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First speech of Executive Director upon appointment

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Historically, from ideas and many discussions which follow, the setting up of CTI-CFF as an organization including the construction of its building in Manado and the implementation of its activities, CTI-CFF had developed beyond expectations. Indonesia government and the former President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono must be praised and commended on their efforts. CTI-CFF did and does not only serve the people of Indonesia but the people of its five neighbouring countries. That was how it begins. And that was what put us today, together in this meeting room.

At this point of time, we must step further to safeguard CTI-CFF, its origin, its purpose, and to develop it with our utmost abilities, hand in hand within the governments and of course with the development partners and industrial sectors. When we look at the coral distributions and other fauna – sedimentary, migratory and visitors, it is time to broaden our scope of activities beyond CTI-CFF scientific boundary area. When you add up MPAs, nano-plastics, seascape coverage, tourism, fisheries as well as food security, you will see that the area of concern of Coral Triangle goes beyond CTI-CFF implementation area. Therefore, we should start broadening our initiatives to include all states within and beyond these two areas.

Development partners' interest must not be seeing to play the roles solely as donors, but respectfully as trainers, giving guidance and working collaboratively hand in hand with CTI-CFF organization. With these new drives, development partners

will be able to increase their recognition and to explore wider perspectives regarding their contributions, ideas and commitments to Coral Triangle member countries. Therefore, it is most appropriate and timely perhaps, to change the term 'development partners' to 'strategic partners' of CTI-CFF. This kind of relationship will further help strategic partners, CTI and its member countries to move on to the next level.

The number of member countries need to be expanded in line with the expansion of human- environment linkages which go beyond CTI boundaries. By adding the number of countries, not only can we increase the protection identified for marine areas but in the long run, will be of help on the amount of monetary contributions from the present governments of the six countries. More importantly, the increase in the number of member countries increases the sharing of responsibilities, in terms expertise, technical support, sustainability, sustaining business opportunities as well as opening more linkages with more strategic partners.

At present, the Coral Triangle supports USD 2.3 billion and contributes USD 15.4 million on the environment and economic returns. The contributions of each member country are needed and important to support CTI-CFF assistance, but to depend too much on member country's contribution is not a good thing. And it is about time for CTI-CFF to look for ways to reduce but sufficiently to maintain

a limited contribution from its present member countries. One of the ways is to get the involvement of the industrial players in each member countries through their CSR, that is the corporate social responsibility – to share the role in sustaining the global importance of Coral Triangle. Recognizing the importance of ecological sustainability and involvement in maintaining it together, a win-win situation will trigger, not only benefited the close relationship of the governments and the industrial players but also the industries and the communities of the Coral Triangle at large. The population that live upon the coral reefs is now estimated to be 130 million and rising, and their livelihood must be of primary

concern to CTI-CFF, and of course, without sacrificing the environment for our future generation.

Dear Mr. Chairman, Distinguish Senior Officers, Senior Members, NCC and Strategic Partners. I am senior in terms of age in CTI-CFF, and my deputy Mr. Gustaaf, is slightly more in terms of age than me. But in terms of seniority as member staff of CTI-CFF, we are both young. Young people are vibrant and energetic. Please pray for our good health and for our will, to be able to give our best to CTI-CFF organization and to the people of the coastal area of Coral Triangle.

Thank you.



Upcoming meeting of Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG) targets finalization of CTI-CFF RPOA 2.0

Manado, Indonesia – As the commitments in the 1st CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) are continuously implemented, Coral Triangle six (6) member countries expect tangible and significant improvements in the health of coral reefs, status of food security and welfare of the coastal and marine communities.

To ensure improvements continue, CTI-CFF through the Regional Secretariat (RS) is pursuing the finalization of the renewal of the CTI-CFF RPOA 2.0. The RPOA 2.0 is aimed at focusing and aligning regional collaboration to support inter-alia, high level outcomes that will be considered beneficiary by the six country leadership in the next 5 to 10 years.

