



# CTI-CFF *newsletter*

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## MAIN STORY

### **Draft RPOA 2.0 underway, stresses goal of preserving biodiversity and supporting economic development and food security**

**Bali, Indonesia, August 2019** – Five-months since the first consultative workshop was undertaken for the renewal of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 2.0) in April 2019, the draft RPOA 2.0 is under way, accentuating duality of functions – preserving biodiversity and supporting economic development and food security.

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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 wholistic perspective on the needs, challenges, and opportunities facing the Coral Triangle Region today and look how to best position CTI-CFF. Particularly, stakeholders echoed the need for the RPOA 2.0 to be simple, manageable and doable.

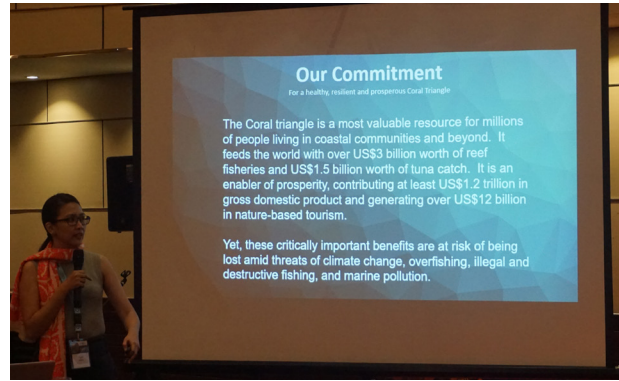
The final draft of the RPOA 2.0 was circulated to the CT6 member countries and development partners for further review before it is polished and presented at the Pre-Senior Officials Meeting (Pre-SOM) and endorsed at the 15<sup>th</sup> SOM to be held in Honiara, Solomon Islands from November 4–8, 2019.

The re-aligned RPOA 2.0 is hoped to increase CTI-CFF’s relevance and value-added in contributing significantly to the goals of the CT6 member countries at the national and regional levels.

“Moving forward, renewed commitment and action from the key leaders of the CT6 countries, development partners and other stakeholders are important in order for the RPOA 2.0 to be realized and for the people of the CT6 countries to enjoy its benefits and value added,” Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry, Interim Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (RS).

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. It is hoped that the RPOA 2.0 would be able 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 is being handled by CTI-CFF RS with assistance from the consultant, PT. Hatfield Indonesia.



▲ Ms. Nini Santos presented the draft crisp narrative of the RPOA 2.0 that is intended to be presented to key leaders of CT6 member countries. Photo by William Tumimomor/CTI-CFF RS



▲ Participants from CT6 member countries and CTI-CFF working groups and cross-cutting initiatives shared their insights effective planning and development of the renewal of the RPOA 2.0. Photo by Rumanti Wasturini/CTI-CFF RS

## RPOA 2.0 UPDATES

### Financial resource workshop held to strengthen CTI-CFF road to RPOA 2.0

**Singapore, July 2019** – Financial experts and senior officials from CT6 countries, financial institutions and international non-government organizations gathered for a two-day workshop in Singapore to help draft a financial resource mobilization plan in support of the renewal of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action, most commonly referred to as RPOA 2.0.

In the workshop, participants were provided with a high-level summary of political, economic, environmental and social context to the CTI-CFF and its goals which served as a backdrop to consider options to mobilize financial resource for the goal of CTI-CFF. Particularly, the workshop noted that given the history of work done on finance mobilization of CTI-CFF so far, 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 Mr. David Meyers from Conservation Finance Alliance discussed about conservation finance, which is the practice of generating, managing and deploying financial capital and economic incentives to support the sustainable management of nature as well as the importance of business plans. ADB/GEF Senior Environment Specialist, Mr. Arunkumar Abraham introduced the new ADB Action Plan (2019–2024): Ocean Finance Initiative with a target of a 5 billion USD, 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, Ms. Liza Matthews and Ms. Hollie Booth of Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), Susan Roxas of Worldwide Fund for Nature (WWF), and Ms. Laura Whitford of The Nature Conservancy (TNC) respectively. A presentation on the Caribbean Challenge by Ms. Leah Carriere of TNC stimulated participants to think other financial mechanism approaches.



