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forward  
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# MESSAGE



The year 2020 will be a year engraved in our memories as we hurdled and managed the changes and challenges brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. This year, we continue to carry out our jobs mandated by us under extremely trying conditions, especially with new COVID-19 variant posing risks to our economic and societal conditions. The rollout of vaccines offers a new hope to slowly go back to normalcy and ensure safety to every citizen in all nations.

Despite these underlying conditions, the Regional Secretariat has remained committed to continuously facilitate and coordinate prime activities of CTI-CFF such as the finalization of the draft RPOA 2.0, the draft Host Country Agreement and the draft Staff Policies and Procedures Manual. Meetings of the working groups and crosscutting initiatives have been carried out to ensure that postponed activities in 2020 will be carried out this year, noting that activities may be conducted via online communication platforms.

*Dr. Mohd. Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin*  
Executive Director, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat





The Regional Secretariat has diligently pursued the facilitation of discussions on the setting-up of the CTI-CFF Regional Conservation TRust Fund with CT6 member countries with the help of the groups of experts from the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and the Conservation Finance Alliance (CFA); with the desire to seek ways to ensure financial sustainability of CTI-CFF. Engagement with international partners are sustained through regular communication with partners like CMAR, USAID, WWF, CTC, and GIZ to update and maintained momentum on planned collaborative activities.

I myself now become a committee member of the Ad hoc Committee in the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) which are Ad hoc Committee for the Coral Resilience Base Management and Ad hoc Committee for Coral Rehabilitation. I reckon these memberships are vital to ensure that CTI-CFF is actively participating and directly involve to keep abreast with the international parties on coral ecosystem.

To be able to efficiently facilitate the numerous activities of CTI-CFF ahead, the Regional Secretariat has continued to prioritize the

health and well-being of its Staff. Face masks, face shields and hand sanitizers are provided to staff and workspaces as well as the reception and conference areas were installed with acrylic dividers as part of safety health measures. Antigen COVID-19 testing is also carried out occasionally for all staff.

The untiring support and cooperation from CT6 member countries and strategic partners, to which we are deeply thankful for, further encourages RS to remain committed and exert more effort to ensure that the objectives and goals set forth will be realized despite these trying times.



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# UPDATES

**A**

## Finalization of the draft RPOA 2.0 progresses



Screenshot of the participants of the draft RPOA 2.0 Meeting

CT6 member countries continue to meet to discuss the finalization of the draft Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 2.0). As of March 2021, the CTI-CFF Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group has agreed on most of the three (3) objectives A, B and C and their identified Targets, Outcomes and Outputs. Further, 16 out of the 18 Regional Activities identified have been agreed upon along with the majority of their outcomes and outputs. The CT6 member countries have yet to discuss and finalize the institutional framework, the Strategic Financial Implementation Plan and the Strategic Communication Plan which are crucial for the RPOA 2.0 implementation. The next RPOA 2.0 Writeshop is scheduled for 6-7 April 2021.

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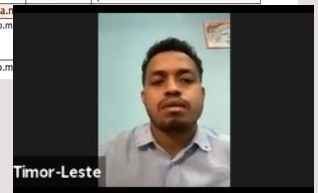
## Review of the draft Host Country Agreement still ongoing

The finalization of the draft Host Country Agreement (HCA) by the representatives of the five member countries, namely, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste with Indonesia participating as an Observer is still ongoing. The member countries are targeting to complete the finalization of the draft HCA before the 16 th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-16) which is tentatively scheduled in April 2021. The validity of the current HCA is until 14 th May 2021.

