



# **CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE**

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

**Annex-2**  
**Decision Document on:**  
**Seascape Working Group Report  
and Workplan**

**8<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting (SOM8)**

**22-24 November 2012  
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

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

**Session #2**  
**Day 1, 22 November 2012**  
**Seascapes Working Group Report and Workplan**

**Background:**

The Seascapes Working Group (Seascape WG) is responsible for overseeing efforts to implement Goal 1 of the CTI Regional Plan of Action – priority seascapes designated and effectively managed. At the 2010 Regional Priorities Workshop, Regional Action 1 under Target 2 of Goal 1 of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) was identified as a priority – to adopt a “general model” for the sustainable management of seascapes.

The purpose of the Seascapes TWG report is to seek endorsement of its work plan from the Eight Senior Officials Meeting (SOM8).

**Decision:**

Based on the presentations made by the Technical Working Group and the discussions held on the Seascapes at the 8<sup>th</sup> Senior Official Meeting (SOM8), the Meeting adopted the Seascapes report and work plan, noting that it should recognize and take into consideration existing activities in the region on seascapes (attachment 1)

## Attachment - 1

### Seascapes Working Group Report and Workplan

Goal one of the CTI Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) is “priority seascapes designated and effectively managed”. The RPOA identifies a number of actions under this goal. The Seascapes Working Group is charged with overseeing the implementation of these actions.

This workplan outlines the work that will be overseen by the Seascapes Working Group towards the implementation of the following RPOA targets and actions:

- Establishment of a “General model for sustainable management of seascapes” (Target 2, Regional Action 1).
- Conduct of a “rapid seascape assessment” of the entire CTI region, in order to identify priority seascapes for investment (Target 1, Regional Action 1).
- For two selected seascapes, development of seascape investment plans (Target 1, Regional Action 2), and mobilisation of financial resources for implementation of those plans (Target 2, Regional Action 3).
- Seascape capacity-building and learning (Target 2, Regional Action 2).

This work, and the operations of the Seascapes Working Group in overseeing it, will be supported by Australia and other Partners.

As well as directly supporting the Seascapes Goal of the RPOA, the work of the Seascapes Working Group can also support the implementation of other goals of the RPOA and actions under NPOAs through:

- Collation of key data sets as a part of the “rapid seascape assessment” work that may also be of relevance to work under other RPOA goals.
- Supporting integration of marine and coastal resource related management interventions, such as marine protected areas, fisheries management, climate change adaptation, and alternative livelihood development, particularly in selected Seascapes.
- Enhancing coordination of local/community level management, particularly in selected seascapes, so that local interventions also contribute to regional objectives.

The Seascapes Working Group will communicate with other CTI Technical Working Groups to facilitate these connections.

### Seascope Working Group - Workplan

| Workplan Component   | Key activities  | Timeframe                     |
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| <p>1. Establish a “General model for sustainable management of seascapes” (RPOA Target 2, Regional Action 1)</p> | <p><u>Description:</u><br/>A “general model” will be developed, using existing approaches to large scale marine planning and management as a starting point, notably the Conservation International Seascapes Guidebook.</p> <p><u>Key Steps:</u><br/>Seascapes Working Group meeting (February 2013)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss/learn about existing approaches to large scale marine management, including the Conservation International Seascapes Guidebook, CTSP Integration Toolkit, Australia’s Marine Bioregional Planning, LME approach etc.</li> <li>- Identify proposed aspects of a CTI “general model”</li> </ul> <p>Intersessional technical work to draft a “general model”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Including consultation with Seascope Working Group focal points, Partners and experts</li> </ul> <p>Seascapes Working Group (August 2013)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of draft general model for workshopping and finalisation</li> <li>- Endorsement of the general model for presentation to SOM</li> </ul> <p>Presentation of the general model to SOM for endorsement</p> | <p>Feb 2013 – August 2013</p> |
| <p>2. Conduct a “rapid seascope assessment” of the entire CTI region (RPOA Target 1, Regional Action 1)</p>      | <p><u>Description:</u><br/>The “rapid seascope assessment” will be facilitated through the preparation of a “regional characterisation” of key biophysical, socio-economic and governance features of the CTI region, for example, ecologically important features, ecological connectivity, fisheries effort, climate change vulnerability etc. This data would be compiled and presented in a shared platform such as the CT Atlas. The data, combined with the “general model” (above) would provide a basis for the identification of priority</p>  | <p>Feb 2013 – August 2013</p> |

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|   | <p>seascapes.</p> <p><u>Key Steps:</u><br/> Seascapes Working Group meeting (February 2013)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discuss the scope of work and methodology, and initiate development of the regional characterisation.</li> </ul> <p>Intersessional technical work to prepare the regional characterisation (data compilation and visualisation)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Including consultation with Seascape Working Group focal points, Partners and experts</li> <li>- Presentation of data layers in an appropriate regional platform, such as the Coral Triangle Atlas</li> </ul> <p>Seascapes Working Group (August 2013)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Presentation of regional characterisation</li> <li>- Facilitation of discussion on priority seascapes</li> </ul> <p>Report on the outcomes of the work to the SOM</p> |                                  |
| <p>3. Develop seascape management and investment plans for the candidate seascapes (Target 1, Regional Action 2), and mobilise financial resources for implementation of those plans (Target 2, Regional Action 3).</p> | <p><u>Description:</u></p> <p>As a part of its CTI support, Australia will support the development of management and investment plans for two new seascapes. This would be done directly with the countries in question, rather than through the Seascapes Working Group. However, two regional exchanges will be organised during the seascape plan development, which would involve the Seascapes Working Group (see below)</p> <p><u>Key Steps:</u></p> <p>Steps will be determined in consultation with the countries in question. In general terms, it will involve the facilitation of a planning process among key stakeholders, including the production of more detailed biophysical and socio-economic analysis.</p>  | <p>August 2013 – May 2014</p>    |
| <p>4. Support seascape capacity-building and learning (RPOA Goal</p>  | <p><u>Description:</u></p> <p>Two regional exchanges will be held. These will bring</p>   | <p>Nov 2013 &amp; April 2014</p> |

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| 1, Target 2, Action 2)  | <p>together existing seascape managers and people involved in the planning of new seascapes. The exchanges will follow the model of CTI exchanges on MPAs and EAFM.</p> <p><u>Key Steps:</u></p> <p>Regional Exchange in November 2013</p> <p>Regional Exchange in April 2014</p>  |                             |
| 5. Conduct periodic monitoring and evaluation of priority seascape programs | <p><u>Description:</u></p> <p>Following the establishment of two new seascapes, the work outlined above would be reviewed in order to identify achievements and lessons learnt, and inform future work.</p> <p><u>Key Steps:</u></p> <p>Seascapes Working Group meeting (March 2014)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discussion of review report and identification of future workplan</li> </ul> | Dec 2013<br>– March<br>2014 |