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ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex – 10(b)

Decision Document on

Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management Working Group

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

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

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by

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

I. Background

The 10th SOM in November 2014 in Dili, Timor-Leste made a couple of decisions which included among others to review and implement, where appropriate, the recommendation from the study “Evaluation of Options for a Consultative Forum on Live Reef Food Fish Trade (LRFFT) in the Coral Triangle (CT) Region and Adjacent Areas.” SOM also endorsed the agreed Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) monitoring and evaluation indicators and tasked the group to report on EAFM goals, targets and priorities using the EAFM indicators. We also tasked the Regional Secretariat to assist the EAFM WG in securing funding and technical support for EAFM priority actions, and at the same time, requested partners to clarify support for EAFM regional actions and activities.¹

Guided by the above-mentioned decisions, the group carried out activities to follow up the implementation of the priority actions outlined in the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) and in the second Regional Priorities Workshop (RPW-2). The group conducted the 5th EAFM Working Group meeting² and the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape EAFM Implementation Planning Meeting³ in June 2015 in Manado, Indonesia. The Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape EAFM Implementation Planning Meeting was the first multi-national meeting in the Coral Triangle region aimed at developing operational plans to implement transboundary EAFM.

In addition to the above activities, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat also entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) to promote sustainable fisheries management in the Coral Triangle region. Following up this MOU, the WG Chair together with the Regional Secretariat met with the (SEAFDEC) to map out the implementation of the MOU between SEAFDEC and CTI. The Regional Secretariat also met with USAID-RDMA for possible funding support to various EAFM programs and activities.

II. Decision

Based on the presentation by the WG Chair and discussions during the session on *Technical Work Group Reports - Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management* at SOM11, the Senior Officials hereby:

¹ Annex 18 - Decision on the EAFM WG Report, SOM10 Chairman’s Summary, November 2014.

² Minutes of the 5th EAFM Meeting, June 2015.

³ Sulu-Sulawesi Seascapes EAFM Implementation Planning Meeting Report, June 2015.

1. Endorsed the turn-over of the TWG Chairmanship from Indonesia to Solomon Islands by November 2015. The TWG will decide the subsequent Vice-Chair;⁴
2. Tasked the EAFM WG to coordinate with the Regional Secretariat in planning for a regional workshop on Sustainable Management of Tunas in 2016;
3. 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;
4. 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;
5. 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.”
6. 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;
7. 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:
 - a. The conduct of capacity building activities on EAFM
 - b. The conduct of joint research program
 - c. Information development, dissemination and information networking
8. Noted the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape EAFM Implementation Plan and tasked the WG Chair to consult member countries for further development of the plan; and
9. Endorsed the EAFM TWG work plan for 2016.

⁴ Minutes of the 2nd EAFM TWG Meeting, May 2012

Attachments:

Attachment 10.2 EAFM Working Group Report for SOM11

Attachment 10.3 Summary of Recommendations from the study Evaluation of Options for a Consultative Forum on LRFFT in the CT Region and Adjacent Areas.

Attachment 10.4 CTI-SEAFDEC MOU Implementation Plan.