▲ Participants from CT6 member countries and Development Partners gathered for a two-day workshop in Singapore to help draft a financial resource mobilization plan for RPOA 2.0. Photo by Wiwin Joko Winarbo/CTI-CFF RS

The finance resource workshop emphasized some 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 is made possible with the support from the entire WCS team, led by Martin Callow.

### An Effective CTI-CFF for RPOA 2.0 pushed at the Institutional Framework Workshop

**Bali, Indonesia, August 2019** – 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 CT6 members countries, chairs of the CTI-CFF working groups and cross-cutting initiatives, as well as development partners sit down together to discuss the draft institutional framework and operational plan for an effective CTI-CFF in support of the RPOA 2.0.

## RPOA 2.0 UPDATES

The workshop drew from the participants' view on 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 Regional Secretariat (RS); better partnerships; and National Coordinating Committees 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 working groups. Further, the notable work of the WGs should be communicated. The workshop also pressed on the need for working groups' 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 RS; clear statement on the value-added of CTI; identifying cross-sectoral and synergies between and among Working Groups; explore ways to strengthen NCCs; and for the incoming leadership/Executive Director to meet key leaders of CT6 countries to explain the relevance of CTI.

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. On the other hand, communication experts from WWF, CTC and PT. Hatfield helped in crafting the crisp narrative commitment statement for CTI to be reviewed by CT6 countries before its endorsement at the 15<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting on November 2019 in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

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

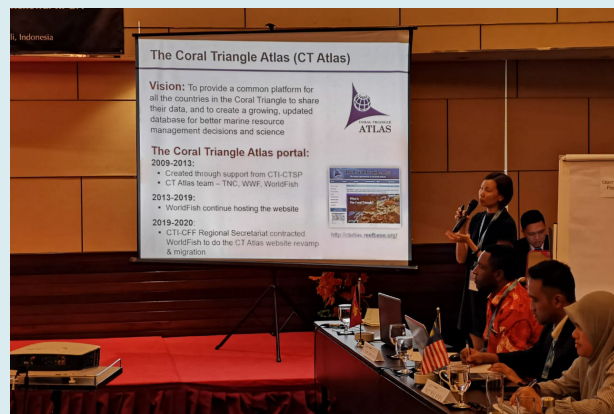
## CT Atlas Redesign ongoing

**Bali, Indonesia, August 2019** – The work in redesigning the Coral Triangle (CT) Atlas continues with WorldFish at the helm of the technical requirements and CTI-CFF providing the strategic vision for new CT Atlas development.

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 during the Institutional Change workshop in Bali, Indonesia. The usual features of the CT Atlas were retained such as description about CT Atlas, CT6 country profile, database, publication, interactive map, image gallery and M&E.

On the other hand, CTI-CFF through its Regional Secretariat recently hired an IT Officer who will be closely coordinating and working with the WorldFish team for the smooth migration of the CT Atlas.

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. The CT Atlas was created in 2009 with the support of USAID Asia, NOAA, and Coral Triangle Support Partnership – WWF, The Nature Conservancy and Conservation International. Its website was hosted by WorldFish from 2013–2019 and is now being revamped and migrated to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.



- ▲ Ms. Shwu Jiao, an IT expert from WorldFish is providing technical assistance in redesigning the CT Atlas as well as in the migration of the CT Atlas from WorldFish in Penang, Malaysia to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in Manado, Indonesia. Photo by Ayodya Satryo/CTI-CFF RS

## CTI-CFF RS implements Capacity Building Program for the Regional Coral Triangle Network Officers (RCTNO)

The CTI-CFF through its Regional Secretariat (RS) is implementing the Capacity Building Program for RCTNO. The 5-month program intends 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 CT6 member countries who are young professionals working in the field of marine/coastal ecology, fisheries science, management, monitoring and other relevant fields in government department of the countries. The Regional Secretariat has four RCTNO in the headquarters namely Ms. Conni Sidabalok (Indonesia), Ms. Phelameya Haiveta (Papua New Guinea), Mr. Simeon Baeto (Solomon Islands) and Mr. Sabino Adonia (Timor Leste). They officially started their program at the Regional Secretariat last July 15, 2019.

As an RCTNO, Conni said that she intends to learn “organizing international collaborations in terms of better understanding of the bureaucracy and the administration aspects, enhancing negotiation skills, developing both scientific and partnership networking, finding research opportunities”.

