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I. Introduction

The Coral Triangle's vast marine resources provide direct economic benefits to more than 360 million people in the region, and many more beyond. The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) and its Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) together with the National Plans of Action for the six countries, provide an important platform for national and regional collaboration and a powerful advocacy bloc that can transform ocean management such that ecosystem considerations become central to economic and social policies and strategies, rather than separate and often competing initiatives.

There is significant evidence pointing to the value of taking gender into consideration when designing and implementing conservation and development programs and projects. The Preamble of the Convention on Biological Diversity, paragraph 13, recognizes "the vital role that women play in the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and affirming the need for the full participation of women at all levels of policy making and implementation for biological diversity conservation."

Threats to the Coral Triangle, and efforts to address these threats, may impact differently upon men and women. Men and women have different skills and perspectives to contribute in addressing these threats. Programs and projects that don't factor in gender risk being inappropriate or inaccessible for a large proportion of target communities, or even amplifying existing social inequalities within target communities. The Coral Triangle community already includes a large number of women in leadership roles, both within the Coral Triangle countries, CTI-CFF partners, and the broader stakeholder community

A number of CTI-CFF stakeholders, representing government and partner organizations, realized that a formal platform - such as a leadership forum - recognized by all six Coral Triangle countries would highlight these women's leadership initiatives and inspire more women to do the same. This affords an excellent opportunity to profile the important contribution they are making to realize the goals of the CTI-CFF. Profiling the women leaders of the CTI-CFF in this way may help underscore the importance and potential for the CTI-CFF to act as a vehicle to promote equitable resource management and development.

The CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum was presented and adopted the 9th CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting in Manila, Philippines last November 2013. The Forum is envisioned to function as a peer-learning network for women who are playing key leadership roles in sustaining the marine resources of the Coral Triangle region, recognize the achievement of grassroots women leaders who are championing marine conservation in the six Coral Triangle countries, and serve as platform to build the capacity of women from the Coral Triangle to take leadership roles in preserving and sustaining the region's unique marine and coastal resources.

The Forum also aims to support the CTI-CFF in integrating gender principles in its activities under its Regional and National Plans of Action and thus, becoming a world leader in integrated, gender sensitive conservation and development. This will be done by collecting and sharing tools as well as good practices that integrate gender principles in marine conservation and sustainability projects and weaving it into existing CTI-CFF structures and activities outlined by the CTI-CFF Regional and National Plans of Action.

Activity Description and Objectives

The launch of the CTI-CFF Women's Leadership Forum was a two-hour side event held on May 13, 2014 in conjunction with the CTI-CFF Special Senior Official Meeting and the 5th CTI Ministerial Meeting in Manado, Indonesia. The side event met the following objectives:

1. formally introduced the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum to CTI-CFF stakeholders, partners, and the public;
2. kicked off a series of CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum activities planned for the year;
3. highlighted women leaders who have successfully led marine resource conservation programs in the Coral Triangle that have integrated gender principles in their development and implementation;
4. fostered a sense of collective action and motivation to integrate gender principles in CTI-CFF activities; and
5. encouraged CTI-CFF stakeholders and partners to nominate focal points to form the CTI-CFF Gender Technical Working Group.

The CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum's outputs included the following:

1. convene for the first time a core group of CTI-CFF individuals and organizations with interest and capacity to design and implement the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum over time;
2. increase awareness and buy-in regarding benefit of integrating gender principles in the CTI-CFF activities;
3. build support that will encourage partners and stakeholders to become involved in CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum activities going forward;
4. integrate gender principles, through submission of a recommendations, in CTI-CFF activities that will be presented at the upcoming CTI-CFF Special Senior Officials Meeting and 5th CTI-CFF Ministerial Meeting in Manado, Indonesia; and
5. propose that the activities and recommendations from the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum becomes a regular part of the CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting

There were 100 men and women who attended the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum Launch, composed of CTI-CFF Senior Officials, representatives from the CTI-CFF Interim Regional Secretariat, CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committees, CTI-CFF Partner Organizations, women leaders who have successfully led marine resource conservation programs in the Coral Triangle, private sector partners, and participants of the World Coral Reef Conference.

The event was hosted by the CTI-CFF Interim Regional Secretariat and the Indonesia CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committee and organized by the US Department of Interior, the Coral Triangle Center, The Nature Conservancy, WWF and the Asian Development Bank.

2. Activity Proceedings

The activity opened with an introduction by Prof. Nor Aieni Haji Mokhtar from the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia and former focal point of the Malaysia CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committee. She gave a brief overview of the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum and thanked the various organizations that made the activity possible.



Prof. Nor Aieni Mokhtar delivers her introduction speech.

She introduced that the forum would spotlight the work of the remarkable women in the region who have contributed towards the goals of the CTI-CFF Leaders Declaration in May 2009. She noted that another aim of the meeting will be to share the experiences of the recent study tour and leadership training in USA, where 13 women leaders were able to take stock on how women can support goals of CTI-CFF. She noted that the CTI-CFF Women Leaders Forum hopes to inspire more women leaders in the future.6.2.

Opening remarks were then followed by a speech from Her Excellency Linda Amalia Sari Gumelar, State Minister for Women Empowerment and Child Protection, Indonesia, represented by Dr. Luly Altruismaty, Special Advisor to the Minister for International Relations, who spoke on behalf of the Minister for Women Empowerment and Child Protection. The full text of the speech can be found in *Annex 7.2*.



Dr. Luly Altruismaty reads the welcome remarks.

This was followed by the official gong sounding, indicating the formal beginning of the forum, and presentation of gift by US Department of Interior Project Manager Patricia Bickley to Dr. Altruismaty. Next on the agenda was the presentation of a video showing the background of CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum and an introduction of the six grassroots women leaders who were recognized in the afternoon.

Following the video, the award ceremony to recognize the six selected women leaders began. The awards were presented by representatives of the CTI-CFF Interim Regional Secretariat, Indonesia CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committee and development partners. Following this photo opportunities were taken with wider ranging representative supporters of this initiative. A posthumous recognition was then given to Creusa Hittipeuw, a grassroots woman leader from Indonesia who devoted her life to

marine turtle conservation.

Next on the agenda was a panel discussion on women leadership in environment and economic sustainability, led by Rili Djohani (CTC) with two key panelists Yuli Ismartono from Tempo Newspaper and Suzy Hutomo from The Body Shop Indonesia. The question posed was how to go about changing mindsets to support women's leadership.

The speakers offered diverse insights. Ms. Ismartono noted that women need to have greater access to information, linking environmental issues to women's daily activities. There is also a need to identify "key change agents" on how to reach women, especially those in remote areas. One way to reach women is through community radios and working with community organizations that can be critical conduits for

sharing knowledge and information. In many areas there is already a traditional approach for women gatherings.

