objects provided that they are not related to the business, employment, ownership or control between the parties concerned.

**g) Net Assets**

Revenues less expenses during the period is accumulated as fund balance and presented as net assets.

Net assets are presented as permanently restricted, temporary restricted or unrestricted based on purpose and use of funds as predetermined by the fund provider

Permanently restricted means restriction of using fund imposed by the fund provider permanently. However, recipient is permitted to use portion or all of the income or other economic benefit which comes from that fund.

Temporary restricted means restriction of using fund imposed by the fund provider until certain period or until certain conditions are completed.

Unrestricted means fund which is available for use by recipient at its discretion.

**h) Fixed assets**

Fixed assets held for administrative purposes are stated at cost, less accumulated depreciation and any accumulated impairment losses.

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**2. Summary of significant accounting policies (continued)**

**h) Fixed assets (continued)**

Depreciation is recognized so as to write-off the cost of assets less residual value using the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives as follows:

	Useful life
Furniture	10 years
Vehicle	5 years
Equipment	5 years
Computer	3 years
Software	3 years

The estimated useful lives and depreciation method are reviewed at each year end, with the effect of any changes in estimate accounted for on a prospective basis.

Maintenance and repair costs are charged to statement of activities as incurred. Other costs incurred subsequently to add to, replace part of, or service an item of fixed assets, are recognized as asset if, and only if it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will flow to the entity and the cost of the item can be measured reliably.

Renovation costs are capitalized with additional assets and depreciated in accordance with the useful lives of the assets.

When assets are retired or otherwise disposed of, their carrying values are removed from the accounts and any resulting gain or loss is reflected in the statement of activities.

**i) Impairment of Non-financial Assets**

At reporting dates, the Secretariat reviews the carrying amount of non-financial assets to determine whether there is any indication that those assets have suffered an impairment loss. If any such indication exists, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated in order to determine the extent of the impairment loss (if any). Where it is not possible to estimate the recoverable amount of an individual asset, the Secretariat estimates the recoverable amount of the cash generating unit to which the asset belongs.

Estimated recoverable amount is the higher of fair value less cost to sell and value in use. If carrying amount of the asset is reduced to its recoverable amount and an impairment loss is recognized immediately in the statement of activities.

**j) Provisions**

Provisions are recognized when the Secretariat has a present obligation (legal or constructive) as a result of a past event, it is probable that the Secretariat will be required to settle the obligation, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

The amount recognized as a provision is the best estimate of the consideration required to settle the present obligation at the end of the reporting period, taking into account the risks and uncertainties surrounding the obligation. Where a provision is measured using the cash flows estimated to settle the present obligation, its carrying amount is the present value of those cash flows.

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**3. Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents consist of the following:

	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-18
<b>Cash in bank</b>		
<b>EUR</b>		
Bank Mandiri (Persero) A/C No 1500014930661	62	-
<b>US Dollar</b>		
Bank Mandiri (Persero) A/C No 1030006453407	414,848	1,135,079
Bank Mandiri (Persero) A/C No 1500013788151	52,066	3,562
Bank Mandiri (Persero) A/C No 1500015231416	427,674	-
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>894,588</b>	<b>1,138,641</b>
<b>Indonesian Rupiah</b>		
Bank Mandiri (Persero) A/C No 1030006453399	30,972	17,669
Bank Mandiri (Persero) A/C No 1500013788128	1,859	1,544
<b>Sub total</b>	<b>32,831</b>	<b>19,213</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>927,481</b>	<b>1,157,854</b>

**4. Account receivables**

Account receivables consist of the following:

	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-18
<b>Members' Contributions:</b>		
Papua New Guinea	200,389	100,294
Solomon Islands	126,678	347,247
Timor-Leste	190	96,304
Subtotal	327,257	543,845
<b>Grant:</b>		
Department of the Interior of the Government of the USA	28,000	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>355,257</b>	<b>543,845</b>

Management believes that all contributions and grants receivable are collectible, and as such, no allowance for doubtful accounts was provided.

**5. Prepaid expenses**

Prepaid expenses consist of the following:

	31-Dec-19	31-Dec-18
Vehicle insurance	351	-
Health insurance	2,435	6,062
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,786</b>	<b>6,062</b>

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**6. Fixed assets**

Fixed assets consist of the following:

	Balance as of	Changes in 2019		Balance as of
	1 January 2019	Addition	Deduction	31 December 2019
<b>Acquisition cost</b>				
Furniture	304	2,294	-	2,598
Vehicles	956	40,234	-	41,190
Equipment	3,982	27,410	-	31,392
Computer	21,378	1,320	-	22,698
Software	12,399	-	-	12,399
<b>Total acquisition cost</b>	<b>39,019</b>	<b>71,258</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>110,277</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
Furniture	73	95	-	168
Vehicles	526	5,556	-	6,082
Equipment	2,275	3,587	-	5,862
Computer	15,036	4,820	-	19,856
Software	12,361	38	-	12,399
<b>Total accumulated depreciation</b>	<b>30,271</b>	<b>14,096</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>44,367</b>
<b>Book value</b>	<b>8,748</b>			<b>65,910</b>

	Balance as of	Changes in 2018		Balance as of
	1 January 2018	Addition	Deduction	31 December 2018
<b>Acquisition cost</b>				
Furniture	304	-	-	304
Vehicles	956	-	-	956
Equipment	3,982	-	-	3,982
Computer	21,378	-	-	21,378
Software	12,399	-	-	12,399
<b>Total acquisition cost</b>	<b>39,019</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>39,019</b>
<b>Accumulated depreciation</b>				
Furniture	41	32	-	73
Vehicles	335	191	-	526
Equipment	1,479	796	-	2,275
Computer	7,911	7,126	-	15,037
Software	8,227	4,133	-	12,360
<b>Total accumulated depreciation</b>	<b>17,993</b>	<b>12,278</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>30,271</b>
<b>Book value</b>	<b>21,026</b>			<b>8,748</b>

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**7. Account payables**

Account payables consist of the following:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
World Fish Penang	30,835	-
Staff and RCTNO house rental	618	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>31,453</b>	<b>-</b>

**8. Accrued expenses**

Accrued expenses consist of the following:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Holiday allowance	13,616	-
BPJS Manpower	1,322	2,191
Travel	3,885	1,115
Consultants	-	2,015
Electricity	1,290	-
BPJS Health	310	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,423</b>	<b>5,342</b>

**9. Taxes payable**

Taxes payable consist of the following:

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Tax art 21	818	6,889
Tax art 23	53	-
Tax art 4(2)	-	609
<b>Total</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>7,498</b>



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**10. Unearned revenues**

Unearned revenues represent contributions and grant received in advance

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Members' Contributions		
Indonesia	-	11,633
Malaysia	-	6,329
Philippines	-	5,833
Subtotal	-	23,795
Grant		
Department of the Interior of the Government of the USA	-	3,898
<b>Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>27,693</b>

Unearned revenues represent contributions and grant received in advance

**11. Member's Contribution**

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Indonesia	320,809	320,809
Malaysia	174,554	174,554
Papua New Guinea	100,085	100,085
Philippine	161,851	161,910
Solomon Islands	95,147	95,147
Timor-Leste	96,264	96,264
<b>Total</b>	<b>948,710</b>	<b>948,769</b>

Based on the declaration of CT6, all parties will contribute to the General Fund of the Secretariat on the following basis:

- a. The total amount to be contributed will be determined by the CTI-COM based on the draft budget provided by the Secretariat;
- b. Sixty percent of the amount identified in paragraph (a) mentioned above will be contributed by each of the parties in equal shares, and;
- c. The remainder of the total amount identified in paragraph (a) mentioned above will be divided between the parties based upon the relative size of their gross domestic product (GDP) as calculated by the most recent year for which GDP figures are available for all parties.

