



# NEWSLETTER

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## INTERNALIZING COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES THROUGH THE CTI-CFF COMMUNICATION WORKSHOP

To foster better collaboration and understanding among its members, a communication workshop was held to strategize and coordinate communication efforts for 2023-2024. The workshop is made possible in part by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) in Manado, 25 July 2023.



## THE MONITORING, EVALUATION AND LEARNING, AND COMMUNICATIONS WORKSHOP AND MEWG MEETING

The workshop commenced with a presentation by the Communication and Information Manager of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, who shared the CTI-CFF's Communication Strategy annexed to the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Connect globally through the EU Ocean Governance Project's Global Conference and sail across oceans with MPA Managers in the III Learning Exchange. Extend wishes on Independence Days and anniversaries, embrace the dynamism of youth on International Youth Day, and explore strategic endeavors, from GEF-8 proposals to Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Integration in Fisheries Training. Save the date for upcoming events, ensuring your active participation in our shared journey toward a sustainable and thriving marine ecosystem. This newsletter encapsulates the essence of our collective commitment as we navigate waves of progress together.

### CTI-CFF NEWSLETTER ISSUE 26: NAVIGATING WAVES OF PROGRESS

In this edition, we traverse the dynamic seas of the Coral Triangle Initiative's achievements and initiatives from July to September 2023. Immerse yourself in transformative communication strategies through the CTI-CFF Communication Workshop and uncover the intricacies of Monitoring, Evaluation, and Learning (ME&L) during the MEWG Meeting and Workshop. Witness collective efforts addressing a plastic pollution crisis, explore financial landscapes shaping marine conservation, and delve into the strategies formulated at the Internal Resource Committee (IRC) Meeting.

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## CORAL TRIANGLE REGION FACES ESCALATING PLASTIC POLLUTION CRISIS

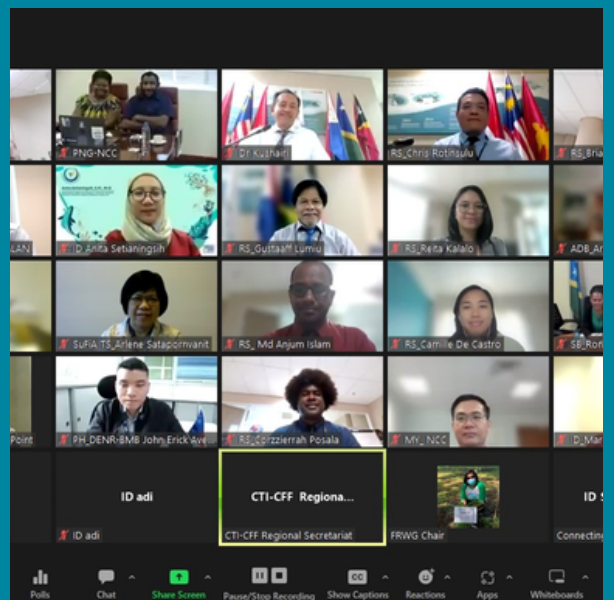
Latest report by CTI-CFF and WWF calls for a regional strategy to urgently deal with the escalating global plastic crisis that continues to affect the Coral Triangle disproportionately.

[Read our press release here!](#)

## FINANCIAL RESOURCES WORKING GROUP MEETING 2023

The CTI-CFF Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) recently convened for a Virtual Meeting via In-situ VMP on 29 August 2023. Chaired by Ms. Armida P. Andres, OIC Assistant Director of BMB, and Mr. John Erick P. Avelino, Chief of Integrated Coastal and Marine Partnership Section, CMD-BMB, the meeting aimed to achieve several crucial objectives.

