



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY

The 11th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-11)

2 - 3 December 2015

**The Coral Triangle Information and Learning Center
(The CTI Learning Center) Building
Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia**

Adopted on 3rd December 2015

by

**The Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

I. Opening Session

The Eleventh Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-11), hereinafter referred to as the (“Meeting”) of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) was held in Manado, Indonesia on 2-3 December 2015.

The Meeting was attended by the delegations from the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste. In addition, the following CTI-CFF partners and observers also attended the Meeting: Australian Government-Department of the Environment, U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Conservation International (CI), Coral Triangle Center (CTC), the Nature Conservancy (TNC), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Global Environment Facility (GEF), the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Rare Indonesia and the Embassy of Indonesia in Brussel. The full list of participants is attached as Annex I.

The SOM-11 had the following agenda:

1. Host Country Agreement (HCA) on Privileges and Immunities between the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF;
2. Report of Activities of CTI-CFF since SOM-10;
3. Amendment of the CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure on the accession of a new member party;
4. The Status of Brunei Darussalam as a New Member State of CTI-CFF;
5. Progress on the amendment to the Agreement on Establishment and Staff Regulation of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in relation to the Executive Director appointment mechanism;
6. Status of the ratification of the Agreement on the Establishment of Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF;
7. Progress on the Appointment for Deputy Executive Directors (Corporate & Program Services) of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat;

8. Review the financial report for 2015 and proposed 2016 budget of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat;
9. Review the progress of CT6 implementation of National Plan of Actions (NPOA);
10. Review and endorse the thematic working group reports which includes the plan of actions and progress in the implementation of priority actions;
11. To acknowledge and endorse the governance working group reports which includes the recommendations for the implementations of the respective working group mandates;
12. Review and endorse cross-cutting initiatives resolution such as the Regional Business Forum (RBF); Business Advisory Council (BAC); Local Government Network (LGN); Women's Leaders Forum (WLF); and Capacity Building;
13. Review the progress and implementation of the CTI-CFF approved Activities for 2015 and the Calendar of Activities for 2016;
14. Update on the status of cooperation between CTI-CFF and new collaborators (e.g. SEAFDEC, SPREP, GIZ, FAO, etc.) and CTI-CFF Partners (e.g. USAID, Australian Government, CTC, etc.);
15. Preparation for the handover of the Chair and Vice-chairs of the CTI-CSO and CTI-COM for 2016;
16. Tentative date venue of the 12th Senior Officials' Meeting and the 6th Meeting of Council of Ministers; and
17. Update on the list of scientific experts and its mechanism in order to utilize the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG).

The meeting preceded by the inauguration of the Coral Triangle Information and Learning Center (CTIL) Building in Manado, Indonesia by the Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Her Excellency Susi Pudjiastuti on the 1st December 2015.

The meeting commenced with a Gala Dinner on 1st of December 2015 where the Host Country Agreement was signed between the Government of Indonesia, represented by Prof. Ir. Sjarief Widjaja, Ph.D, FRINA, Secretary

General/Acting Director General of Marine Spatial Management of Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia and the Executive Director of the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF, Dr. Widi Agoes Pratikto. The signing was witnessed by His Excellency Mao Zemming, Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources of Papua New Guinea on behalf of the CTI-CFF Chair of Council of Ministers (CTI-COM) and Her Excellency Susi Pudjiastuti, Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Republic of Indonesia.

The Meeting commenced the following day on 2nd December 2015 and was chaired by Ms. Yvonne Tio, Executive Manager of the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority of Papua New Guinea. She was assisted by co-chairs from the CTI-CFF Member States delegation.

The Meeting reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda for the SOM-11 prepared by the Regional Secretariat. The revised agenda is attached as Annex 1(a).

II. Decisions

After much due deliberation, the Meeting decided the following decisions:

1. Report Activities of CTI-CFF since SOM-10 (Annex 2)

- a. Acknowledged the signing of the Host Country Agreement between the Republic of Indonesia and the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat;
- b. Acknowledged the progress of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Report Activities since 10th SOM; and
- c. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to prepare a detailed Activities Report since 10th SOM for publication.

2. Amendment of the CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure on the accession of a new member party (Annex 3)

- a. Agreed to adopt the new text of paragraph of Rule 21 (3) on “New CTI-CFF Party” of Rules of Procedure to read as follows:

“A State shall become a CTI-CFF Party with full rights when all of the requirements of paragraph (2) have been met, and the instrument of accession have been submitted to the Depository”

- b. Recommended the amended version of Rules of Procedure for CTI-COM approval.