Meanwhile, Ms. Hutomo highlighted that when talking of women leadership the conversation is usually about challenges and constraint; rather we should talk about opportunities. She noted that women have the ability to think of multiple benefits, rather than singular results. She also pointed out that women have strong leadership qualities that are not being taken advantage of, and the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum can share those leadership skills and abilities to be leaders. She added that women are more participative leaders, stronger interpersonal skills than male counterparts, more open, and collaborative. As such it is important to have a platform for successful women to share their experiences with each other and others who want to learn and create communities to build and help each other.



L-R: Ms. Suzy Hutomo, Ms.Yuli Ismartono and Ms.Rili Djohani during the panel discussion.

There was a short question and answer during the panel discussion followed by a Solidarity Speech from USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia, Regional Environment Director, Mr. Alfred Nakatsuma. Mr. Nakatsuma highlighted the important role of women in achieving the goals of the CTI-CFF. "CTI-CFF is ambitious, and investing in women is critical to achieve the goals we want to reach.," he said. He added that the US Government will continue to support women leaders as studies have shown that when you invest in women you get a big payback. "We invest in women not because we want to be fair. But we want to be effective. Women get the job done! Women not only achieve for the present, but also lay the seeds for the next generation to do it better," he said.

Following the speech, Dr. Ahsanal Kasasiah of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia presented the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum Recommendation to the CTI-CFF Special Senior Officials Meeting. The full text of the recommendation is in *Annex 7.3*. In support of this, one of the women awardees, Ms. Piwen Langarap from Papua New Guinea read the CTI-CFF Women Leaders Statement. See *Annex 7.5* for full text.



L-R: Dr. Ahsanal Kasasiah reads the recommendations to the CTI-CFF Special Senior Officials Meeting and Ms. Piwen Langarap reads CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Statement.

Following this, the CTI-CFF Women Leaders Database was presented by Dr. Annadel Cabanban. The CTI Women Leaders database, contained in a computer disc, contains the initial database on the women-leaders in the Coral Triangle region. This is prepared to assist in achieving the vision of a peer-learning network for women, who are leading the promotion of sustainable use of marine resources in the Coral Triangle region.



The database contains information on the names, title, position in agency/organization, and contact details. This initial database is extracted from the lists of participants in the numerous meetings and workshops conducted under the US CTI Support Program from 2009 to 2013. The database will be reviewed and revised to make it current and to include information on expertise and specific interests in the Goals of the CTI-CFF. To expand the database, attendees at the CTI-CFF Women Leaders Forum launch were requested to fill in the sign-up sheets. The initial database is one of the tools that will help women leaders connect and learn from each other.

Coral Triangle Center Executive Director Rili Djohani gave the closing remarks and thanked everyone who

attended the event. She noted that a plan of action and roadmap is being developed to map out the activities of the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum. Some specific activities include having a special session with women government executives at the CTI-CFF Local Government Network Forum this year and women leaders side event at the CTI-CFF Regional Tourism Business Forum.

3. Recognition and Small Grant Award for Grassroots Women Leaders

The Coral Triangle community already includes a large number of women in leadership roles, both within the Coral Triangle countries, CTI-CFF partners, and the broader stakeholder community. The CTI-CFF Grassroots Women Leaders Recognition and Small Grant Award aimed to highlight these women's leadership initiatives and in turn inspire more women to take stronger roles in conserving and managing their marine resources in the world's epicenter of marine biodiversity.



L-R: Ms. Marta Lotang, Ms. Francesca Winfield, Ms Piwen. Langarap, Ms. Alma Bool, Ms. Moira Dasipio and Ms. Robela Mendes.

The recognition affords an excellent opportunity to profile the important contribution that women leaders at the grassroots level (i.e. those working at the community or local level) are making to realize the goals of the CTI-CFF. Profiling the women leaders of the CTI-CFF in this way may help underscore the importance and potential for the CTI-CFF to act as a vehicle to promote equitable resource management and development.

Criteria for Selection

The CTI-CFF Women Leadership Awards aimed to recognize women leaders from the six Coral Triangle countries - Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste – who:

1. Provide support and leadership to men, women and youth in pursuing environmental protection and conservation at the grassroots level. (20%)
2. Lead marine resource conservation and sustainability projects using innovative and creative means. (20%)
3. Possess keen knowledge on the balance between the social, economic and environmental aspects of marine resource management. (20%)
4. Advocate for positive change to support marine resource conservation in the community under any of the five CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action goals. (20%)
5. Exhibit qualities of teamwork, integrity, and dedication. (20%)

Nomination and Selection Process

CTI-CFF stakeholders and partner organizations were invited to nominate qualified women leaders by filling out the nomination form and describing how the women leaders match the above criteria. Nominating organizations also explained how the small grant prize can help the nominees expand their marine conservation and sustainability projects. Nomination forms (see *Annex 7.6*) were sent via email to the Coral Triangle Center by April 10, 2014.

Nomination forms were then reviewed by a panel of judges composed of the 12 participants of the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Peer Exchange while they were in the United States and two other partner representatives from The Nature Conservancy and Coral Triangle Center.

There were 11 nominations submitted – three from Indonesia, four from Malaysia, two from the Philippines and one each for the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste. One awardee from each country was selected. The winners were announced in the last week of April 2014.

The winners included Marta Lotang from Indonesia, Francesca Ngo Winfield from Malaysia, Piwen Langarap from Papua New Guinea, Alma Bool from the Philippines, Moira Dasipio from the Solomon Islands and Robela Mendes from Timor-Leste.

- Ms. Lotang is the Leader of a local organization called CBO Cinta Persahabatan in Alor, East Nusa Tenggara that actively encourages local law enforcers to pursue cases against those who use dynamite fishing and other unsustainable fishing methods.

- Ms. Winfield is the Chairperson and Founder of the Kudat Turtle Conservation Society in Sabah, a local organization that advocates for community-based sea turtle conservation activities and reduction of illegal fishing activities.
- Ms. Langarap is the Program Coordinator of the Manus Environment Communities Conservation Network. She leads the development and implementation of the locally managed marine area in her community.
- Ms. Bool is the Treasurer of the Sama Samang Nagkakaisang Pamayanan ng Silonay in Oriental Mindoro. Her organization works to increase the community's resilience to climate change through coastal protection and income diversification through a 42-hectare protected mangrove forest in her village.
- Ms. Dasipio is the President of the Mother's Union in Isabel Province. She promotes community based conservation and sustainable natural resource management in her province.
- Ms. Mendes is the Leader of the Com Women's Group in her village located inside Nino Konis Santana National Park in Timor-Leste. She leads a group engaged in alternative sources of livelihood in an effort to reduce dependence in her village's fisheries resources.

