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MAIN STORY

SOM-15 puts spotlight on Regional Plan of Action 2.0

Honiara, Solomon Islands, November 2019 – The senior officials of the Coral Triangle (CT) Member Countries – Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste, gathered at the 15th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-15) in Honiara, Solomon Islands from 7-8 November 2019. One of the significant items discussed was the draft Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security Regional Plan of Action version 2.0 (CTI-CFF RPOA 2.0) which sets goals for 2025 through to 2030.

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The CTI-CFF envisions that by 2025, coastal communities and coastal marine ecosystems are able to cope with impacts of climate change in the Coral Triangle region. By 2030, the communities and ecosystems will be resilient and adapt to impacts of climate change via improved food security, sustainable fisheries, and coastal livelihood.

The CTI-CFF proposes to focus on two flagship areas namely, the CT Marine Protected Areas System (CTMPAS) and sustainable Coastal Fisheries and Poverty Reduction Initiative (COASTFISH) designed to apply the Ecosystem Approach on Fisheries Management (EAFM). The CTMPAS visualizes a system of “networks” of MPAs and locally managed marine areas (LMMAs) that are connected, resilient, and sustainably financed.

The Committee of Senior Officials (CSOs) acknowledged the progress of the RPOA 2.0 as well as support from Development Partners throughout the development process. The CSOs have tasked the Regional Secretariat to facilitate the finalization of RPOA 2.0 early 2020.

The CSOs also accepted the accomplishment reports and the 2020 Workplans of the five (5) Technical Working Groups of Seascapes, Ecosystem Approach Fisheries Management, Marine Protected Areas, Climate Change Adaptation, and Threatened Species; the Governance Working Groups; and the Cross-Cutting Initiatives of Women Leaders Forum, Local Government Network and Regional Business Forum. The 2020 budgets for operations and activities were also approved.

Further, the CSOs acknowledged the improvement of the CT Atlas, a web-based online GIS database as well as approved recruitment of a M&E Manager.

The CT6 Member Countries also welcomed the new Executive Director (ED) of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Dr. Mohd Kushairi bin Mohd Rajuddin from Malaysia. This is in accordance with the CTI-CFF regulations that the ED will rotate amongst the CT6 Member Countries, in alphabetical order of the names of the countries, and will serve for a term of four years. Dr. Kushairi was a Professor and Dean at a private university (UNISEL) in Malaysia, prior to joining CTI-CFF. They also welcomed the new Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services, Mr. Gustaf Adolf Lumiu



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from Indonesia. Mr. Gustaaf previously worked as a consultant for UNDP and ASEAN Secretariat and other multilateral funding institutions.

The CT6 Member Countries of CTI-CFF also thanked Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry who temporarily served as the Interim Executive Director of the Regional Secretariat.

The SOM-15 was hosted by the Government of Solomon Islands and funded by the CT6 Member Countries with support from The Nature Conservancy (TNC), World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Coral Triangle Center (CTC) and the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Project under the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources.

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The senior officials of the Coral Triangle (CT) member countries – Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste, gathered at SOM-15 in Honiara, Solomon Islands last 7-8 November 2019. Photo by CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat/ Rumanti Wasturini

NEWS STORY

CTI-CFF welcomes new Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services

Honiara, Solomon Islands, November 2018 –

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Member Countries announced and 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 its Regional Secretariat. The inauguration ceremony of new ED and DED CS took place during the 15th Senior Officials Meeting in Honiara, Solomon Islands on 8th November 2019.

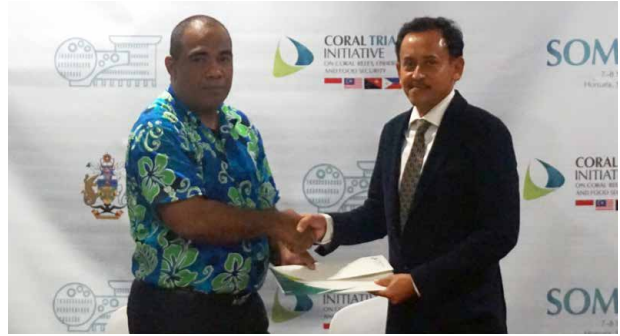
Prior to joining the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Dr. Mohd Kushairi was a Professor and Dean at the University of Selangor, a private university. With over 35 years of professional/working experience, Dr. Mohd Kushairi specializes in coastal ecosystem management, rehabilitation and conservation of coral reef and island ecosystems.

He earned his Doctoral and Masters Degrees from the University of Newcastle-Upon-Tyne in England and received his Bachelor of Science in Fisheries from the Universiti Putra Malaysia.

Dr. Mohd Kushairi said that the contribution of each member country is needed and important to support CTI-CFF existence but emphasized the need for sustainable funding, especially from the private sectors and strategic partners.

He said that one of the ways is to involve the industry players of each member countries to share the role in sustaining the ecological importance of Coral Triangle. He added that recognizing the importance of ecological sustainability and involvement in maintaining it, a win-win situation will benefit the strategic partners between the governments and the industry players through their Corporate Social Responsibility, and the coastal communities of CT at large.

The new Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services, Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu, also emphasized the need to mobilize resources by tapping various financial solutions and mechanisms such as



▲ CTI-CFF through Dr. Melchior Mataki, Chair of CSOs handshook the new Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Dr. Mohd Kushairi bin Mohd Rajuddin. Photo by CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat/Rumanti Wasturini



▲ Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu (left) is the new Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. Mr. Lumiu was welcomed by Dr. Melchior Mataki, Chair of CTI-CFF CSO. Photo by CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat/Rumanti Wasturini

corporate responsibilities of private business, green mutual funds, and the like.

Mr. Lumiu has expertise in financial management and financial reporting of international bilateral and multilateral aids such as USAID, World Bank, AUSAID, and UNDP.

He has a Master of Development Management degree from the Asian Institute of Management (AIM) in Manila, Philippines.

The ED and DED CS were appointed by the Senior Officials of the CT6 Member Countries for a term of four years. The ED and DED CS are selected from the nationals of CT6 Member Countries. The ED position rotates every four (4) years based on alphabetical order among CT6 Member Countries.

NEWS STORY

Workshop on Gender Concepts, Analysis, and Tools in Sustainable Coastal and Marine Resources Management held

Terengganu, Malaysia, November 2019 – The Training Workshop on Gender Concepts, Analysis, and Tools in Sustainable Coastal and Marine Resources Management was held on November 19-21, 2019 in Terengganu, Malaysia.

The workshop primarily targeted the government Malaysia who recently began developing a Gender Equality Act, which kicked off with a gender policy dialogue between the Ministry for Women, Family and Community Development and the Australian High Commission on May 2, 2019. Participants came from the selected government agencies, universities and international NGOs in Malaysia, as well as focal points Women Leaders Forum (WLF) from member countries of Coral Triangle Initiative. The Regional Secretariat was represented by Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim, the Deputy Executive Director for Program Services who also served as a panelist for the Local Gender Networks.

The workshop aimed to equip participants with knowledge and skills on gender sensitivity and use gender analysis methods and tools; share regional, national and local initiatives on gender integration in coastal and marine resources management; increase understanding of gender integration at the organizational level; and recognize women leaders and gender champions in marine biodiversity and coastal resources management.

The sessions helped participants understand important concepts in gender and the use of different analysis tools to collect data, especially with respect to coastal marine resources, and how best to approach communities, women and vulnerable groups when collecting data.

Field visits included the Setiu wetlands and interviewing fisher women, weaver, etc in the community, as part of the Gender Resource Mapping Exercise.

The participants shared their insights, highlighting the needs and disparities within their own countries, and how best to use the knowledge gained upon returning to their home countries.



▲ Participants on field trip to the Setiu Wetlands during the Workshop on Gender Concepts, Analysis, and Tools in Sustainable Coastal and Marine Resources Management held in Terengganu, Malaysia. Photo by RCTNO Papua New Guinea/Phelameya Haiveta



▲ One of the women weavers visited by the workshop participants during their trip to Setiu community. Photo by RCTNO Papua New Guinea/Phelameya Haiveta

The workshop has been beneficial in terms of practical training, planning and networking for CTI own Gender Policy to be promulgated and future implementation.

The workshop was hosted by Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) with support from USAID Oceans, CTI-CFF Women Leaders Forum (WLF) and the Southeast Asia Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC).

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NEWS STORY

First group completes CTI-CFF RCTNO Capacity Program

Manado, Indonesia, December 2019 – The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat's first intake/group of the Regional Coral Triangle Network Officers (RCTNO) has successfully completed the 5-month program on 13th December 2019 under the supervision of Dr. Gregory Bennett, the Technical Program Senior Manager of the Regional Secretariat (RS).

During the program, the RCTNO participants were immersed in the various activities of the Regional Secretariat such as Technical Working Group meetings, Pre- and 15th Senior Official Meetings as well as participation in national workshops. The RCTNO also had the opportunity to experience the culture of Manado, Indonesia by visiting some of its scenic spots.

The RCTNO is part of the CTI-CFF Capacity Building Program which aims 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.

RCTNOs were nominated by their respective CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committees.

The first group of RCTNOs are: Dr. Conni Sidabalok (Indonesia); Ms. Phelameya Haiveta (Papua New Guinea); Mr. Simeon Baeto (Solomon Islands) and Mr. Sabino Adonia (Timor-Leste). The RCTNOs presented activities being implemented in their respective countries toward the achievement of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA), issues/challenges on the implementation of National Plan of Action (NPOA) as well as the lessons learnt and recommendations to improve the Capacity Building Program for RCTNO.

Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, the Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat expressed his thanks to these pioneer RCTNOs, particularly for their insights on the program and on how it can be further improved. Each RCTNO received a Certificate of Participation.

The Capacity Building program will continue in 2020. Application for the 2020 program will be opened soon and it is hoped all six Member Countries would be able to nominate a participant.



◀ The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat's first group of Regional Coral Triangle Network Officers (RCTNO) successfully completed the 5-month program last 13th December 2019. Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat handed out the Certificate of Completion to the RCTNOs (clockwise) namely, Dr. Conni Sidabalok (Indonesia); Ms. Phelameya Haiveta (Papua New Guinea); and Mr. Simeon Baeto (Solomon Islands) while Mr. Gustaff Lumiu, Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services CTI-CFF RS presented the certificate to Mr. Sabino Adonia (Timor-Leste). Photo by CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat/Ayodya Satryo Anggorojati

NEWS STORY

Thank you and farewell to the Interim Executive Director, Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry



Honiara, Solomon Islands, November 2019 –

At the 15th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-15) held in Honiara, Solomon Islands, the CTI-CFF acknowledged the contribution of Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry for his services as the Interim Executive Director (IED) of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. The IED's term ended on 8th November 2019 upon the appointment of the new Executive Director.

During his 13-month term as the Interim Executive Director (IED), Dr. Siry continued to improve operations, transparency and accountability in financial management system of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (RS). With support from the US Department of Interior, he facilitated the process begun by the Acting ED and US DOI consultants, in strengthening Corporate Services to move from cash basis to accrual for more useful business analysis, easy planning and to make periodic financial statements that is more representative of financial condition of RS. He continued the reform recommended by the Consultant using a new accounting software, Xero, that provides real time financial reporting to stakeholders that can be accessed via website for transparency of financial expenditures and standing of RS. He also installed high security systems for the diplomatic zone of RS.

Dr. Siry also facilitated the process for the recruitment of the new Executive Director (ED) and Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services (DED CS). He also continued to facilitate the process begun by the DED Program Services in 2018 on the renewal of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 2.0). He also doubled the budget allocation for TWGs for the Year 2019.

He was also the originator of the Regional Coral Triangle Network Officers (RCTNO) capacity building program based on SEAFDEC's own program.

His leadership also helped CTI-CFF maintain its strong relationship with Development Partners and



▲ Strategic partners represented by Ms. Laura Whitford (second from left) Director of Marine Strategies and Partnerships of The Nature Conservancy gave their token of appreciation to Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry (second from right) during SOM-15. Joining them were Ms. Norsham binti Abdul Latip, Senior Undersecretary from Malaysia's MESTECC and Dr. Melchior Mataki, CTI-CFF Chair of CSOs and Permanent Secretary of Solomon Islands' MECDM. Photo by CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat/Janet Polita

stakeholders. His warmth and cordial character provided stimulating and welcoming atmosphere at the RS.

During the SOM-15, the Strategic Partners represented by Ms. Laura Whitford, Director of Marine Strategies and Partnerships of The Nature Conservancy expressed their appreciation to Dr. Siry.

The Regional Secretariat and CTI-CFF bid farewell to Dr. Siry and wish him all the best in his future endeavors.

Thank you and farewell to NCC Focal Points

The CTI-CFF expresses its gratitude and farewell to the following Focal Points of the CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committees. Their support and guidance through the years have been instrumental in attaining the goals of the CTI-CFF.



Indonesia

H.E. Brahmantya Satyamurti Poerwadi, S.T

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



Malaysia

H.E. YBhg. Datuk Seri Dr. Mohd Azhar Bin Haji Yahaya

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



Philippines

H.E. Dr. Crisanta Marlene Rodriguez

Former Director, Biodiversity Management Bureau
Department of Environment and Natural Resources
Focal Point, Philippines National CTI Coordinating Committee
Quezon City, Philippines

CTI-CFF wishes them all the best for the future!

Thank you and farewell to the Executive Officer, Mr. Asa Silalahi



Honiara, Solomon Islands, November 2019 –

The CTI-CFF wishes to thank Mr. Asa Silalahi, who was seconded from the Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and served as an Executive Officer of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat for 13 months. Particularly, CTI-CFF expresses its appreciation to Mr. Silalahi for informing CTI-CFF of the Registration of the Agreement on the Establishment of the CTI-CFF with the Secretary General of the United Nations. This has led to the proper recognition of CTI-CFF as an International

Organization. Other work done by Mr. Silalahi include preparing the Guide on Diplomatic Protocol for CTI-CFF, facilitating the diplomatic visa of the Deputy Executive Director for Program Services as well as visas of the RCTNOs, and reviewing the renewal of Host Country Agreement between the Government of Indonesia and the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. The CTI-CFF wishes Mr. Silalahi all the best for his future endeavors and will surely miss his warmth, friendly nature and his musical talent.


FROM THE LENS 

Jakarta, Indonesia, November 2019 – Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat New Executive Director met with officials of Indonesia’s Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries and 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

the Secretariat. The meeting was an opportunity to introduce the new head of RS as well as discuss possible alignment of program and activities. The meeting was organized by Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry, former Interim Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and Senior Policy Analyst of Indonesia’s Marine Affairs and Fisheries.

These meetings were captured in the following 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.



 **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.



 **Meeting with World Wildlife Fund (WWF)**

Dr. M.R.M. Kushairi with Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry and Mr. Klaas Tulle, WWF Coral Triangle Program Leader.



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.



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).



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.



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.



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).

CTI-CFF attends as Observer at the 12th RPOA-IUU Coordination Committee Meeting

Siem Reap, Cambodia November 2019 – Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat attended as Observer at the 12th RPOA-IUU Coordination Committee Meeting that was held in Siem Reap, Cambodia. One of the aims of the meeting was to strengthen RPOA-IUU cooperation with relevant organizations through the identification of further linkages and areas of mutual interest.

CTI-CFF has been promoting and supporting initiatives that address issue on IUU. It recognizes that IUU is a challenge being faced not only across the Coral Triangle region but globally, noting that global losses to IUU fishing accounts for an estimated value of USD 23.5 billion annually.

The activity was hosted by the Fisheries Administration of Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, the Kingdom of Cambodia.

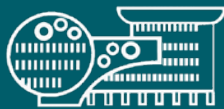
CTI-CFF participates in the 34th Annual ICRI Meeting

Townsville, Australia December 2019 – The CTI-CFF participated in the concluded 34th International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) General Meeting held in Townsville, Australia. Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat presented the future plans of the CTI-CFF as well as possible areas for collaboration.

The event gathered over 80 delegates from all over the world to discuss the global challenge of caring and advocating for coral reefs and associated ecosystems. A side event of the meeting was the “Managing Resilience” workshop which built understanding of resilience-based management and shared examples of how to apply it among international coral reef managers and experts.

The CTI-CFF became a member of ICRI in 2018.

We welcome your CTI-related new and/or feature stories, events and photos! Send them through:



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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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