



Celebrating
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CORAL
TRIANGLE
DAY**



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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin

Speech delivered during the Coral Triangle Day webinar on June 9, 2020

Good afternoon and a happy Coral Triangle Day to everyone! I am speaking here from my office of the Regional Secretariat of the Coral Triangle Initiative for Corals, Fisheries and Food Security of the CT 6 countries namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste. My office is situated at the North of Sulawesi, in Manado, the land of smiling people. My best wishes to the Government of Indonesia and Manado North Sulawesi and the beautiful people of Indonesia. My well wishes and my big welcome to all of you from the rest of CT countries and the region.

This year, the celebration carries the theme “Working together towards a plastic-free Coral Triangle” and calls for cooperation and continuous collaborative action regionally and internationally towards addressing marine plastic pollution as it continues to be one of the most pressing environmental issues of our time.

Current data reveals that the world now produces more than 380 million tonnes of plastic every year, which is on average of 1.05 million tonnes each day. Hourly, the people of the world produces 43,000 tonnes of plastic—much of which ends up entering our natural environment and oceans. Although it has been reported that the main world’s marine plastic pollution ‘originated’ from Asia – there is another side of the coin. Developed countries export their plastic wastes to our region for so-called ‘recycling’. Much of the wastes could not be recycled and ended up in our region’s landfills, rivers and eventually also at sea. Not all plastic materials are recyclable. Developed countries with tight agenda on recyclable materials have plastic products produced by manufacturers which are recyclable but some developing countries have to bear cheaper unrecyclable plastic products. This side of double standards are also due not because of manufacturers seeking of opportunities for more profit but also due to the role of the governments of developing countries. It is timely that the governments of developing countries should also look into the aspects of ensuring that recyclable plastics are produced or use by their local consumers. But of course this has

limitation too because some kinds of food need to have multilayer plastic to contain them and multilayer plastic containers are more costly and some can hardly be recycled. Moreover, plastic materials cannot be continually recycled. Plastics are polymers, and everytime the plastic is recycled, the polymer chain grows shorter and its quality is reduced. Each plastic materials can only be recycled 2 to 3 times before its quality reduces to the point that it can no longer be used.

Stricter control of plastic scrap wastes in the CT region is urgently required. Additionally, production and use of plastics in this region should be reduced with several strategies such as reduce, recyclable, as well as new alternatives to plastic. Note that the cost of marine litter is estimated to be about USD 1.3 billion to the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) countries alone. And this cost is increasing.

The Regional Secretariat had been working regionally and internationally on plastic issues. For example: RS attended the 4th Session of the United Nations Environment Assembly (UNEA-4) to address priority areas of common concern including marine litter in Nairobi; RS visited ASEAN Secretariat in 2019 to discuss its participation in environmental matters in the region; and RS was invited as an Observer at the 24th Intergovernmental Meeting of the Coordinating Body on the Seas of East Asia (COBSEA) in Bali, Indonesia in June 2019. In fact, CTI-CFF had applied to be a member of COBSEA. RS hopes that CTI-CFF will have collaborations with UNEP COBSEA Strategic Directions 2018-2022, COBSEA Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter (RAP MALI), RAP-MALI WG on Marine Litter, UNEP Regional Seas programmes, ASEAN, SPREP, the Global Programme of Action for the Protection of the Marine Environment from Land-Based Activities (GPA), and Sustainable Development Goals and Post-2030 Agenda (especially on SDG 14) as some of the implementation platforms for concerted actions in the region. RS also follows

with interest on the amendments for a new waste category of plastics under Annex II of the Basel Convention.

RS notes the Bali Declaration adopted at the 4th Intergovernmental Review Meeting on the Implementation of the GPA (IGR-4), which stressed capacity building, sharing know-how and including various stakeholders, technology transfer and exchange of best practices on the protection of the marine and coastal environment, with several COBSEA member countries already promulgating their National Action Plans on Marine Litter. Further, the CTI-CFF also continues to collaborate with its Strategic Partners such as the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), Coral Triangle Center (CTC), Wildlife Conservation Society, Conservation International, and GIZ on marine conservation, sustainable livelihoods and food security issues.

This webinar will further raise awareness on the adverse impact of marine litter especially plastic wastes, shed light on ocean conservation and the numerous ways to ensure the Coral Triangle communities' well-being, and highlights the work of our Youths.