3. The Status of Brunei Darussalam as A New Member State of CTI-CFF (Annex 4)

Endorsed Brunei Darussalam as a new member of CTI-CFF subject to the submission of the Head of State’s adoption to the CTI Leaders’ Declaration on CTI-CFF; and the submission of the Instrument of Accession to the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to the Depository.

4. Progress on the amendment to the Agreement on Establishment and Staff Regulation of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in relation to the Executive Director appointment mechanism (Annex 5)

In the event that no written proposal signed by the Minister of Timor-Leste is submitted, this matter will remain pending.

5. Status of the Ratification of the Agreement on the Establishment of Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF (Annex 6)

- a. Noted and appreciated the ratification of the Philippines on the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 24 November 2014 and submission of the instrument of ratification on 8 January 2015;
- b. Encouraged Papua New Guinea to expedite the ratification process of the Agreement on the Establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat; and
- c. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to facilitate Papua New Guinea in its process of ratification of the Agreement on the Establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.

6. Progress on the Appointment for Deputy Executive Directors (Corporate & Program Services) of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (Annex 7)

- a. Acknowledged the recruitment mechanism for Deputy Executive Directors presented by the Regional Secretariat and noted that the recruitment mechanism shall commence on 2nd December 2015.
- b. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to work closely with NCCs to advertise the two positions within respective the CTI-CFF Member States.

7. CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Budget (Annex 8)

- a. Noted the unaudited 2015 Financial Report of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat presented at SOM-11;

- b. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to provide an audited Financial Report for 2015 at the 12th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-12);
- c. Agreed to revisit the activities of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat at SOM12 to review the actual contributions of the countries;
- d. Adopted the 2014 - 2015 indicative CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat budget and operation plan, particularly the staffing and structure in determining succeeding annual budget plans starting from 2016 and 2017;
- e. Agreed that the schedule of country contributions approved by the Special SOM in May 2014 will be applied for 2016;
- f. Noted the urgent need to appoint an independent Auditor to review the 2015 financial report; and
- g. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to note Indonesia contributions in the financial report.

8. CTI-CFF Country Reports (Annex 9)

- a. Acknowledged the activities and efforts of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, the Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste in achieving the goals of their NPOAs and the RPOA.
- b. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to compile and publish the country reports and evaluate the implementation of the National Plan of Actions (NPOAs) in relation to the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA).

9. Technical Working Group Reports (Annex 10(a) to (e))

9.1 Seascope Working Group

- a. Acknowledged the continued support provided by the Australian Government to the Seascopes WG through Conservation International for the operation, maintenance, coordination and conduct of program activities of the working group;

- b. Acknowledged the contribution of the Mini REX in the development of the Seascapes Model and Framework and endorsed the timeline for the completion and finalization of the General Model and Framework as well as the regional monitoring and evaluation indicators;
- c. Recognized Bismarck Solomon Seas Ecoregion as potential priority seascapes noting the need for technical and financial support and aims to learn from experiences of the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascapes;
- d. Endorsed the conduct of the Seascapes Southeast Asia Mini REX in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia on 8-10 December 2015;
- e. Encouraged the WG to continue to work with the other thematic technical working groups and to identify pathways for collaboration with other existing programs, projects, and activities such as the write-shop in April 2016, the full REX in September 2016 and the TWG meeting in 2016;
- f. Tasked the WG to complete the Seascapes monitoring and evaluation indicators by SOM12 and to utilize the CTI-CFF Monitoring and Evaluation System in preparing and consolidating regional thematic Seascape reports; and
- g. Endorsed the SWG Work Plan for 2016

9.2 Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management Working Group

- a. Endorsed the turn-over of the TWG Chairmanship from Indonesia to Solomon Islands by November 2015. The TWG will decide the subsequent Vice-Chair;¹
- b. Tasked the EAFM WG to coordinate with the Regional Secretariat in planning for a regional workshop on Sustainable Management of Tunas in 2016;