She is also keen to use the network she will be able to build during the program to expand her research and develop potential collaborations between her institution and respective organizations.

And on how she intends to use her field of experience in the various aspect of the RCTNO program, or in CTI-CFF in general – Conni has this to say “I can use my current expertise to assist in the assessment of biological aspects in Threatened Species Working Group”. In general, I can support the administration matters happening at RS as well as to liaise and maintain continuous communication with Indonesian NCC.”

### The RCTNOs



**Conni Margaretha Sidabalok**  
Indonesia

Conni is a researcher in taxonomy of marine isopods at the Division of Zoology,

Research Center for Biology, Indonesian Institute of Sciences (LIPI). Her prime responsibility is to explore the diversity of marine isopods in Indonesia and to investigate their taxonomy. She has Masters and Doctoral degrees in Marine Biology from James Cook University, Australia.



**Phelameya Haiveta**  
Papua New Guinea

Phelameya Haiveta is a commercial ramp model turned marine program officer of the PNG’s Conservation

and Environment Protection Authority. She particularly assists in carrying out plastic bag awareness and clean-ups in 17 coastal villages in the National Capital District and Central Province. Previously, she assisted the Environment Council Secretariat as well as worked as an assistant to the Acting

Manager of Environment Permit Registry Unit. Phela has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from the University of Papua New Guinea.

As an RCTNO, Phela hopes to gain a greater understanding of the RPOA review process and how best to align PNGs National Plan of Action (NPOA) under the RPOA as well as gain valuable insight and experience working in a regional organisation. Also, she hopes to improve her work ethics and greater proficiency in coordinating activities with PNG NCC and influence regional policy to address pressing national issues so that PNG is fully represented within regional policy frameworks.

“I hope to be more strategic and innovative when coordinating NCC activities when I return to my country and to fill in the performance gaps that currently exist. Being exposed to a regional working environment will enable me to form networks that can advance the implementation of each goal on the RPOA 2.0,” Phela said.

multitasking, report writing, and teamwork in a multi-cultural environment. “Furthermore, since we are on the final stage of RPOA 2.0, I can be an asset to work with my NCCs to implement the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) next year and for the future on the ground in the Solomon Islands,” Simeon said.

Simeon added that by the end of the program, he will have the opportunity to understand the work of Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF, other NCCs, strengthen linkages with NCC and be enlighten on the relationship of NPOA to the RPOA.



**Simeon Mamupio Baeto**  
Solomon Islands

Simeon has a Bachelor of Science Degree Major in Marine Science from the University of South Pacific in Suva,

Fiji. He works as a Fisheries Officer in Ghizo, Western Province in Solomon Islands mainly doing effective and competent distribution of fisheries services to the Province and communities as provided for appropriate sectors stipulated in the Fisheries Act.

For Simeon, being part of the RCTNO program will equip him with confidence to advance his skills on communication,



**Sabino Leto Adonia**  
Timor Leste

Sabino is a Marine and Aquaculture Technical Senior Staff from the Department

of Aquaculture, National Directorate of Fisheries and Aquaculture of the Timor Leste’s Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. He has attended various international trainings relating to aquaculture in countries like Australia, China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Thailand and has participated in previous CTI-CFF meetings. He is a graduate of the National University of Timor Leste with specialization in Social Economics.

For Sabino, being part of the Capability Program for RCTNO will increase his experience in attending to his daily work at TL NCC, especially coordinating with the Regional Secretariat CTI-CFF to help conserve fisheries and coral reefs.

## STORIES FROM THE GROUND



## Locals get training on basic mangrove ecology in Papua New Guinea

**Port Moresby, June 2019** – Empowering coastal communities means providing them with greater understanding of their environment so they can participate in conservation efforts. It also means increasing their resilience as well as helping sustain their livelihoods.

The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Papua New Guinea (PNG), under its Mangrove Market Meri (MMM) Project has embodied this, particularly by training about 50 participants in Basic Mangrove Ecology in the Milne Bay Province. The project helped the local community efficiently utilize mangroves for their livelihoods and increase their understanding of mangrove.