We also would like to recognize the different individuals, organizations and communities who through their own initiatives, have taken actions and have made significant impacts on the ground towards addressing plastic pollution. We hope by highlighting their efforts, a domino effect is created. We thank our resource person from WWF, Ms. Jackie Thomas for being part of this CT Day Webinar to give us information on the status of Marine Litter in the Coral Triangle. We also thank our resource persons from the two (2) youth organizations – Bye Bye Plastic Bags Philippines and Sea Soldier North Sulawesi Indonesia to showcase how they have positively and productively been using their energy and creative ideas and skills to contribute in the protection of our environment and oceans. Our Youths is our Future!

We also thank the participants who are joining us here via ZOOM Webinar and CTI-CFF Facebook Account for their interest and hopefully would be translated into action as we traverse to the New Normal. This is a manifestation of your love for corals, love for Coral Triangle communities' well-being. Again, welcome and may this Webinar provides the information for deeper reflection, inspiration and impetus to progress together with further cooperative, collaborative activities at national, regional and international levels. Thank you and Happy Coral Triangle Day!



CTI-CFF celebrates World Oceans Day and Coral Triangle Day

June 2020 - The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security joined all nations as it celebrated World Oceans Day on June 8 via the publication "A Better World Vol. 6" where a chapter features CTI-CFF's accomplishments that starts on page 40 entitled **The Coral Triangle Initiative - cooperation to ensure food security through sustainable management of coral reef ecosystems and fisheries**. The publication is a landmark outreach book from the Human Development Forum on the conservation and sustainable use of oceans, seas and marine resources. The book was supposed to be launched at a UN Conference in June.

The theme of the World Oceans Day is "Innovation for a Sustainable Ocean." Also, the United Nations has proclaimed a Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development (2021-2030) to support efforts to reverse the cycle of decline in ocean health and gather ocean stakeholders behind a common framework that will ensure ocean science can fully support countries in creating improved conditions for sustainable development of the Ocean.

CTI-CFF also celebrated the Coral Triangle Day on June 9 which called for collaborative action in addressing plastic pollution as it continues to be one of the most pressing environmental issues today.

With the CT Day theme, "Working together towards a plastic-free Coral Triangle," the Regional Secretariat (RS) of CTI-CFF in coordination with WWF and youth organizations, Kids for Kids in the Philippines and Sea Soldier North Sulawesi Indonesia conducted a webinar that focused on sharing information about the status, challenges and recommended actions on marine litter in the Coral Triangle and the actions taken by the youth to help address the issue. Apart from recognizing youth's involvement, RS also conducted a webinar that highlighted the women's role and contribution in addressing plastic pollution and marine conservation efforts in the Coral Triangle.



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Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin of Regional Secretariat; Mr. Frengky Sihombing of Sea Soldier North Sulawesi, Indonesia; Ms. Isabella and Natasha Tanjutco of Kids for Kids Philippines; and Ms. Jackie Thomas of WWF led the Coral Triangle Day Webinar that discussed marine litter in the Coral Triangle and youth action to address plastic pollution.

Some of the activities

World Oceans Day and Coral Triangle Day Celebration in CT6

In Malaysia, the Ministry of Environment and Water collaborated with the Universiti Malaysia Sabah in conducting a webinar that focused on ensuring ocean sustainability through shared responsibility among different sectors.

"Millennial dan Corona Coral reefs ROLE in NATURAL System"
 Rabu, 10 Jun 2020
 Pukul: 09:00 - 12:00 wib
 #liveforcoral #coralreefinvestment

Pembicara:
 Dr. Rully Hidayat, Koordinator Bidang Laut, Sekeloa Sekolah's Student, Koordinator MCC CFF-Off Indonesia
 Moderator: Nurul Fathma, NCC CFF Indonesia, YOGA Fellow, OOC 3 Youth Coordinator
 Penutup: Dr. Shadia Nurul Huda, Koordinator Bidang Laut, Koordinator MCC CFF-Off Indonesia

