



**CORAL TRIANGLE  
INITIATIVE**  
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**  
**Between**  
**THE CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE ON CORAL REEFS,**  
**FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY (CTI CFF)**  
**And**  
**THE SOUTHEAST ASIAN FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SEAFDEC)**

**PREAMBLE**

Recognizing the mutual benefits that could be gained through enhanced cooperation, the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (hereinafter referred to as "SEAFDEC") and the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (hereinafter referred to as "CTI CFF"), agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize relevant collaborative efforts in fostering Research and Development (R&D) in fisheries in the countries around the Coral Triangle that comprise the CTI CFF-SEAFDEC partnership.

**INTRODUCTION**

SEAFDEC is an inter-governmental organization established in 1967 with the mandate to promote fisheries development and management in the Southeast Asian region. Governed by the Council Directors representing its Member Countries, 10 ASEAN member states and Japan, SEAFDEC comprises five departments located in Thailand, Singapore, Philippines, Malaysia, and Indonesia, with the Secretariat in Bangkok, Thailand. SEAFDEC focuses on R&D in responsible fishing technologies and practices, fishery post-harvest and food safety, sustainable aquaculture, and fishery resources development and management.

The CTI CFF is a multilateral partnership among six countries, namely: Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Timor Leste, and the Solomon Islands, with the main objective of addressing the urgent threats facing the coastal and marine resources of one of the most biologically diverse and ecologically rich regions on earth, the Coral Triangle. Embracing about 4 million square miles of ocean and coastal waters in Southeast Asia and the Pacific, the Coral Triangle is also home to some 363 million people and encompasses economic zones where each country has exclusive rights to the marine resources. Being recognized as the global center of marine biodiversity, the Coral Triangle serves as the spawning and juvenile growth areas for important fish species in the world, directly sustains the lives of more than 120 million people living within this area, and benefit millions more worldwide.

Since SEAFDEC and CTI CFF share common interests in fostering research and training in fisheries, both Parties agreed to cooperate in the promotion of sustainable fisheries management in the Coral Triangle, utilizing their joint expertise.

## PURPOSE / OBJECTIVE

While SEAFDEC aims to promote sustainable development of fisheries and aquaculture for food security in the Southeast Asian region: improve management and mechanism for sustainable development of aquatic resources; improve socio-economic well-being; and strengthen regional programs to sustainable use of aquatic resources including aquatic production systems for food security of the region; CTI CFF aims to address the threats that confront the natural resources of the Coral Triangle area.

Taking into consideration the relevant functions of SEAFDEC and CTI CFF, this general MOU shall focus on the following aspects:

### 1. Human Resource Development

#### 1.1 Training

- Collaborative curricula development, especially in Responsible Fisheries, Seafood Product Development, and Ecological Sustainable Development
- Exchange of expertise, *e.g.* staff/lecturers/experts/trainees/students exchange
- Bi-/multi-lingual in-service training, tertiary level training

#### 1.2 Workshops, Seminars and Symposia

- Participation of Parties by sending participants, contributors and resource speakers

### 2. Research and Development

- Conduct of collaborative and joint research program using SEAFDEC research vessels
- Extension of technological advancements and promotion of social development and socio-economic well-being, especially through regional workshops, seminars, symposia and on-site events

### 3. Consultancy

- Collaborative consultancy by drawing on the expertise of SEAFDEC and CTI CFF

### 4. Information Management and Networking

- Information development, exchange, and dissemination
- Cooperation in information networking

## GENERAL PROVISION

In order to carry out and fulfill the objectives of this MOU, SEAFDEC and CTI CFF will seek to work together on activities that would be of mutual interest of both Parties. Therefore, either Party may initiate proposals for activities that would be carried out under this MOU. Specific details for such activities shall be set forth in a Letter of Agreement which, upon

signing by the Head Delegate of the two organizations, shall become an integral part of this MOU. The Letter of Agreement shall include such terms as:

- Elaboration of the responsibilities of each Party for the agreed upon activity;
- Schedule of implementation for the specific activity;
- Budgetary allocations and sources of funds for each activity; and
- Any other items necessary for the efficient achievement of the activity.

The respective Parties shall be responsible for the evaluation of the activities under this MOU in accordance with the practices of their respective organizations.

Both Parties will share all information derived from the activities undertaken, *i.e.* scientific technological research, marine capture fisheries, fisheries post-harvest technology, aquaculture, and fishery resources development and management.

### DURATION AND TERMINATION

This MOU shall become effective on the date of signing and shall be valid for a period of five (5) years. The MOU may be renewed or extended by mutual consent, and may be terminated by either Party at any time provided that the terminating Party gives written notice of its intention at least three months before termination.

The MOU is done at the SEAFDEC Council Meeting in Chiang Rai, Thailand on 3 April 2015, in two copies. In witness whereof, the Head Delegate of SEAFDEC and CTI CFF, have hereto provided their endorsement.

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