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## Year-end Message 2018

The year 2018 has been a productive and challenging year for the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI CFF) particularly the Regional Secretariat.

With the diligence and commitment of the members of the CTI Technical Working Groups, Governance Working Groups and Cross-Cutting Theme Working Groups, 14 activities were implemented to achieve the five goals set for the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA).

The CTI-CFF through its Regional Secretariat was also active in pursuing and renewing partnerships by participating in various international and regional forums such as Our Ocean Conference 2018, Samoa Partnership Dialogue, Sustainable Blue Economy Conference, and the 33rd ICRI Meeting, as well numbers of embassies/international organization representatives in Jakarta with the aim of sharing insights and further advancing marine and coastal conservation, sustainable fisheries, and food security.

During this year, the results of the RPOA review came out which recognize the need for reshaping and refinement to keep up with the times and challenges. As such, the need for redesigning RPOA version 2.0 and CTI Atlas are part of the priority activities of CTI in 2019.

Before the year ended, the leaders of the CT6 member countries through the ministers and their representatives renewed its commitment and support to the aims of the CTI during the 7th Ministerial Meeting which was held in Manila, Philippines. In said meeting, the need for comprehensive monitoring, knowledge sharing, communications of timely information between member countries,

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development partners, collaborators and other key stakeholders based on science for decision-making for the benefit of human well-being was accepted and recognized.

With the end of another year, the CTI-CFF and the Regional Secretariat assure its partners and other stakeholders of its effort to continue to look for new opportunities that will further advance the goals of the CTI-CFF and commit itself to provide the enabling environment for better articulation and coordination among marine environment-related national strategies and action plans of its member countries.

On behalf of the CTI-CFF as well as the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, I would like to extend our deepest appreciation to everybody particularly the members of the National Coordination Committees (NCCs), technical working groups, and development partners who have one way or another contributed to the outcomes of the CTI.

May we all have a happy and prosperous 2019!

**DR. HENDRA YUSRAN SIRY**  
Interim Executive Director  
CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat

## Cimatu: Regional cooperation key to protecting Coral Triangle from climate impacts

Philippines' Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary and CTI Council of Ministers Chair Roy A. Cimatu called for strengthening of regional cooperation to protect the Coral Triangle and its marine resources from the devastating effects of climate change.

Cimatu made the call during the 7th Ministerial Meeting of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) in Makati City last 14th December 2018.

According to the environment chief, regional cooperation has never been more important in the context of the immense challenges that the Philippines and five other nations face from climate change, which is the single greatest threat to the coral-rich region.

"This is the value of the Coral Triangle Initiative. I see this partnership as a long-term solution not only for



H.E. Gen. Roy Agullana Cimatu, CTI-CFF Chair of the Council of Ministers and Philippines' Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) remarked that CT6 must aim to be heard in global platforms and should put forward the CTI agenda to serve as a reference point in crafting international frameworks in environmental conservation. ©DENR/Kat Manapat/2018

our region, but also for all of civilization mainly because of the fact that we are protecting the nursery and the center of the center of marine biodiversity," Cimatu said.

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.

Aside from the Philippines, the Coral Triangle is also composed of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste.

Cimatu said several progress have been made in the last decade but CTI-CFF nations must not become complacent, especially in the face of climate change.

"We have made progress indeed but we are far from celebrating what is supposed to be a victory for our people—the sustainability of our coastal and marine resources," Cimatu said.

"A lot has yet to be done and we want nothing less for the future generation than for them to experience what we have enjoyed so far from our oceans," he added.

Cimatu rallied member nations to continue supporting CTI-CFF's "cause of empowering communities and

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and providing them with options that will address their needs amidst the emerging impacts of climate change.”

“Rest assured, our governments will be working hand in hand to get things done,” he stressed.

Although highly diverse and rich because of abundance of coral reefs, tropical fishes, mangroves and seagrass, Cimatu said the Coral Triangle will be one of the very first regions that will feel the impact of climate change.

Cimatu noted that in the past 10 years, the region experienced unprecedented rates of droughts, extreme rainfall and weather, coral bleaching, and ocean acidification due to changing climate.

He lamented that climate change had hampered “not only the individual lives of the families living along the coastlines, but also of the economy of our entire nations. (By: Kat Manapat, DENR Philippines)

## CTI RS Interim Executive Director bares CTI 2018 accomplishments, cites redesigning RPOA Version 2.0 and CTI system as focus in 2019

**Manila, Philippines, December 2018** – CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Interim Executive Director Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry bared the accomplishment of the CTI for 2018 during the 7th Ministerial Meeting held in Manila, Philippines last 14th December 2018.