NARASUMBER:
 Billy Mantra, CEO Kiting Blue, Staf Khusus Menteri, "Yang Muda Yang Berprestasi"
 Franky Sibumbang, Indonesia Country Coordinator, IASD Ocean Vessel Institute, "Membuat dan Memelihara Perikanan Berkelanjutan yang Berkualitas"
 Diah Yudianto, Founder Berani Bersuara, CFF-Off Women Leader, "Membuat Karang di Ciri Api, Upaya Konservasi di Kepulauan Banda"
 Intan Nur Hafidha, Founder dan Executive Director, Ocean Club Action, 100 Wanita Berprestasi Dunia, "100 Wanita Berprestasi Dunia 2017, Gerakan Nasional Menggerakkan Perempuan"
 Agustinia Cahyani, Young Explorer, "Mempertahankan Jejak Jejak Jejak Ciri Laut"
 Karina Agustinia, Inisiatif Aksi Plastik Untuk Global Plastic Action Persepolis, WFF Indonesia, "Yang Samudera Dunia Dalam Deru Ombak dan Sampah!"
 Eka Cahayana, Koordinator Senior Project Officer, Matrik Program Konservasi Ekosistem Indonesia, "Merajut Karantina, Sorotan Terapan Peningkatan Keberlanjutan Konservasi & Berlangka Laut Kawasan Segitiga Karang"



SELAMAT MENYAMBUT HARI LAUTAN SEDUNIA 2020
 8 Jun 2020
 "Inovasi Untuk Kelestarian Lautan"

HARI SEGITIGA TERUMBU KARANG
 9 Jun 2020
 "Sayangi Terumbu Karang"

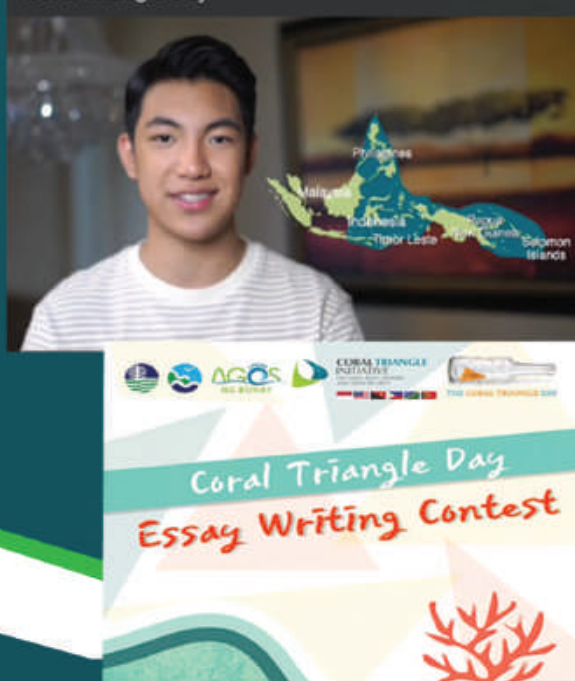
#InovasiUntukKelestarianLautan #SayangiTerumbuKarang
 @KementerianAkmSekitarDanAir @kementerianalamsekitardanair @akasa_malaysia

In Indonesia, the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries organized a two-day webinar that featured the role of CTI-CFF and its Partners in marine conservation efforts and the millennials' role in the protection and conservation of coral reefs.

The Coral Triangle Center (CTC) and Asia Dive Expo brought together experts such as Ms. Rili Djohani of CTC, Dr. Alan White of USAID Sea Project, Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and Ms. Jackie Thomas of WFF in a webinar to talk about biodiversity, marine protected areas, plastic pollution and collaborative efforts to protect the Coral Triangle. The CTC also conducted an online drawing tutorial as well as online talk show focusing on oceans.

In Papua New Guinea, the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) led the celebration by planting mangroves at Tahira, Bootless Bay. Bootless Bay is a proposed marine protected area under the CEPA-JICA Biodiversity project.

Coral Triangle Day



In the **Philippines**, graduates of the previous years' science camps organized by the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources reaffirmed their commitment in the protection and conservation of the marine and coastal ecosystems resources in celebration of Coral Triangle Day via a video shared in various social media accounts. Also, BMB is conducting a CT Day Essay Writing Contest which was opened to all incoming Grades 9 and 10 students. Winner of the contest will get a chance to join the next CT Day Science Camp for Free. Deadline for submission of entries was on June 30, 2020. The BMB also conducted the Month of the Ocean Photo Contest 2020.