The RS had initially scheduled the meeting of the MEWG on 30 March to 3 April 2020, which aims to gather inputs and agreements from the CT6 to finalize the Strategic Results Framework and identify agreed priority-time-bound activities under the RPOA 2.0; discuss the indicators for the RPOA targets and harmonize them with other multilateral environmental agreements such as UNFCCC and Paris Accord, CBD Aichi Target 11 and SDGs. Participants will also undergo training from WorldFish IT expert on the redesigned CT Atlas.

However, due to the worsening situation of corona virus diseases (COVID-19) and the announcement from World Health Organization (WHO) characterizing COVID-19 as a global pandemic, the Regional Secretariat has postponed the meeting until further notice.

CTI-CFF prepares for 2nd Leaders' Summit

Jakarta, Indonesia, February 2020 –

Indonesia's Coordinating Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Investment organized an initial meeting to discuss about the possible venue for the 2nd CTI-CFF Leaders' Summit. Present in the meeting were representatives from Indonesia CTI National Coordinating Committee and CTI-CFF was represented by Deputy Executive Directors Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu and Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim.

In the meeting, the Regional Secretariat (RS) shared that there are two venues being proposed for the Leaders' Summit - the Archipelagic Islands States Forum in Bali Indonesia and 15th Meeting of the Conference of Parties (COP15) to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Kunming, China. RS noted that final decision from the Coral Triangle six member countries are being awaited before starting preparation and coordination with the event's Secretariat for the Leaders' Summit. RS also presented the proposed roadmap to Leaders' Summit as well as the budgetary requirements if conducted in either of the two proposed venues.

The 2nd CTI-CFF Leaders' Summit is the venue to launch the renewal of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 2.0). Through the Leaders' Declaration, it also hopes to gather renewed commitment, pledges and trust from the leaders of the six member countries. Further, the new Host Country Agreement as well as the highlights of the 10-Year accomplishments of the CTI-CFF will be presented.

The 1st CTI Leaders' Summit was conducted in 15 May 2009 in Manado, Indonesia where CTI-CFF was launched through the signing of the Leaders' Declaration and the leaders adopted the 10-Year Regional Plan of Action.

CTI Internal Resource Committee Meeting set to deliberate on budgets, Leaders' Summit and RPOA 2.0

Manado, Indonesia – Members of the CTI-CFF Internal Resource Committee (IRC) is set to meet in Manado, Indonesia early in the year to carry out the decisions made during the 15th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-15) as well as deliberate on the internal operations, finances and administrative matters of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.

Particularly, the budgets for the 2nd CTI-CFF Leaders' Summit, finalization and production of the renewal of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 2.0) as well as planned activities of the Regional Secretariat that needs additional funding will be discussed. Finalization of the CTI-CFF Staff Policies and Procedures Manual and discussion on the renewal of Host Country Agreement are also included in the Agenda.

The meeting of the IRC is planned to be conducted back to back with the Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) Meeting.

The IRC has the primary role of providing an independent review of the internal resources of the Regional Secretariat and to recommend to the CTI-CFF Senior Officials the annual budget; internal audit and acceptance of annual audit report; and policy directions pertaining to finance and asset management.

Sulu-Sulawesi Sub-Regional EAFM Plan Implementation Workshop

Manila, Phillipines, March 2020 – Sharing the common goal of combating illegal, unreported and uregulated (IUU) fishing, preserving the sustainable fisheries and conserving marine biodiversity in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape (SSS), the USAID Oceans and Conservation International Philippines partnered in conducting the Sulu-Sulawesi Sub-Regional EAFM Plan Implementation Workshop on 10-11 March 2020 in Manila, Philippines.

The workshop discussed and developed the Terms of References for the establishment of Sub-Regional Group and for establishment of SSS Sub-Regional Group. Further, the countries covered by SSS namely, Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines came up with their own draft priority actions in terms of ecological, social and governance levels. These draft priority actions are to be socialized later to secure future funding.

The activity was implemented in coordination with the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and Ecosystems Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) and Seascapes Working Group. It was also carried out in support of the CTI-CFF's regional plan of action which outlines the improved enforcement of IUU fishing through greater collaboration.



