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Annex 9 Decision Document on:

Threatened Species Working Group

8th CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting (SOM8)

22 – 24 November 2012 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Adopted 23 November 2012 By the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste

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Background:

SOM6 in Manado endorsed the establishment of the four Technical Working Groups (TWGs) on the RPOA Goals. Temporarily, the scope of Goal 5 (threatened species) was placed under the purview of the Marine Protected Area Technical Working Group (MPA-TWG).

Under the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action, the goal is to improve the status of threatened species particularly targeting improvement of status of sharks, sea turtles, marine mammals and other identified threatened species.

In 2010, CTI CFF Priority Activities included the following actions: a) complete and implement region-wide Sea Turtles Conservation Action Plan and b) complete and Implementation region-wide Marine Mammals Conservation Action Plan.

The purpose of the Threatened Species Working Group Report is to seek endorsement of its work plan from the Eighth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM8).

Decision:

Based on the presentations made by the Technical Working Group and the discussions held on the Threatened Species at the 8th Senior Official Meeting (SOM8), the Senior Officials take this decision:

- a) Endorses the request of the MPA TWG Chair (Philippines) to provide a renewed mandate to the MPA TWG's to serve as Threatened Species Working Group.
- b) Notes the TWG's focus on MPA activities, the Meeting encourages the TWG to also speed up activities pertaining Threatened Species.