The participants, composed majority of women, learned to identify the species, count the types as well come up with estimates on the height and diameter. They also determined the impacts on the mangrove forests.

The training was facilitated by mangrove specialist, Ms. Marcella Maniwavie and was assisted by TNC personnel, conservation specialist and MMM lead, Ruth Konia, and project support staff, Senita Wauwia.

The MMM project brings together women from across PNG to support sustainable mangrove management for the benefit of improving livelihoods



▲ (Top) Participants together with the resource persons of the Basic Mangrove Ecology Training. (Bottom) Participants identify mangrove species and conduct transect surveys to identify species distribution, threats and impacts near Alotau, Milne Bay province in Papua New Guinea. Photo by Ruth Konia/TNC Papua New Guinea

as well as tourism, empowering women, food security, blue carbon storage and protecting coastal communities. It is a partnership of various sectors such as women leaders from communities across the country, provincial and national governments, academic institutions, NGOs and business.

PNG is home to some of the most intact and diverse mangrove forests in the world. Apart from serving as nurseries for juvenile fish, mangroves support the food security and livelihoods of many coastal communities. Women and their children often rely on mangroves for fuel wood for cooking as well as sell it for income. However, PNG's coastal mangroves are under threat because of development and clearing which reduces local food and livelihood security while exacerbating climate change impacts. As such, various efforts are being implemented to protect and conserve the mangroves.

**Contributors:** Barbara Masike and Ruth Konia of TNC Papua New Guinea

## STORIES FROM THE GROUND



► Junior high school students on Bangka Island, North Sulawesi learned the the importance of looking after oceans as part of innovative education program of the No Trash Triangle Initiative. Photo by No Trash Triangle Initiative.

## Innovative education program to help protect the seas surrounding Indonesia's small islands launched

**Manado, July 2019** – No-Trash Triangle Initiative, in partnership with Sea Soldier, launched last July an innovative education program that will teach junior high school students on Bangka Island, North Sulawesi about the environment surrounding them and the importance of looking after our oceans. The program will cover topics such as the coral reef, mangroves and sea grass beds, and will take students out of the classroom to experience these ecosystems.

The program was designed together with the local community to ensure that it is relevant and interesting for the students. Also, these lessons will be delivered by local representatives from Sea Soldier. At the end of the program, participants will receive a certificate to support their applications for further training after school. They (the participants) are hoping to become ambassadors of the ocean and the next generation of marine biologists.

“This program is very important in helping our students to realise how lucky they are to live in such a beautiful place and that they must help look after it so that it survives into the future,” said Mr. Jodi Umbohm, Principal of the local junior high school.

Bangka Island is located in the heart of the Coral Triangle. It is surrounded by beautiful reefs and a wide range of marine life. However, as in most cases

of many small Indonesian islands, this exquisite environment is under threat due to marine plastic debris and polluted water. The No-Trash Triangle Initiative has been working in North Sulawesi since 2017 to create a waste management and community engagement program that can be replicated on other islands.

“Creative education is a key component of the sustainable and replicable model we are developing together,” according to the No-Trash Triangle Initiative.

Besides education, the No-Trash Triangle Initiative also supports scientific research and innovation, leads a waste collection program that has up to today, sent over 500 bags of plastic found in the ocean to be recycled and encourages corporate responsibility in Europe and Indonesia. Once the new educational program has been completed in December 2019, the Initiative will work with Seasoldier to make sure that it can be replicated on other small islands around the Coral Triangle, adapting it according to local needs.

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## Our Ocean Story

**Solomon Islands, August 2019** – Ocean is an integral part of the culture and heritage for most Solomon Islanders. It has been a witness to the life of the forefathers and will continue to see lives of generations to come. People's lives are intertwined and connected with the ocean. People depend on the ocean and its marine resources for their survival and livelihood. As a new day dawns, men in the coastal communities anticipate their catch for the day, knowing that they can provide a decent meal for their family.

Ocean is also an important source of tuna fisheries which generates revenue for Solomon Islands. Yet, the ocean is continuously being threatened by natural and human factors through additional pressure from the conflicting and competing use of the ocean space. This leads to the need for an integrated ocean governance to sustainably utilize the ocean.