Siry said that CTI-CFF through its Technical Working Groups, Governance Working Groups and Cross-Cutting Working Groups implemented activities that will further advance and promote the goals of CTI. Some of these activities were capacity building on ecosystem approach to fisheries management (EAFM) among CT6 and South American countries; regional exchanges on various areas such as marine protected areas, climate change adaptation and threatened species; and review of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA).

Siry further remarked that the CTI-CFF also participated in international activities such as the Sustainable Ocean Initiative – Convention on Biological Diversity Workshop; Our Ocean Conference 2018; and Inter-Regional Partnership Dialogue to share CTI’s success stories and tools on food security, sustainable livelihoods, and ecosystem resilience.



Agreement between the Republic of Peru and the Republic of Poland for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income (with protocol).  
Entry into force: 29 September 2015 by signature  
Authentic texts: English and Spanish  
Registration with the Secretariat of the United Nations: Peru, 19 November 2012  
Note: See also part I, No. 54760

to 54771. Poland and Luxembourg  
Convention between the Republic of Poland and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on social security. Warsaw, 1 July 1996  
Administrative Arrangement for the implementation of the Convention between the Republic of Poland and the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg on social security. Luxembourg, 5 July 2002  
Entry into force: 5 July 2002 by signature and with retroactive effect from 1 February 2001, in accordance with article 28  
Authentic texts: French and Polish  
Registration with the Secretariat of the United Nations: Poland, 6 November 2017  
Note: See also part I, No. 54771

54805. Poland and South Africa  
Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of the Republic of South Africa for the avoidance of double taxation with respect to taxes on income. Warsaw, November 1993  
Entry into force: 5 December 1995, in accordance with article 28  
Authentic texts: English and Polish  
Registration with the Secretariat of the United Nations: Poland, 6 November 2017

54806. Poland and Armenia  
Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Poland and the Government of the Republic of Armenia for the avoidance of double taxation on income and on capital. Warsaw, 14 July 1999  
Entry into force: 27 February 2005, in accordance with article 30(1)  
Authentic texts: Armenian, English and Polish  
Registration with the Secretariat of the United Nations: Poland, 6 November 2017

54807. Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste  
Agreement on the establishment of the Regional Secretariat of Coral Triangle Initiative on coral reefs, fisheries and food security (with annexes). Jakarta, 28 October 2011  
Entry into force: 27 November 2014, in accordance with article 17

54792. Luxembourg and Ukraine  
Convention between the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Government of Ukraine for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and on capital. Kiev, 6 September 1997  
Protocol between the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Government of Ukraine to amend the Convention between the Government of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg and the Government of Ukraine for the avoidance of double taxation and the prevention of fiscal evasion with respect to taxes on income and on capital, signed at Kiev on 6 September 1997. Kiev, 30 September 2016  
Entry into force: 18 April 2017, in accordance with article 8  
Authentic texts: English, French and Ukrainian  
Registration with the Secretariat of the United Nations: Luxembourg, 7 November 2017  
Note: See also part I, No. 54792

Participant	Ratification and Acceptance (A)
Indonesia	9 May 2014
Malaysia	15 Apr 2013
Solomon Islands	2 Sep 2014
Timor-Leste	27 Oct 2014

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54808. United Nations and Vanuatu  
Exchange of letters constituting an agreement between the United Nations and the Government of the Republic of Vanuatu concerning arrangements for the Regional Meeting of the Pacific Least Developed Countries with the theme “Towards a Resilient and Inclusive Growth: A focus on broad-based connectivity”, and for the Expert Group Meeting on “Resilient Urban Development in Small Island Developing States (SIDS)”, to be held in Port Vila, Vanuatu, from 26 to 27 October 2017. New York, October 2017  
Entry into force: 12 October 2017 by the exchange of the said letters in accordance with their provisions

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Agreement on the establishment of the Regional Secretariat of the Coral Triangle Initiative on coral reefs, fisheries and food security. Jakarta, 28 October 2011  
Entry into force: 27 November 2014, in accordance with article 17

Ratification  
Philippines  
Deposit of instrument with the Government of Indonesia: 14 January 2015  
Date of effect: 14 January 2015

The CTI-CFF was registered and recorded with the UN Secretary General which further increases the profile of CTI in the international platform.