Schedule of the Continuation of the Meeting on draft HCA  
10 February 2021 (Chair: Solomon Islands)

No	Activity/Topic	Time	Facilitator	Remarks
	Log-in/ Technical Check	8:30 a.m. – 8:55 a.m.	Regional Secretariat	RS facilitates log-in/technical check/registration
	Video Conferencing 'House Rules'	8:55 a.m.-9:00 a.m.	Regional Secretariat	RS facilitates House Rules
1	Welcome/Greetings from Chair	9:00 a.m.-9:05 a.m.	ED of RS	The Chair welcomes/greets delegates of member countries
2	Round of introduction member countries and Appointment of Rapporteur	9:05 a.m.- 9:10 a.m.	Chair	The Chair with RS ED appoints rapporteurs and invites countries to introduce participants present
3	Adoption of Agenda	9:10 a.m. – 9:15 a.m.	Chair/RS	The Chair invites RS to present Agenda and invites member countries to comment
4	Continuation of the Discussion on draft HCA	9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.	Chair	The Chair invites the RS/ ED to present the draft renewal of HCA
	Break	10:30 a.m.–10:40 a.m.		
5	Continuation of discussion	10:40 a.m. – 12:55 p.m.		
6	Next Steps and Closing	12:55 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.		

Screenshot of Agenda of HCA Meeting and Timor-Leste sit-in Chair



**C**

## Draft CTI-CFF Staff Policies and Procedures Manual being completed

The CTI-CFF Internal Resource Committee has set their hands to finalize the draft Staff Policies and Procedures Manual (SPPM) in time for SOM-16. Members have resumed their meeting since January 2021 and have completed four (4) chapters and its succeeding Articles out of the six (6) chapters of the draft SPPM.



Screenshot of IRC meeting on the draft SPPM.



# Working Groups enthusiastic preparation in Feb-March for PreSOM and SOM

The Technical Working Groups (TWGs) members of MPA, CCA, Threatened Species and the Seascope WGs met enthusiastically and successfully met online on 12, 15, 18 and 19th February. The WGs discussed their draft proposed Workplans and Recommendations to bring to PreSOM and SOM. Meanwhile, the WLF WG and EAFM WG managed to hold online discussions only (due to no quorum) also in preparing for PreSOM and SOM on 8th and 15th March.

Despite COVID-19 uncertainties, the discussions were made to move forward with activities that could be made online, with some very fruitful plans. Several Strategic Partners also proposed several exciting online activities.

**At the MPA WG online meeting** (12th February), the WG planned that the MPA REX will still be held as a physical meeting but postponed to 2022, not this year due to concerns over COVID19. WWF representative proposed that under the EU Ocean Governance project, they plan to hold a big online workshop on Learning Exchange among Atlantic, SEA and CTI-CFF MPAs managers. The CTMPAS rounds 1 and 2 were all verified by the CT6 except Solomon Islands on the status of Zinoa. CTMPAS and Awards are also planned to be postponed next year. The List of External Reviewers was finalized.

**At the CCA WG online meeting** (15th February), the WG planned their activities including the CCA WG to be held online. Courses also to be conducted online e.g. the CEPA, the Executive course, etc. For the final draft of the Joint Communiqué to be used for all suitable platforms, it requires the names of Ministers and their Ministries who will be the signatories. RS already circulated the relevant documents to the CT6 member countries.

**At the Threatened Species WG online meeting** (18th February), the WG requested RS to reallocate the budget for assisting the countries to complete their national Conservation Plans. The issue of outlines were also resolved with the Putrajaya outline. The working group meeting and other activities were proposed to be held virtually. The first Training of Trainers (ToT) co-organised by MMAF and WWF is on Rapid Assessment Toolkit (RAT)

for Shark and Rays and MPA for Shark and will be held on the 05-06 April 2021. RS has circulated the invitations for the ToT and the 3rd Indonesian Sharks and Rays Symposium 2021 to the CT6 TS working Group members.