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**12. Grants**

	31 December 2019	31 December 2018
Department of the Interior of the Government of the United States of America	181,898	125,344
Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Department of the Environment and Energy	16,500	7,862
<b>Total</b>	<b>198,398</b>	<b>133,206</b>

**Department of the Interior of the Government of the United States of America**

On 15 June 2017, the Secretariat entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management (SOACAP-IFM) with the Department of the Interior of the Government of the United States of America (DOI) in order to implement the interagency agreement between DOI and the U.S. Agency for International Development to avail specialized DOI expertise accessed through DOI's International Technical Assistance Program. The total project grant amounted to USD 250,000 for the period from 15 June 2017 to 31 August 2019.

The MOU has been amended several times with the latest amendment on 24 June 2019, where the total project grant was changed to USD 328,000, consisting of direct project of USD 295,965 and management fee of USD 32,035.

Actual direct cost for the year ended amounted USD 149,057, bringing the total direct cost for the project to USD 318,260. The excess of direct cost totalling USD 22,295 was funded using portion of the management fee receivable by CTI under the grant agreement. As of December 31, 2019, the balance of project fund amounting to USD 9,740 represents the remaining management fee to be claimed by CTI. (see attachment II).

**Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Department of the Environment and Energy**

On August 10, 2019, the Secretariat received funds from DOEE to support the attendance of Pacific delegates at the Strategic Communication Expert Workshop in Manila on 22-23 May 2019. Total funds received amounted to USD 16,500.

On October 9, 2018, the Secretariat received funds from the Commonwealth of Australia as represented by the Department of the Environment and Energy (DOEE) to support Seascape working group held in Jakarta, Indonesia in October 2018 amounting to USD 7,862.

**13. Salaries**

	31 December 2019			31 December 2018		
	CTI CFF	DOI	Total	CTI CFF	DOI	Total
Salaries expenditures	327,922	-	327,922	400,113	-	400,113
Benefit expenditures	131,108	-	131,108	112,606	-	112,606
Contract expenditures	97,362	-	97,362	-	415	415
Relocation expenditures	11,315	-	11,315	24,018	-	24,018
	<b>567,707</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>567,707</b>	<b>536,737</b>	<b>415</b>	<b>537,152</b>

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**14. Office expenditures**

	2019			2018			
	CTI CFF	DOI	Total	CTI CFF	DOI	DOEE	Total
<b>Travel</b>							
Airfare	70,151	-	70,151	12,543	26,642	5,958	45,143
Ground Transportation	3,569	-	3,569	5,862	11,904	1,915	19,681
Per diem	23,630	-	23,630	3,897	12,790	-	16,687
Accommodation	14,558	-	14,558	1,167	2,639	-	3,806
Other Travel Cost	209	-	209	136	89	-	225
	<b>112,117</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>112,117</b>	<b>23,605</b>	<b>54,064</b>	<b>7,873</b>	<b>85,542</b>
Consultancy fees	-	23,304	23,304	21,468	53,124	-	74,592
Workshops, meetings and seminars	4,380	-	4,380	-	18,040	-	18,040
Professional fees	6,958	-	6,958	13,158	-	-	13,158
Vehicle rental	6,612	-	6,612	9,437	-	-	9,437
Mobile and telephone	6,338	-	6,338	6,559	-	-	6,559
Miscellaneous	3,227	-	3,227	4,688	22	-	4,710
Publication and printing	18,021	-	18,021	3,587	256	-	3,843
Electricity, water, other utilities	15,240	-	15,240	-	-	-	-
Temporary contract	78	-	78	2,534	-	-	2,534
Office supplies	4,412	-	4,412	-	-	-	-
Postage and courier	785	-	785	-	-	-	-
Bank service charges	1,343	-	1,343	2,360	91	35	2,486
Others	8,428	-	8,428	18,940	1,347	-	20,287
	<b>187,939</b>	<b>23,304</b>	<b>211,243</b>	<b>106,336</b>	<b>126,944</b>	<b>7,908</b>	<b>241,188</b>

**15. Program activities expenditures**

	31 December 2019				31 December 2018		
	CTI CFF	DOI	DOEE	Total	CTI CFF	DOI	Total
<b>Travel</b>							
Airfare	157,541	75,507	16,752	249,800	46,173	-	46,173
Per diem	67,069	22,256	-	89,325	21,534	-	21,534
Accommodation	27,287	16,170	-	43,457	15,666	-	15,666
Ground transportation	3,004	742	-	3,746	354	-	354
Visa permit	283	523	-	806	-	-	-
Others	525	178	-	703	157	-	157
	<b>255,709</b>	<b>115,376</b>	<b>16,752</b>	<b>387,837</b>	<b>83,884</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>83,884</b>
Consultancy fees	176,899	-	-	176,899	19,531	-	19,531
Workshops, meetings and seminars	50,024	8,560	-	58,584	6,145	-	6,145
Comm/Telp & Internet Connection	409	-	-	409	-	-	-
Postage/Courier	143	-	-	143	-	-	-
Office supplies	2,059	-	-	2,059	-	-	-
Vehicle rental	2,869	-	-	2,869	-	-	-
Vehicle Fuel, Parking	39	1	-	40	-	-	-
Publication and printing	1,642	374	-	2,016	2,047	-	2,047
Website and maintenance	428	-	-	428	-	-	-
Taxation	12,845	1,263	-	14,108	-	-	-
Others	54	178	-	232	209	-	209
	<b>503,120</b>	<b>125,752</b>	<b>16,752</b>	<b>645,624</b>	<b>111,816</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>111,816</b>

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**16. Senior Officials' Meeting expenditures**

	31 December 2019			31 December 2018		
	C/H CFF	DOI	Total	C/H CFF	DOI	Total
<b>Travel</b>						
Airfare	26,216	-	26,216	16,294	-	16,294
Per diem	6,640	-	6,640	13,510	-	13,510
Accommodation	48,954	-	48,954	1,080	-	1,080
Ground transportation	-	-	-	470	-	470
Others	223	-	223	153	-	153
	<b>82,033</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>82,033</b>	<b>31,507</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>31,507</b>
Workshops, meetings and seminars	9,781	-	9,781	19,850	-	19,850
Publication and printing	3,466	-	3,466	1,990	-	1,990
Office supplies	-	-	-	1,198	-	1,198
Others	602	-	602	331	-	331
	<b>95,882</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>95,882</b>	<b>54,876</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>54,876</b>

**17. Depreciation expenditures**

	31 December 2019			31 December 2018		
	C/H CFF	DOI	Total	C/H CFF	DOI	Total
Depreciation - Equipment	3,586	-	3,586	796	-	796
Depreciation - Furnitures	95	-	95	30	-	30
Depreciation - Vehicles	5,555	-	5,555	193	-	193
Depreciation - Computer	4,819	-	4,819	7,126	-	7,126
Depreciation - Software	40	-	40	4,133	-	4,133
	<b>14,095</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>14,095</b>	<b>12,278</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>12,278</b>

CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat  
Notes to financial statements (continued)  
As of 31 December 2019  
and for the year then ended

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18. Restatement

The Secretariat has changed the accounting policy from the modified cash basis to accrual basis. As a result, the Secretariat has restated and reclassified its financial statements for the years ended 31 December 2018 and 2017 as follows:

	31 December 2018			31 December 2017		
	Balance before restated	Balance after restated	Changes in restatement	Balance before restated	Balance after restated	Changes in restatement
<b>Assets</b>						
Program receivables	-	543,845	(543,845)	-	602,234	(602,234)
Prepaid expense	-	6,062	(6,062)	-	-	-
Fixed assets - net	-	8,748	(8,748)	-	21,026	(21,026)
	-	558,655	(558,655)	-	623,260	(623,260)
<b>Liabilities</b>						
Accrued expenses	554	5,342	(4,788)	-	-	-
Taxes payable	7,498	7,498	-	4,048	4,048	-
Unearned revenues	23,795	27,693	(3,898)	-	29,242	(29,242)
Net assets	1,126,007	1,675,976	(549,969)	951,169	1,545,187	(594,018)
	1,157,854	1,716,509	(558,655)	955,217	1,578,477	(623,260)
<b>Statements of financial position</b>	<b>(1,157,854)</b>	<b>(1,157,854)</b>	-	<b>(955,217)</b>	<b>(955,217)</b>	-
<b>Revenue</b>						
Member's contributions	1,007,158	948,769	58,389	995,226	1,203,483	(208,257)
Grants	107,862	133,206	(25,344)	66,996	37,754	29,242
	1,115,020	1,081,975	33,045	1,062,222	1,241,237	(179,015)
<b>Expenses</b>						
Salaries	551,733	537,152	14,581	489,905	483,783	6,122
Office expenditures	227,881	241,189	(13,308)	219,137	219,137	-
Depreciation	-	12,278	(12,278)	-	10,651	(10,651)
	779,614	790,619	(11,005)	709,042	713,571	(4,529)
<b>Changes in net assets</b>	<b>335,406</b>	<b>291,356</b>	<b>44,050</b>	<b>353,180</b>	<b>527,666</b>	<b>(174,486)</b>

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#### **19. Outbreak of Corona Virus (Covid-19)**

The corona virus (Covid-19) outbreak was initially identified in Wuhan (China), close to end of 2019. On 30 January 2020, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the outbreak as “Public Health Emergency of International Concern” Since then, more cases of Covid-19 have been diagnosed, including in other countries.

The first case of Covid-19 in Indonesia was announced on March 2, 2020 by the Indonesian President. Subsequently, on March 11, 2020, WHO declared the outbreak as pandemic. Many countries, including Indonesia have taken various measures to combat the outbreak, including travel restrictions, quarantines, closure of business and other venues and lockdown of certain area. These measures have affected the supply chain and demand for goods and services globally as well as domestically. At the same time, fiscal and monetary policies are being relaxed to sustain the economy. These government’s responses and their corresponding effects are still evolving.

Up to the date of financial statements, the Secretariat’s operations such as meetings, seminars, workshops cannot be performed in a face-to-face manner, but are conducted through web platform. Effects of the Covid-19 outbreak on the Foundation’s operation in the future cannot be determined yet as the preventive measures as well as fiscal and monetary policies introduced by the government and their corresponding effects are still evolving.

**Supplementary information**  
**CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat**  
*A Project Administered By CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat*  
*For CTI-CFF Members' Contributions*  
*Fund Accountability Statement*  
*For the year ended 31 December 2019*

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	2019		Under (over)
	Budget	Actual expenditures	
<b>Receipts</b>			
Member contribution	948,735	948,710	25
From surplus	1,126,007	1,126,007	-
	<b>2,074,742</b>	<b>2,074,717</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>			
A. Operating expenses	85,749	69,935	15,814
B. Personnel and contract	613,466	556,375	57,091
C. Recruitment costs	35,000	34,891	109
D. Travel and meetings	132,100	181,877	(49,777)
F. Program services	639,259	443,566	195,693
G. Capital expenditures	67,320	70,784	(3,464)
H. Appropriation	75,785	11,315	64,470
I. Restricted fund (investment)	426,063	-	426,063
	<b>2,074,742</b>	<b>1,368,743</b>	<b>705,999</b>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenditures</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>705,974</b>	

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**Supplementary information  
CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat  
A Project Administered By CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat  
For The Department Of The Interior of The Government of The United States of America  
Fund Accountability Statement  
For the year ended 31 December 2019**

*(Expressed in United State Dollar, unless otherwise stated)*

	Budget	Expenditures		Under (over)
		2019	Prior years	
<b>Receipts</b>				
Grants	328,000	178,000	150,000	-
	<b>328,000</b>	<b>178,000</b>	<b>150,000</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
ACT 1.1 : Inception Workshop CDT	21,060	-	21,060	-
ACT 1.2 : Learning Exchange of CT6 to USAID Oceans (Bitung)	15,993	-	15,883	110
ACT 1.3 : Workshop on CDT based on EAFM	50,930	29,808	18,528	2,594
ACT 2.1 : PPP Preparation Expert Consultation	19,499	-	19,499	-
ACT 2.3 : RPW-3 for Renewed RPOA (Mamado)	43,500	-	42,482	1,018
ACT 2.4 : Workshop on Institutional Change (Denpasar)	28,000	60,457	-	(32,457)
ACT 3.1 : Preliminary Assessment by Financial Consultant	33,000	18,235	15,790	(1,025)
ACT 3.2 : Preliminary Assessment by Legal Consultant	4,700	2,743	2,743	(786)
ACT 3.3 : Contract for Financial Consultant	49,283	13,834	27,668	7,781
ACT 4.1 : Prep SOM MM	30,000	23,980	5,550	470
	<b>295,965</b>	<b>149,057</b>	<b>169,203</b>	<b>(22,295)</b>
Management and administrative overhead	32,035	-	-	32,035
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>328,000</b>	<b>149,057</b>	<b>169,203</b>	<b>9,740</b>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenditures</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>28,943</b>	<b>(19,203)</b>	<b>9,740</b>

*Note: Budget presented is based on approved Workplan*



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	2019		Under (over)
	Budget	Actual	
<b>Receipts</b>			
Grants	16,500	16,500	-
	<b>16,500</b>	<b>16,500</b>	-
<b>Expenditures</b>			
Strategic Communication Workshop Workshop Manila	16,500	16,752	(252)
	<b>16,500</b>	<b>16,752</b>	<b>(252)</b>
<b>Excess of revenue over expenditures</b>	-	<b>(252)</b>	

# Appendices

## Appendix A

### CTI-CFF Council of Ministers (COM)



**H.E. Susi Pudjiastuti**

Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries

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**H.E. Yeo Bee Yin**

Minister of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment, and Climate Change

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**H.E. John Pundari, MP**

Minister for Environment and Conservation & Climate Change

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**H.E. Roy A. Cimatu**

Secretary, Department of Environment and Natural Resources

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**H.E. Dr. Culwick Togamana**

Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology  
Chair of Council of Ministers

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**H.E. Joaquim José Gusmão Dos Reis Martins**

Minister of State and Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries  
Vice-Chair of Council of Ministers

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## Appendix B

### CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials (CSOs)



**H.E. Brahmantya Satyamurti Poerwadi, S.T.**

Director General of Marine Spatial Management  
Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries



**H.E. YBhg. Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd Azhar Bin Hj. Yahaya**

Secretary General  
Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology and Environment and Climate Change



**H.E. Mr. Gunther Joku**

Managing Director  
Conservation and Environment Protection Authority



**H.E. Atty. Jonas R. Leones**

Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources



**H.E. Dr. Melchior Matakai**

Permanent Secretary  
Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology  
Chair of CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials



**H.E. Acacio Guterres**

Director General of Fisheries  
Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries  
Vice - chair of CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials

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## Appendix C

### CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committees



**H.E. Brahmantya Satyamurti Poerwadi, S.T.**

Director General of Marine Spatial Management  
Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries  
Focal Point, Indonesia National CTI Coordinating Committee



**H.E. YBhg. Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd Azhar Bin Hj. Yahaya**

Secretary General  
Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology and Environment and Climate Change  
Focal Point, Malaysia National CTI Coordinating Committee



**Ms. Kay Kumaras Kalim**

Deputy Secretary, Sustainable Environment Program  
Ministry of Environment and Conservation and Climate Change  
Focal Point, Papua New Guinea National CTI Coordinating Committee