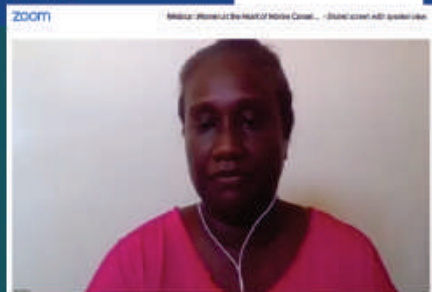
In the **Solomon Islands**, Ms. Chelcia Gomes of WorldFish Solomon Islands presented the "Women in Fisheries: The Solomon Islands Experience" in the CTI-CFF Webinar "Women at the Heart of Marine Conservation."



Women in Fisheries: The Solomon Islands Experience



Coral Triangle Day Webinar: 18th June 2020
Chelcia Gomes



In **Timor-Leste**, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Timor-Leste in collaboration with Conservation International signed the Guidelines for Interaction with Cetaceans (Whale, Dolphin, and Dugong) in Timor-Leste.



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"Art For the Oceans" Inspiring the Next Generation to Advocate for a Plastic - Free Coral Triangle



June 2020 - The Coral Triangle Center (CTC) commemorated Coral Triangle Day by conducting an online art and storytelling competition called "Art for the Oceans." The activity was organized in collaboration with the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries – Coastal and Marine Resource Management Center in Denpasar, Department of Marine and Fisheries Bali Province, Studio Gelombang, Bali Hai Cruises, and The Body Shop Indonesia.

"Art for the Oceans" was open to all kids from 7 – 12 years old living in the Coral Triangle. The participants were invited to create an artwork following a drawing tutorial video by renowned Balinese artist, I Made Griyawan from Studio Gelombang.

RS and IUCN explore potential collaboration

June 2020 - The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat led by its Executive Director Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, together with Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim (Deputy Executive Director of Program Services) and Dr. Gregory Bennett (Technical Program Senior Manager) held discussions with IUCN to explore potential collaborations.

Ms. Marie Fischborn and her colleagues Mr. James Hardcastle and Ms. Cecile Fattebert discussed the potential use of the IUCN Green List for CTI-CFF CTMPAS during the initial meeting. Mr Hardcastle expounded on the potential use of Green List for certifying the effectiveness of CTMPAS, including for 'certifying' LMMAs and CBNRM areas for having conservation as their eventual outcomes. Green List has great potential to assist the CT6 Member Countries in fulfilling their international obligations under the Convention of Biological Diversity(CBD) Aichi Targets and SDG 14 in terms of % of conservation marine areas to include the 'other effective area-based conservation measure' (OECM).

In the second meeting with IUCN, the IKI SOMACORE Proposal and Capacity Building synergies were discussed. IUCN talked about PANORAMA as a platform for regional focus of knowledge exchange between sites, countries and Seascapes, including scaling up of MPA Best Practices. Cross Cutting issues and capacity building could be done for CTI CTMPAS and Regional Exchanges.

Under SOMACORE, Ms Fischborn presented the "solutioning approach" for the CTI region, thus helping provide global visibility and promotion to CTI solutions, by showcasing progress at relevant global fora and through established IUCN and PANORAMA communication channels and tools (web, social media, publications). Present in the meeting were Ms Jackie Thomas, Mr. Klaas Teule, and Mr. Veda Santiadji from WWF and Ms Rili Djohani from CTC.

RS noted the need for the Partners to also present and discuss their project details with the relevant Working Groups.



◀ Screenshot of the participants of the FRWG virtual meeting.

Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of Regional Secretariat.

CTI-CFF Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) Meeting

28-29 April 2020



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY



FRWG tackles RPOA 2.0 and finance mechanism

April 2020 - The Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) of the CTI-CFF conducted a two half-days virtual meeting to discuss the progress of RPOA 2.0 and to review the draft CTI-CFF Financial Strategic Plan on 28-29 April 2020.

Dir. Andre Omer Siregar, FRWG Chair and Director of Asia Pacific Africa Interregional Intra-regional Cooperation of Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs recognized the challenge being experienced by CT6 due to COVID-19 pandemic. He noted the need for strong collaboration during this trying time and acknowledged the continuous cooperation shown by CT6 to CTI-CFF.

In the meeting, it was agreed that due to COVID-19, extension of both the implementation period of RPOA 1.0 and finalization of RPOA 2.0 are necessary.