“The CTI-CFF has been accepted as a member of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) at the 33rd ICRI General Meeting in Monaco. This is a manifestation of CTI’s recognition in other international groupings and creation of new alliances to create new alliances in the efforts of best practices towards conservation and sustainable use of living marine resources,” Siry said.

“Further, the Agreement on the Regional Secretariat of the CTI-CFF was registered and recorded with the United Nations Secretary General which further increases the profile of CTI in the international platform and would open the pathway for further possible cooperation with international bodies under UN,” Siry added.

For 2019, Siry said that the CTI will be focusing on redesigning the RPOA version 2.0 and CTI system.

“RPOA is important to ensure CTI-CFF maintain its relevance as a regional platform to put oceans at the forefront of regional and national policy agenda in achieving significant progress on Sustainable Development Goals – 14 water; related SDGs and emerging issues in the Coral Triangle,” Siry said.

“The RPOA 2.0 is the CTI’s commitment to safeguard the world richest marine resources and ensure the income, livelihood and food security particularly of the more than 130 million people living in coastal communities at the CTI-CFF’s Leader’s Summit in 2020,” Siry added. (By: Janet Rosalie Anne H. Polita)



A show of continued commitment, partnership and support for the Coral Triangle Initiative. (From left to right) Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Interim Executive Director; H.E. Acacio Guterres, Director General of Fisheries of Timor-Leste's Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries; Ms. Rosalie Masu, Deputy Director of the Inshore Fisheries Division of Solomon Islands' Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources; H.E. Gen. Roy Agullana Cimat, CTI-CFF Chair of the Council of Ministers and Philippines' Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR); Ms. Yvonne Tio, Executive Manageress of Papua New Guinea's Conservation and Environment Protection Authority; H.E. Isnaraissah Munirah Majilis, Deputy Minister of Malaysia's Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change; Dr. Suseno Sukoyono, Indonesia Head of Delegation; and USec. Jonas Leones, CTI Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials and Philippines' DENR Undersecretary. ©CTI Regional Secretariat/2018

## JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT The 7th CTI-CFF Ministerial Meeting 14 December 2018, Manila-Philippines

The 7th CTI-CFF Ministerial Meeting (MM-7) was held on 14th December 2018 in Makati City, the Republic of Philippines.

The Meeting was chaired by the Chair of the Council of Ministers, H.E. Roy A. Cimat, Secretary of Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines; and cochaired by the representative of Council of Ministers of the Solomon Islands Government, represented by H.E. Rosalie Masu, Deputy Director of In-shore Fisheries Division, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources;

and attended by representatives of the Government of Indonesia, H.E. Dr. Suseno Sukoyono, the Minister's Advisor from Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries for Public and Inter-Agency Relations; the Government of Malaysia, H.E. Isnaraissah Munirah Majilis, the Deputy Minister for Ministry of Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC); the Government of Papua New Guinea,

H.E. Yvonne Tio, Executive Manageress, Conservation and Environment Protection Authority; and the Government of Timor-Leste, H.E. Acacio Guterres, Director General of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

**Bearing in mind** that the Coral Triangle Initiative Leaders' Declaration on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security signed on 15 May 2009 in Manado, Indonesia sets the fundamental foundation for the conservation and sustainable management of coastal and marine resources within the Coral Triangle region;

**Recalling** the commitments of CTI-CFF in pursuit of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) implementation and to transform such goals along with its targets and regional actions into workable action plans with mutual and coherent coordination at CTI-CFF national levels.

**Recognizing** that the term of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) shall conclude in 2019 and actions are in place for the development of the Regional Plan of Action 2.0 (RPOA 2.0) to ensure CTI-CFF maintains its relevance as a regional platform to put oceans at the forefront of regional and national policy agendas in achieving significant progress on Sustainable

Development Goal 14 (SDG14) – life underwater; related SDGs, and emerging issues in the Coral Triangle area, and our global oceans, where this matters most.

**Accepting** the need for comprehensive monitoring, knowledge sharing, communication of timely information between member countries, Development Partners, Collaborators and other key stakeholders based on science for decision-making for the benefit of human wellbeing.

**Agreeing** that the CTI-CFF recognizes the importance of ocean ecosystems for food security and livelihoods; and it is critical to forge and maintain close partnerships while mobilizing resources.