Awards and Honors

Each women leader awardee received the following:

1. A small grant of US\$3,000 which will be used to support marine resource conservation and sustainability projects in her community
2. A certificate of recognition for each awardee

The women leaders received their awards at the launch of the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum. The small grant award will be released individually to the recipients between June-July 2014. The grants for the awardees from Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines will



Top L-R: Mr. Pavit Ramachandran of ADB presents the award to Ms Bool, Indonesia NCC Executive Secretary, Dr. Sudirman Saad presents the award to Ms. Lotang, Mr. Alfred Nakatsuma of USAID presents the award to Ms. Langarap. Bottom L-R: Dr. Altruiswaty presents the award to Ms. Dasipio, Ms. Sri Atmini of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fishery of Indonesia presents the award to Ms. Winfield and Mr. Agus Dermawan presents the award to Ms. Mendes.

be facilitated by the Asian Development Bank while the grants for awardees from the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste will be facilitated by the Coral Triangle Center using funds pooled from The Nature Conservancy, WWF and US Department of Interior-CTC.

The awardees were also featured in various communication channels such as the Coral Triangle Center and the CTI-CFF websites as well as a video that will be presented during the award ceremonies. The awardees' travel arrangements from their residence to Manado, Indonesia were sponsored by the US CTI Support Program Integrator.

Capacity Building Session for Women Awardees

On May 12-13, 2014, a resource person from the Coral Triangle Center's Training and Capacity Building Team delivered a customized capacity building program for the six women leaders that covered the following topics: introduction to the Coral Triangle and the CTI-CFF, introduction to marine protected area management, familiarization tour of the Bunaken National Park and one-on-one coaching on project proposal development.

As a result of this capacity building sessions, the six women awardees were able to develop a draft three-page proposal which outlined their plans for the use of their small grant awards and a full proposal due for submission on May 27, 2014.

4. Recognition of CTI-CFF Women Leaders Forum at the CTI-CFF Special Senior Officials Meeting and 5th CTI-CFF Ministerial Meeting

Following the launch of the CTI-CFF Women Leaders Forum on May 13, 2014, the Indonesian delegation presented a set of recommendations to the CTI-CFF Special Senior Officials Meeting on May 14, 2014.(See *Annex 7.3*).

The recommendations specifically asked the CTI-CFF to:

- Support and encourage stakeholders, CT6 governments and partners to become involved in CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum activities
- Consider and integrate gender diversity principles in the development and implementation of its activities
- Include the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum in its annual roadmap of CTI-CFF activities
- Enable the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum to regularly report back on its activities and provide inputs at the CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting.

These recommendations were approved by the CTI-CFF Special Senior Officials Meeting and subsequently by the CTI-CFF Council of Ministers at their 5th Ministerial Meeting on May 15, 2014. See *Annex 7.4*.

These endorsements marked the first time that CTI-CFF specifically recognized the important role that women play in marine conservation and sustainability and the integral role it plays in achieving the Initiative's five conservation and sustainability goals. It also paves the way for the six CTI-CFF member countries to support the CTI-CFF WLF activities in the future.

5. Next Steps

Following the successful launch of the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum and the official endorsement of the CTI-CFF Council of Ministers, the core group of women leaders who attended a peer exchange and leadership training program in the United States supported by USAID, the US Department of Interior and the Coral Triangle Center, have begun developing a roadmap of CTI-CFF Women Leaders Forum activities going forward in collaboration with the CTI-CFF development partners.

In line with this, a monthly teleconference has been organized and facilitated by The Nature Conservancy to bring the women together to brainstorm activities and next steps going forward. USAID, through the US Department of Interior and the Coral Triangle Center, have also lined up several activities in 2014 as part of the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum. These planned activities included a side-event for women executives at the next CTI-CFF Local Government Network Forum, a side-event for women leaders' from the private sector involved in marine conservation at the CTI-CFF Regional Tourism Business Forum and a side-event for women leaders in Timor-Leste who are engaged in marine conservation work during the 10th CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting.

Apart from these activities, a website is also being developed to showcase the activities of the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum. The website will be part of the CTI-CFF Interim Regional Secretariat website.

6. Media Coverage

The CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum generated numerous media coverage from Indonesian as well as international news agencies. Partner organizations also posted updates about the activity on their respective websites. Below are the highlights of the news coverage from the event.

Date: 09 May 2014

Media: Solomon Times Online

Title: **Isabel Grandmother Awarded for Environmental Leadership**

Link: <http://www.solomontimes.com/news/isabel-grandmother-awarded-for-environmental-leadership/8167>

Media: Pacific Islands Report

Title: **Solomon's Woman Receives International Environmental Leadership**

AwardLink: <http://pidp.eastwestcenter.org/pireport/2014/May/05-12-rl.htm>

Date: 13 May 2014

Media: Antara News Agency Indonesia - English Edition

Title: **Women Encouraged to Get Involved in Marine Conservation**

Link: <http://www.antaraneews.com/en/news/94021/women-are-encouraged-to-be-involved-in-the-marine-conservation>

Date: 14 May 2014

Media: Tempo News - Online English Edition

Title: **Indonesian Woman Honored for Marine Resources Activism**

Link: <http://en.tempo.co/read/news/2014/05/14/055577678/Indonesian-Woman-Honored-for-Marine-Resources-Activism>

Media: Radio Australia

Title: **CTI Recognizes Women's Vital Role in Conservation**

Link: <http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/international/radio/onairhighlights/coral-triangle-initiative-recognises-womens-vital-role-in-conservation/1310922>

Date: 15 May 2014

Media: nationaljournal.com

Title: **CTC Countries Highlight Women Leadership in Marine Conservation**

Link: <http://www.nationaljournal.com/library/153490>

Media: eco-business.com

Title: **Women Encouraged To Get Involved In Marine Conservation**

Link: <http://www.eco-business.com/news/women-encouraged-get-involved-marine-conservation/>

LOCAL NEWS

Date: 13 May 2014

Media: Antara News Agency - Bahasa Indonesia Edition

Title: **Perempuan dalam Konservasi Kelautan Perlu Keberpihakan**

Link: <http://www.antaraneews.com/berita/434054/perempuan-dalam-konservasi-kelautan-perlu-keberpihakan>

Media: Poskota News Online

Title: **Peran Perempuan Didorong dalam Konservasi Laut**

Link: <http://poskotanews.com/2014/05/13/peran-perempuan-didorong-dalam-konservasi-laut/>

