

**USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle Kick-off Meeting**  
**CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Office**  
**Manado, Indonesia**  
**April 29 to 30, 2024**

### Background

The Coral Triangle Initiative for Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat has been awarded a five-year grant by the United States Agency for International Development Regional Development Mission for Asia (USAID/RDMA). This grant aims to support sustainable management of marine biodiversity and fisheries resources in the Coral Triangle region, focusing on strengthening governance, building capacity, enhancing community engagement, and securing blue financing for conservation efforts.

### Objectives

The two days Kick-off Meeting serves as a pivotal event to formally launch the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle and initiate collaborative efforts among key stakeholders. The meeting aims to:

- Introduce USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle to CT6 member countries and stakeholders.
- Provide an overview of the project objectives, activities, and expected outcomes.
- Foster dialogue and engagement among government officials, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, implementing partners, USAID bilateral Missions and Offices, and other relevant stakeholders e.g., SEAFDEC, RPOA-IUU, etc.
- Outline the framework for monitoring and evaluation to track project progress effectively.

### Draft Agenda

<b>Day 1- April 29, 2024</b>		
<b>Date/Time (Manado Time)</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Resource Person(s)</b>
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	All
<b>Opening Session</b>		
09:00 – 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Remarks by Brad Arsenault, Deputy Office Director, Regional Environment Office</li> <li>• Welcome Remarks by Dr. Frank Keith Griffin the ED of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat</li> <li>• Round of Introduction</li> <li>• Overview of the Meeting Objectives and Agenda</li> <li>• Group Photo</li> </ul>	USAID/RDMA , CTI-CFF RS
10:00 – 10:15	Break	
<b>Project Overview and Objectives</b> <b>Lessons from SUFIA and Other Relevant Projects</b>		



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10:15 – 11:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● SUFIA Project (TBC from USAID)</li> <li>● USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle</li> <li>● SUFIA TS (TBC)</li> <li>● SEAFDEC Representatives (TBC)</li> </ul> Highlight on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <i>Goals and Objectives</i></li> <li>○ <i>Sharing Experiences, Challenges, and Success Stories</i></li> <li>○ <i>Identifying Synergies and Areas for Collaboration</i></li> </ul>	USAID/RDMA, CTI-CFF RS
11:45 – 12:00	Overall Discussion: Strengthening Regional Collaboration	
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break	
<b>Strengthening Governance and Policy Frameworks</b>		
13:00 – 14:00	Presentation: Objectives and Activities under Objective 1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion on Strengthening Governance and Policy Frameworks for Sustainable Fisheries and Climate Adaptation</li> <li>● Identification of Key Challenges and Opportunities</li> <li>● Interactive Discussion</li> </ul>	TBC
<b>Capacity Building and Partnerships</b>		
14:00 – 15:00	Presentation: Objectives and Activities under Objective 2 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion on Capacity Building Initiatives and Multi-Stakeholder Partnerships</li> <li>● Identification of Key Challenges and Opportunities</li> <li>● Interactive Discussion</li> </ul>	TBC
15:00 – 15:15	Coffee Break	
<b>Enhancing Financing and Institutional Capacity</b>		
15:15 – 16:15	Presentation: Objectives and Activities under Objective 3 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Discussion on Blue Financing, Institutional Capacity Building, and Partnerships with Private Investors</li> <li>● Exploring Innovative Financial Options</li> <li>● Presentation from CTCF (TBC)</li> <li>● Q&amp;A Session</li> </ul>	TBC
<b>Closing of day 1</b>		
16:15 – 16:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Wrap up day 1</li> <li>● Final Q&amp;A</li> </ul>	CTI-CFF RS



<b>Day 2- April 30, 2024</b>		
<b>Date/Time (Manado Time)</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Resource Person(s)</b>
08:30 – 09:00	Registration	All
09:00 - 09:15	Recap from day 1	CTI-CFF RS
<b>USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle MEL and Communication</b>		
09:15 – 10:15	Presentation: Overview of MEL and Communication for the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussion on Key Performance Indicators, Data Collection Methods, and Reporting Mechanisms</li> <li>• Introduction of the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle</li> <li>• Feedback and Suggestions from Participants</li> </ul>	USAID/RDMA, CTI-CFF RS
10:15 – 10:30	Coffee Break	
10:30 – 11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Perspectives from CT6 Member Countries on Project Alignment with National Priorities</li> <li>• Opportunities and Challenges in Implementing Regional Policies on Sustainable Fisheries and Climate Adaptation</li> </ul>	CT6 Member Countries, USAID/RDMA Officials, CTI-CFF strategic Partners, Other Stakeholders
<b>Adjournment of discussion on USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle</b>		
<b>Update from CTI-CFF RS to the CT 6</b>		
11:00 – 12:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Program Updates</li> <li>• MEL Update for CTI-CFF RS</li> </ul>	Program Service RS
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch Break	
<b>Discussion on RPOA 2.0 and NPOA</b>		
13:00 -14:00	NPOA for CTI-CFF Development Plan for the CT6	Program Service RS
<b>Closing Session</b>		
14:00 - 15:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Closing Remarks by CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat</li> <li>• Acknowledgment of Participants and Partners</li> <li>• Adjournment of the Meeting</li> </ul>	CTI-CFF RS

**Expected Participants**

- Representatives from CT6 Member Countries (CT6 NCC and the Chair of each WG)
- USAID/RDMA Officials and other USAID Representatives
- CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Staff
- SUFIA project Implementing Partners e.g SUFIA TS

- Other relevant stakeholders e.g. SEAFDEC
- Chair of University Partnership or SAG
- Other CTI-CFF Strategic Partners and Collaborators

### **Conclusion**

The Kick-off Meeting for the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle marks the beginning of a collaborative journey towards achieving sustainable marine resource management and climate resilience in the Coral Triangle region. Through active participation, dialogue, and coordinated efforts among CTI-CFF, and other stakeholders, we aim to make tangible progress towards our shared goals of safeguarding the invaluable ecosystems of the Coral Triangle for present and future generations.

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