We, the Ministers and Heads of Delegations, hereby:

1. Express our highest gratitude and appreciation to the Government of the Republic of Philippines for the warm hospitality and successful hosting of the pre-14th Senior Officials' Meeting (Pre-SOM), the 14th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-14) and the 7th Ministerial Meeting (MM-7);

2. Adopt the Chair's Summaries of the 13th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-13); Special SOM 2018; and the 14th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-14);

3. Appreciate the contribution and leadership of the Government of the Republic of Philippines as the Chair of the Council of Ministers (COM) and the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), and the Government of Solomon Islands as Vice Chair for 2017 and 2018;

4. Elect the Government of Solomon Islands and Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste as the Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the Council of Ministers (COM) and Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) for two (2) years from 2019 to 2020;

5. Appreciate that the Agreement on the Regional Secretariat of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) (with annexes) was registered and recorded with the United Nations Secretary General on 1st November 2017;

6. Congratulate the Regional Secretariat and appreciate the acceptance of the CTI-CFF as a member of International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) at the 33rd ICRI General Meeting in Monaco on 5-7 December 2018;

7. Accept and appreciate Dr. Sharifah Nora Ibrahim as Acting Executive Director of the CTI Regional Secretariat upon the resignation of Executive Director, Dr. Widi Agoes Pratikto on 10th June 2018;

8. Accept the nomination made by the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and designation by the CTI CSO of Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry as the Interim Executive Director (IED) effective 1st October 2018;

9. Accept the amendment to Staff Regulation 7.3 with additional sentence that reads "The appointment mechanism for the Executive Director shall be made to observe the principle of rotation in alphabetical order among CTI-CFF Member Parties;"

10. Agree to delegate the responsibility and power of appointment to CTI CSO for the appointments of the new Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services pursuant to Staff Regulation 7.2;

11. Endorse the 2019 Regional Secretariat's Organization Chart;

12. Endorse the Special Audit Report for 2014 to 2016 and the 2017 Audit Report;

13. Appreciate the annual countries' financial contributions, and note the outstanding contribution;

14. Endorse the transition of the Coordination Mechanism Working Group to the Internal Resource Committee;

15. Endorse the establishment of the Internal Resource Committee (IRC) and its Terms of Reference (TOR) and Chair and Vice-Chair to follow the chair and vice-chair for the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) and the Council of Ministers (COM);

16. Accept the result of the review of RPOA and continue the process of the RPOA 2.0 development with involvement from all CT6 Member Parties, Development Partners, Collaborators, and relevant resource organizations;

17. Adopt Lesser Sunda Ecoregion and Bismarck Solomon Sea Ecoregion (BSSE) as CTICFF Priority Seascapes;

18. Appreciate the continuous support from CTI-CFF Development Partners and Collaborators and welcome further cooperation towards meeting the goals of CTI-CFF;

19. Acknowledge the Development Partners' reflections and response to CTI-CFF's achievements, challenges, and willingness to move forward in the spirit of cooperation and collaboration;

20. Recognize the achievements of the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Project through the completion of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and GIZ by December 31, 2018;

21. Endorse and welcome the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) as a new CTI-CFF Development Partner;

22. Approve that the revised 2019 Budget shall be based on country contribution for 2018;

23. Accept the 2017 Audit Report indicating a cash surplus of USD951,168.00 and task the Regional Secretariat to prepare options on the utilization of the cash surplus through the submission of a supplementary budget by 28 February 2019;

24. Agree to delegate powers and responsibilities to the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) to make decisions on the utilization of the cash surplus; and

25. Endorse that the 2nd CTI-CFF Leaders' Summit to be held in 2020.

Signed by:

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Chair of the CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials, Philippines DENR Undersecretary JOnas Leones emphasized the need to shift the focus of CT6 member countries on actions that can deliver higher level outcomes such as poverty reduction and improved food security during the Opening Session of the 14th Senior Officials' Meeting held in Manila, Philippines from 12-13 December 2018. © CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat/ 2018

## PH ends Coral Triangle chairmanship with call to scale up action towards poverty reduction, improved food security

The Philippines is ending its two-year chairmanship of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) with a call for nations within one of the world's biggest and most important marine regions to scale up efforts to achieve widespread impact.

"Moving forward, we must shift our focus on actions that can really deliver higher level of outcomes such as poverty reduction and improved food security," Undersecretary Jonas Leones of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) said in his opening remarks during the 14th CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting in Makati City.

The two-day meeting is one of the culminating activities for the Philippine chairmanship of CTI-CFF, 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 six countries are Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste and the Philippines, collectively known as CT6.