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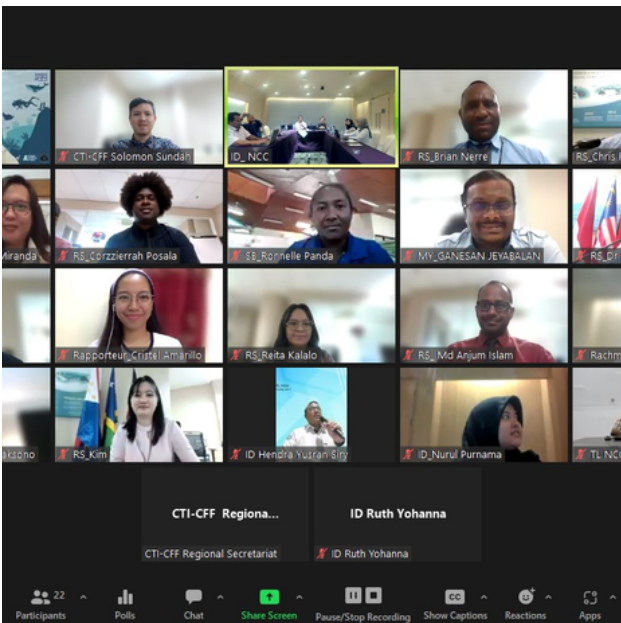
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## The Internal Resource Committee (IRC) Meeting

The Internal Resource Committee (IRC) Meeting of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) convened virtually on September 13, 2023, utilizing the In-situ Virtual Meeting Participation (VMP) platform via ZOOM. Despite the absence of Mr. Celestino Da Cunha Barreto, the Chair of IRC and CTI-CFF's Committee of Senior Officials, the meeting was skilfully chaired by Mr. Hendra Yusran Siry from Indonesia.

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## EU Ocean Governance Project's Global Conference

From the 20th to the 22nd of September, the picturesque city of Tarragona, Spain played host to a gathering of global significance—the EU Ocean Governance (OG) project's Global Conference. This event served as a nexus, drawing together over 70 dedicated marine protected area (MPA) managers and esteemed project partners hailing from more than 30 countries, spanning the vast expanses of the Atlantic Ocean, Southeast Asia, and beyond.

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## The III Learning Exchange Workshop for CTI-CFF Between MPA Managers from Southeast Asia and the Atlantic Back-to-back with the MPA WG Meeting and the Training on the Resilience Self-Assessment Tool (R-SAT) for MPAs

The aim of the learning exchange is to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences on coral reef restoration. Those exchanges will target few specific aspects of restoration of this ecosystem and will count with examples of restoration in MPAs from the Atlantic, Indian Ocean and the Coral Triangle.

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# CELEBRATION DAY

## SOLOMON ISLANDS

Happy Independence Day,  
Solomon Islands!

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) joins in celebrating this momentous occasion with the people of Solomon Islands. As we commemorate your nation's independence, we also recognize the importance of preserving the rich marine resources that surround these beautiful islands.



## MANADO ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations, Manado, on reaching this incredible milestone of 400 years!

As you celebrate your rich history and vibrant culture, we wish you a joyous and memorable birthday. May this special occasion be a time of reflection, gratitude, and unity.





# CELEBRATION DAY

## MALAYSIA



We would like to extend our best wishes for Malaysia Independence Day as a member of the CTI-CFF Family. Independence stands for strength and unity. Malaysia, happy Independence Day!

## INDONESIA

As one of the Coral Triangle Six nations, the CTI-CFF wishes Indonesia a happy independence day on August 17.

May Indonesia always remain successful and wealthy.





# CELEBRATION DAY

## PAPUA NEW GUINEA



Happy Independence Day, Papua New Guinea!

CTI-CFF and Papua New Guinea's enduring efforts in addressing food security and climate change as well as in protecting the marine and coastal ecosystems will certainly translate into positive results for the benefit of the people of the Coral Triangle Region.

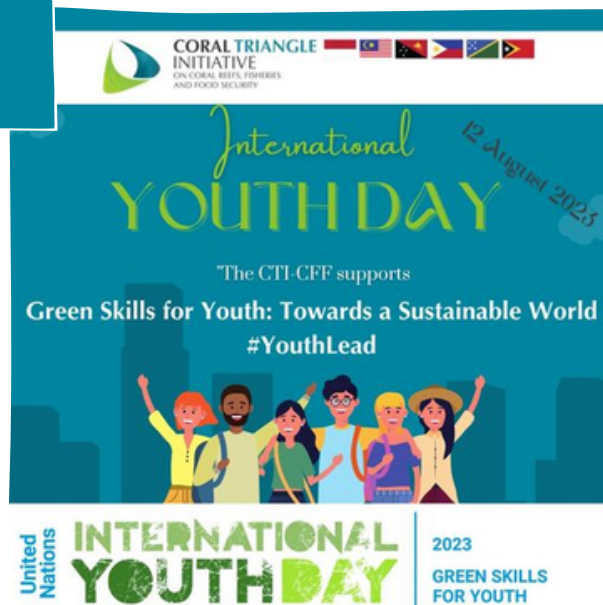
We wish all those celebrating today, in Papua New Guinea, in the Coral Triangle Region and throughout the world, a healthy, safe and happy Papua New Guinea Independence Day.

## INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY 2023

Youth are stepping up to lead the way in preserving the stunning Coral Triangle. As the next wave of change-makers, we're diving into action to ensure our oceans thrive for generations.

CTI-CFF is excited to engage the young generations in the Youth Ambassador Program. As the future entrepreneurs or simply happy travelers, youth are encouraged to start taking the leading roles in the sustainable management of nature, in particular of the important marine resources as our source of food and livelihoods.

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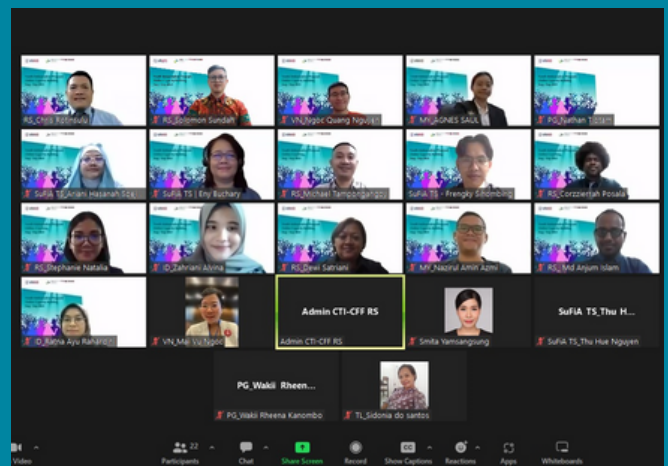
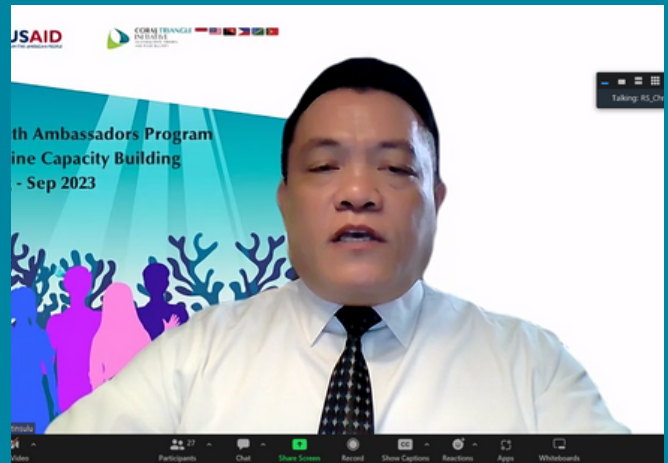


## CTI-CFF YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM (YAP) 2023

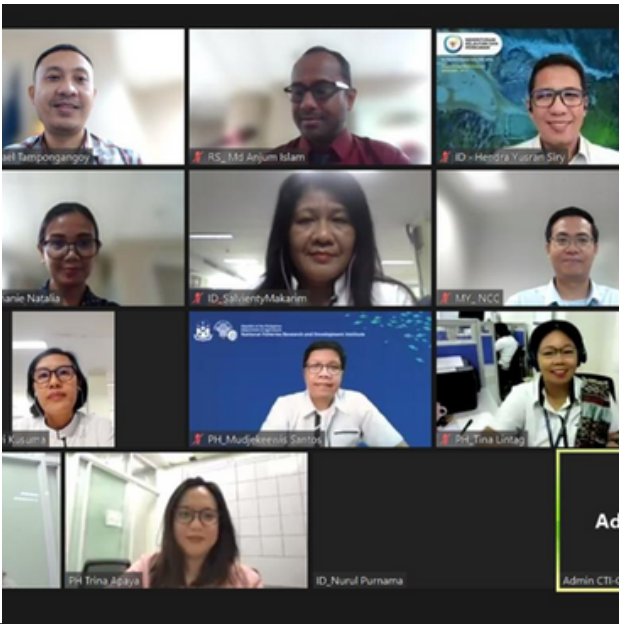
Mr. Christovel Rotinsulu, the Deputy Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, officially opened the CTI-CFF Youth Ambassador Program (YAP) 2023.

As the future beneficiaries and guardians of the region's natural resources, CT6 youth represent a crucial generational node that will be responsible for the management and stewardship of the coastal and marine resources of the Coral Triangle Region. This Youth Ambassadors Program is envisioned as an important opportunity to leverage and amplify regional efforts to enhance marine biodiversity conservation, promote food security, and advance the sustainable management of fisheries resources. The Youth Ambassadors Program is made possible by the generous support of the American people through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

A cohort of Youth Ambassadors from the CT6 member countries will be recruited to take part in online capacity-building activities and in the upcoming Global Youth Conference 2023 that will take place in Bali, Indonesia, on 27 - 29 October 2023.





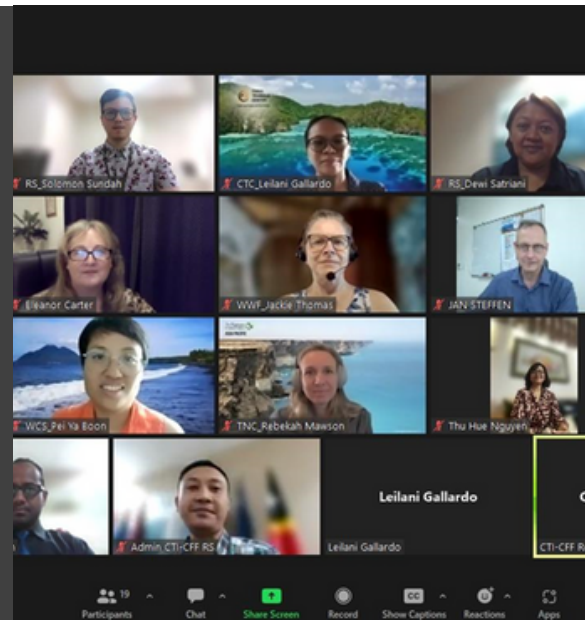


## The online meeting regarding GEF-8 proposal development

As we embark on this phase of GEF-8 proposal development, CTI-CFF remains dedicated to fostering sustainable practices, protecting marine biodiversity, and ensuring the well-being of communities in the Coral Triangle. The collaboration between nations, stakeholders, and the writing team underscores our shared commitment to a future where the Coral Triangle thrives.

## The CTI Partners' Call Meeting

The ceremonial opening sets the stage for insightful discussions, followed by a meticulous review of the agenda to ensure a focused trajectory. Updates from the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Sufia TS, Trust Fund, and the capacity building roadmap will be unveiled, offering a comprehensive snapshot of ongoing efforts. The agenda further delves into SOMACORE updates, collaboration with other partners, and strategic preparations for SOM/Partner Statements. The inclusion of an in-person partner meeting in Manado on October 9 adds a dynamic touch, amplifying opportunities for face-to-face collaboration.



## The Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Integration in Fisheries Training

The training initiative aims to pilot a groundbreaking Gender Integration in Small Scale Fisheries Training Module for Southeast Asia, blending traditional and modern approaches. Expected outputs include a meticulously reviewed Training Module, contributions to finalizing CTI WLF documents, and an insightful Activity/Workshop Report. The broader impact envisions the acceptance of the revised Training Module for continued use beyond 2023, facilitated by the proposed GESI Hub in 2024, marking a milestone in our commitment to fostering inclusive practices and sustainable fisheries in Southeast Asia.

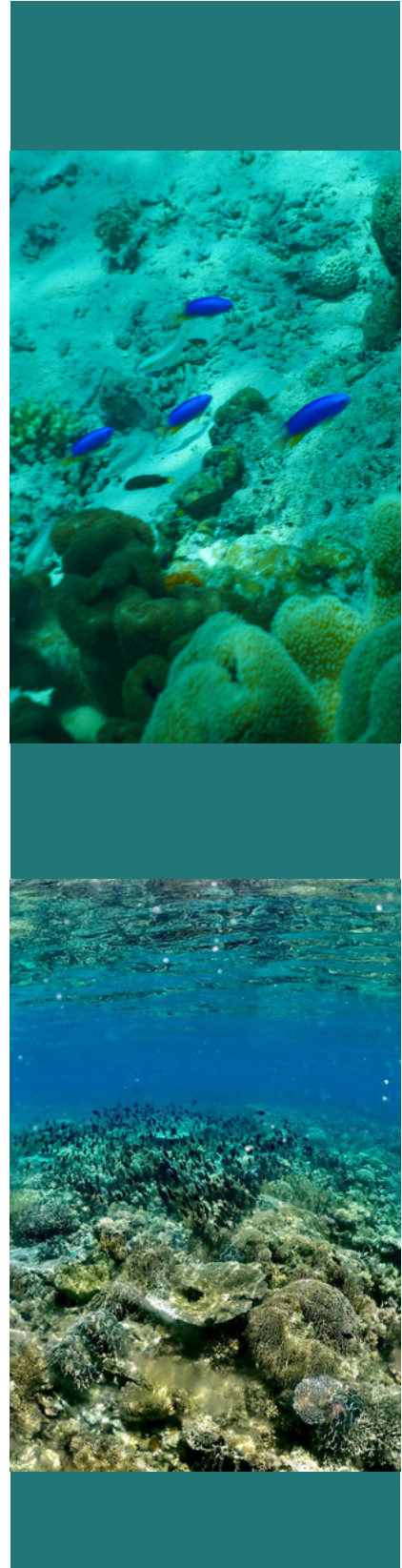
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# Oct-Dec CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- ✓ The Financial Resources Working Group Special Meeting
- ✓ The CTI-CFF Strategic Partners hybrid meeting
- ✓ The 9th MPA REX In-situ Online Meeting
- ✓ The In-Situ Online Meeting of Climate Change Adaptation Working Group
- ✓ Coral Triangle Conservation Fund Advisory Group Meeting
- ✓ the In-Situ Online Meeting of Threatened Species Working Group
- ✓ the In-Situ Online Meeting of Seascapes Technical Working Group Back-to-Back with EAFM Technical Working Group
- ✓ Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG) In-Situ Meeting back-to-back with the M&E and CT Atlas Training
- ✓ Global Youth Conference (GYC) 2023
- ✓ The Pre-Senior Officials Meeting and 18th Senior Officials Meeting







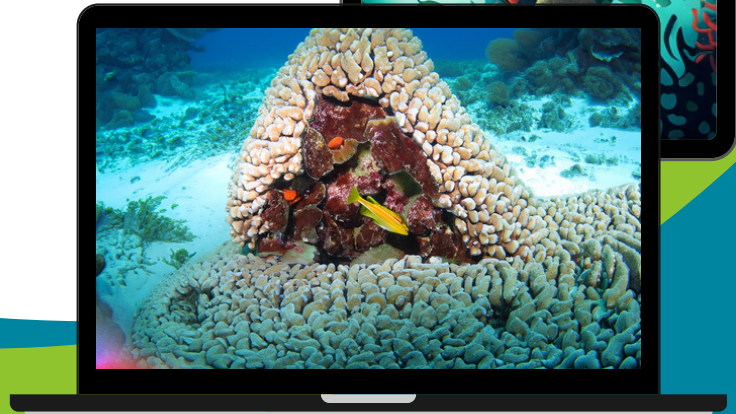
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