



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex 15
Decision Document on:

Other Matters:
Coral Triangle Fishers Forum

The 9th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING (SOM9)
26 - 27 NOVEMBER 2013
EDSA SHANGRI-LA
MANILA, PHILIPPINES

Adopted on 27th November 2013
by the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
The Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste

I. Background

As a regional platform for peer-to-peer exchange, awareness-raising and consensus-based advocacy on key fisheries policy and management issues for Coral Triangle fishing communities, the Coral Triangle Fishers Forum (CTFF) held 2 events in the past. In 2010, hosted by Indonesia in Bali, it discussed bycatch mitigation and fisheries best practices and in 2012, hosted by Fiji, it focused on traceability and illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU)

Many major outcomes have been achieved by CTFF such as:

- Joint advocacy on bycatch Conservation Management Measures among a large spectrum of tuna exporters, buyers, retailers and fishing companies.
- Over 10 key companies signing on and advocating for tougher measures on turtle bycatch mitigation in longline fisheries.
- New partnerships leading to several new pilot projects/partnerships related to fisheries improvement (e.g. bycatch best practices and traceability applications) with engagement of a broader base of supply chain stakeholders.
- Specific policy papers on the CT circle hook policy brief formally presented to several governments, demonstrably influencing policy and in some cases leading to new projects (trials) and budget allocation from fishing departments.
- 2013 CTI-CFF Regional Priorities Workshop identified the CTFF as a cross cutting priority and recommended the proposed lead be the CTI-CFF IRS together with the host country and to be held every three years.

II. Decision

1. Include CTFF in the CTI-CFF calendar of events;
2. Assign the CTI-CFF IRS to be the lead for the CTFF, together with the host countries, with coordination support from WWF and participation by the NCCs and Development Partners;
3. Assign EAFM TWG to determine the date, host country, theme and mandate for the 3rd CTFF.