Media: Antara News - Yahoo News

Title: **KKP Ingatkan Pentingnya Perempuan dalam Konservasi Kelautan**

Link: <https://id.berita.yahoo.com/kkp-ingatkan-pentingnya-perempuan-dalam-konservasi-kelautan-163719941.html>

Media: Harian Neraca Online

Title: **Perempuan Didorong Terlibat Konservasi Laut**

Link: <http://www.neraca.co.id/article/41482/Perempuan-Didorong-Terlibat-Konservasi-Laut>

Date: 14 May 2014

Media: Manado Post

Title: **Women's Leadership Forum Launched in Manado**

Link: http://www.mdopost.com/hariini/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=10627:cti-cff-womens-leadership-forum-launched-in-manado&catid=1:berita-utama&Itemid=50

Media: Jurnal Maritim

Title: **Penghargaan CTI-CFF Women Leaders Forum Dukung Peran Aktif Konservasi Lautan**

Link: <http://jurnalmaritim.com/2014/1/161/penghargaan-cti-cff-women-leaders-forum-dukung-peran-aktif-konservasi-lautan>

Media: MMAF - KP3K News

Title: **Perempuan dalam Konservasi Kelautan Perlu Keberpihakan**

Link: <http://kkji.kp3k.kkp.go.id/index.php/beritabarur/204-perempuan-dalam-konservasi-kelautan-perlu-keberpihakan>

Media: Tribun News North Sulawesi

Title: **Forum Perempuan Pemimpin CTI-CFF Dikukuhkan**

Link: <http://manado.tribunnews.com/2014/05/14/forum-perempuan-pemimpin-cti-cff-dikukuhkan>

Media: [Okezone.com](http://okezone.com)

Title: **Perlindungan Karang Dunia "Di Tangan" Perempuan**

Link: <http://infografis.okezone.com/read/2014/05/13/411/984566/perlindungan-karang-dunia-di-tangan-perempuan>

Mentions in News:

Date: 14 May 2014

Media: Sindo-Trijaya News

Title: **Pejabat Senior 6 Negara Integrasikan Wilayah Konservasi Laut**

Link: <http://www.sindotrijaya.com/news/detail/6605/pejabat-senior-enam-negara-integrasikan-wilayah-konservasi-laut>

Date: 16 May 2014

Media: MetroTVNews Online

Title: **6 Negara CTI Sepakat Bentuk Kelembagaan Regional Permanen**

Link: <http://news.metrotvnews.com/read/2014/05/16/242274/enam-negara-cti-sepakat-bentuk-kelembagaan-regional-permanen>

Media: Presidential Office - Cabinet Secretary News – Indonesia

Title: **6 Negara CTI Sepakat Bentuk Kelembagaan Regional Permanen**

Link: <http://www.setkab.go.id/berita-13026-6-negara-cti-cff-sepakat-membentuk-kelembagaan-regional-parlemen.html>

Media: Harian Jurnas

Title: **Sekretariat Regional CTI-CFF Disepakati Di Manado**

Link: <http://www.jurnas.com/news/134869/Sekretariat-Regional-CTI-CFF-Disepakati-di-Manado-2014/1/Ekonomi/Ekonomi>

Partner Websites:

CTI-CFF Website: **CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum Launched, Honors Six Women Leaders in Marine Conservation**

Link: <http://www.coraltriangleinitiative.org/news/cti-cff-women-leaders%E2%80%99-forum-launched-honors-six-women-leaders-marine-conservation>

Coral Triangle Center: **CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum 2104: Recognizing Women's Leadership in Conserving Marine Biodiversity**

Link: <http://coraltrianglecenter.org/cti-cff-women-leaders-forum-2014-recognizing-womens-leadership-in-conserving-marine-biodiversity/>

Asian Development Bank: **Coral Triangle Countries Highlight Women Leadership in Marine Conservation**

Link: <http://www.adb.org/news/indonesia/coral-triangle-countries-highlight-women-leadership-marine-conservation>

USAID: **Coral Triangle Countries Highlight Women Leadership in Marine Conservation**

Link: <http://www.usaid.gov/asia-regional/press-releases/may-16-2014-coral-triangle-countries-highlight-womens-leadership>

7. Annexes

7.1. Program Book



World Coral Reef Conference 2014
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CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE



CTI-CFF Women Leaders Forum

Manado - Indonesia, 13 May 2014



The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF)

The six Coral Triangle countries – Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste - came together in 2007 to form a multilateral partnership to safeguard the marine and coastal resources of the Coral Triangle region. This landmark Initiative is now known as the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF).

Under the CTI-CFF, the Coral Triangle countries adopted a Regional Plan of Action with five goals: 1) strengthening management of seascapes; 2) applying an ecosystem approach to fisheries management; 3) developing and strengthening the management of marine protected areas; 4) implementing climate change adaptation measures; and 5) protecting threatened marine species.

The CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action Guiding Principles recognizes the role of women and girls in the pursuit of its marine conservation and sustainability goals:

Principle #1: CTI should support people-centered biodiversity conservation, sustainable development, poverty reduction, and equitable benefit sharing; and,

Principle #8: CTI should be inclusive and engage multiple stakeholders.

The CTI-CFF and the Role of Women in Marine Conservation and Sustainability

Threats to the Coral Triangle, and efforts to address these threats, may impact men and women differently. Men and women have different skills and perspectives to contribute in addressing these threats.

Programs and projects that don't factor in gender risk are inappropriate or inaccessible for a large proportion of target communities, and may even amplify existing social inequalities within these communities. The Coral Triangle community already includes a large number of women in leadership roles, both within the Coral Triangle countries, CTI-CFF partners, and the broader stakeholder community.

In the 9th CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting in November 2013, the CTI-CFF called upon Coral Triangle countries to actively engage and incorporate the perspectives of women and girls towards achieving its Regional and National Plans of Action goals and targets.

The CTI-CFF encourages the CTI bodies and its six member countries to clearly demonstrate their engagement with and reflect upon the role of women and girls as stakeholders in CTI activities, and document these actions to provide testament to and serve as a model for gender integration.



The CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum

The CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum is envisioned to function as a peer-learning network for women who are playing key leadership roles in sustaining the marine resources of the Coral Triangle region, recognize the achievement of grassroots women leaders who are championing marine conservation in the six Coral Triangle countries, and serve as a platform to build the capacity of women from the Coral Triangle to take leadership roles in preserving and sustaining the region's unique marine and coastal resources.