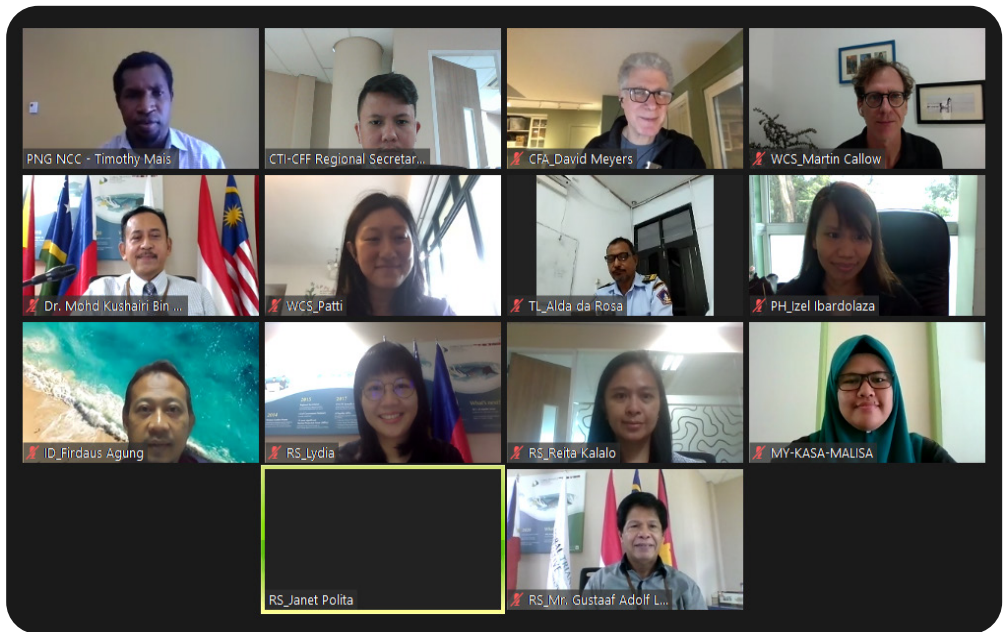
**At the Seascope WG online meeting** (19th February), the WG deliberated on the new revised RSAP document that needs also the Federal Ministerial level signatures from the SEA CT member countries. Other materials such as the previous RSAP, TDA and the revised RSAP Endorsement document were circulated to the NCCs of South East Asia countries. The draft GEF Project Identification Form (PIF) document will be organized by University of Queensland (UQ) Professor Mumby, and a drafting committee is being formed. They discussed the Subregional Sub-Working Group TORs, and the TORs for LSS and BSSE. All activities are planned to be held virtually in Q3/September. RS circulated the new RSAP endorsement document, previous RSAP, TDA and the UQ concept note to the NCCs of the CT3 South East Asia countries.

**At the EAFM WG online discussion** (15th March), the WG decided to include one representative each from the Seascope and EAFM working groups from Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines in the proposed drafting committee of the Project Identification Form (PIF) document for the proposed CTI GEF Project: Transboundary Approach to Securing Coral Reef Fisher and Biodiversity Resources in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascope. The composition of the drafting committee comprises:

- Chair of Seascope WG
- Indonesian member of the Seascope Technical WG
- Indonesian member of the EAFM Technical WG
- Malaysian member of the Seascope WG
- Malaysian member of the EAFM WG
- Philippines member of the Seascope WG
- Philippines member of the EAFM WG
- University of Queensland + representative of James Cook University who collaborated in the development of the programme
- CI-Philippines representative
- Representative of CTI-RS

RS has already circulated the request to the Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines for their nomination for the drafting committee.





Screenshot of the members of the Technical Committee on CTI-CFF RCTF, the Regional Secretariat officials and staff as well as experts from WCS.

# CT6 begins discussion on setting up CTI Trust Fund

The Representatives from the six member countries (CT6) of CTI-CFF have started meetings on the setting up of the CTI-CFF Regional Conservation Trust Fund (RCTF) with experts from the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and the Conservation Finance Alliance (CFA).