Recognizing the need to have an integrated approach to ocean management, 12 government ministries committed to have an integrated approach in ocean governance. These ministries are the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, Ministry of Development Planning and Aid Coordination, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources, Ministry of Infrastructure Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs, Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification, Ministry of Police, National Security and Correctional Services, Ministry of Lands, Housing and Survey, Ministry of Forestry and Research, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, and Ministry of Provincial Government and Institutional strengthening.

One of the priorities identified to achieve an integrated ocean governance is to develop a Marine Spatial Plan by 2020 through an inter-sectoral and participatory planning process. The plan is intended to balance the ecological, economic and social objectives to have a healthy, resilient, secure and productive ocean that supports its sustainable use and development for the benefit of the people of Solomon Islands today and in the future.

The task was led by the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology together with the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources. This activity is supported by European Union (EU) and the Government of Sweden through the Pacific European Union Marine



▲ (Top) Team Kavachi meeting with provincial government representatives. (Left) Team Kavachi and a community leader work together to manage and plan our ocean space for future generation. (Right) Ocean Planning team member presenting the ocean story to one of the community member. Photo by Vaira Pulekera/MECDM

Partnership (PEUMP) and Wildlife Conservation Society. The Ocean Planning Team comprising of representatives from various government ministries, provincial government and non-government organizations will be implementing the plan.

Last June 2019, the ocean planning team consulted with government ministries, NGOs, development partners, entrepreneurs, provincial government and communities. The team also visited all the provinces telling 'Our Ocean Story' and getting inputs for the ocean plan.

The Ocean Story is about sharing and reminding the Solomon Islanders that the ocean is part of their identity, culture, Source of livelihood and and economy. As such, everyone is integral in planning for ocean governance.

The journey in the development of the plan may be long and tedious, but as long as various stakeholders are hand-in-hand in learning and working together, the fruits of "Our Ocean Story" will be enjoyed by the Solomon Islanders now and in the generations to come.

**Contributors:** Ivory Akao, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources and Agnetha Vave-Karamui, MECDM

## CTI-CFF CCA TWG pushes climate action for coastal and marine ecosystems conservation and adaptation

**Jakarta, Indonesia, July 2018** – CTI-CFF's Climate Change Adaptation Working Group (CCAWG) pushed on raising awareness on climate action for coastal and marine ecosystem conservation and adaptation during its three-day workshop in Jakarta, Indonesia.

CCA WG Chair Noel Gaerlan in a message delivered by Ms. Mary Angelie Sto. Domingo, Executive Assistant of CCC noted the need to simplify blue carbon in a way that it is easily understood by local communities and local government to be able to gain support and take concrete actions.

The 3-day workshop included a field trip to Untung Jawa Island and 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.



▲ Member of the CCA Technical Working Group together with organizers of the workshop – GIZ-Climate Governance, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Indonesia's Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Ministry of Marine and Fisheries, Indonesia NCC, Yayasan Konservasi Alam Nusantara and The Nature Conservancy Indonesia. Photo by Dwi Chandra/GIZ

One important outputs from the workshop is the Initial Proposed Plan of Action of 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 recommendations from the workshops will be presented and deliberated at the Annual CCA TWG meeting on September 5–6, 2019 in Manila, Philippines.

The workshop is supported by GIZ-Climate Governance, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Indonesia's Ministry 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. The workshop ran from July 2–4, 2019 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

## Students from England volunteer for marine conservation activities in Manado

**Manado, Indonesia, August 2019** – Eight students from England volunteered to be part of the 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, 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 an underwater clean-up.



▲ Student volunteers from England together with CTI-CFF RS IED, Dr. Hendra Siry. Photo by CTI-CFF RS.

Under the guidance of 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.

Participation of the English students to these activities was made possible through the coordination efforts of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.

## NEWS

## CTI Women Leaders Forum Plan for CTI-CFF program

**Bali, Indonesia, July 2019** – 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. Nora Ibrahim of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat met to identify and plan activities. They were also joined by USAID consultant Mr. Robert Schout.

The group were able to identify two activities for implementation this September 2019. First, the CTI-CFF Women Leaders Forum Developing a Competency Model to Elevate Women Leadership in Marine and Coastal Management that targets women leaders (supervisors, managers, and academics) in marine and coastal conservation areas in the CT6 member 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 the “Aligning Cross Cutting Initiatives to the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action 2.0,” a two-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 National Coordinating Committees and Regional Secretariat, development partners and cross-cutting initiative stakeholders.