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Executive Director of CTI-CFF RS pays courtesy visit to the new Secretary General of MESTECC

Putrajaya, Malaysia, March 2020 –

Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat paid a courtesy visit to Her Excellency, Datuk Dr. Siti Hamisah Tapsir, the new Secretary General of the Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change Ministry (MESTECC) at the office of the MESTECC Secretary General in Putrajaya, Malaysia.



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H.E. Tapsir's appointment as new Secretary General of MESTECC took effect on 29th November 2019, replacing Datuk Seri Dr. Azhar Yahaya, who has retired.

Dr. Kushairi expressed his appreciation to MESTECC for its relentless support and cooperation to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat

for the past years. He looked forward to the same commitment on advising the Regional Secretariat relating to plans, activities and issues concerning the Coral Triangle.

Dr. Kushairi was accompanied by members of Malaysia's CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committee in said meeting.

CTI-CFF congratulates new Director General of Indonesia's Marine Spatial Management

Jakarta, Indonesia,

March 2020 – The Regional Secretariat expresses its sincerest congratulations to His Excellency, Dr. Ir. Aryo Hanggono for being appointed as the new Director General of Indonesia's Marine Spatial Management of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries. H.E. Dr. Anggono succeeded to Mr. Brahmantya Satyamurti Poerwadi, S.E.



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H.E. Dr. Hanggono will also serve as Indonesia's representative to the CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials.

With the appointment of H.E. Dr. Anggono, the Regional Secretariat hopes that the good cooperation that existed between RS and Indonesia's Ministry will be further strengthened.

EU Ambassador to Indonesia and Brunei visits CTI-CFF RS

Manado, Indonesia, February 2020 –

H.E. Vincent Piket, European Union Ambassador to Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam visited the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and met with Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 21st February 2020.

During the meeting, Dr. Kushairi along with the RS management briefly explained about CTI-CFF, its accomplishments, and future activities/plans.

H.E. Ambassador Piket was interested in understanding about the initiative and how it functions since EU is supporting a project on marine biodiversity in Indonesia.

H.E. Ambassador Piket was accompanied by Dr. Insa Ewert, Project Officer from the Development Section of the Delegation of the EU to Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam.

Dr. Kushairi was accompanied by Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim, Deputy Executive Director for Program Services and Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu, Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services.

CTI-CFF inks declaration of support for WCS-KfW project

Manado, Indonesia, February 2020 –

CTI-CFF showed its support to the new partnership project between Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and KfW Development Bank in Indonesia.

CTI-CFF through Regional Secretariat Executive Director, Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin witnessed the signing ceremony and was one of the signatories to the declaration of support to marine biodiversity and coastal fisheries project of WCS and KfW. This project is part of the general support in conservation to the Government of Indonesia, led by the Ministry of Environment and Forestry.

The six-year project with EU funding of 9.75 million Euro will be focusing on development of MPAs and fisheries management in two areas in Indonesia namely, North Sulawesi and North Maluku. In the Philippines, the project will focus on the province of Palawan and provinces in the south of Mindanao and shall start an initial assessment and scoping. At the regional level, the project will support CTI-CFF by providing technical and capacity inputs on sustainable finance, fisheries climate change modelling and adaptation planning, IUU fishing and wildlife trafficking, and integrated land-sea management approaches.

Present at the signing ceremony were H.E. Vincent Piket, European Union Ambassador to Indonesia and Brunei Darussalam; Dr. Christine Heimburger, Director for East Asia/Pacific of KfW Development Bank; the Second Secretary to the Governor of North Sulawesi, Mr. Praseno Hadi, Mr. Ir. Noel Layuk Allo, Head of Nature Conservation Agency North Sulawesi, and Dr. Noviar Andayani, Country Director WCS Indonesia Program.



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USAID Oceans acknowledges strategic partnership with CTI-CFF

Jakarta, Indonesia, February 2020 – In the concluded USAID Oceans-Indonesia Learning Site Closeout Event in Jakarta, USAID Oceans acknowledged the continued engagement and support of the CTI-CFF.

Ms. Cristina Velez Srinivasan, Ecosystems Management & Trade Team Lead of USAID/Regional Development for Asia gave a plaque of appreciation to Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat for CTI-CFF's invaluable support through out the USAID's project life cycle.