The Forum also aims to support the CTI-CFF in integrating gender principles in its activities under its Regional and National Plans of Action and thus, becoming a world leader in integrated, gender sensitive conservation, and development. This will be done by collecting and sharing tools as well as good practices that integrate gender principles in marine conservation and sustainability projects and weaving it into existing CTI-CFF structures and activities outlined by the CTI-CFF Regional and National Plans of Action.

Description and Objectives

The launch of the CTI-CFF Women's Leadership Forum is a two-hour side event which will be held in conjunction with the CTI-CFF Senior Official Meeting and the 5th CTI Ministerial Meeting in Manado, Indonesia in May 2014.

The side event will:

1. formally introduce the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum to CTI-CFF stakeholders, partners, and the public;
2. kick off a series of CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum activities planned for the year;
3. highlight women leaders who have successfully led marine resource conservation programs in the Coral Triangle that have integrated gender principles in their development and implementation; and,
4. foster a sense of collective action and motivation to integrate gender principles in CTI-CFF activities.



Women fishers in Indonesia

This launch is being held following a 12-day, multi-faceted peer exchange in the United States in which 14 women leaders from CT6 countries met with counterparts in Washington, DC and St. Croix, and participated in a targeted leadership training that will result in a 12-month regional action plan for highlighting women's contributions to marine conservation.



Coral Triangle women leaders at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center in West Virginia in April 2014.

Agenda

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| 1:30-1:40 | Welcome Remarks by Prof. Nor Ajani Mokhtar |
| 1:40-1:50 | Opening Remarks by Her Excellency Linda Amalia Sari Gumelar, State Minister for Women Empowerment and Child Protection, Indonesia |
| 1:50-2:00 | Screening video of women marine conservation leaders in the Coral Triangle |
| 2:00-2:20 | Recognition and giving of small grants to six women grassroots leaders who have championed marine resource conservation in the Coral Triangle and successfully integrated gender principles in their programs |
| 2:20-2:40 | Women Entrepreneurs Panel Discussion: Inspiring leadership in environmental and economic sustainability with Ms. Suzy Hutomo, The Body Shop Indonesia and Ms. Yuli Smartono, Tempo Magazine |
| 2:40-2:50 | Solidarity Speech by Mr. Alfred Nakatsuma, USAID |
| 2:50-3:00 | Presentation of CTI WLF Recommendations to the CTI-CFF Special Senior Officials Meeting by Dr. Ahsanal Kasasiah, MMAF Indonesia |
| 3:00-3:10 | CTI WLF Statement |
| 3:10-3:20 | Presentation and Sign-Up of CTI Women Leaders' Database |
| 3:20-3:30 | Closing Remarks and Way Forward by Ms. Rili Djohani, CTC |

SPEAKERS and PANELISTS



H.E. Linda Amalia Sari Gumelar
Minister Gumelar heads the Ministry of Women Empowerment & Child Protection in Indonesia. She assists the President in formulating, coordinating, and implementing policies and programs pertaining to the welfare of women empowerment and protection of children. She is also in charge of implementing policies and programs that increase the role of the community in the development of women's empowerment and child welfare and protection.



Prof. Dr. Nor Aieni Mokhtar
Prof. Dr. Nor Aieni is a professor at the Universiti Teknologi Malaysia. Prior to this, she was the CTI-CFF focal point for Malaysia and concurrently the Undersecretary and Director of National Oceanographic Directorate, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation. Her work focuses on planning, designing, coordinating, and bringing together domestic and international resources and expertise to ensure application of knowledge in oceanography and marine sciences.



Dr. Ahsanal Kasasih
Dr. Kasasih is the Deputy Director for Networks, Data and Information of Conservation at Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia. Her work focuses on the development of Indonesia marine protected area (MPA) networks and data base. She has been actively involved in the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion (SSME). She is the Regional Chair of the Sub-Committee on Threatened, Charismatic and Migratory Species of SSME. She is currently in charge as a focal contact for CTI program related with MPA in Indonesia as well for the Convention on Biological Diversity program on Marine and Coastal Biodiversity.



Yuli Ismartono
Ms. Ismartono is the Deputy Chief Editor for TEMPO Magazine, and editor of the English edition. TEMPO is the largest news magazine in Indonesia. She also serves as Managing Director of AsiaViews Magazine, which circulates throughout Southeast Asia. As a communications specialist, Ms. Ismartono has held jobs with PT Surya Citra Televisi, The Indonesian Observer, Prisma Magazine and Laporan Dari Amerika Prog, working on media relations, government relations, and as an editor and scriptwriter.



Mr. Alfred Nakatsuma
Mr. Nakatsuma is the Director of the Regional Environment Office at the USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia located in Bangkok. He first joined USAID in 1986 as project manager for USAID/Bolivia. He then continued to serve various USAID missions: Washington, Guatemala, Indonesia, and the Philippines. Apart from working for USAID, he has also taught in several universities in Guatemala, Bolivia, Indonesia, Japan, and the Philippines.



Ms. Rili Djohani
Ms. Djohani is the Executive Director of the Coral Triangle Center. She has worked for nearly 25 years to improve the management and financial sustainability of marine protected areas and reduce the use of unsustainable fishing practices in Southeast Asia. She worked for The Nature Conservancy from 1995-2011 and served as Country Director for Indonesia from 2004-2008. Rili continued with the Coral Triangle Program and focused on government and partner relationships in the Asia Pacific region before she established the Coral Triangle Center as an independent foundation in 2011.



Ms. Suzy Hutomo
Ms. Hutomo has been the CEO of The Body Shop Indonesia from 1992. She passionately believes that business must be conducted with principles. She is Chair person (Ketua Pengurus) of KEHATI (the Indonesian Biodiversity Foundation) & she is a Board member of Greenpeace South East Asia & a presenter with Al Gore's Climate Reality Project.

POSTHUMOUS CITATION



Creusa "Tetha" Hittipow (1971-2013)
Tetha was WWF-Indonesia's Marine Program Development and Partnership Leader. In her 17 years with WWF-Indonesia where she worked as Marine Program Development and Partnership Leader, she gave the plight of marine species conservation the best of her passion, knowledge and time. Her work strongly contributed to the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action Threatened Species Goal. She was the pioneer of every turtle conservation project in WWF-Indonesia. She started the protection of the significant green turtle rookeries of the Derawan Islands in Borneo and was part of the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion founders that has a strong focus on supporting collaboration for turtle conservation.

CTI-CFF WOMEN LEADERS



Marta Lotang

Ms. Lotang is the Leader of a local organization called CBO Cinta Persahabatan in Alor, East Nusa Tenggara, Indonesia. Under her leadership, the group leads awareness raising activities among fishermen to protect coral reefs and encourages local law enforcers to

pursue cases against those who use dynamite fishing and other unsustainable fishing methods. She has succeeded in shifting the attention of her communities to care for their marine resources as well as strengthening their livelihoods by income generating activities such as improving the capacity of women traders in selling fish, mobilizing communities' financial assets as their source of capital and link them with the private sector.