The planning meeting was organized by the Coral Triangle Center and supported by USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia and US Department of Interior.



▲ (Left to right) Ms. Patricia Bickley of US DOI; Ms. Susantry of CTC, Mr. Robert Schout of USAID, Dir. Rili Djohani of CTC; Dr. Nora Ibrahim of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat; Ms. Kitty and Ms. Leilani Gallardo of CTC. Photo by Patricia Bickley/US DOI

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

**Jakarta, Indonesia, July 2019** – With the support from USAID and US Department of Interior, the Maritime Local Government Network (LGN) conducted a workshop to discuss and plan for its organizational strategic partnership and resource mobilization plan.

Particularly, the workshop revisited and reviewed its strategic goals as well as determined its strategic priorities. It also explored the possible support and opportunity to further strengthen LGN identified priorities and came up with a draft financial sustainability action plan.

Mr. Hugua, chair of the LGN, noted the network has a total of 29 local government across the CT6 member countries. The LGN collaborated with UNESCO Jakarta and the 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 last June 2019. He said that currently 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.

On the other hand, Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry, Interim Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat noted in his presentation that the network is a platform of the local government in the CT6 member countries to contribute to the regional goals of CTI, thus see the important role of the LGN.

The workshop was hosted by the Indonesia’s Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries.



▲ Participants of the workshop revisited and reviewed LGN’s strategic goals as well as determined its strategic priorities. Photo by Ayodya Satryo/CTI-CFF RS

## NEWS

## Development Partners Meeting held, identify ways to support RPOA 2.0

**Singapore, August 2019** – With Singapore, the global financial center as backdrop, the CTI-CFF Development Partners discussed plans as a partner role in addressing gaps or required action in the CTI-CFF RPOA 2.0.

Senior officials from Government of Australia, Coral Triangle Center, The Nature Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wildlife Fund and USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia also discussed the outcomes from the CTI-CFF Finance Resource Strategy Expert Workshop and analyse how this fit in the RPOA 2.0

Development Partners also sit down with the management and finance team of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (RS) to have a common understanding of respective priorities, concerns, gaps (such as LGN and Regional Business Forum), and capabilities with respect to the RPOA completion and implementation. Areas where partners can support were also laid down. The need to socialize the RPOA 2.0 between the writeshop and SOM-15 along with an Impact Assessment Report is seen as an important activity. It was also noted that the incoming Executive Director is important with the RPOA 2.0 coming to the fore.

The meeting also highlighted support of development 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 CT6 member countries were noted.



▲ Senior officials from Government of Australia, Coral Triangle Center, The Nature Conservancy, Wildlife Conservation Society, World Wildlife Fund and USAID Regional Development Mission with CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat discussed the outcomes from the CTI-CFF Finance Resource Strategy Expert Workshop and analyse how this fit in the RPOA 2.0. Photo by Ivan Kiagoes/CTI-CFF RS

## CTI-CFF Participates in 13<sup>th</sup> APEC OFWG

**Puerto Varas, Chile, August 2019** – CTI-CFF through the Regional Secretariat participated in the 13th Meeting of the Ocean and Fisheries Working Group of the APEC held last August 20–21, 2019 in Chile.

In the meeting, Interim Executive Director, Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry highlighted the CTI-CFF's efforts through the Coral Triangle Marine Protected Areas System (CTMPAS) and the Women Leaders Forum as well as promotion of applications of catch documentation and traceability (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.

Dr. Siry proposed to the OFWG to include the 2<sup>nd</sup> CTI-CFF Leaders' Summit during the 2020 APEC Economic Leaders' Summit in Malaysia, noting that it 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. Malaysia indicated that its high officials would consider the possibility of recognizing the center in Manado as APEC COE.



▲ (Left) Participants of the Workshop on Understanding and addressing marine debris impact in the APEC region in Puerto Varas, Chile, 22 August 2019 in conjunction with the 13th APEC OFWG. (Right) Representing CTI-CFF, Dr. Hendra Yusran presented the Initiative at the 13th APEC OFWG in Puerto Varas, Chile. Photo by Hendra Siry/CTI-CFF RS

## CTI-CFF joins NOAA Coral Reef Learning Network Exchange

Washington D.C., August 2019 – CTI-CFF through the Regional Secretariat attended the NOAA Coral Reef Conservation Program Learning Network Exchange – Creating a Community of Practice workshop which was hosted by the World Bank in Washington, D.C.

On behalf of CTI-CFF, Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry presented the capacity building and networking programs of the CTI-CFF namely the Regional Coral Triangle Network Officer (RCTNO) and Coral Triangle Marine Protected Areas System (CTMPAS).

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 aimed at defining 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.



◀ On behalf of CTI-CFF, Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry presented the capacity building and networking programs of the CTI CFF: RCTNO and CTMPAS. Photo by Hendra Siry/CTI-CFF RS

## CTI-CFF express to expand cooperation with PEMSEA

Surabaya, Indonesia, July 2019 – At the PEMSEA 11<sup>th</sup> Partnership Council Meeting held in Surabaya, Indonesia, CTI-CFF expressed its desire to expand cooperation with PEMSEA particularly in strategic coastal blue carbon opportunities in the Coral Triangle region.

Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat informed the potential for both CTI and PEMSEA to explore cooperation with local government network to further promote its same agenda of addressing challenges and state of health of the East Asian Seas.

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.

Currently, 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.

## CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Welcomes New IT Officer



The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat is happy to welcome its new IT Officer, Mr. Solomon Sundah. Solomon has a Bachelor's Degree in Informatics from the Universitas Klabat, Airmadidi, North Sulawesi, Indonesia. Prior to joining the Regional Secretariat, Solomon worked as a Technical and Network Support at Siloam Hospital in Manado City, North Sulawesi. His hobby is playing basketball and music (guitar, keyboard).

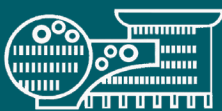
## Upcoming activities 2019

[coraltriangleinitiative.org/events](http://coraltriangleinitiative.org/events)

EAFM TWG Annual Meeting back to back with Seascape TWG Annual Meeting	September 2–4	Manila, Philippines
SPREP's 29 <sup>th</sup> Meeting of Officials	September 3–6	Apia, Samoa
CCA TWG Annual Meeting	September 5–6	Manila, Philippines
Threatened Species TWG Annual Meeting	September 17–18	Gorontalo, Indonesia
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aligning cross-cutting initiatives to the CTI-CFF RPOA 2.0</li> <li>CTI-CFF Women Leaders Forum developing a competency model to elevate women leadership in marine and coastal management</li> </ul>	September 23–26	Bali, Indonesia
Theoretical and Practical Workshop for the Development of A Protocol for the Monitoring of MPA	September 27–October 4	Gorgona, Colombia
MPA Rex and MPA TWG Annual Meeting	October 16–20	Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
Our Ocean Conference 2019	October 24–25	Oslo, Norway
Archipelagic and Island States Forum (AISF)	October 30–November 1	Manado, Indonesia
15 <sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting	November 4–8	Honiara, Solomon Islands
APEC Economic Leader's Meeting 2019	November 16–17	Santiago, Chile
34 <sup>th</sup> Annual ICRI General Meeting	December 2–7	Townsville, Australia
UNFCCC COP 25	December 2–13	Santiago, Chile

Cover page: Representatives of CT6 member countries, chairs of working groups and cross-cutting initiatives, development partners, and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat gathered together for the Institutional Change Workshop and Writeshop for RPOA 2.0 in Bali, Indonesia last August 13-15, 2019. Photo by Ayodya Satryo

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**Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF)**

The CTI-CFF is a multilateral partnership of six countries working together to sustain extraordinary marine and coastal resources by addressing crucial issues such as food security, climate change and marine biodiversity.

The CTI-CFF was established formally during the Leaders' Summit in 2009 with approval of the leaders from the CT6 countries. They adopted the CTI Regional Plan of Action (CTI RPOA) which is a strategic action plan with five goals: (1) designation of effectively managed seascapes; (2) application of an ecosystem approach to fisheries management; (3) establishment of a fully functional marine protected area system; (4) strengthening climate change adaptation and resilience; and (5) improving the status of threatened marine species.

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