CTI-CFF and USAID Oceans have worked together in promoting the sustainable management and conservation of marine biodiversity and coastal resources of the Coral Triangle region.

CTI-CFF has partnered with USAID Oceans in strengthening regional cooperation to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing by promoting electronic catch documentation and traceability (eCDT) technologies and training via pilot projects to attain the objectives of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) Goal 2, which is to fully apply an Ecosystems Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM).

Further, CTI-CFF partnered with USAID Oceans in advancing gender equity, responsiveness and inclusion in governance and resource mobilisation.

At present, CTI-CFF and USAID Oceans are progressing with the finalization of the sub-regional EAFM plan for the Sulu-



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Sulawesi Seascape, and the draft eCDT technical guideline customized for CTI-CFF.

Dr. Kushairi expressed his gratitude for USAID Oceans' technical and other support with successful deliverables and outcomes in conjunction with the fishing communities including fisherwomen's empowerment and sustainable livelihoods, as part of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) implementation.

"We value the significant contributions of USAID Oceans through its various projects in the Coral Triangle region and we hope to continue working with USAID Oceans as one of our strategic partners in the next phase of the CTI Regional Plan of Action," Dr. Kushairi said.

USAID Oceans has completed its activities in the Bitung Learning Site last December 2019 and conducted the closeout event to also signify the transition of the project objectives to various partners to be carried forward.

CTI-CFF facilitates WCS-KfW EU stakeholders' meeting



Manado, Indonesia, February 2020 –

CTI-CFF through the Regional Secretariat facilitated the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)-KfW European Union Stakeholders' Meeting on 23 February 2020 held at the CTI Learning Center Building in Manado, Indonesia.

Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, in his welcome speech, acknowledged WCS to include CTI-CFF to be one of its project partners on marine biodiversity and coastal livelihoods as well as coastal fisheries in Coral Triangle. He also noted that CTI-CFF is looking forward to the project that is supporting the existing CTI-CFF initiatives.

Dr. Matthew Linkie, Deputy Country Director of WCS Indonesia Program, said that they are looking at ways on how to be an active partner of CTI-CFF particularly on the development of MPAs, fisheries management and sustainable conservation financing mechanism.



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The meeting of the WCS also highlighted the message from Dr. Christine Heimburger, Director for East Asia/Pacific of KfW Development Bank who noted that CTI as a partner of WCS can assist in facilitating regional exchange of experience, bringing experts together and sharing of knowledge from one country to another.

Meanwhile, H.E. Vincent Piket, EU Ambassador to Indonesia and Brunei emphasized the support that CTI-CFF have on WCS activities by expanding the project into other areas and strengthening the initiative in the ground.

CTI-CFF RS welcomes new family members

CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (RS) warmly welcomes Ms. Monique Lydia Sengkey and Mr. Vidy Ovander Pelle to the RS family.



Ms. Lydia is the new Personal Assistant of the Regional Secretariat's Executive Director. She used to work as Assistant Researcher to the Philippines Liaison Officer of the Republic of the Philippines – Republic of Indonesia Border Committee in Manado, Indonesia. She holds a Master's degree in Management Studies and has worked as a lecturer at the International Business Administration, an international program of the Faculty of Economics and Business in Sam Ratulangi University in Manado, prior to joining the Regional Secretariat.



Mr. Vidy is the new driver assigned to the Executive Director of Regional Secretariat. He took up business and management in a vocational school in Motoling, North Sulawesi, Indonesia. He loves to play badminton and spends his spare time with his family at home.

Coral Triangle Day 2020 9th June 2020

Theme

Working together towards a plastic-free Coral Triangle.

Take action

For 2020, Coral Triangle Day is advocating the need for continuous global action on addressing marine plastic pollution, as it continues to be one of the most pressing environmental issues of our time. It will focus on the unifying and collaborative actions that we need to take if we are to have plastic-free oceans.

Further, Coral Triangle Day will recognize the power of collaboration to sustain the management and preservation of the coastal and marine ecosystems in the region.



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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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