Francesca Ngo Winfield

Ms. Winfield is the Chairperson and Founder of the Kudat Turtle Conservation Society (KTCS) in Sabah, Malaysia. Ms. Winfield's passion for turtles and protection of their habitats has been her main drive to reach out to local leaders to improve and put in place projects that will ensure the

protection of her community's environment and its future economic sustainability. In 2011, KTCS was awarded the Shell Environmental Award to undertake turtle conservation work, and started working with the community of Bawang Jamal in Kudat, providing support to establish a community managed hatchery and homestay program. In 2013, KTCS received a grant from UNDP to establish another hatchery to increase turtle conservation awareness in Kudat.



Piwen Langarap

Ms. Langarap is the Program Coordinator of the Manus Environment Communities Conservation Network in Manus Province, Papua New Guinea. Ms. Langarap utilizes her skills and knowledge to facilitate the locally managed marine area in her community. She understands the

importance of customary values and the tenure system in her community, so she approaches the community through this framework. With the support of traditional leaders, Ms. Langarap drafted the first Pera Locally Managed Marine Area Management Plan which was launched by the Manus Provincial Government in 2009. The plan is now being used by other coastal areas in Manus as a model for their own marine resource management framework.



Alma Bool

Ms. Bool is the Treasurer of the Sama Samang Nagkakatsang Pamayanan ng Silonay, a people's organization in Calapan, Oriental Mindoro, Philippines. Ms. Bool, through her organization, has been actively involved in the community-based rehabilitation of a 42-hectare

protected mangrove forest in her village. She led mangrove planting and monitoring activities, as well as disseminating important information about mangrove reforestation and ecosystem-based climate change adaptation.



Moira Dasipio

Ms. Dasipio is the President of the Mother's Union in Isabel Province in the Solomon Islands. She has led the planning, development and implementation of the Isabel Ridges to Reef Conservation Plan. Together with the members of her organization, she worked tirelessly to assist women in her province to

contribute to the development of the plan. In August 2012, the Plan was finalized and Ms. Dasipio worked with a team of community facilitators to educate her province-mates about the importance of resilient communities and their environment. This awareness has created a huge ground swell of interest in Isabel about community based conservation and sustainable natural resource management that 10 other communities are now working to replicate the plan in their own areas.



Robela Mendes

Ms. Mendes is the Leader of the Com Women's Group in her village located inside Nino Konis Santana National Park in Timor-Leste. In the course of the work to establish a marine protected area in her village, Robela and her peers found out that they could contribute to managing their marine resources by engaging in other

sources of livelihood such as traditional weaving, running guest houses for tourists, and vegetable farming. In addition to running small lodges and restaurants for tourists and selling their weavings, the women of Com led by Robela also hope to get involved in marketing the fish they catch, freezing fish in freezers powered by the town's newly installed electricity and sending them to more distant markets.

7.2. Opening Remarks

**Opening Remarks by Her Excellency Linda Amalia Sari Gumelar
The Minister For Women's Empowerment And Child Protection
The Republic of Indonesia
On The Occasion of the
Launch of the CTI-CFF Women Leaders'Forum
At the Grand Kawanua International Convention Hall
Manado, Indonesia on May 13, 2014**

- **Senior Officials of the six Coral Triangle Countries namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste**
- **His Excellency Prof. Dr. Sjarief Widjaja, Chairman of the CTI-CFF Interim Regional Secretariat**
- **Representatives of CTI-CFF Partner Organizations**
- **Distinguished Guests;**
- **Ladies and Gentlemen,**

Assalamualaikum Wr.Wb.

Good Afternoon and warmest greetings.

Allow me from the outset to express my gratitude to be invited and given the honor to deliver the Opening Remarks at this auspicious occasion - the Launch of the CTI-CFF Women Leader's Forum here in Manado. It is truly a pleasure for me and I also highly appreciate the Host Organization for having this important event.

May I, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, take this opportunity to warmly welcome all of you to my country, particularly here in Manado – the second largest city and trade center in Sulawesi. This area is endowed with rich marine resources and is home to the Bunaken National Park, one of the very first marine parks established in Indonesia. Manado was also the host of the World Ocean Conference and Coral Triangle Initiative Summit in 2009 where world leaders gathered and pledged to protect our marine and coastal environments.

Ladies and gentlemen, it is a great honor for me to speak in front of you today to highlight the role of women leaders in protecting, conserving, and sustaining our environment, particularly our coasts and seas. It is very inline with Indonesian Commitment to implement women's empowerment and gender mainstreaming efforts as we believe in the powerful position and participation of women all over the world.

The Preamble of the Convention on Biological Diversity recognizes the vital role that women play in the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and affirms the need for the full

participation of women at all levels of policy making and implementation for biological diversity conservation, including those in marine and coastal environments.

Women and men play different roles in fishing and coastal communities around the world. Although traditionally there are more men engaged in fishing activities than women, studies have shown that the failure to engage women in the management of coastal and marine resources results in lost opportunities to improve conservation practices and ensure secure viable livelihoods.

In Indonesia, just like the other countries in the Coral Triangle, the contribution of women is critical in coastal households engaged in fishing as they provide the needed labor in the family business and supplement the family income. They participate actively in many aspects of fisheries activities, especially in post-harvest and trading activities. In spite of their involvement, women often experience gender gap in decision making concerning fisheries and marine resource management.

Thus, it is very encouraging to see that the CTI_CFF has reaffirmed the importance of recognizing the role of women as integral to its activities in protecting and sustaining the coastal and marine resources of the Coral Triangle. Through this recognition, the Coral Triangle countries will be able to help push for a more equitable resource management and development especially for the 130 million people living in coastal areas who are directly dependent on the Coral Triangle's rich resources.

I congratulate the CTI-CFF for establishing the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum. This forum will hopefully play a big role as a peer-learning network for women who are paying key leadership roles in sustaining the marine resources of the Coral Triangle region, strengthen our women leaders' capacity, and equip them with the necessary tools so that they can expand and move further with their activities in the coming years.

I am also very inspired to see and hear the stories of the six women leaders who have championed marine resource conservation in their respective communities. I congratulate you for a job well done and it is my hope that by showcasing your stories, there will be more women leaders who will be encouraged to follow your foot steps to ensure a more just and equitable development in our coastal areas that will lead to poverty alleviation.