▲ Dir. Andre Omer Siregar, FRWG Chair and Director of Asia Pacific Africa Interregional Intra-regional Cooperation of Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the initial voting for the new Chair, there was no consensus on the result from the members of FRWG. Following the reminder from the Indonesia participant that Indonesia has not chaired any current Working Group other than FRWG, the group agreed to accept the continuation of chairmanship of Dir. Siregar.

The FRWG agreed that the meeting is a success as the first CTI online official meeting.



◀ Screenshot of the participants of the webinar Conservation Finance in the Coral Triangle.

Webinar series

Understanding Sustainable Financing of CTI-CFF

2-4 June 2020

Webinar on Conservation Finance in the Coral Triangle

June 2020 - RS is gearing towards implementing steps in adopting various methods to sustain and complement its financial resources in addition to the CT6 Member Countries' contributions for supporting the operations of RS and activities of CTI-CFF. This includes adopting the practice of sustainable financing which includes the development of Conservation Trust Fund.

In order for members of CTI-CFF to be well-versed or familiar with trust fund- its set-up, its administration as well as its management aspects, RS through several meetings held with Dr. Martin Callow of Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and Dr. David Meyer of Conservation Finance Alliance (CFA) had successfully organized and led a three-day webinar on Conservation Financing in Coral Triangle to representatives of the CT6 Member Countries.

Dr. David Meyers, the Executive Director of Conservation Finance Alliance served as the lead presenter who discussed about conservation financing- providing its elements, with examples and challenges. Mr. Yabanex Batista, CEO of Caribbean Biodiversity Fund and Mr. Willy Kostka, Executive Director of Micronesia Conservation Trust had also been invited to convey and share their expertise and insights on the trust funds they are leading now as well as the projects and initiatives involved.

"It is hoped that this webinar would be an opportunity of CTI-CFF Member Countries to dive deeper into the understandings on financing mechanisms available and thus will further see the steps that RS is taking in developing sustainable financing and inspire the progress of CTI-CFF in developing together the trust fund and achieving other related objectives within the current Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) and RPOA 2.0," Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat said.

The webinar had also become a part of WCS project on Marine Biodiversity and Support of Coastal Fisheries in the Coral Triangle which are being supported by KFW and the European Union.

Following the webinar, RS will make a framework for trust fund which includes setting-up of Board of Directors and assigning an individual who will be responsible for managing the trust fund.

Not many CTI-CFF members were able to attend the webinar. RS hopes that those representatives of the CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committees who were able to attend the seminar will be able to elaborate to members the presentations and documents from the webinars in which RS had provided.

USAID Oceans presents final review report

June 2020 - With the USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership coming to a close, the USAID Oceans presented to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), in an online meeting the final interview report prepared by their Implementing Partner, Tetra Tech

Based on the report, the USAID Oceans was instrumental in increasing awareness and demonstrating the benefits of electronic catch documentation and traceability (eCDT) systems to reduce illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing and supporting fisheries management. Further, stakeholders recognized the many benefits of eCDT which include operational efficiency, two-way communication, maritime security and safety at area. Although, the costs associated with eCDT technology investment was considered a challenge.

Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim, Deputy Executive Director of Program Services of RS thanked the USAID Oceans team for being a great strategic Partner to CTI-CFF. Dr Nora emphasized that the CTI-CFF had benefited tremendously especially in terms of eCDT and gender aspects of sustainable fisheries. RS would like to continue further collaborations if the opportunity arises. In future activities, Dr Nora suggested to also include, inter alia: a) more support to be provided to small-scale fishers (SSF), including via COASTFISH, b) incorporation of gender issues, GESI Policy and CTI Women Leaders Forum, c) cross cutting issues such as plastics pollution and waste management to receive more attention, d) eCDT Technical Guide to be completed for CT Pacific Member Countries, e) some of eCDT Data could be incorporated in CT Atlas to help with sustainable fisheries management, against IUUF, etc.

Mr. John Parks, Chief of Party of USAID Oceans hoped to continue partnering and providing support to the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the CTI-CFF in the future, beyond the imminent close of the USAID Oceans project.

The online meeting was held on 9 June 2020 organized by the USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia. Dr. Nora represented Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of RS who had to attend an equally important meeting.

The Oceans and Fisheries Partnership (USAID Oceans)

FINAL INTERNAL REVIEW: KEY FINDINGS, LESSONS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS



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GIZ leads SOMACORE Workshop

April 2020 - GIZ in collaboration with the consortium partners and the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat conducted a series of virtual workshops for the three (3) CTI-CFF priority Seascales to further develop the programme "Solutions for Marine and Coastal Resilience in the Coral Triangle (SOMACORE)" on 20 – 29 April 2020.