Leones, chair of the CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials, said the chairmanship of the Philippines for the past two years was not easy because it has been challenged with a number of difficulties that caused a small hiccup in the organization.

The region, he said, also suffered from natural disasters that have cost lives and economic losses among CT6 nations, further aggravating what has already been a difficult sector to manage.

"Our coastal communities which have always relied on the richness of our seas remain highly vulnerable to an ever changing environment, which is why there is a need to develop programs and initiatives that are more adaptive and sustainable," Leones said.

Leones, however, believed the region has already moved on from "difficult times" and was now "eager to keep on working to achieve our common goals."

But before the CT6 adopts a new regional plan of action, Leones said working groups, such as coordination mechanism, monitoring and evaluation, must gain grounds.

He said this is to make sure "everything is in place and all we have to do is to implement what will be decided upon by the CTI-CFF."

Leones also shared some of the efforts done by the Philippines to protect its coastal and marine resources, including its "bold and decisive moves" in connection with the world-famous Boracay Island.

He said the six-month closure of Boracay served as an eye opener for local government units, coastal communities and national agencies on the effects of unsustainable tourism practices.

"Moreover, this initiative has rippled through all of our provinces and municipalities, triggering an increased environmental consciousness to those living along the country's coastline," Leones added.

The DENR official said the country also expanded the coverage of the National Integrated Protected Area System (NIPAS) that established and reinforced additional terrestrial and coastal protected areas spread across the country.

He also cited the signing of Presidential Proclamation 489 declaring a portion of the Philippine Rise, more commonly known as Benham Rise, as a resource reserve.



H.E. Gen. Roy Agullana Cimat, CTI-CFF Chair of the Council of Ministers and Philippines' DENR Secretary handed over the gavel to Ms. Rosalie Masu, Deputy Director of the Inshore Fisheries Division of Solomon Islands' Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources. The symbolic gavel of the Chairmanship of the CTI Council of Ministers for the period of 2019-2020 has been transferred from the Government of the Philippines to the Government of Solomon Islands. © CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat/ Ayodya Anggorojati/2018.

## Philippines hands over chairmanship of CTI Council of Ministers to Solomon Islands

**Manila, Philippines, December 2018** – After two years, the symbolic gavel of the chairmanship of the CTI-CFF Council of Ministers has been passed on to the Solomon Islands from the Philippines. The Philippines also handed over the chairmanship of the CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials to Solomon Islands.

The Philippines' Department of Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Roy Cimat thanked all partners for supporting the Philippines during their two-year leadership and called on CT6 member

## Continuation of PH ends Coral Triangle chairmanship...

The underwater region located off Luzon was found to harbor significantly large contiguous coral reefs in pristine condition, prompting the Convention of Biological Diversity to declare it as an “ecologically and biologically significant area.”

Leones said the Boracay rehabilitation, expansion of NIPAS coverage, protection of Philippine Rise and other coastal and marine conservation and protection activities signify the country's continued commitment to international agreements, such as the CTI-CFF.

“Being an archipelagic country, we cannot emphasize further how important it is for our government to prioritize our seas,” Leones said. “The country recognizes the interconnectedness of our neighbor countries' activities and management initiatives, which is why we continue to collaborate and strengthen our ties with existing regional cooperation.”

Leones assured that the Philippines, as a member of these regional cooperations, “shall give its utmost service and response to the call of other nations with regard to preserving our natural resources.” (By: Kat Manapat, Philippines' DENR)

countries “to continue to support the CTI's cause of empowering communities and providing them with options that will address their needs amidst the emerging impacts of climate change.”

Solomon Islands who was represented by Ms. Rosalie Masu, Deputy Director of the Inshore Fisheries Division of the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources upon acceptance of the gavel thanked the exemplary leadership that the Philippines had made in the last two years.

“You (the Philippines) surely have paved the path ahead and for this we know that the journey ahead is easier,” Masu said.

“To the CT6 member countries and the Development Partners, we look forward to using these responsibilities and continue to work with you in the next two years,” Masu remarked.