¹ Minutes of the 2nd EAFM TWG Meeting, May 2012

- c. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to explore with other partners who may be able to provide financial and technical support for the Coast Fish Workshop in 2016;
- d. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to assist the EAFM WG in sorting out the TOR for collaborative arrangements with the RPOA-IUU Secretariat building on the IUU Fishing Action Plan updated in April 2015 in Yogyakarta;
- e. Agreed to start a discussion at country level for the implementation of the recommendations in the study entitled “Evaluation of Options for a Consultative Forum on LRFFT in the CT Region and Adjacent Areas.”
- f. Acknowledged the efforts of the Regional Secretariat to facilitate and follow through key EAFM activities such as meetings with SEAFDEC and in pursuing opportunities to secure funding and technical support from partners;
- g. Agreed to endorse the agreements made by CTI and SEAFDEC to jointly implement activities and programs to promote sustainable fisheries management in the Coral Triangle region, namely:
 - i. The conduct of capacity building activities on EAFM
 - ii. The conduct of joint research program
 - iii. Information development, dissemination and information networking
- h. Noted the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape EAFM Implementation Plan and tasked the WG Chair to consult member countries for further development of the plan; and
- i. Endorsed the EAFM TWG work plan for 2016.

9.3 Marine Protected Areas Working Group

- a. Acknowledged the support provided by the Asian Development Bank in supporting the MPA TWG Coordinator position and noted the key role and significant contribution of the Coordinator in facilitating the accomplishment of targets and the priority actions;

- b. Noted the progress made by the MPA WG and also the need for further financial resources;
- c. Adopted the results of the round-2 CTMPAS nominations made by the MPA Working Group and external reviewers and tasked the Working Group to initiate the 3rd round of CTMPAS nominations;
- d. Endorsed the design of the Regional MPA Recognition Awards and agree to start the awarding next year, 2016 and called on development partners for support; and
- e. Endorsed the MPA TWG Work Plan 2016.

9.4 Climate Change Adaptation Working Group

- a. Noted the immense need for financial, technical support and strong engagement by TWG members in order to implement the regional priority actions as outlined in the RPOA and RPW-2;
- b. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to assist the WG to secure funding support for all pending program activities;
- c. Endorsed WWF to work with TWG and Regional Secretariat in developing the concept notes for REX on Center of Excellence and for Pacific American Climate Fund (PACAM) for securing financing systems for Climate Change Adaptation Market Place; and
- d. Endorsed CCA TWG 2016 Work Plan.

9.5 Threatened Species Working Group

- a. Noted and acknowledged the support provided by partners by sharing their technical papers and reference materials for the development of regional conservation plans for threatened species;
- b. Acknowledged the efforts of the Regional Secretariat in pursuing opportunities to secure funding and technical support for TS

priority action by signing a MOU with Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) for a joint turtle conservation project;

- c. Noted the need for financial and technical support in order to implement the TS regional priority actions as outlined in the RPOA and RPW-2 and called on partners to help facilitate partnership-building for the implementation of these actions;
- d. Tasked the working group to proceed in implementing or conducting the various priority actions in order to achieve Goal 5 of the RPOA; and
- e. Endorsed the 2016 Work Plan of the TSWG.

10. Governance Working Group Report (Annex 11(a) to (c))

10.1. Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG)

- a. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to publish a handbook (or e-book) on the Establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat which includes the Rules of Procedures; Staff Regulations; and Financial Regulations;
- b. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to publish the History of CTI-CFF, the CTI Leaders' Declaration and the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) to enable CTI to be reach to a wider range of audience;
- c. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to continue developing the branding strategy for project development and fund-raising pursuits; and
- d. Endorsed and agreed to recommend to CTCOM to transfer the mandate of the CMWG to the Regional Secretariat.

10.2. Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG)

- a. Adopted the Final Report on the CTI Financial Architecture Study, and be guided by recommendations contained therein;

- b. Requested SOM to review the discussion brief “CTI-BDU: Initial Activities” and “Structure and Mechanisms of a CTI Regional Fund” Draft Decision Document both prepared in FRWG March 2015 and submitted at SOM 11, and support continuing design activities related to the CTI Regional Fund;
- c. Encouraged member countries to facilitate and complete their NPOA costing exercise;
- d. Encouraged Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Malaysia and PNG to facilitate scoping and design activities to package “showcase” projects for potential funding under the initial activities of the proposed BDU / Project Preparation Facility;
- e. Encouraged Philippines and Indonesia to confirm candidate “showcase” sites for potential funding under initial activities under proposed BDU / Project Preparation Facility;
- f. Tasked the Regional Secretariat and countries to facilitate continued development of ADB/GEF concept on “Scaling Up Investments and Sustainable Financing Mechanisms in Coral Triangle”, which, if approved, will provide additional required financing for critical activities related to the Regional Secretariat, and RPOA/NPOA; and
- g. Transferred responsibility for FRWG coordination to Regional Secretariat subject to CTI-COM approval.