The Ministry For Women Empowerment and Child Protection, is the government institution responsible to ensure elimination of discrimination against women in all aspect of development. And for this we have implemented GMS as one of the strategies to ensure equal opportunity and access of women and men in the development.

Indonesia also have ratified the CEDAW Convention with the Law in 1984 and the CEDAW principle have been advocated and integrated into the policies and programs to the implementation of GMS at the national and sub national level.

We have engendered policies of 28 relevant ministries out of 36 ministries, including Ministry of Marine affairs and Fisheries, for the implementation of Gender Budgeting as a part of development planning process

Today, Indonesia is proud to reiterate its commitment to implement women's empowerment and gender mainstreaming efforts as we believe in the powerful position and participation of women all over the world and their potential have inevitably seized attention globally.

Therefore, The Ministry for Women's Empowerment and Child Protection highly support CTI-CFF in its efforts to further assist our women leaders who are laboring hard to protect and sustain our coastal and marine areas.

Once again, ladies and gentlemen, it is my pleasure to be part of this important event – Launch of the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum. Thank the CTI-CFF Partners : US Agency for International Development, The US Department of Interior, The Coral Triangle Center, The Nature Conservancy, and WWF for Supporting the development and launch of this noteworthy Forum.

It is my sincere hope that the shared experiences today will bear positive impacts and inspire future women leaders in optimizing women's role in protecting and sustaining the world's epicenter of marine biodiversity.

With this, I declare the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum officially open.

Thank You

Minister for Women Empowerment & Child protection
Republic of Indonesia

Linda Amalia Sari Gumelar

7.3. CTI-CFF Women Leaders Forum Recommendation to the CTI-CFF Special Senior Officials Meeting and 5th Ministerial Meeting

Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Women Leaders' Forum

Recommendations to the CTI-CFF Special Senior Officials Meeting and 5th CTI-CFF Ministerial Meeting May 14, 2014

The Preamble of the Convention on Biological Diversity, paragraph 13, recognizes “the vital role that women play in the conservation and sustainable use of biological diversity and affirming the need for the full participation of women at all levels of policy making and implementation for biological diversity conservation.” Threats to the Coral Triangle, and efforts to address these threats, may impact differently upon men and women. Men and women have different skills and perspectives to contribute in addressing these threats.

Recalling the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action Guiding Principles including:

Principle #1: CTI should support people-centered biodiversity conservation, sustainable development, poverty reduction and equitable benefit sharing; and

Principle #8: CTI should be inclusive and engage multiple stakeholders

The Special Senior Officials Meeting in May 2013, in Manado reaffirms the importance of recognizing the role of women and girls as integral to these principles. It calls on the CTI countries to continue to actively engage and incorporate the perspectives of women and girls towards achievement of Regional and National Plan of Action goals and targets. Further, the Special Senior Officials Meeting encourages the CTI bodies and countries to make explicit their engagement with and reflect the role of women and girls as stakeholders in CTI activities and documentation thereof to provide testament and serve as a model of gender integration.

Pursuant to the Guiding Principles, the CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) on its Ninth Meeting (SOM9) in November 2013 in Manila, Philippines decided and agreed “to convene a CTI Women Leaders Event (WLE) in 2014 to foster the participation of women in conservation in the CT region” prompting women stakeholders in CTI to organize a side event at the World Coral Reef Conference in Manado, Indonesia.

The Special Senior Officials Meeting recognizes the benefits for the CTI-CFF to establish a formal platform in the form of a CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum recognized by all six Coral Triangle countries that would integrate the principles of gender equality and diversity in its structures and activities so that the CTI-CFF may act as a vehicle to promote equitable resource management and development.

In line with this, the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum will engage men, women, youth, and community leaders who will support the CTI-CFF in integrating gender inclusive principles in its activities under its Regional and National Plans of Action thereby making the CTI-CFF a visible world leader in integrated, gender-sensitive conservation and development.

The CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum will serve as a peer-learning network for women who are playing key leadership roles in sustaining the marine resources of the Coral Triangle region, recognize the achievement of grassroots women leaders who are championing marine conservation in the six Coral Triangle countries, and provide platform to build the capacity of women from the Coral Triangle and inspire more women to

take leadership roles in preserving and sustaining the region's unique marine and coastal resource. The Forum's activities include learning exchanges, trainings, platforms for dialogue, recognition, development of a women leaders database, among others.

In support of the above goals and vision, CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum recommends that the CTI-CFF:

- Support and encourage stakeholders, CT6 governments and partners to become involved in CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum activities
- Consider and integrate gender diversity principles in the development and implementation of its activities
- Include the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum in its annual roadmap of CTI-CFF activities
- Enable the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum to regularly report back on its activities and provide inputs at the CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting.

Signed on the 13th of May 2014 in Manado, Indonesia.

7.4. CTI-CFF 5th Joint Ministerial Meeting Statement



**CORAL TRIANGLE
INITIATIVE**

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

MANADO JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

**THE 5th MEETING OF THE
CTI- CFF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS**

**Manado, Indonesia
15 May 2014**

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

The 5th Meeting of the CTI-CFF Council of Ministers (MM5) was held in Manado, Indonesia on 15 May 2014. The Meeting was chaired by the Hon. Datuk Dr. Ewon Ebin, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia, and attended by H.E. Sharif Cicip Sutardjo, Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia; Mr. Gunther Joku, Secretary, Department of Environment and Conservation for Hon. John Pundari, MP, the Minister of Environment and Conservation and Climate Change, Papua New Guinea; Mr. Manuel D. Gerochi, Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign-Assisted Programs for Hon. Ramon Jesus Paje, Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Republic of the Philippines; Hon. Bradley Tivosia, Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, Solomon Islands; H.E. Mariano ASSANAMI Sabino, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste; and H.E. Pehin Dato Yahya, Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Brunei Darussalam and representatives of CTI Partners namely: the government of Australia, the government of the United States of America (USA), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Conservation International (CI), the Nature Conservancy (TNC), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Coral Triangle Center (CTC).

