



# **coral triangle initiative**

## **JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT**

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

**- (CTI-CFF)**

**Endorsed at the first Ministerial Meeting  
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea**

**(10 March 2009)**

1. The first Ministerial Meeting of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security took place in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea on 10 March 2009, represented by relevant ministers and representatives of the governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste.
2. The Ministers expressed their appreciation for the generosity of the government of Papua New Guinea in hosting this Ministerial Meeting, and the superb organizational efforts carried out to ensure a productive and successful event.
3. The Ministers recognized the uniqueness, diversity and richness of the coral reefs and related living resources in the waters within the national jurisdiction of each CT6 country of the Coral Triangle region, as defined in the CTI Regional Plan of Action (Section I, subsection I of RPoA).
4. The Ministers emphasized that the coastal and marine resources in the Coral Triangle region provide profound benefits to the people of the CT6 countries, including livelihoods, income and other benefits, and accelerate progress toward the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), particularly for coastal communities.
5. The Ministers further recognized the persistent threats to the uniqueness, fragility and vulnerability of marine, coastal, and small island ecosystems within the Coral Triangle region resulting from land-based and sea-based pollution, transportation, unsustainable fishing practices, unsustainable coastal development, and climate change, among others.
6. The Ministers reaffirmed the importance of coordinated management of coastal, marine, and small island ecosystems in ensuring long-term benefits and food security for the people of the Coral Triangle region, through implementation programs and projects of "The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF)" and their respective National Plans of Action.
7. The Ministers emphasized that the implementation of the CTI-CFF is without prejudice to the sovereignty, territorial integrity, and sovereign rights of the CT6 states over their marine resources, or the position of each CT6 state on the on-going delimitation of maritime boundaries between CT6 countries with opposite and adjacent coasts.
8. The Ministers recognized that the CTI Regional Plan of Action is a living and non-legally binding document, to be reviewed and updated as necessary, and that its implementation takes into consideration the different settings and prevailing laws and policies of each CT6 country, and therefore is subject to the level of existing capacities and available resources.

9. The Ministers endorsed the Port Moresby Draft of the CTI Regional Plan of Action and recommended to their leaders to adopt this Regional Plan of Action at their Summit as a blueprint for CT6 governments to sustainably manage coastal and marine resources for the long-term benefit and welfare of the citizens of the region, taking into consideration contributions of stakeholders.
10. The ministers announced the adoption of their respective National Plans of Action and other pioneering programs that elaborate each country's commitments to mark the successful implementation of CTI-CFF and to contribute significantly to achieving its objectives.
11. The Ministers expressed their appreciation for the work of the interim secretariat in Indonesia and agreed that the interim secretariat should continue to serve the CTI-CFF process until a proper secretariat is formally established.
12. The Ministers welcomed and expressed their appreciation for the continued support for CTI-CFF rendered by partners and welcomed further announcements of contributions by partners.

Signed on 10 March 2009 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea by:



Government of Indonesia

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H.E. Freddy Numberi  
Minister  
Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries

Government of Malaysia

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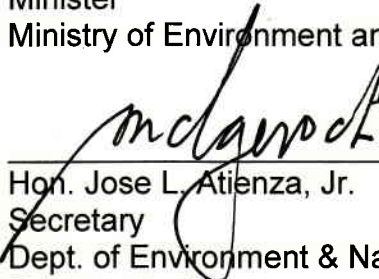
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Hon. Benny Allen, MP  
Minister  
Ministry of Environment and Conservation

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Hon. Jose L. Atienza, Jr.  
Secretary  
Dept. of Environment & Natural Resources  
Represented by:  
Undersecretary Manuel D. Gerochi

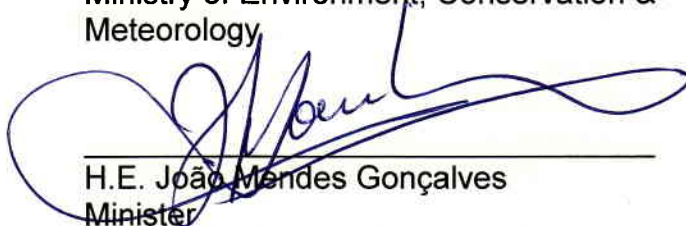
Government of Solomon Islands



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Hon. Gordon Darcy Lilo  
Minister  
Ministry of Environment, Conservation &  
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