The workshop discussed the programme's context, opportunities, and framework taking into consideration each CT6 priorities and the respective country's involvement via the seascape and the seascape needs as a whole.

GIZ shall be evaluating the results from the workshops and will be verified with the plans proposed by the consortium partners. Also, potential gaps will be identified and necessary measures shall be undertaken. Discussion with RS and CT6 shall also be pursued by the consortium.

The development of the SOMACORE programme was commissioned to GIZ by the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMU) as part of the International Climate Initiative (IKI).



USAID shares Project Appraisal Document (SuFIA) with CT6

June 2020 - The USAID RDMA has shared with the CTI-CFF NCCs the Project Appraisal Document for the upcoming USAID Sustainable Fish Asia (SuFIA) project. The CTI-CFF has been identified as one of the potential important Partners under the project.

The Regional Secretariat and USAID RDMA will soon hold discussions to find alignment, potentially on information sharing and private sector involvement. One of the first steps will be an organizational capacity discussion with professionals for clear implications of CTI aspirations. The Executive Director Dr Mohd Kushairi will discuss with Dr Craig Kirkpatrick of the USAID RDMA on SuFIA.

The CTI-CFF and USAID had successfully concluded several projects such as the SOACAP project on sustainable fisheries, and on gender and women project in the past. The CTI-CFF looks forward to having more mutually-beneficial collaborations in the near future.

The document can be accessed via bit.ly/3enOLMF.

Big thank you to Cristina Velez, Peter Fricke, John Parks

June 2020 - With the successful completion of several projects, and some people moving on to different parts of the world, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat would like express a BIG THANK YOU and BEST WISHES to:

* Ms. Cristina Velez Srinivasan and team of USAID RDMA and Mr Peter Fricke and team of US DOI for all the tremendous support throughout the years on projects such as the SOACAP, Women Leaders' Forum (WLF) Intergenerational Mentoring program, and the Local Governments Network, which have been successfully completed, as well as for the support for workshops for the draft RPOA 2.0. Ms. Cristina is making a career move spatially from Southeast Asia to Africa!

* Mr. John Parks and his TetraTech team from USAID Oceans project, which successfully closed recently in June. The project provided excellent technical support on eCDT to the CT6 Member Countries, as part of the SOACAP project. He moves back to Hawaii. Aloha!

We wish all the best and hope to see everyone again in future projects!





What is the Coral Triangle

The Coral Triangle is an area encompassing almost 4 million square miles of ocean and coastal waters in Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Recognized as the global center of marine biological diversity, the region serves as the spawning and juvenile growth areas for five species of tuna, comprising the largest tuna fisheries in the world.

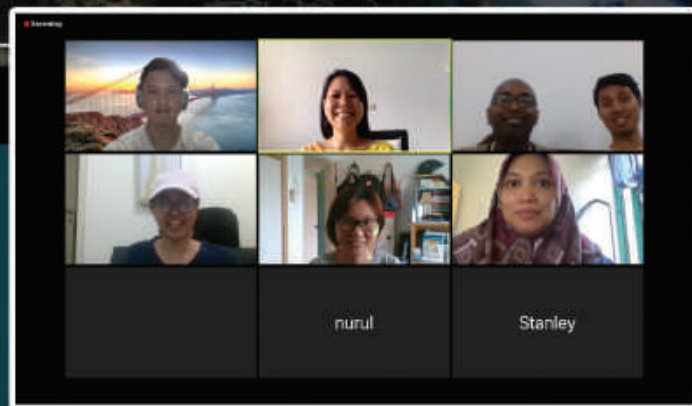
[Further Reading](#)

CT ATLAS virtual training successfully held

May 2020 - As part of the agreement with the WorldFish on the migration and re-design of the CT Atlas, a virtual training was held by the WorldFish GIS experts (Ms. Teoh Shwu Jiau, Ms. Nurul Fatan and Mr. Stanley Tan) for Regional Secretariat Staff involved in data and CT Atlas. The virtual training was held 4-5 May.

After that successful training, it is envisaged that the RS IT Officer, Mr. Solomon Sundah, in conjunction with WorldFish GIS experts, will be conducting a CT Atlas virtual training for CTI National Coordinating Committees in the near future, as per SOM-15 Decision 6.11.