Recalling the Coral Triangle Initiative Leaders' Declaration on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security signed in Manado, Indonesia on the 15th of May 2009 that provides meaningful basis for sustainable coral reef management and advancing ocean issues, as well as other international and/or regional instruments related to the management of ocean and marine biodiversity;

Reemphasizing the degradation of the marine environment, in particular the loss of marine biodiversity and marine ecosystem continuing to be threatened by marine and land-based activities, anthropogenic activities, destructive fishing practices, and climate change;

Recognising the role of science, technology and innovation as the vital instrument for sustainable and inclusive economic growth particularly in the coastal and marine areas,

WE, THE MINISTERS HEREBY:

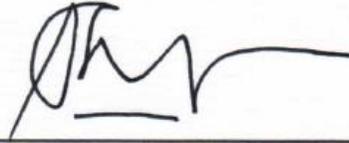
1. **Accept** the Chairman's Summary of the 9th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM9) and the Special Senior Officials Meeting (Annexes 1 and 2);

2. **Appreciate** the ratification made by Malaysia, Indonesia, Timor Leste and Solomon Islands and the progress made by the Philippines and Papua New Guinea in signing the Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of the CTI-CFF;
3. **Approve** the resolution authorizing the Interim Regional Secretariat to setup necessary administrative arrangements and prepare financial management systems to facilitate the seamless transition process prior to the commencement of the Executive Director (Annex 3);
4. **Approve** the 2014 and 2015 Operations Plan and Budget of the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF (Annex 4);
5. **Appreciate** the excellent leadership of Malaysia and Papua New Guinea as the Chair and Vice Chair of the CTI Council of Ministers from 19 November 2011 to 15 May 2014;
6. **Elect** Papua New Guinea as the Chair and the Philippines as the Vice Chair of the CTI Council of Ministers for the period of two years, from 16 May 2014 to 16 May 2016 and/or such a time when the Ministerial Meeting will be held after 16 May 2016;
7. **Agree** to apply the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Regional Framework and the Coral Triangle Marine Protected Areas System (CTMPAS) in our respective national policies as may be appropriate;
8. **Approve** the establishment of the Threatened Species Working Group and its Terms of Reference to be chaired by Malaysia;
9. **Recognize** the initiatives and progress made by the CTI Women Leaders Forum;
10. **Appreciate** the ongoing support of CTI-CFF Partners and welcome their further cooperation to mobilize resources and knowledge inputs;

11. **Reaffirm** observer status of Brunei Darussalam while it is in the process of complying with the requirements as Party to CTI-CFF;
12. **Approve** the Coral Triangle Center (CTC) as a CTI-CFF Partner.
13. **Task** the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) to further explore new parties, new partners and cooperation arrangements between CTI-CFF and other international organizations.
14. **Appreciate** the commendable work of the CTI-CFF Interim Regional Secretariat;
15. **Convey** utmost gratitude of the Coral Triangle countries to the people of Manado and the government of the Province of the North Sulawesi, Indonesia for its vital contribution in hosting the CTI-CFF Center;
16. **Express** our appreciation and thanks to the Government, and the people of Indonesia for hosting the Special Senior Officials Meeting and the 5th Ministerial Meeting;
17. **Express** appreciation to the President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono for his exemplary leadership and vision and;
18. **Express** appreciation to the Chair of the CTI COM from November 2011 to May 2014, Datuk Dr. Ewon Ebin, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia

Signed on 15 May 2014 in Manado, Indonesia by:

Government of
the Republic of Indonesia



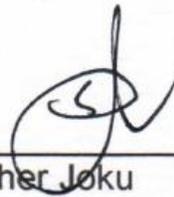
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Government of Malaysia



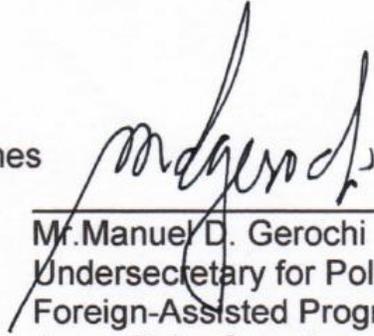
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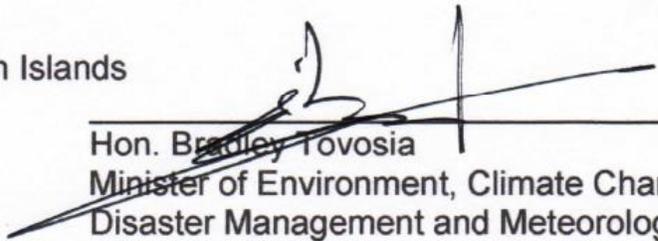
Mr. Gunther Joku
Secretary, Department of Environment and
Conservation for Hon. John Pundari, MP,
Minister of Environment and Conservation and
Climate Change

Government of
the Republic of the Philippines



Mr. Manuel D. Gerochi
Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and
Foreign-Assisted Programs for Hon. Ramon
Jesus Paje, Secretary of the Department of
Environment and Natural Resources

Government of Solomon Islands



Hon. Bradley Tovosia
Minister of Environment, Climate Change,
Disaster Management and Meteorology

Government of the Democratic
Republic of Timor-Leste



H.E. Mariano ASSANAMI Sabino
Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries

7.5. CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Statement

Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Women Leaders' Forum

Statement of the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum May 14, 2014

We, the women leaders of the Coral Triangle region vow to:

- conserve the unique marine resources of the Coral Triangle and addressing the imminent threats it is faces
- continue to work together to enhance the participation of women in conservation in the Coral Triangle region
- integrate the principles of gender equality and diversity in our work to promote equitable resource management and development.
- engage men, women, youth, and community leaders to support activities under the CTI-CFF Regional and National Plans of Action
- work and learn from each other as a dynamic peer-learning network that share best practices in marine resource conservation
- work to provide a platform to build the capacity of women from the Coral Triangle so that we can take leadership roles in preserving and sustaining the region's unique marine and coastal resource.
- take gender into consideration when designing and implementing conservation and development programs and projects

Done in Manado, Indonesia on the 13th of May 2014.

7.6. Nomination form for CTI-CFF Grassroots Women Leader Recognition

CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES, AND FOOD SECURITY (CTI-CFF) WOMEN LEADERSHIP AWARDS

NOMINATION FORM

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Women Leadership Awards highlight the important contribution that women leaders at the grassroots level (i.e. those who are working at the local or community level) are making to protect and sustain the world's epicenter of marine biodiversity. The award honors women leaders from the six Coral Triangle countries - Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste – who:

- Provide support and leadership to men, women, and youth in pursuing environmental protection and conservation at the grassroots level.
- Lead marine resource conservation and sustainability projects using innovative and creative means.
- Possess keen knowledge on the balance between the social, economic and environmental aspects of marine resource management.
- Advocate for positive change to support marine resource conservation and management in the community under any of the five CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action goals.
- Exhibit qualities of teamwork, integrity, and dedication.

The CTI-CFF Interim Regional Secretariat, CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committees and Partner organizations may each nominate up to six individuals who match the abovementioned qualities. Nomination forms must be completed by **April 10, 2014**. Six awardees from the region will be selected and honored at the launch of the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum on May 13, 2014 in Manado, Indonesia.

NOMINEE

Name	
Email	Phone
Position	Organization
Country	Nominated By:

