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THREATENED SPECIES TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP

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Chair of CTI-CFF THREATENED
SPECIES WORKING GROUP

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16th Senior Officials' Meeting

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Focal Points

Country	Focal Points
Indonesia (Vice-Chair)	Mr. Andi Rusandi, Director for Marine Conservation and Biodiversity, MMAF; Supported by: Ms. Pingkan K. Roeroe, Coordinator for fish protection and Preservation, MMAF
Malaysia	Mr. Zaki Haji Mokri, Deputy Senior Director of Marine Park and Resources Management Supported by Mr Anuar Salam Sulaiman, Head of Fisheries Resources Management Branch
Papua New Guinea (Chair)	Mr. Vagi Rei, Manager Conservation and Environment Protection Authority. Supported by Ms. Phelameya Haiveta-Acting Program Officer Marine Division, Sustainable Environment Programs. Conservation and Environment Protection Authority
Philippines	Datu Tungko M. Saikol, Director Biodiversity Management Bureau-DENR Supported by: Pablo G. de los Reyes, Jr. DENR-BMB and Ms. Janice Tuante Cubo-DA-BFAR
Solomon Islands	Paul Tua, Chief Fisheries Officer, Inshore Fisheries Division, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources. Alternates: Mr. David Aram, Principal Fisheries Officer, Inshore Fisheries Division, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources; and Mr. Ezekiel Leghunau, Wildlife Assistant, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology
Timor-Leste	Benvindo Maria de Deus Araujo dos Santos, Department of Conservation, Marine Biodiversity and Management of the Aquatic Environment. Supported by: Mr. Fernando da Silva, Senior Staff, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries

Action taken for SOM-15 Decision

Threatened Species Working Group Decision	Status
Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Threatened Species Technical Working Group	-
Acknowledged that Indonesia has completed its conservation plan and country assessment report of threatened species (marine mammals, sea turtle, and sharks and rays) entitled “Assessment of Threatened Species in Indonesia” and it can be accessed on the CTI-CFF website. Encouraged other CT6 Member Countries to send their conservation plan and country assessment report by February 2020;	-
Acknowledged the submission of the CT6 Member Countries national conservation plan for marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays to be compiled by the Regional Secretariat by 29 th February 2020;	Postponed due to Covid-19
Endorsed the conduct of the Write-shop of the Regional Assessment of Threatened Species and national conservation plan for marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays to be included in the TSWG Work plan for 2020;	Done
Acknowledged and appreciated the contribution of WWF Indonesia on the development of Distribution Map of Threatened Species that will be completed by end of January 2020;	Done
Endorsed the Terms of References (ToR) of the Threatened Species Working Group;	Done
Endorsed the ToR of the Pool of Experts;	Done
Called on the Development Partners for continued support on the development of the Assessment of Threatened Species and National Conservation Plan of the CT6 Member Countries;	-
Endorsed the conduct of the Write-shop for the finalization of M&E indicators in First Quarter of 2020; and	Postponed due to Covid-19
Endorsed the TSWG Work Plan for 2020.	Done

Workplan for 2021

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Budget
<p>Write-shops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • M&E indicators (Virtual) • Assessment report of Threatened species • Regional Conservation Plan • Prioritized list of Threatened species in CT Region 	<p>TBC</p>	<p>USD 15,540</p> <p>NCCs Internet refunds (3 pax per CT6 country for 3 Q meetings @10 USD) + Consultancy (conservation plans assistance for PNG, SI, TL @ 5,000 USD each) (540+ 15,000= 15,540)</p> <p>Countries had requested RS to re-allocate this amount to assist CT6 to complete their National Conservation Plan</p> <p>TSWG meeting was held on 7th July 2021. Countries to send their conservation plan for RS to compile</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>End of August</u> – Deadline for the submission for Hammerhead issues • <u>End of September</u>- Deadline for the submission for National Conservation plan for TS • <u>13th October</u>- RS propose next TS online meeting • RS have uploaded Indonesia and Philippines documents in Google drive:https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/15tS5KOUnijtjUVgAH6I26WS2Q6KBlbvZ • RS was tasked to contact the IUCN Global Species Program (Mr Craig Hilton Taylor) if they are interested to do the assessment with CTI (RS sent letter to WWF and IUCN on 21st July 2021: EXR.RS.7.21.288_ Requesting Discussion on IUCN Red List for Assessment in CTI-CFF Region)

