



**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**  
**And**  
**CORAL TRIANGLE CENTER**

**PREAMBLE**

Recognizing the mutual benefits that could be gained through enhanced cooperation the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (hereinafter referred to as "CTI-CFF"), and the Coral Triangle Center (hereinafter referred to as "CTC"), agreed to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to formalize relevant collaborative efforts in fostering capacity building and enhancing key stakeholders' participation in achieving CTI-CFF objectives and goals.

**INTRODUCTION**

The CTI-CFF is a multilateral partnership among six countries, namely: Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste, 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. At the Leader's Summit in 2009, these governments agreed to adopt a 10-year CTI Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) to safeguard the region's marine and coastal biological resources. The RPOA has five goals: strengthening the management of seascapes, promoting an ecosystem approach to fisheries management, establishing and improving effective management of marine protected areas, improving coastal community resilience to climate change, and protecting threatened species. Through the CTI-CFF, the Coral Triangle countries have agreed to support people-centered biodiversity conservation, sustainable development, poverty reduction and equitable benefit sharing. The CTI-CFF seeks to address both poverty reduction through economic development, food security, sustainable livelihoods for coastal communities and biodiversity conservation through the protection of species, habitats and ecosystems.

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*Ensuring Coral Reefs for Life*

CTC is a regional learning center of excellence in tropical marine resources management based in Bali, Indonesia. A local foundation that trains marine resource managers and educates all groups that interact with coastlines and reefs within the Coral Triangle, CTC is the technical partner for turning knowledge and skills into on-the-ground actions-transforming science into practical training modules customized and delivered to government officials, MPA stakeholders, and partners. CTC provides training and learning programs; supports marine-protected areas; coordinates a learning network for MPA practitioners, women leaders and local governments; connects the public and private sector on coastal issues; and reaches out to the larger public including school children and local communities. CTC's one-of-a-kind learning hub in Bali focused on the mega-marine bio-diversity in the Coral Triangle and its global significance for ecosystem services (food security, livelihoods and coastline protection). CTC is focused on customizing information, communications and training to the cultural context of the people whether in a countrywide context, at the community level, private sector or individual level throughout the Coral Triangle Region. CTC works to transform science into practical training modules customized and delivered to government officials, MPA stakeholders, and partners.

Since CTI-CFF and CTC share common interests in Marine Protected Areas, Training and Outreach, both Parties agreed to cooperate in the promotion of sustainable marine and fisheries management in the Coral Triangle, utilizing their joint expertise.

### **PURPOSE / OBJECTIVE**

Recognizing CTI-CFF and CTC share the Coral Triangle region as their geographic focus, noting common mission and vision in protecting the most diverse, marine and coastal ecosystem for fisheries and food securities and also recognizing that all CT6 countries identified capacity building as one of the highest priorities in the regional and national plans of action to achieve the CTI-CFF goals;

Acknowledging that CTI-CFF has endorsed CTC as development partner at 5<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF Ministerial Meeting in Manado on May 2014;

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

1. Assessment and facilitation of training and learning needs with the Technical Working Groups (TWGs) to achieve the Regional Plan of Action (RPoA), with focus on the delivery of practical trainings, workshops and learning exchanges at the regional and national levels.
2. Support to Marine Protected Areas (MPA), also MPA learning network and a Coral Triangle-wide MPA Learning Sites Portfolio.
3. Support to cross-cutting initiatives engaging key stakeholders in achieving the goals of the RPoA including:



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- a. *Women Leaders Forum*
  - b. *Local Government Network*
  - c. *Regional Business Forum*
  - d. *Coral Triangle Day outreach activities*
4. Promote and engage (mainstream) CTI-CFF in regional and international forums and conferences such as World Ocean Council (WOC), International Coral Reefs Symposium (ICRS), World Conservation Congress (WCC) among others.

### **GENERAL PROVISION**

In order to carry out and fulfill the objectives of this MOU, CTC 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:

1. Elaboration of the responsibilities of each Party for the agreed upon activities;
2. Schedule of implementation for the specific activity;
3. Budgetary allocations and sources of funds for each activity; and
4. Any other item necessary for the efficient achievement of the activities.

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.* workshop reports, training, communications and outreach materials regarding marine protected areas, and coastal and marine resources management.



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## DURATION AND TERMINATION

This MOU shall become effective on the date of signing and shall be valid for a period of 5 (five) 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 in Denpasar, on 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015, in two copies. In witness whereof, the Head Delegate of CTI-CFF and CTC, have here to provided their endorsement.

**For the Coral Triangle Center:**

By: **Safira Warili Hawari Djohani, M.Sc.**  
Executive Director

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015

**For Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral  
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Executive Director,  
Regional Secretariat

Date: 27<sup>th</sup> August 2015