The CTI-CFF Council of Ministers is the highest formal decision-making body of the initiative that meets regularly and has the power to adopt and approve the CTI-CFF resolutions at Ministerial Meetings. The Chairmanship of the CTI COM rotates among the six countries has a fixed term. (By: Janet Rosalie Anne H. Polita)



## Highlights from the 7th Ministerial Meeting

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Indonesia's Advisor to the Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries for Public and Inter-Agency Relations Dr. Suseno Sukoyono and Philippines' DENR Secretary Gen. Roy Cimatu gripped each other's hand during the 7th Ministerial Meeting. Photo: Chris Timbol/2018



**Roundtable of CTI Leaders.** From left to right: CTI RS Interim Executive Director Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry; Dr. Suseno Sukoyono, Indonesia Head of Delegation; Isnaraissah Munirah Majilis, Deputy Minister of MESTECC; Philippines' DENR Secretary Gen. Roy Cimatu; Timor-Leste's Director General of Fisheries from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Acacio Guterres; Solomon Islands' Deputy Director of the Inshore Fisheries Division from the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Ms. Rosalie Masu; and Papua New Guinea's Executive Manageress of Conservation and Environment Protection Authority, Ms. Yvonne Tio. Photo: Chris Timbol/2018



Malaysia's Deputy Minister for Energy, Science, Technology, Environment and Climate Change (MESTECC) Isnaraissah Munirah Majilis expressed Malaysia's hope for CTI's governance to be strengthened; revised RPOA to be CT6-driven; the Regional Secretariat to be streamlined for efficiency and cost-effectiveness; and a mechanism developed to attract global donors. Photo: Chris Timbol/2018



**The women leaders who have been helping shape marine and coastal conservation in the CT Region.** From left to right: Aurelia Micko, Deputy Director of the Regional Environment Office/USAID; Laura Jane Whitford, Director of Development Policy and Partnerships of The Nature Conservancy (TNC); Barbara Masiki Liri, Program Director of Papua New Guinea's TNC; Nicole Ann Coombe, Director of the Regional Engagement Section of Australia's Department of the Environment and Energy; Dr. Sharifa Nora Ibrahim, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Deputy Executive Director for Program Services; Jasmin Mohd Saad, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Senior Strategic Technical; and Jackie Thomas, Policy & Advocacy Lead, WWF Coral Triangle Programme of World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). Photo: CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat/2018



Philippines' DENR Secretary Gen. Roy Cimatu answered questions from the media. Photo: Chris Timbol/2018



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## World's first “sub-regional” fisheries management plan adopted by Coral Triangle member countries

This December, the world's first known sub-regional fisheries management plan was successfully presented for adoption to the Coral Triangle member countries to support ecological, human, and governance priorities in Southeast Asia's Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape—the world's most biodiverse marine area. The plan was presented at the Coral Triangle Initiative for Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security's (CTI-CFF) Fourteenth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-14) in Manila, Philippines held on December 9-15, 2018. The Coral Triangle Initiative Senior Official Meetings build and strengthen multilateral partnerships, in which Coral Triangle (CT6) governments (Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste) jointly adopt and implement their commitments at the highest political levels and engage the broad range of stakeholders and partners to sustain marine and coastal resources by addressing crucial issues such as food security, climate change, and marine biodiversity. At the Meeting, the sub-regional plan received support from the CT6 countries, with adoption expected to be formalized by January 2019.

The Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape's sub-regional fisheries management plan uses the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM). The plan was designed

and will be implemented to link upwards with relevant international, regional, and other sub-regional fisheries management plans and environmental initiatives, as well as linked down to relevant national, provincial/state, and local fisheries management plans. Its cooperative design harnesses the power of both regional management actions and those of national and local efforts by providing a framework for multiple countries to work together to manage transboundary fisheries and marine resources.

The sub-regional management plan was developed around the vision that, “by 2030, the transboundary fisheries of the Sulu-Sulawesi Seas are ecologically healthy and deliver ecosystem services that provide equitable benefits to our people through collaborative, safe, and legal regional fisheries management.” It was developed through four years of sustained effort between regional fisheries management organizations and development partners, initiated in 2015 and finalized in July 2018. The plan draws off a 2015 draft developed by a USAID-supported CTI-CFF initiative. In 2017, the USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership (USAID Oceans) set out to update the plan and move it forward into implementation. Through USAID Oceans, regional stakeholders and governments have worked together through a multi-stakeholder, multi-year process to develop a collaborative, mutually beneficial plan that has the potential to influence the future of fisheries management in Southeast Asia and beyond.

*(By: Melinda Donnelly/USAID Oceans)*



WCS have technical strength in protected areas designation and management, species conservation (with special expertise in sharks/rays, cetaceans and wildlife trade), small-scale fisheries management, ridge-to-reef management, integrated coastal management, community-based resource management, and climate change adaptation.