In the series of CTI-CFF RCTF meetings that started in January 2021, Dr. David Meyers of CFA had discussed WCS/CFA roles and responsibilities, proposed Mission, budget requirements, draft terms of reference for Technical Committee and Advisory Board and the governance structure. Dr. Meyers serves as the main advisor and consultant in setting up the CTI-CFF RCTF. The CTI-CFF RCTF is envisaged to be endorsed during the 16 th Senior Officials Meeting of the CTI-CFF.

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (RS) through the efforts of Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin had initiated the discussion on CTI-CFF RCTF. Dr. Kushairi thanked the representatives of CT6 for their participation in the series of meetings which shows the countries desire to provide sustainable financing to CTI-CFF's biodiversity conservation efforts in the region. He also thanked WCS and CFA who have been helping CTI-CFF, and RS build its capacity for regional sustainable finance planning and implementation through a webinar in 2020 and a series of consultations of the RS with them. The technical assistance of WCS to CTI-CFF is made possible through the funding of KfW/EU.

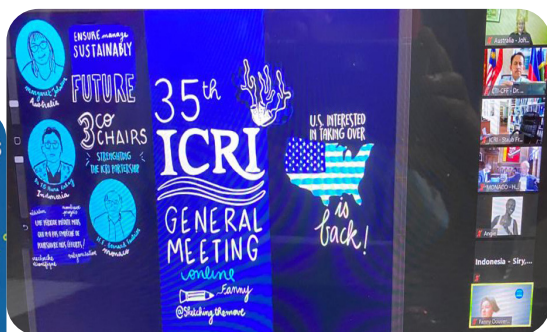
# RS ED, a new member of ICRI's Ad hoc Reef Restoration Committee

Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat is now a member of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI)'s Ad hoc Reef Restoration Committee. The ad hoc committee on reef restoration was established in response to disturbances affecting coral reefs, in particular, thermal stress-induced global mass coralbleaching events and the current climate projections forecasts predicting that seatemperatures will exceed the thermal tolerances of corals.

This year 2021, the objectives of the Committee are as follows: (a) provide a coordinating mechanism for international collaboration on coral reef restoration research and development; (b) advocate for the use of best practice restoration techniques and highlight examples of relevant policy and legislation as part of a broader strategy that involves traditional management and reducing carbon emissions in order to maintain coral reef function, structure and resilience; and (c)

facilitate the transfer of new knowledge of restoration techniques to managers and restoration practitioners (ICRI website).

Dr. Kushairi, also a member of ICRI's Adhoc Committee on Resilience-based Management, attended the 35th General International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI Meeting via Zoom online platform, where ICRI members agreed on extending the mandate of the ICRI ad hoc committee on Resilience-based Management as follows: (1) Identify global, national and local RBM communication needs, priorities and key messages; (2) Identify key challenges to RBM implementation and share case studies on how these could be addressed at global, national and local scales; (3) Assess the priority opportunities for RBM implementation and support member engagement and participation; and (5) Identify opportunities for partnership between members, NGOs, industry and community organisations who can build understanding and enable members to scale up and tailor RBM.



Screenshots of (1) Ad hoc Committee on Resilience-based Management Members; (2) 35th ICRI General Meeting Program Poster; and (3) Participants of ICRI General Meeting.



# SUFIA Project Updates

## SUFIA launches PLOCA Survey

The USAID's Sustainable Fish Asia (SUFIA) Project through its implementing partner, the RTI International and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat launched the Participatory Local Organizational Capacity Assessment (PLOCA) Online Survey on 15 February 2021. The survey is part of the project's activity to enhance the managerial, operational and overall organizational capacity of CTI-CFF.

Targeting CTI-CFF's National Coordinating Committees, Working Groups, Partners and the Regional Secretariat as respondents, the survey result will inform RTI to assist CTI-CFF examine the critical elements for effective organizational management and identify areas that need strengthening or further development. The survey has four main sections: (1) Respondent Information; (2) Leadership and Performance; (3) Compliance and Controls; and (4) Partner Engagement and Sustainability. The results of the survey will also supplement the individual and focus group assessment meetings to be conducted following the online survey. The online presentation of the survey results will be on 5 April 2021.

