

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

In summary, this study recommends as follows:

- 1. That the RFMO model for the consultative regional forum is not appropriate at this time for a variety of reasons relating to time (and cost) required to develop and enter into force the necessary legal Convention as its foundation, the complexity of the LRFFT itself and the number of issues to be resolved before an RFMO could be considered. Reassurance would also need to be provided concerning the level of high level commitment and political will necessary to support the RFMO model going forward.**
- 2. That the progress made to convene an inaugural forum in the “regional advisory body with Secretariat” format should be maintained, with SEAFDEC proceeding to be proactive in “drafting the roadmap, developing the terms of reference (TOR), and identifying the organizational requirements of the Forum”, assuming that an MoU between CTI-CFF Secretariat and SEAFDEC will be approved and appropriate instruments of cooperation signed.**
- 3. That the national fora envisioned as key parts of the consultative forum process should be scoped and developed as soon as possible, preferably in the first half of 2014, and possibly involving Indonesia, Philippines and Malaysia in the first instance. These fora may have local sub-divisions as required.**
- 4. That the first regional forum be convened before the end of 2014, following all necessary approvals for partnership agreements, TOR, structure and functions, with national fora also having been convened and providing initial input to the first regional forum.**