RS will announce to the CT6 on the dates for the upcoming CT Atlas training for NCCs.



▲ Top: Screenshot of CT Atlas Webpage
Bottom: Screenshot of RS staff with resource persons from WorldFish.

Testing of beta version of List of CT Experts webpage

June 2020 - The Regional Secretariat is testing the Beta version of its draft webpage on List of CT Experts.

The list of Pool of Experts for Threatened Species is also included.

The link to the draft webpage has been sent to CT6 member countries for testing and comments. We look forward to the CT6 inputs.

CTI-CFF welcomes new representatives at the Council of Ministers, Committee of Senior Officials

The CTI-CFF congratulates and warmly welcomes the new leaders/ representatives of the Council of Ministers and the Committee of Senior Officials and looks forward in working closely and strengthening cooperation.



H.E. Dato' Tuan Ibrahim Tuan Man is the new representative of Malaysia to the CTI-CFF Council of Ministers. He heads the Malaysia's Ministry of Environment and Water.

Photo credit: Facebook Page of Malaysia's Ministry of Environment and Water



H.E. Pedro dos Reis is the new representative of Timor-Leste to CTI-CFF Council of Ministers. His excellency was sworn into office on 29 May 2020 by Timor-Leste President Francisco Guterres.

Photo credit: Timor-Leste MAP023 Facebook Page



H.E. Dato' Seri Ir. Dr. Zaini Ujang is the new representative of Malaysia to CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials. He also serves as the Focal Point of Malaysia CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committee. He is the Secretary-General of newly established Ministry of Environment and Water.

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H.E. Atty. Juan Miguel T. Cuna is the new representative of the Philippines to the CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials. H.E. Atty. Cuna is the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs of the Philippines's Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR). He is also the Supervising Undersecretary for Mines and Geoscience Bureau and Environmental Management Bureau.

Photo credit: DENR-BMB Website

CTI-CFF congratulates EAFM Working Group members' new appointments

The CTI-CFF congratulates the following members of the EAFM Working groups on their new appointment and wishes them well in their newly assigned fields:



H.E. Dr. Jose Lucas do Carmo da Silva is appointed as the new Minister of Timor-Leste's Ministry of Tourism, Commerce and Industry (MTCI). He is the Chair of the CTI-CFF EAFM WG.



Mr. Trian Yunanda is the new Director of Fisheries Resources Management of Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries. He is Indonesia's representative to the EAFM WG.

Upcoming Events

1. CT Day: 3rd Part Webinar "Tell About the Ocean" : Bringing Real Stories to the Media
7 July 2020
2. Webinar: Introduction to Monitoring and Evaluation
9-10 July 2020
3. Meeting of the Internal Resource Committee (IRC) via Zoom
20-22 July 2020
4. Meeting of the Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group via Zoom back-to-back with RPOA 2.0 Writeshop, M&E Indicators, CT Atlas
27 July- 10 August 2020

Job Opportunities:

- 1) Technical Officer (Temporary Staff under Contract for Service)
- 2) Marketing and Publication Officer (Temporary Staff under Contract for Service)

Deadline for submission of application is on 13 July 2020 via email:
regional.secretariat@cticff.org.

- 3) Finance Manager
- 4) Finance Asst Manager

Deadline for submission of application is on 3 August 2020 via email:
regional.secretariat@cticff.org.

For details, please visit
<http://www.coraltriangleinitiative.org/vacancy-announcement>

Thank you and farewell to former colleagues

Many thanks to our former colleagues who had devoted their time during their service in CTI-CFF. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat wishes them well in their endeavour.



Mr. Ivan Saltano Kiagoes
Finance and Operation Manager



Mr. Wiwin Joko Winarbo
Finance Assistant Manager



Mr. William Tumimomor
Operations Assistant



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Welcome, new temporary staff of RS Team



The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat warmly welcomes **Ms. Inri Tamarindang** who is appointed as a temporary Finance Assistant Manager. She earned her Bachelors Degree in Accounting from the Universitas Klabat in Airmadidi, North Sulawesi, Indonesia.

Prior to joining the Regional Secretariat, she worked in the following organizations: Bank Artha Graha International (2004-2007) and Infini Design & Manufacturing (2007-2019) as accountant.




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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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