SUFIA will also be supporting the development and implementation of the Capacity Development Action Plan (C-DAP) of CTI-CFF. Prior to the launch of the PLOCA online survey, an inception meeting was conducted on 8 February 2021 to present and discuss the process for the participatory local organizational capacity assessment (PLOCA) of CTI-CFF.

## SUFIA presents PSE Survey key learnings

The SUFIA Private Sector Engagement (PSE) Survey Results were presented by SUFIA RTI during the SUFIA PSE In-Briefing Session with the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 26 March 2021.

A summary of the key learnings from the survey revealed that (1) many of the companies may consider providing technical assistance and many wants to develop a joint project; (2) the private sector, especially small-medium enterprises requires additional support transitioning to 'sustainable fisheries or aquaculture' management and requires support in accessing financial services, improving tools/technology, and capacity development; (3) blue economy initiatives and those supporting women and youth for sustainable livelihood in the fishing communities are the areas of interest by all stakeholders; (4) universities have proposed wide-ranging research projects e.g. research at sea, population studies, testing by catch reduction devices in artisanal shrimp fisheries, human impact on marine ecosystem, etc.; (5) Potential partners that are interested in promoting sustainable, community base tourism are Local Alike, a small tour operator and Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA), that can work with coastal or small fisheries; (6) NGOs interested for potential collaboration are Asian Food Improvement Collaborative and Sustainable Fisheries Partnership; (7) Gap exists between private sector vs government and NGOs priorities, e.g. private sector is focused on improvement to fish handling, processing, traceability and access to markets while the government and NGOs are prioritizing "data collection and fisheries management." and (8) A number of companies who participated in the survey cannot do partnership activities at this time due to pandemic, conflict of priorities and inability to do so. The survey received a total of 172 responses mostly coming from Thailand, US and Malaysia.



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## Training of Trainers (ToT) on MPAs and Sharks and Rays planned for early April

The Regional Secretariat circulated the invitation and announcement from the MMAF and WWF regarding the Pre-Symposium Workshop 5-6 April 2021: Training of Trainers (ToT) WWF Shark and Ray: MPA for Sharks & Rapid Assessment Tool (RAT)

**Date :** 5-6 April 2021

**Time :** 10.00 – 13.00 (Manado time)

**Participants:** Limited to 5 representatives from each CTI-CFF member countries - Representatives should be a technical person who work on and/or involved in Sharks and Rays programmatic and able to build a pool of competent instructors who can then teach the materials to other people.

**Registration open :** 22 March 2021

**Deadline Registration :** 30 March 2021

Tools used during this workshop are:

1. <https://sharks.panda.org/tools-publications/marine-protected-areas>
2. <https://sharks.panda.org/tools-publications/rapid-assessment-toolkit>

Workshop attendees are expected to read both tools beforehand, and to bring a real-life MPA case study to work on during the workshop that fits one or more of the following scenarios.

- Incorporating sharks and rays into existing MPAs designed for other purposes
- Designing new MPAs to conserve sharks and rays
- Protecting critical habitat to facilitate the recovery of threatened sharks and rays
- Designing networks of MPAs to protect the pathways of migratory sharks and rays

Please register official NCCs participation with the Regional Secretariat via email: [regional.secretariat@cticff.org](mailto:regional.secretariat@cticff.org), by submitting the Registration form.

For more information on this TOT workshop :  
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## GIZ updates on the Solutions for Marine and Coastal Resilience in the Coral Triangle (SOMACORE)

In a document shared by Ms Franca Sprong of GIZ to the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and MPA Working Group on the activities undertaken under SOMACORE, GIZ had already carried out an appraisal mission between October 2019 and September 2020 to support the design of the programme. During this time, the programme partners coordinated 23 country discussions, conducted three regional workshops (virtual), and presented the developments and results of the appraisal mission at CTI-CFF meetings. The said mission mobilized over 150 stakeholders. The programme proposal was then submitted to the International Climate Initiative (IKI) in September 2020 for examination.