Status of Workplan for 2021

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Budget
<p>(Virtual) Training for Trainers on Rapid Assessment Toolkit (RAT) for Shark and Rays and MPA for Sharks (Including possible IUCN Red list, and the training as part of the Indonesia Symposium 5-6 April 2021) (5 participants for each country)</p>	<p>April 2021 (completed)</p>	<p>supported by WWF/CTI-CFF</p>
<p>To encourage CT6 participation in the regional Hammerhead Assessment supported by WWF and IUCN SSG</p>	<p>Q3-Q4</p>	<p>WWF RS wrote letter to IUCN Dr Craig Hilton: no response yet</p>
<p>Register in IUCN Shark Specialist Group SSG - Sharks and Rays</p>	<p>2021</p>	<p>Online</p>

Workplan and Proposed Budget for 2022

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Proposed Budget
<p>Write-shops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Assessment Report of Threatened Species Regional Conservation Plan Prioritized list of Threatened species in CT Region 	<p>April 2022 (Assessment Report of TS)</p>	<p>Virtual meeting USD 5,280</p>
<p>Targeting Regional Investigations for Policing Opportunities & Development (Tripod) Project (MY, ID, PH):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Governments to participate in national Counter-Transnational Organised Crime (CTOC) training Governments to seek involvement in the national taskforce NCCs participate in CTOC instructor course and regional workshops NCCs seek involvement in the regional taskforce 	<p>Jan-Mar 2022 *Specific dates to be confirmed</p> <p>Jun-Oct 2022</p> <p>*Specific dates to be confirmed</p>	<p>Funded by TRIPOD partners if elected (noting Leahy Vetting is required)</p>
<p>To encourage CT6 participation in the regional Hammerhead Assessment supported by WWF and IUCN SSG</p>	<p>Q3-Q4</p>	<p>Request RS to write again to IUCN</p>
<p>TRIPOD ongoing and scaling engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> NCCs and RS to meet with TRIPOD partners to further explore opportunities for CTI-CFF to host and convene a regional taskforce and house TRIPOD toolkit for ongoing delivery and scaling to other CT countries If favourable, convene first taskforce meeting, post training. 	<p>Post SOM, likely a time between Jan-Mar 2022</p> <p>In line with TRIPOD regional workshop or TS Working Group meeting</p>	<p>Funded by TRIPOD partners</p>

Change of Chair and Vice-Chair of TSWG

Supported the recommendation of the Threatened Species Working Group to handover the Chairship from Papua New Guinea to Indonesia, and the change of the Co-Chair from Indonesia to Philippines, based on the provisions stipulated in the Terms of Reference of the CTI-CFF Threatened Species Working Group

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1. Acknowledged and accepted the report of the Threatened Species Working Group (Annex 1).
2. Encouraged the CT6 Member Countries to complete their National Assessment Report and Conservation Plan for Threatened Species by April 2022, to enable the Regional Assessment Report and Regional Conservation Plan to be compiled by the Regional Secretariat.
3. Acknowledged and appreciated the support of World-Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) in finalizing the Distribution Map of Threatened Species from CT6 Member Countries for CT Atlas, which has been uploaded by Regional Secretariat on the CT Atlas and for conducting the Training for Trainers on Rapid Assessment Toolkit (RAT) for Shark and Rays and MPA for Sharks in April 2021
4. Acknowledged and appreciated the finalized List of Threatened Species Pool of Experts on the draft webpage of CTI List of Experts (link: <http://ctexperts.coraltriangleinitiative.org/>).
5. Appreciated the Regional Secretariat's efforts to coordinate with IUCN SSC for submission of the Threatened Species List of Pool of Expert and encouraged the Threatened Species Experts to individually apply/register at this IUCN SSC link: <https://bit.ly/35ghuzX>.
6. Acknowledged the draft RPOA 2.0 activities, outcomes and outputs concerning threatened species

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7. Tasked the TSWG and the Regional Secretariat to explore CTI-CFF's participation in Project TRIPOD as it aligns with RPOA 2.0 and is a funded project for three of the CT6 Member Countries; and requested the Regional Secretariat, WWF and TRIPOD partners to identify potential opportunities for CTI-CFF engagement in Project TRIPOD to ensure all CT6 Member Countries benefit from this project (Annex 2)
8. Supported the recommendation of the Threatened Species Working Group to handover the Chairship from Papua New Guinea to Indonesia, and the change of the Co-Chair from Indonesia to Philippines, based on the provisions stipulated in the Terms of Reference of the CTI-CFF Threatened Species Working Group (Annex 3)
9. Appreciated the excellent contribution of Mr Vagi Rei as Chair from Papua New Guinea and Co-Chair Mr Andi Rusandi of Indonesia for the period of 2018-2021.
10. Approved the TSWG 2022 Workplan (Annex 4).



Thank you!



A school in Raja Ampat, Indonesia
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