10.3. Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG)

- a. Endorsed the Monitoring and Evaluation System Operation Manual as the policy document and tasked the Regional Secretariat to ensure its implementation;
- b. Tasked the MEWG to work with the Regional Secretariat to liaise with WorldFish on the options for transferring the operation and maintenance of CT Atlas to the Regional Secretariat and recognised the need for sustainable financial resources for the operation of the CT Atlas;

- c. Acknowledged the endorsement and adoption of Goal 2 (Ecosystem Approach to Management of Fisheries and other Marine Resources Fully Applied) indicators;
- d. Encouraged other Technical Working Groups (Seascapes and Threatened Species) to finalize its indicators; and
- e. Noted the urgency for financial support for an M&E coordinator.

11. Cross-cutting Initiatives: Regional Business Forum (RBF), Business Advisory Council (BAC), Local Government Network (LGN); Women’s Leadership Forum (WLF); and Capacity Building (Annex 12(a) to (e))

11.1. Regional Business Forum (RBF)

- a. Encouraged CTI-CFF member countries to adopt the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) Criteria as the baseline standard for sustainability in travel and tourism in marine protected areas in the Coral Triangle and adapt these to fit local conditions;
- b. Endorsed the creation of a task force under the MPA Technical Working Group that will identify ways to promote sustainable marine tourism standards in marine protected areas. The task force will be led by Indonesia NCC and the Coral Triangle Center. Other Members will include representatives from Regional Secretariat, NCCs, partner organizations, Tourism Ministries of the CTI-CFF member countries, and marine tourism industry associations. WWF and CI have also expressed interest to become members. The TOR of the task force will be presented at the next SOM;
- c. Noted that there is a study funded by the Government of Australia and undertaken by WWF entitled “Developing and Promoting Sustainable Nature-Based Tourism in the Coral Triangle”, the results of which will support the task force; and
- d. Endorsed the conduct of the 5th Regional Business Forum in 2017 with the continued thematic focus on marine tourism, and finalize the next host country before SOM12.

11.2. Business Advisory Council (BAC)

- a. Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in cooperation with CTI-CFF member countries to pursue vigorously the establishment of the Business Advisory Council;
- b. Noted the challenges encountered in establishing the Business Advisory Council and task the Regional Secretariat to clarify the purpose of the Council; and
- c. Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to study successful models of business councils i.e ASEAN Business Advisory Council and adapt it to the CTI-CFF context.

11.3. Local Government Network (LGN)

- a. Acknowledged the support of Regional Secretariat, NCCs, USAID, US DOI, NOAA, CTC, WWF, TNC to the LGN;
- b. Acknowledged the officers, organizational and membership structure and strategic purpose of the CTI-CFF LGN finalized at the 3rd CTI-CFF LGN Meeting in Alotau, PNG;
- c. Endorsed the conduct of the CTI-CFF LGN General Assembly to be held in March/April 2016 in Wakatobi, Indonesia; and
- d. Endorsed the CTI-CFF LGN Roadmap as presented during SOM 11, which will be implemented with the support of partners CTC, TNC and WWF. The roadmap will enable the network to become an effective and self-reliant CTI-CFF LGN.

11.4. Women's Leadership Forum (WLF)

- a. Included/Incorporated gender measures into the CTI M&E Operations Manual. The indicators will be prepared by the WLF Secretariat in collaboration with the WLF focal points and submitted at the next CTI M&E Working Group Meeting;
- b. Encouraged all CTI-CFF Technical Working Groups to engage and utilize the pool of women leaders in the CI-CFF Member

States trained under WLF's various capacity building activities as resource persons or participants in their respective workshops;

- c. Encouraged CTI-CFF member countries to link with ministries women empowerment in CTI-CFF WLF activities (this was earlier placed under planned activities); and
- d. Acknowledged the support of USAID, US DOI, CTC, NOAA, ADB, WWF, TNC, CI, and GIZ in the conduct of WLF activities.

11.5. Capacity Building

- a. Endorsed the capacity building needs assessment and mapping of knowledge and training centers, and task the Regional Secretariat, supported by Coral Triangle Center and WWF, to undertake the assessment within a one-year period and to report the outcomes in the next SOM.
- b. Recognized the offer from Coral Triangle Center and Wakatobi Conservation Campus, to support the Regional Secretariat in implementing regional capacity building activities across the Region and recognize its potential to become one of the CTI-CFF Regional Centers for Marine Conservation Capacity Building.

12. Calendar of Activities (Annex 13)

- a. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to regularly update the Calendar of Activities (Annex 13) once detailed information for each event is available and dates are confirmed;
- b. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to establish a Certification Program to recognize academic and research institutions in member countries as CTI-CFF center of excellence and develop a set of criteria for the purpose;
- c. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to publish the updated roadmap in the CTI-CFF website; and
- d. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to provide information on the events in the Calendar and work with the CTI-CFF Member States to update it.

13. Reports of Cooperation Arrangements (Annex 14)

- a. Acknowledged and noted progress of CTI-CFF Partners' initiatives to support the CTI-CFF;
- b. Agreed that implementation of Partners' regional activities supporting CTI-CFF should be channeled through the Regional Secretariat for relevant monitoring;
- c. Encouraged Partners' to continue working with NCCs in project planning implementation and alignment with the the CTI-CFF Member States' NPOAs;
- d. Acknowledged results of the 1st Regional Workshop on Combating IUU Fishing and Sustainable Fisheries Exercise that intensifying prevention and eradication IUU fishing as crime that requires further cooperation, including the CTI-CFF Member States; and
- e. Noted the presentation of Indonesia to develop the CT Information and Learning Center and request NCC Indonesia to provide detailed information/proposal to the next SOM.

14. Preparation for CTI-CSO and CTI-COM handover in 2016 (Annex 15)

- a. Acknowledged and appreciated Papua New Guinea as the current Chair and the Philippines as the vice-Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) and Council of Ministers (COM) for the period of two years from 16 May 2014 to 16 May 2016 or such time when the Ministerial Meeting will be held after May 2016;
- b. Acknowledged that there will be a handover of the Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship of the CTI-COM and CTI-CSO from Papua New Guinea and the Philippines, to the Philippines and Solomon Islands in 2016, respectively; and
- c. Agreed that the date and venue for SOM-12 will be held back-to-back with the 6th Ministerial Meeting in Papua New Guinea in 2016.

15. Other Matters: Establishment of Scientific Advisory Group (SAG)
(Annex 16)

Noted the progress made by the Regional Secretariat with regards to the establishment of the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG).

III. Closing Session

The meeting was closed with the review and signing of the SOM-11 Chairman's Summary.

Indonesia made closing remarks and thank all delegates for successful completion of SOM-11.

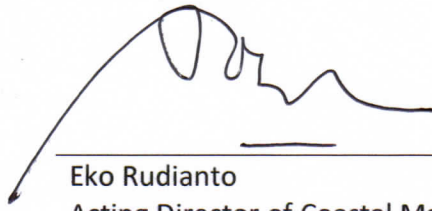
The Regional Secretariat Executive Director expressed his appreciation and wills CT6 for their support towards the Regional Secretariat team. Pledges close engagement with CT6 in progressing the tasks entrusted to his Office.

The Chair expressed her profound thanks and appreciation to all delegates for the productive discussions and commended the constructive outcome of the deliberations. She also thanks the Government of Indonesia and Regional Secretariat for hosting SOM-11.

The participating delegations also conveyed their deep gratitude to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia for hosting the Meeting, and the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and warmly thanked Ms. Yvonne Tio for her competent chairing and appreciated the Regional Secretariat for facilitating the meeting.

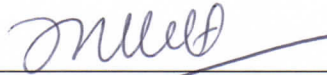
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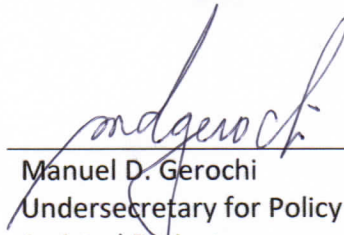
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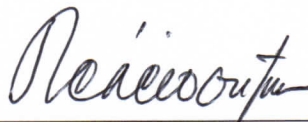
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