Also, GIZ reported that an initial feedback is still pending, however, based on first communication received, the project concept seems to be in accordance with the expectations of the commissioning parties - the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, and Nuclear Safety's (BMU)- IKI.

The SOMACORE, which aims to strengthen the resilience of the region's ecosystems and communities in selected transboundary seascapes through the scaling of solutions for protection, good governance and effective management of coastal and marine biodiversity, is expected not to be commissioned before Q3 of 2021 due to the administrative processes from BMU.



## M&E Updates and Proposed Way Forward

The Regional Secretariat M&E team plans to conduct a few activities which involve several tools such as M&E Plan, Indicator Performance Tracking table (IPTT), CT Atlas, Proposed Mechanism for Data Collection and Information Sharing, etc, in consultation with NCCs and MEWG.

Further, the Regional Secretariat already identified some of the discrepancies related to the MPA database in CT Atlas and discussed with WorldFish, USAID SEA team and NCCs in 2020 regarding the correction of MPA database, and identified the core minimum requirements to be submitted (to RS) for proper CTMPAS Categories 1 to 4 nominations. The 1st and 2nd rounds of CTMPAS nomination list and the categories were verified and updated in February 2021 MPA WG call meeting.

In Quarter 1 of 2021, these were accomplished:

- Reviewed the M&E Manual (2014) using the method of reviewing secondary sources
- Did exercise in preparation of M&E plan with existing indicators from RPOA 1.0 by being involved in preparing TWGs call meeting
- Prepared to consult virtually CT6 NCCs and Partners on their CTI bilateral projects and M&E (in preparation for developing M&E system)

In Quarter 2 of 2021, these are planned:

- To consult virtually with CT6 NCCs and Partners on their CTI bilateral projects and M&E (in preparation

for developing M&E system)

- To develop (Indicator Performance Tracking table) IPTT, in consultation with TWGs and NCCs and partners
- To develop the M&E system including M&E Plan (Once the RPOA 2.0 and indicators fixed), in consultation with TWGs and NCCs and partners, Online

In Quarter 3 of 2021, these are planned:

- To organize online training on M&E webinars/ online training and if possible, to organize field test
- To develop the M&E tools to collect information, in consultation with CT6 countries and partners

In Quarter 4 (to onward) of 2021, these are planned:

- To organize capacity building initiative (regular basis) Online/face-to face and Field test for the developed tools
- To track the progress based on the M&E plan, through the proposed data sharing methods with certain frequency
- To analysis the collected data from the countries and partners
- To prepare M&E reports, by using the collected information

## Revised draft GESI policy presentation at the WLF online discussion

At the WLF WG online discussion (8 th March), the GESI consultant Dr Ria Fitriana presented the revised draft CTI-CFF GESI Policy. The WLF WG Chair's suggested to Regional Secretariat to circulate an invitation to CT6 NCCs to hold one to one session with the GESI consultant Dr Ria Fitriana. This session prior to PreSOM/SOM is for any clarification regarding the draft GESI Policy document. The WG suggested the RS to add the TOR of Co-chair to the TOR of the Chair of WLF and circulate to WLF WG in preparation for the Pre-SOM meeting. Furthermore, RS proposed that the WLF Secretariat be amended to the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.





## *International Women's Day 2021*

### **Celebrating and empowering women to conserve our marine and coastal ecosystems**

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) through the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF joins all nations in celebrating the International Women's Day.

At CTI-CFF, we believe that women play a major role in the better understanding management and conservation of our marine and coastal ecosystems' invaluable resources. Women contribute in small-scale fisheries through post-harvest activities and in ensuring that their families and communities have access to food. Women leaders have emerged and continue to grow and contribute in marine conservation in the areas of research, public administration, advocacy and community development.