**Dr. Crisanta Marlene Rodriguez** (June 2018 until July 2019)

Director of Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines

**ASec. Ricardo Calderon** (started July 2019)

Assistant Secretary for Staff Bureaus and  
Director of Biodiversity Management Bureau  
Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines  
Focal Point, the Philippines National CTI Coordinating Committee



**Ms. Agnetha Vave-Karamui**

Chief Conservation Officer, Environment and Conservation Division  
Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology  
Focal Point, the Solomon Islands National CTI Coordinating Committee



**Mr. Horacio Guterres**

National Director of Aquaculture Dili, Timor-Leste  
Focal Point, Timor-Leste National CTI Coordinating Committee

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## Appendix D

### Chairs of CTI-CFF Technical Working Group

<b>Seascapes Working Group</b>	<b>MALAYSIA</b> <b>Dr. Norasma Dacho</b> Assistant Director Department of Fisheries Sabah
<b>Ecosystem Approach on Fisheries Management Working Group</b>	<b>TIMOR-LESTE</b> <b>Dr. Jose Lucas da Silva</b> Director of Fisheries and Marine Science Program Universidade Nacional de Timor Loro sae s
<b>Marine Protected Area Working Group</b>	<b>INDONESIA</b> (until 19 October 2019) <b>Mr. Andi Rusandi</b> Director of Marine Conservation and Biodiversity Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries  <b>SOLOMON ISLANDS</b> (starting 19 October 2019) <b>Mr. Peter Kenilorea</b> Chief Officer Communit Based Resource Management Section Ministry of Marine Fisheries and Resources
<b>Climate Change Adaptation Working Group</b>	<b>PHILIPPINES</b> <b>Engr. Noel Antonio Gaerlan</b> Undersecretary Climate Change Commission
<b>Threatened Species Working Group</b>	<b>PAPUA NEW GUINEA</b> <b>Mr. Vagi Rei</b> Manager Conservation and Environment Protection Authority

## Appendix E

### Chairs of CTI-CFF Governance Working Groups

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<b>Financial Resources Working Group</b>	<b>INDONESIA</b> <b>Mr. Andre Omer Siregar</b> Director for Inter and Intra Regional Cooperation in the Asia, Pacific and Africa Ministry of Foreign Affairs
<b>Internal Resource Committee</b>	<b>SOLOMON ISLANDS</b> <b>Mr. Alick Misibini</b> Finance Controller Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
<b>Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group</b>	<b>PHILIPPINES</b> <b>Dr. Crisanta Marlene Rodriguez</b> (June 2018 until July 2019) Director of Biodiversity Management Bureau Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines  <b>ASec. Ricardo Calderon</b> (started July 2019) Assistant Secretary for Staff Bureaus and Director of Biodiversity Management Bureau Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines

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## Appendix F

### Chairs of Cross-Cutting Initiatives

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**Local  
Government  
Network**

**Mr. Hugua**

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**Women Leaders  
Forum**

**Ms. Agnetha Vave-Karamui**

Chief Conservation Officer, Environment and Conservation Division  
Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and  
Meteorology  
Focal Point, the Solomon Islands National CTI Coordinating Committee

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## Appendix G Strategic Partners

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<b>Asian Development Bank</b>	<b>Mr. Bruce Dunn</b> Principal Environment Specialist Environment and Safeguards Division
<b>Australian Government- Department of Environment</b>	<b>Ms. Paula Perrett</b> Assistant Secretary Marine and International Heritage Branch
<b>Conservation International</b>	<b>Ms. Niquole Esters</b> Director Coral Triangle Program
<b>Coral Triangle Center</b>	<b>Ms. Rili Djohani</b> Executive Director
<b>Global Environment Facility</b>	<b>Ms. Leah Bunce Karrer</b> Sr. Environmental Specialist GEF Secretariat - Programs Unit
<b>The Nature Conservancy</b>	<b>Ms. Laura Whitford</b> Director of Development Policy and Partnerships
<b>United States Agency for International Development</b>	<b>Ms. Angela Hogg</b> Regional Environment Office Director Regional Development Mission for Asia
<b>Wildlife Conservation Society</b>	<b>Dr. Martin Callow</b> Regional Director Southeast Asian Archipelago
<b>World Wide Fund for Nature</b>	<b>Mr. Klaas J. Teule</b> Coral Triangle Program Leader
<b>Collaborators</b>	
<b>GIZ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH</b>	<b>Ms. Franca Sprong</b> Project Director BMUB Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Project
<b>Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center</b>	<b>Ms. Malinee Smithrithee</b> Secretary General
<b>Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program</b>	<b>Mr. Kosi Latu</b> Director General

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## Appendix H

### CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Management and Staff

<b>Interim Executive Director</b>	<b>Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry</b> October 1, 2018 to November 7, 2019
<b>Executive Director</b>	<b>Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin</b> November 8, 2019 to November 8, 2023
<b>Deputy Executive Director for Program Services</b>	<b>Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim</b> November 15, 2017 to mid November 2021
<b>Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services</b>	<b>Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu</b> November 8, 2019 to November 8, 2023
<b>Technical Program Senior Manager</b>	<b>Dr. Gregory Bennett</b> May 2, 2018 to April 29, 2021
<b>Finance and Operations Manager</b>	<b>Mr. Ivan Kiagoes</b> February 11, 2019 to February 10, 2021
<b>Communications and Information Manager</b>	<b>Ms. Janet Rosalie Anne Polita</b> May 2, 2018 to April 29, 2021
<b>Assistant Finance Manager</b>	<b>Mr. Wiwin Joko Winarbo</b> January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019
<b>IT Officer</b>	<b>Mr. Solomon Sundah</b> August 26, 2019 to August 27, 2020
<b>Program Support Officer</b>	<b>Mr. Ayodya Satryo Anggorojati</b> January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019
<b>Operations Assistant</b>	<b>Mr. William Tumimomor</b> February 1, 2019 - April 28, 2019 April 29, 2019 to April 30, 2020
<b>Assistant Publication Manager</b>	<b>Ms. Rumanti Wasturini</b> April 29, 2019 to April 30, 2020



**CORAL TRIANGLE  
INITIATIVE**  
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

## **CHAIR'S SUMMARY**

**CTI-CFF 15<sup>th</sup> SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-15)**  
Honiara, Solomon Islands | 7 – 8 November 2019

**adopted on 8<sup>th</sup> of November 2019**

by

the Governments of Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,  
Republic of the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste

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## A. INTRODUCTION

1. The 15th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-15) of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) was convened at the Heritage Park Hotel in Honiara, Solomon Islands from 7<sup>th</sup> -8<sup>th</sup> November 2019.
2. The meeting was chaired by the Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), H.E. Dr. Melchior Mataki, the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Environment, and Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology of the Government of Solomon Islands. The Chair was assisted by co-chairs from the delegation of the CTI-CFF Member Countries.
3. The objectives of the SOM-15 meeting were as follows:
  - a. Acknowledge and accept Regional Secretariat's 2019 Progress Report;
  - b. Accept the report of the Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials (CTI-CSO);
  - c. Accept the amendments to the CTI-CFF rules and procedures;
  - d. Acknowledge the draft RPOA 2.0 and update of the CT Atlas;
  - e. Accept Regional Secretariat's Financial Report;
  - f. Acknowledge the 2020 Calendar of Events;
  - g. Acknowledge the venue and tentative date for SOM-16, MM-8 and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leaders' Summit;
  - h. Acknowledge and accept Country Reports from CT6 Member Countries;
  - i. Accept and agree to the reports, roadmaps, budgets and recommendations submitted by the five (5) Technical Working Groups;
  - j. Accept and agree to the reports, roadmaps, budget and recommendations submitted by the three (3) Governance Working Groups;
  - k. Acknowledge and accept the reports, roadmaps, budgets and recommendations from the Cross-Cutting Initiatives of the CTI-CFF;
  - l. Participate in Partner's Dialogue focusing on the future of CTI-CFF;
  - m. Acknowledge and accept the inauguration of the new Executive Director and the Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services; and the completion of Interim Executive Director's term; and

- n. Acknowledge and accept the amendments of the renewal of the Host Country Agreement.