As support to CTI-CFF, particularly for threatened species, WCS commits to support local government and local communities to establish science-based, comprehensive and well-enforced shark and rays management regimes as well as combat illegal marine wildlife trade.

In the area of climate change adaptation, WCS commits to support CTI-CFF in reducing threats to climate-resilient coral reef ecosystems, and strengthening the governance, monitoring and policies needed for long-term protection of coral reefs in CT3 countries namely, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands.

WCS is also committed to support community-based coastal fisheries co-management and marine managed area designation and implementation in the above-mentioned countries to better support sustainable management of the species important for local livelihoods, health and well-being.

Currently, WCS is supporting the government of Papua New Guinea in establishing marine protected areas (MPAs) covering 750,000 hectares within the Bismarck Seascape. In Solomon Islands, WCS is assisting with the establishment of an MPA covering 500,000 hectares in the Kavachi Seascape, linking to national marine spatial planning processes. WCS is currently working with Solomon Islands Community Conservation Partnership to support their community-based resource management sites.

WCS is also supporting Indonesia in developing the 1.3 million hectares of new MPAs and in the effective management of approximately 2.1 million hectares of MPAs. They are also assisting Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries to develop a strategy to improve 20 million hectares of existing MPAs. *(By: Janet Rosalie Ane H. Polita)*

## CTI-CFF accepts WCS as new development partner

**Manila, Philippines, December 2018** – CTI-CFF accepted the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) as a new development partner during the 7th Ministerial Meeting held in Manila, Philippines last 14th December 2018.

Founded in 1895 as the New York Zoological Society (NYZS), the WCS's goal is to conserve the world's largest wild places in 16 priority regions, home to more than 50% of the world's biodiversity. Its mission is to save wildlife and wild places worldwide through science, conservation action, education, and inspiring people to value nature.

WCS has worked in the Coral Triangle for over 20 years. Its marine and terrestrial programs in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia and Fiji are nationally and internationally recognized. WCS programs in the region have grown across to include more seascapes, more local partners including new initiatives in the Solomon Islands.

### OPERATIONS ASSISTANT

(to be based in Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia)

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) seeks a self-motivated, smart, detail oriented and highly organized individual as an Operation Assistant to manage our operation and assist the Financial and Operations Manager in the Regional Secretariat (RS) CTI-CFF in Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia.

#### Responsibilities

Provide support for Secretariat in:

1. Logistical provision and arrangement to the overall Secretariat operation, including for CTI SOM, CTI COM meetings and other CTI-CFF program and activities;
2. Travel arrangement and organization, including staff's family and consultants, for activities, events, moving, relocation, repatriation, etc.;
3. Assistance in identifying insurances, vendors, goods and service providers for the operation of the Secretariat;
4. Perform general administrative work, including but not limited to: correspondence, filing, coordinates meeting, prepare draft contract for procurement and vendors;
5. Perform any other travel/administrative duties;
6. Supervise in the maintenance of building, furniture, vehicles and other equipment necessary; and
7. Perform special assignments which are assigned by Executive Director of CTI-CFF including but not limited to planning, meetings, conference calls, correspondence, internal and external communication, documentation, report, etc.

#### Qualifications

1. Appropriate qualification in relevant fields;
2. Sufficient experience in logistic arrangements for workshops and large meetings; in human resource tasks, including but not limited to relocation, repatriation, other benefits and other issues; in identifying insurances, vendors, goods and service providers for the operation of the Secretariat; experience in managing payroll and a good understanding of payroll taxes In Indonesia as a Host Country;
3. Strong property management and procurement skills and experiences related to building, furniture, vehicles and other equipment;
4. Experience to perform general administrative work, including but not limited to: correspondence, filing, coordinates meeting, prepare draft contract for procurement and vendors;
5. Knowledge of Indonesian Manpower Law, processes and Indonesian laws and familiar with Indonesian work permit application procedure;
6. Knowledge of written and spoken English is mandatory, knowledge of written and spoken Indonesian would be an advantage;

7. Strong interpersonal skills and a passion to work with people across levels, functions and programs to build a strong coherent institution;
8. Ability to work effectively in a fast-paced office environment, both independently and as part of a global team across time zones;
9. Excellent inter-personal communication skills, articulate, including the ability to encourage collaboration with other programs, international offices, and partners;
10. Highly motivated, proactive work style and excellent organizational skills.
11. Proficient in Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint) and the Internet.
12. Capability to learn and use proprietary software applications.
13. Ability to manage multiple priorities and work under pressure with tight deadline.
14. Flexible individual who can work independently, under little direction and supervision, and able to take decisions based on available information.
15. Strong analytical and strategic thinking capabilities.