Through the Women Leaders' Forum, CTI-CFF has significantly built capacity and raise awareness among women to assist in addressing the challenges of marine conservation and in introducing sustainable development practices in communities.

Thus, despite the challenges brought about by COVID-19, CTI-CFF remains resolute in its efforts of ensuring that gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) are practiced and promoted in all facets of CTI-CFF endeavors and initiatives. We believe that GESI mainstreaming improves livelihoods and social security and contributes

to higher economic productivity and play an important part in the governance of marine resources.

Through the Women Leaders' Forum, CTI-CFF has developed a draft GESI Policy to provide direction for promoting and mainstreaming GESI in all activities among CT6 member countries, strategic partners and the Regional Secretariat. The GESI Policy is intended to address the current gender inequalities, reduce disparities and ensure equal opportunities, rights and respect for all individual regardless of their gender and social identity in CTI-CFF areas.

We must continue to build sustainable mechanisms for women to contribute and continue to have a major role in the progress and development in their country.

## CTI-CFF RS supports online launch of the Fisheries Resource Center of Indonesia

The Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF supported the launching of the Fisheries Resource Center of Indonesia led by Bogor Agricultural University in Bogor, Indonesia on 11 February 2021.

Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, said that one of the ways to preserve biodiversity and support economic development of countries within the Coral Triangle region is through sustainable fisheries management. This can be done via science exploration, capacity building, bridging by delivering lessons learned, and providing technical assistance and advices. "I am pleased that the goals and objectives of the Fisheries Resource Center are to support sustainable fisheries management



Screenshot of Online Program.

in Indonesia since there are many challenges to address such as the species of many fish groups that need to be sorted and the exploitation of large body fish which affecting stock," he said.

The Center was launched together with the launching of the Grouper Book in Indonesia.

## University Partnership – Indonesia Members meet virtually to revive UP

With the intention of reviving the University Partnership (UP) of CTI-CFF, Prof. Grevo Gerung, the former Coordinator of UP virtually met with UP-Indonesia member universities, namely, Sepuluh Nopember Institute of Technology, Institut Pertanian Bogor, Sam Ratulangi University, and Universitas Hasanuddin.

Prof. Gerung updated the current status of University Partnership and the efforts to reconnect with member universities last year. At the meeting, the group agreed to initially meet online with CT6 member countries in March to get their perspectives on the way forward for UP and conduct a webinar with proposed topics on Fisheries and Marine Science in relation to COVID-19 pandemic in April 2021.

Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of the Regional Secretariat informed the group that he will suggest to the UP during the 16 th Senior Officials Meeting to consider extending the role of Prof. Gerung as UP



Screenshot of the meeting between University Partnership-Indonesia and RS.

Coordinator to be able to implement activities that were planned in 2019 by Prof. Gerung.

The University Partnership of CTI-CFF was formed in 2017 with the intention of capacity building and doing research and outreach activities.



# CTI-CFF Welcomes New Members

The CTI-CFF congratulates and warmly welcomes the new leaders/representatives of member countries of the Council of Ministers, the Committee of Senior Officials and National Coordinating Committee. The CTI-CFF looks forward to further strengthening linkages and cooperation.



**H.E. Sakti Wahyu Trenggono** is the new Minister of Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries. He is the new Indonesia's representative to the Council of Ministers.

Photo taken from [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sakti\\_Wahyu\\_Trenggono](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sakti_Wahyu_Trenggono).



**H.E. Titus Mokofi Fika** is the new Minister of Solomon Islands' Ministry of Environment Climate Change Disaster Management and Meteorology. He is the new Solomon Island's representative to the Council of Ministers.

Photo taken from Solomon Islands Government website.



**H.E. Dr. TB Haeru Rahayu** is the new Director General for Marine Spatial Management of Indonesia's Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries. He is the new Indonesia's representative to the Committee of Senior Officials.

Photo taken from [ropeg.kkp.go.id/pejabat-pusat](https://ropeg.kkp.go.id/pejabat-pusat)



**Ms. Amelita DJ Ortiz** is the Officer-in-Charge of the Office of the Director of the Biodiversity Management Bureau in the Philippines. She is the new NCC Focal Point of the Philippines.

Photo taken from DAP website.



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**H.E. SIR MICHAEL THOMAS SOMARE**

**9 April 1936 - 25 February 2021**

On behalf of the CTI-CFF comprising of six member countries, Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste, the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF expresses its heartfelt condolences and sympathies to the family of the first Prime Minister H.E. Sir Michael Thomas Somare and the government as well as the people of Papua New Guinea on his passing.

H.E. Somare was a well respected leader and a key figure in Papua New Guinea. CTI-CFF greatly honors the commitment H.E. Somare had given to CTI-CFF in realizing the organization's goals. In this moment of sorrow, please accept our profound sympathies and our reassurance that CTI-CFF will honor and remember the valuable contribution of H.E. Sir Michael Thomas Somare of Papua New Guinea.





Screenshot of participants of Audit Exit Meeting.

## PKF Hadiwinara, conducts Financial Audit Exit Meeting with RS

PKF Hadiwinata, a Public Accounting Firm based in Indonesia and the appointed external auditor of the Regional Secretariat (RS) by the Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials, conducted an Audit Exit Meeting with the members of the Internal Audit Committee of RS on 25 March 2021.

The financial audit of the CTI CFF resources managed by RS and its program activities for the Year 2020 has commenced in February 2021 and the Financial audit is anticipated to be completed by 31 March 2021.

### CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:

**5 April 2021:** Presentation of SUFIA PLOCA Survey Results

**5-6 April 2021:** Pre-Symposium Workshop – Training MPA for Sharks and Rapid Assessment Tools (RAT)

**5-8 April 2021:** 3rd Sharks and Rays Online Symposium, Hosted by Indonesia’s Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Conservation International and WWF,

**6-7 April 2021:** Continuation of the finalization of the draft RPOA 2.0 Workshop and M&E Indicators (online)

**12- 15 April 2021**(tentative): Pre-SOM (online)

**19-22 April 2021** (tentative): 16 th Senior Officials Meeting

**26 April 2021**(tentative) :8 th Ministerial Meeting

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## RS Staff deepen understanding of coral reefs and mangrove habitats (in teambuilding exercise)

In the efforts to deepen their understanding of coastal and marine habitats such as coral reefs and mangroves, the RS Staff conducted a fieldtrip to Siladen and Bunaken islands, as part of its teambuilding activity.

The staff also interacted with the community in Siladen, particularly with women whose activities includes gathering and peeling Indian almonds that grow in the area and used them to make a local delicacy "halua," similar to a candy bar, with brown palm sugar.

On Bunaken island, the staff saw the enormous amount of trash, which was mostly plastics that arrived with the currents. Such exposure to the threats to the marine environment intensifies the Staff's resolution to support efforts to resolve the marine litter problems in the CTI-CFF member countries.

Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of the Regional Secretariat also demonstrated the correct safety and rescue procedures, especially while conducting water activities such as during boat trips, island observation and snorkeling/diving.

The teambuilding activity is intended to be an annual activity for the staff to enrich appreciation of the CTI-CFF to protect and conserve the marine and coastal resources of the region whilst promoting camaraderie and team spirit.



Top to bottom photos: RS Staff during the Teambuilding Exercise.

## Thank you and Farewell to RS Staff

The Regional Secretariat (RS) extends its thanks and appreciation to Mr. Ayodya Satryo Anggorojati for the dedication and hard work he had shown during his time at the Secretariat. RS wishes him well in his future endeavors.





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