## **A. CHAIR SUMMARY: DECISIONS**

### **SESSION 1: OPENING CEREMONY BY HOST COUNTRY**

- 1.1. Acknowledged that the Opening Ceremony was officiated by the Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), Dr. Melchior Mataki, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology of the Government of Solomon Islands;
- 1.2. Accepted the Opening and Welcome Remarks by the Chair of CSO to set the tone for SOM-15 (Annex 1);
- 1.3. Acknowledged the representatives of the CT6 Member Countries; and
- 1.4. Accepted the provisional agenda of SOM-15 (Annex 2).

### **SESSION 2: 2019 PROGRESS REPORT**

- 2.1 Acknowledged and accepted the 2019 Progress Report by the Regional Secretariat (Annex 3); and
- 2.2. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to prepare and submit 2019 Annual Report to include the accomplishments and progress of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action 2.0 (RPOA 2.0) as well as audited financial statements by end of May 2020.

### **SESSION 3: CHAIR'S REPORT**

- 3.1 Accepted and approved the Chair's Report from the Chair of CSO (Annex 4).

### **SESSION 4: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND AMENDMENTS TO CTI-CFF RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 4.1 Acknowledged and approved the updated 2019 Organizational Structure of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (Annex 5);

- 4.2 Approved the 2020 organizational structure with an added position Monitoring and Evaluation Manager (Annex 6);
- 4.3 Agreed to entrust the Executive Director to appoint professional and support staff as needed as per Staff Regulation 4.2 (g);
- 4.4 Agreed to adopt and fully apply the following CTI CFF Regulations to enhance human resource management and operations and the financial and internal work procedures of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in a transparent and accountable manner:
  - 4.4.1 the amended Staff Regulations (Annex 7);
  - 4.4.2 the revised Financial Regulations (Annex 8);
  - 4.4.3 the updated version Financial Policies and Procedures Manual (Annex 9);
  - 4.4.4 the Guide to Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Diplomatic Protocol (Annex 10).
- 4.5 Tasked Regional Secretariat to prove and circulate a revised version of updated Staff Policies and Procedures Manual by 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019; and a 30-day period is given for CT6 Member Countries to comment. In the event that no comment or input received from the CT6 Member Countries by the 30-day deadline, the draft Staff Policies and Procedures Manual shall be deemed final as mandated by the SOM-14 and fully applied.

#### **SESSION 5: REGIONAL SECRETARIAT'S FINANCIAL REPORT**

- 5.1 Acknowledged the Regional Secretariat facilitation on audit process for Financial Year 2018 and fulfilling within 90 (ninety) days submission of the Audited Financial Report for Financial Year 2018 which complies to the Regulation on External Audit of the Financial Regulations;
- 5.2 Acknowledged and accepted to adopt the Audited Financial Report for Financial Year 2018 conducted by external international auditor, Y. Santosa dan Rekan (Annex 11);
- 5.3 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to appoint an external auditor to conduct an audit of the 2019 financial performance of the Regional Secretariat based on rules and regulations;
- 5.4 Acknowledged and appreciated update from the Regional Secretariat on the migration from cash basis to accrual basis as well as implementation of XERO, a new accounting software that provides real time and online financial

reporting to stakeholders for transparency of financial expenditures and standing;

- 5.5 Acknowledged and appreciated the CT6 Member Countries' contribution for 2019 Financial Year as of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 as well as financial support provided by Development Partners namely, USAID, US Department of Interior and Australian Government;
- 5.6 Acknowledged and appreciated the financial investment of the cash amounting to USD426,063 from the cash surplus USD951,168 (as per 2017 audit report) on 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2019 with current balance position of USD427,349.16 as of 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019 in Mandiri Bank Deposit Swap and shall not be used for payment of operational deficiencies (Annex 12);
- 5.7 Acknowledged the fund utilization report amounting to USD1,006,730 as of 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019 or 61.06 % of total approved allocated budget with detail utilization USD594,870 from Country Contribution and USD411,861 from Approved Surplus (Annex 13).
- 5.8 Approved the proposed budget of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat for Financial Year 2020 amounting USD1,811,251 which consist of USD1,041,251 from 2020 country contribution calculation based on 2013 GDP, USD300,000 from estimated saving and USD470,000 from other sources (Annex 14);
- 5.9 Tasked the Regional Secretariat and the IRC to prioritize the funding of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Leaders' Summit with amount USD250,000 from other sources such as from uncollected outstanding country contributions; and
- 5.10 Acknowledged the projected budget of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat for Financial Year 2021-2023 (Annex 15).

## **SESSION 6: MONITORING AND EVALUATION, FINAL DRAFT RPOA 2.0 and CT ATLAS MIGRATION**

### Development of Regional Plan of Action 2.0

- 6.1 Acknowledged and appreciated the activities and progress of the RPOA 2.0, including the following reports produced by the consultant: Communication Strategy, the Financial Strategy and Architecture, and the Institutional Arrangement;



- 6.2 Noted and appreciated the information shared by NCC Malaysia at the MEWG pre-SOM on improving the structure and mechanism of the CTI-CFF (Annex 16);
- 6.3 Acknowledged and appreciated the support from Development Partners throughout the development process of the RPOA 2.0;
- 6.4 Acknowledged and appreciated the resource mobilization and inputs from the National Coordinating Committees (NCCs) during the development process of RPOA 2.0;
- 6.5 Noted and acknowledged the fourth draft of RPOA 2.0 documents circulated by the Regional Secretariat on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019; and discussion by the MEWG during pre-SOM and tasked the Regional Secretariat to compile all comments and distribute to the NCCs by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019;
- 6.6 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to prepare a matrix comparing comments from CT6 Member Countries and others made during the 1<sup>st</sup> Consultative RPOA 2.0 Workshop; 3<sup>rd</sup> Regional Priority Setting Workshop back-to-back with MEWG Meeting; Strategic Communication Expert Workshop; Strategic Financial Resources Expert Workshop; and Institutional Change Framework Workshop and Writeshop for RPOA 2.0, in preparation for the next MEWG workshop; and
- 6.7 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to convene a meeting to oversee the finalization of RPOA 2.0 back to back with the meeting on monitoring and evaluation indicators in 2020.

#### Migration and upgrading of CT Atlas

- 6.8 Acknowledged and appreciated the activities and progress of the two (2)-year Coral Triangle Atlas (CT Atlas) migration program from WorldFish to the Regional Secretariat, including the hosting, storage, revision and updating CT Atlas interface, recruitment of the new IT Officer and CT Atlas training session at the 8<sup>th</sup> MPA Regional Exchange (REX) Meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah on 17<sup>th</sup> October 2019 (Annex 17);
- 6.9 Acknowledged and appreciated the support from the Development Partners towards CT Atlas migration;
- 6.10 Acknowledged and appreciated the willingness of WWF to produce and share distribution maps for threatened species (including marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays), focusing on three (3) CTI-CFF Priority Seascapes into the CT Atlas by February 2020;

6.11 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to hold the CT Atlas Training for National Coordinating Committees in Q1 of 2020; and

6.12 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to finalize mechanism for data collection and information sharing;

#### Reflections from Development Partners

6.13 Acknowledged and appreciated the reflections from Development Partners on progress of renewal process of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 2.0) and the two (2) year CT Atlas migration program from WorldFish to the Regional Secretariat (Annex 18);

6.14 Extended its appreciation and gratitude to the Development Partners' reaffirmation for continued support as presented and shall look forward to the various programs that has been planned for CTI-CFF;

#### Other Matters

6.15 Noted and appreciated the Information shared by Ms. Jackie Thomas of WWF on "No Plastic in Nature" during the MEWG Pre-SOM 15 (Annex 19); and

6.16 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to collaborate with WWF to develop a stocktake report on marine plastic pollution in Coral Triangle Region and to provide potential strategies to minimize it.