#### Remuneration and Benefits

Commensurate with qualification and experience.

Salary Grade/Level: Level 14 (USD \$700 -1300 per month but paid to rupiah equivalent) depending on experience and qualification; Standard CTI-CFF benefits of: Annual leave at 2.5 days/month, medical and insurance, relocation and repatriation allowances, etc.

Contract duration: 12 months

#### Submission Procedure

Nationality of the Applicant is limited to the CT6 member countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste).

Appointments shall be subject to open competition among nationals of CT6, whether nominated or not by any Party, regardless of race, nationality, gender, mother tongue, religion, beliefs, ethnic or social origin. All candidates/applicants will be subjected to appointment process and selection criteria.

All applications should include the candidate's curriculum vitae with references (minimum three references) and contact information (telephone, e-mail). These must be sent to the CTI-CFF and the Regional Secretariat by 10th January 2019.

Application must be sent to regional.secretariat@cticff.org with the "subject" of the email in the following format "< Operation Assistant > - < your name >". Only those few who are shortlisted would be contacted.

## Job Opportunities

### 2. GRAPHIC DESIGNER (PART-TIME)

(to be based in Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia)

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) seeks a self-motivated, smart, detail oriented and highly organized individual as a Part-time Graphic Designer to manage our operation and assist the financial and operations Manager in the Regional Secretariat (RS) CTI-CFF in Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia.

As a Graphic Designer, you will be responsible for designing, developing CTI-CFF brand and preparing presentation materials for the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat activities and communication materials, including social media under the supervision of Communication and Information Manager.

#### Responsibilities

1. Interact/liaise effectively with Communication Information Manager, staff and vendors as appropriate;
2. Responsible for helping to drive the creative direction of campaigns, an understanding of typography, layout, animation and art direction will be needed for the team produce the best work possible;
3. Offer input to creative meetings and share ideas;
4. Communicating with senior team members to receive feedback;
5. Support the team throughout the execution of campaigns, activities and projects;
6. Utilize good knowledge of the following tools in creating/developing the graphic; works, e.g. InDesign, Illustrator, Photoshop, Flash, CSS, Video editing tools; and
7. Interact with CTI managers, staff and vendors as appropriate.
8. Producing attractive and effective designs for all media;

#### Expected Outcomes

- Well-executed CTI-CFF design;
- High quality communication product outputs: graphic, illustration, statistic, film, photo, and printing works.

#### Coordination and Reporting

The Graphic Designer reports directly to Communication and Information Manager in the daily implementation and completion of services and deliverables outlined in the ToR.

#### Skills required

A Graphic Designer needs a wide range of design and creative capabilities. These include:

- Proficient in graphic design related software, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint) and the Internet.
- Capability to learn and use proprietary software applications.
- Ability to manage multiple priorities and work under pressure with tight deadline.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills;

- Knowledge of written and spoken English is mandatory
- Adeptness with leading design software packages;
- A determination to achieve and succeed;
- Some creative industry experiences;
- The ability to meet deadlines in a high-pressure environment;
- A background of working as part of a design team;
- The ability to see projects through from inception to production;
- Consistency regardless of project size;
- Good organizational skills;
- The motivation to maintain and improve design standards;
- The willingness to listen to feedback and use it to improve.
- Strong interpersonal skills and a passion to work with people across levels, functions and programs to build a strong coherent institution;
- Ability to work effectively in a fast-paced office environment, both independently and as part of a global team across time zones

#### Period of Employment

- Start: Immediately
- Period of contract: 12 months Part-time
- Level of effort: 30-35 hours per week (Part-time)

#### Remuneration

Commensurate with qualification and experience.  
Salary Grade/Level: Level 11 (USD350-650 per month, paid in Indonesian Rupiah equivalent) depending on experience and qualification.

#### Submission Procedure

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All applications should include the candidate's CV with references (minimum three references), contact information (telephone, e-mail) and portfolio samples. These must be sent to the CTI-CFF and the Regional Secretariat by 10th January 2019.

Application must be sent to regional.secretariat@cticff.org with the "subject" of the email in the following format "< PT Graphic Designer > - < your name >". Only those few who are shortlisted would be contacted.