### **SESSION 7: 2020 CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

7.1 Noted the 2020 Calendar of Events subject to further update and revisions (Annex 20); and

7.2 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to work with National Coordinating Committees, Technical Working Groups, Cross Cutting Initiatives and Development Partners to strategize and further prioritize participation to profile CTI-CFF in the proposed events, subject to availability of funds.

### **SESSION 8: 16<sup>th</sup> SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-16), 8<sup>th</sup> MINISTERIAL MEETING (MM-8) and 2<sup>nd</sup> LEADERS' SUMMIT**

8.1 Acknowledged the efforts of the Regional Secretariat in exploring and communicating with the APEC focal points in each CT6 Member Countries,

the APEC Secretariat and the APEC Ocean and Fisheries Working Group (OFWG) on the possibility to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> CTI Leaders' Summit during APEC Summit 2020 in Malaysia to enhance political commitment among CT6 Member Countries;

- 8.2 Noted that the Government of Malaysia is unable to host the 2<sup>nd</sup> CTI Leaders' Summit during APEC Summit 2020 and its suggestion to the Regional Secretariat to explore the possibility in organizing the high-level side event in COP-15 CBD in China in 2020 (Annex 21);
- 8.3 Tasked the Regional Secretariat in close consultation with the Government of Indonesia to explore the possibility of convening the 2<sup>nd</sup> CTI-CFF Leaders' Summit back to back with the Archipelagic and Islands States (AIS) Forum Summit in 2020 in Manado, Indonesia; and
- 8.4 Noted that the Government of Solomon Islands is unable to host the 16<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-16) and the 8<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting (MM-8) in 2020, and tasked the Regional Secretariat to host the same in Indonesia.

## **SESSION 9: COUNTRY REPORTS**

- 9.1 Acknowledged and appreciated the Country Reports highlighting activities and efforts of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste towards achieving the goals of their NPOAs and in relation to the RPOA (Annex 22);
- 9.2 Acknowledged and appreciated the Development Partners and collaborators for their support in implementing CTI-CFF activities and programs at the national level; and
- 9.3 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to compile and publish the highlights from the country reports upon clearance of the respective NCCs.

## **SESSION 10: TECHNICAL WORKING GROUPS REPORT, ROADMAP & BUDGET**

### **10.1 Seascape Working Group**

- 10.1.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Seascape Technical Working Group (Annex 23);

- 10.1.2 Noted the suggestion from the Regional Secretariat to produce a knowledge product i.e. audio-visual production, infographic with support from Development Partners to highlight the success of the Sulu Sulawesi Seascapes Project as a promotional tool for raising awareness and appreciation among key leaders of CT6 Member Countries and potential donors;
- 10.1.3 Acknowledged and accepted the Project Concept entitled “Transboundary Approach to Securing Coral Reef Fishery and Biodiversity Resources in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape” to be implemented in Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines in collaboration with University of Queensland, Australia.
- 10.1.4 Agreed that the submission of the Seascape Working Group on its position for the inclusion of the Seascape General Model and Regional Framework for Priority Seascapes in the RPOA 2.0 through the Regional Secretariat;
- 10.1.5 Tasked the Seascapes Sub-Working Group to develop their Terms of Reference (ToR);
- 10.1.6 Endorsed the Solutions for Marine and Coastal Resilience in the Coral Triangle (SOMACORE) Project proposal aiming to request support from the German Federal Government (Annex 24);
- 10.1.7 Recognized the recent legislations in the Philippines i.e. Bangsamoro Organic Law and the Enhanced National Protected Area System (NIPAS), both aimed to protect and guide the management of the coastal and marine environments particularly in the southern Philippines abutting the Sulu Sea of the Sulu Sulawesi Seascapes; and
- 10.1.8 Endorsed the Seascape TWG Workplan for 2020 (Annex 25).

**10.2 Ecosystem Approach of Fisheries Management (EAFM) Working Group**

- 10.2.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Ecosystem Approach of Fisheries Management Technical Working Group (Annex 26);
- 10.2.2 Acknowledged and appreciated funding from the US Department of Interior through the Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity (SOACAP) activities. Part of the funding supported two workshops namely the Regional Priorities Workshop (RPW-3) for

Renewed Regional Plan of Action held from 30<sup>th</sup> April until 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019 and the Institutional Framework and Writeshop in Bali, Indonesia in 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> August 2019;

- 10.2.3 Noted the collaborative effort of Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines in partnership with USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership to finalize and agree on the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Sub-Regional EAFM Plan;
- 10.2.4 Endorsed the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Sub-regional EAFM Plan (Annex 27);
- 10.2.5 Tasked EAFM Working Group to take forward the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Sub-regional EAFM Plan in coordination with Seascape Working Group to explore possibilities for funding and its implementation;
- 10.2.6 Acknowledged and appreciated the potential support of USAID Oceans in partnership with Conservation International - Philippines in the following:
  - a. Conduct of a regional planning workshop to identify priority activities to be implemented under the Sub-Regional EAFM Plan in Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape; and
  - b. Facilitate the establishment of the Sub-Regional Mechanism for Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape and the development of Term of Reference.
- 10.2.7 Requested for continued support from Development Partners and collaborators to support EAFM Working Group programs for 2020;
- 10.2.8 Encouraged Indonesia to complete the process of Endorsement of the Strategic Action Program for the Sustainable Fisheries Management of the Sulu-Celebes (Sulawesi) Sea Large Marine Ecosystem (SCS-LME); and
- 10.2.9 Endorsed the EAFM TWG Workplan for 2020 (Annex 28).

### **10.3 Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Working Group**

- 10.3.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Marine Protected Areas Technical Working Group (Annex 29);

- 10.3.2 Acknowledged the efforts of the CT6 Member Countries and the Development Partners on the status of the SOM-14 decisions;
- 10.3.3 Acknowledged the countries that have submitted the nominees for Sustainable Marine Tourism Focal Points, pilot community sites and encourage other countries to submit their nominees;
- 10.3.4 Encouraged NCC to socialize with national counterparts the destination development programs and criteria from the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) for potential application in their national pilot sites, and provide brief report to Regional Secretariat;
- 10.3.5 Tasked Regional Secretariat and Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force to provide support in the preparation of a guideline or outline for the concept paper of a joint roadmap of sustainable tourism for five years at prioritized community sites, and phasing into larger sites;
- 10.3.6 Requested all NCCs to complete their data inputs to the CT Atlas in preparation for the CT Atlas training in the First Quarter of 2020;
- 10.3.7 Recommended for the formal certification of Category 1,2 3 and 4 be done every two years at SOM;
- 10.3.8 Requested NCCs to nominate the external advisors who will review the CTMPAS Category 3 and 4 sites;
- 10.3.9 Acknowledged the MPA TWG recommendation on the next steps in strengthening the CTMPAS as follows:
  - a. develop pilot activities in community sites in CT6 Member Countries that integrate with other Technical Working Groups and Cross Cutting Initiatives in the priority Seascapes;
  - b. develop awareness and capacity in the CT6 Member Countries on the use of MPA networks as a tool for designing and integrating Category 3 and 4 MPAs with the prioritized roadmaps from EAFM, Threatened Species and Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Groups for next operational steps in the priority Seascapes; and
  - c. complete the design of CTMPAs award program to first be launched in 2021 at the next SOM in connection with the reverification of the CTMPAS inventory.

10.3.10 Accepted the recommendation of the MPA to turn over the Chair from Indonesia to Solomon Islands and the turnover of the Co-Chair from Solomon Islands to Timor-Leste based on the provisions stipulated in the Rules of Procedures of the MPA WG; and

10.3.11 Endorsed the MPA TWG Workplan for 2020 (Annex 30);

#### **10.4 Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Working Group**

10.4.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group (Annex 31);

10.4.2 Noted the progress of the development of the draft TOR Executive Course and urge the CCA Working Group to finalize by 2020;

10.4.3 Acknowledged the urgency to increase the Resilience and Adaptive Capacity of Coastal and Marine Ecosystem through Coastal Vulnerability and Climate Risk Profiling including Development of Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) and Strategy for CCA;

10.4.4 Acknowledged the progress to develop the Term of References (ToR) of Centre of Excellence (CoE) and agree to expand the ToR of COE to include other Thematic Areas;

10.4.5 Noted the need for a Communique on the impacts of climate change in the Coral Triangle Region; and

10.4.6 Endorsed CCA TWG Workplan for 2020 (Annex 32);

#### **10.5 Threatened Species Working Group**

10.5.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Threatened Species Technical Working Group (Annex 33);

10.5.2 Acknowledged that Indonesia has completed its conservation plan and country assessment report of threatened species (marine mammals, sea turtle, and sharks and rays) entitled "*Assessment of Threatened Species in Indonesia*" and it can be accessed on the CTI-CFF website. Encouraged other CT6 Member Countries to send their conservation plan and country assessment report by February 2020;

- 10.5.3 Acknowledged the submission of the CT6 Member Countries national conservation plan for marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays to be compiled by the Regional Secretariat by 29<sup>th</sup> February 2020;
- 10.5.4 Endorsed the conduct of the Writeshop of the Regional Assessment of Threatened Species and national conservation plan for marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays to be included in the TSWG Work plan for 2020;
- 10.5.5 Acknowledged and appreciated the contribution of WWF Indonesia on the development of Distribution Map of Threatened Species that will be completed by end of January 2020;
- 10.5.6 Endorsed the Terms of References (ToR) of the Threatened Species Working Group;
- 10.5.7 Endorsed the ToR of the Pool of Experts;
- 10.5.8 Called on the Development Partners for continued support on the development of the Assessment of Threatened Species and National Conservation Plan of the CT6 Member Countries;
- 10.5.9 Endorsed the conduct of the Writeshop for the finalization of M&E indicators in First Quarter of 2020; and
- 10.5.10 Endorsed the TSWG Work Plan for 2020 (Annex 34).

## **SESSION 11: INTERNAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE AND FINANCIAL RESOURCE WORKING GROUP**

### **11.1 Internal Resources Committee**

- 11.1.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Internal Resources Committee (Annex 35);
- 11.1.2 Acknowledged and accepted the Chair's Summary of the IRC Meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2019 in Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia (Annex 36);
- 11.1.3 Acknowledged the Legal Opinion/Analysis received from the legal Firm Makarim & Taira and the Focus Group Discussion on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 on the Status of Host Country Agreement between CTI-CFF



Regional Secretariat and the Government of the Republic of Indonesia (Annex 37);

11.1.4 Acknowledged and accepted the recruitment of following Staff of the Regional Secretariat, which has some adjustments in the title of positions:

- a. Mr. Ivan Saltano Kiagoes as Finance and operation Manager (FOM) on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019;
- b. Mr. William Tumimomor as the Operation Assistant (OA) on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2019;
- c. Ms. Rumanti Wasturini as the Assistant Manager for Publication on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019;
- d. Mr. Solomon Sundah as the IT Officer on 26<sup>th</sup> August 2019;

11.1.5 Acknowledged the presentation of progress report of capacity building program, the 2019 Regional Coral Triangle Network Officers (RCTNOs) during the Pre-SOM IRC (Annex 38); and

11.1.6 Approved to continue the implementation of the capacity building of CT6 Member Countries through the Regional Coral Triangle Network Officers (RCTNOs) for CT6 capacity building program for Financial Year 2020 and task the Regional Secretariat to further improve the program.

## 11.2 Financial Resource Working Group

11.2.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Internal Resources Committee (Annex 39);

11.2.2 Acknowledged the update on actions undertaken by the Regional Secretariat as tasked in the FRWG Meeting of 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019;

11.2.3 Acknowledged the engagement of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat with existing and potential donors/funders;

11.2.4 Acknowledged the report on the Financial Resources Expert Strategy Workshop conducted between 31<sup>st</sup> July - 1<sup>st</sup> August 2019 in Singapore (Annex 40);

11.2.5 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to explore sustainable financing mechanisms through the following:

- a. engage financial experts from CT6 Member Countries to provide technical assistance in developing financial options and solutions;
  - b. develop proposals based on shared and common interest with existing and potential funding institutions;
  - c. consider a blended approach to finance mobilization to allow for a mixed financial solutions and mechanisms.
- 11.2.6 Acknowledged the update by Indonesian delegation on the possibility for partnership with Indonesian Aid as one of the alternative solutions to support the achievement of CTI-CFF's goals and SDGs; and tasked the Regional Secretariat to circulate the detailed information once it is available;
- 11.2.7 Acknowledged and appreciated TNC's efforts to continue to share learning on sustainable financing between the CTI-CFF and other regional oceans framework including the Caribbean Challenge and Micronesian Challenge; and
- 11.2.8 Endorsed FRWG Workplan for 2020 (Annex 41).

## **SESSION 12: CROSS CUTTING INITIATIVES**

### **12.1 Women Leaders' Forum (WLF)**

- 12.1.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Women Leaders' Forum (Annex 42);
- 12.1.2 Acknowledged and appreciated the contribution and support by USAID RDMA, US DOI, and Coral Triangle Centre (CTC) for the launch and development of the WLF in the last five (5) years and the development of the WLF Leadership Training and Competency Framework;
- 12.1.3 Acknowledged the contribution by The Nature Conservancy towards the completion of the Stock-take Assessment for CT6 Gender Policy towards the development process of a CTI-CFF Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Policy;
- 12.1.4 Welcomed and appreciated contribution of Ms. Laura Whitford from The Nature Conservancy (TNC) as WLF Co-Chair;

- 12.1.5 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to support WLF in the distribution and pilot of the WLF Competency Model as training activity early in 2020 for all CT6 Member Countries;
- 12.1.6 Encouraged NCCs to complete all nominations for WLF country Focal Points/Champion by February 2020;
- 12.1.7 Agreed and accepted that WLF will be a crucial component in RPOA 2.0, and shall be included in CTI CFF TWGs activities;
- 12.1.8 Endorsed the WLF's roadmap developed at the Cross-Cutting Initiative Workshop in September 2019 to support RPOA2.0 (Annex 43);
- 12.1.9 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to work with the WLF to ensure the completion of the GESI Policy through provision of funds and other resources; and
- 12.1.10 Endorsed the WLF Workplan for 2020 (Annex 44).

## **12.2 Local Government Network (LGN)**

- 12.2.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Local Government Network (Annex 45);
- 12.2.2 Acknowledged and appreciated the support from USAID/USDOJ/CTC towards Maritime LGN activities and programs (2017-2019) and the valuable support of WWF Coral Triangle Program for LGN's bridge funding (November-December 2019);
- 12.2.3 Acknowledged and recognized the following:
  - a. the Maritime LGN was granted legal status as a registered association by the Ministry of Law and Human Rights of the Republic of Indonesia and is now an independent entity;
  - b. the activities were carried out by LGN in 2019 such as the MPA Sustainable Tourism forum for Local Governments in Indonesia and the contribution towards the RPOA 2.0 development.
- 12.2.4 Acknowledged that the Maritime LGN Strategic Roadmap developed in the Cross Cutting Initiative Workshop in September 2019 as guidance and reference in the development of LGN activities (Annex 46);

- 12.2.5 Endorsed and recommended to the Council of Ministers, Maritime LGN application to be a CTI-CFF Partner as per Rules and Procedures Article 20 to assist CTI-CFF in implementing the RPOA 2.0 in an effective manner;
- 12.2.6 Encouraged the Maritime LGN to work in partnership with CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and respective NCCs; and
- 12.2.7 Agreed and recognized that local governments will be a crucial component for the implementation of RPOA 2.0.

### **12.3 Regional Business Forum (RBF)**

- 12.3.1 Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Regional Business Forum (Annex 47);
- 12.3.2 Acknowledged and appreciated the contribution and support by USAID RDMA; US DOI; Coral Triangle Center (CTC) for the Cross-Cutting Initiatives Workshop in September 2019;
- 12.3.3 Noted on the proposal for the rebranding of RBF to CT SBF (Coral Triangle Sustainable Business Forum). A concept paper will be distributed to NCCs for review;
- 12.3.4 Accepted and agreed to the RBF's roadmap developed at the Cross-Cutting Initiatives Workshop (Annex 48);
- 12.3.5 Endorsed the RBF 2020 Activities:
  - a. Partners (WWF and CTC) in collaboration with the Regional Secretariat and NCCs to develop a concept paper on the rebranding of RBF to "CT-SBF" (Coral Triangle Sustainable Business Forum) for distribution and review by Q1 2020;
  - b. Partners (WWF and CTC) in collaboration with RS and NCCs to develop an initial scoping for the RBF "Value Proposition" and private sector mapping activity. Completed by end of Third Quarter 2020;
  - c. RS and NCCs to engage relevant ministries within CTI-CFF countries to help engage private sector (i.e. Trade/Commerce)
  - d. Capitalizing on CTI Summit, RS in collaboration with Partners to organize a small, high-level roundtable meeting with heads of

states, business owners/CEOs of multi-national companies. To be completed by end of Fourth Quarter 2020).

#### **12.4 University Partnership and Scientific Advisory Group**

- 12.4.1 Acknowledged and accepted the updates and noted the challenges of University Partnership and Scientific Advisory Group (SAG);
- 12.4.2 Took note of the result of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of CTI-CFF University Partnership “*Building Tangible Program Actions for Capacity Building and Research*” from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at no cost basis to the Regional Secretariat or CTI-CFF (Annex 49);
- 12.4.3 Acknowledged the voluntary work and services of Prof. Grevo Gerung of Sam Ratulangi University in Indonesia as the CTI-CFF University Partnership Coordinator, elected by the University Partnership members in 2017 for the term of 2017 – 2020;
- 12.4.4 Noted the progress of the development of the draft online Coral Triangle Experts (<http://coraltriangleinitiative.org/content/coral-triangle-experts>) by the Regional Secretariat;
- 12.4.5 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to establish a platform or mechanism for engagement with the experts based on national and regional needs for the endorsement of NCCs;
- 12.4.6 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to explore the reactivation of the University Partnership to be on no cost basis by adopting models such as of the Asia Pacific Research University (APRU) and African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) that pools their own universities’ limited resources to leverage for external additional resources to support goals of the CTI CFF; and
- 12.4.7 Tasked the University Partnership and Regional Secretariat to explore potential partnership with the US SeaGrant program with input from USAID RDMA.

#### **SESSION 13: PARTNER’S DIALOGUE**

- 13.1 Recognized and appreciated the reflections from the Development Partners (USAID, TNC, WWF, CTC and WCS) and Collaborator (GIZ) for its support since the CTI CFF was established and its continuous support in the future activities of the CTI CFF (Annex 50);

- 13.2 Recognized the call of the Development Partners to finalize the RPOA 2.0, engage strategic partnerships and support initiatives across the CT6 Member Countries as well as national level; and
- 13.3 Proposed to Development Partners to provide information and if possible, to prioritize programs that can provide direct benefits relating to social well-being and livelihood of the communities in the Coral Triangle region.

#### **SESSION 14: INTRODUCTION OF NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND NEW DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES**

- 14.1 Recognized and appreciated the efforts of the Appointment Committee for Executive Director (ED) and Deputy Executive Director Corporate Services (DED CS) for overseeing the process to select, recruit and recommend the candidates for the ED and DED CS of the Regional Secretariat;
- 14.2 Appreciated the Government of Malaysia for hosting the interview process of the Appointment Committee for Executive Director (ED) and Deputy Executive Director Corporate Services (DED CS) between 27<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> May 2019;
- 14.3 Approved the Chair's Summary of the Appointment Committee for Executive Director (ED) and Deputy Executive Director Corporate Services (DED CS) (Annex 51); and
- 14.4 Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation of Dr. Mohd Kushairi Bin Mohd Rajuddin as the new Executive Director (ED) and Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu as the new Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services (DED CS) (Annex 52).

#### **SESSION 15: HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT**

- 15.1 Acknowledged the letter of the Regional Secretariat to all members of the Council of Ministers dated on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and the draft proposal for the renewal of the Host Country Agreement (Annex 53);
- 15.2 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to re-circulate draft proposal on the renewal of the Host Country Agreement to the CTI Member Countries;
- 15.3 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to engage with the Host Country and other CTI Member Countries to discuss the renewal of the Host Country Agreement with some amendments.
- 15.4 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to compile all comments of the draft HCA from the NCCs by 28<sup>th</sup> February 2020 and this will start the review process by the Executive Director; and
- 15.5 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to report the progress of the review of the Host Country Agreement at the next Senior Officials' Meeting.

**SESSION 16: INAUGURATION OF NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND NEW DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND THE COMPLETION OF TERM OF IED**

- 16.1 Congratulated Dr. Mohd Kushairi Bin Mohd Rajuddin of Malaysia for assuming his position as the Executive Director, at the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat commencing on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019;
- 16.2 Congratulated Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu of Indonesia for assuming his position as the Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services, at the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat commencing on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2019;
- 16.3 Appreciated the Government of Indonesia for the designation of Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry as the Interim Executive Director to lead the Regional Secretariat from 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 until the new Executive Director is appointed;
- 16.4 Expressed the Council of Ministers and the Committee of Senior Officials' highest appreciation and thanks to Dr Hendra Yusran Siry during his tenure as the Interim Executive Director and his resolute team at the Regional Secretariat, that under his leadership have successfully carried out the task that was entrusted to him to transform the CTI-CFF into a full-fledged international organization that it is now; and
- 16.5 Agreed that while the Executive Director will work with Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry to ensure smooth handover in any possible way until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

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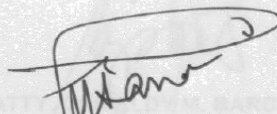
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Acknowledged and appreciated the support of The Nature Conservancy, World Wildlife Fund for Nature (WWF), the Coral Triangle Center and the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Project under Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources in the conduct of the pre-SOM and SOM-15.



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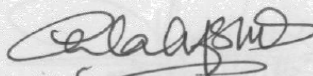
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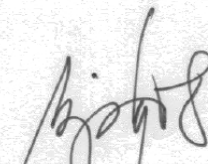
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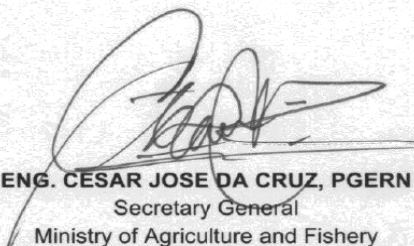
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