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# *A Message from the Executive Director*

Hello! I'm happy to be able to communicate with you via this newsletter.

As the Covid-19 pandemic enters its second year, daily life and conservation initiatives have progressively appeared to return to normal in some of the six CTI CFF countries.

However, due to the different recovery policies in each nation, numerous sessions must still be held online.

From January through September 2022, many advancements and successes are compiled in this newsletter. To better serve all member countries and enhance cooperation between working groups and diverse initiatives from countries and partners, RS staff members participate in a number of capacity-building programs.



The USAID Technical Support team paid a visit to the RS in June 2022. The two parties' successful implementation of SUFIA Local Capacity Development will be followed by a combined program with SUFIA Technical Support to examine the proper management of fisheries, including IUU Fishing in the Coral Triangle Area.

The CTI CFF Regional Conservation Trust Fund, which has advanced from technical committee to Steering Committee, was the subject of another crucial meeting where it was discussed how to take it to a higher level, including the creation of a Board of Directors and the hiring of a coordinator.

In addition to CT Day, we also celebrate International Women's Day in 2022. In line with CTI-CFF efforts to mainstream Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Policy, the Regional Secretariat released an Executive Director note that emphasized the significance of women's roles in coastal resource management, including the industrialization of fishery products.

We anticipate a swift end to the pandemic. The Regional Secretariat is eager to physically meet and catch up with all of the member nations and partners. Online meetings only allow for the agenda-related discussions; pleasant friendships and casual conversations are not permitted. Hopefully the pandemic will be over by the following year, allowing for more intensive face-to-face coordination between nations.

Cheers,

**Dr. Mohd. Kushairi bin Mohd. Rajuddin**  
**Executive Director, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat**

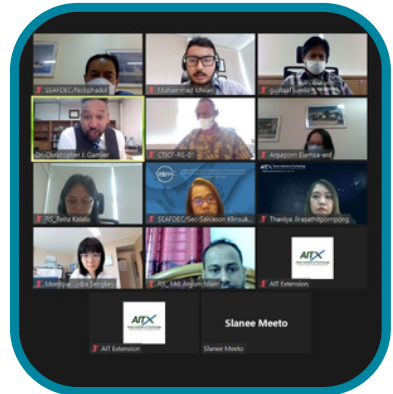


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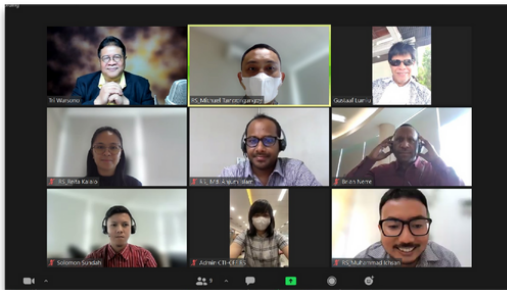


## **Strategic Human Resources Management and Business Leadership Training by Asian Institute of Technology Thailand**

January 10, 2022 - Six RS and three SEAFDEC employees under the SUFIA Project went through this training in order to improve human resources management and incorporate principles of openness, non-discrimination, ethics, gender equality integration, and social inclusion (GESI).



### **"The Effective Work Time Management" Training**



On March 7, 2022, RS conducted a Staff Project Timesheet Management Training with assistance from HR consultant Mr. Tri Waksono in order to improve the efficiency of the staff in supporting CTI. The training's goal was to increase participants' capacity for efficient time management so they could produce daily work products that helped the Initiative get off the ground.

In order to perform their RS roles in the coordination and facilitation of the country members more effectively, participants in this training received some additional knowledge on how to professionally manage work time, specifically on the work activities and output priority of the job.





## **A Note from the Executive Director for INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2022**

To mark International Women's Day on March 8, 2022, a message from DR. MOHD. KUSHAIRI MOHD. RAJUDDIN, Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, was published. Women make a significant contribution through post-harvest activities in an area where small-scale fishing communities predominate, which is important for managing the coastal ecosystem.

Through the Women Leaders' Forum (WLF), CTI-CFF supports the empowerment of women by increasing their awareness of the issues surrounding marine conservation and sustainable development.

He also introduced a new Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Policy approved in the SOM 16 to internal audience, to provide guidance for promoting and mainstreaming GESI in all activities in the CT6 member countries, strategic partners, and the Regional Secretariat.

The goal of the policy is to guarantee that social inclusion and gender equality will be practiced in all CTI-CFF endeavors and initiatives in order to enhance local livelihoods, social security, and resource governance.

For full note, visit [www.coraltriangleinitiative.org](http://www.coraltriangleinitiative.org):





## **Third Booster Vaccination for the Regional Secretariat Staff**

The medical team led by Dr. Deisy Supir from the Bailang Public Health Center, of North Sulawesi Health Department, administered the Third (3rd)/Booster jab for the Regional Staff at the CTI Center Lobby (11/04/22) in support of the Indonesian government's efforts to slow and stop the spread of the COVID-19.



## **Executive Director of Conservation Finance Alliance visited RS**



Dr. David Meyer, the executive director of the Conservation Finance Alliance in Washington, paid RS a visit on May 16 and 17, 2022. Dr. Meyer is the Technical Expert who assists the RS Executive Director in the establishment of The Regional Trust Fund for CTI-CFF. He also briefly discussed program financial planning with the RS program staff members Mr. Anjum and Mr. Ichsan in the secretariat.



## Celebrating 124th Anniversary of the Philippines



HE Angelica C. Escalona, Consul General of the Republic of the Philippines, invited Dr. Mohd Kushairi, Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, to a reception at the Four Points Hotel by Sheraton Manado in honor of the 124th anniversary of the declaration of the Philippines Independence, on June 13, 2022.

Earlier on June 2nd, HE Angelica paid a courtesy visit to the Regional Secretariat as the new Consul General of the Philippines in Manado. In the visit, HE Escalona and Dr. Mohd. Kushairi discussed numerous issues and possible collaborative actions for the two parties.

See more pictures here:





## **ED visited the Philippines Consulate General in Manado to Pay Respect on the Passing of the Former President Ramos of the Philippines**

The former 12th President of the Philippines, Fidel Valdez Ramos, passed away on July 31, 2022, and the Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, paid his respects and signed the book of condolences at the Philippine Consulate General in Manado on August 5, 2022.

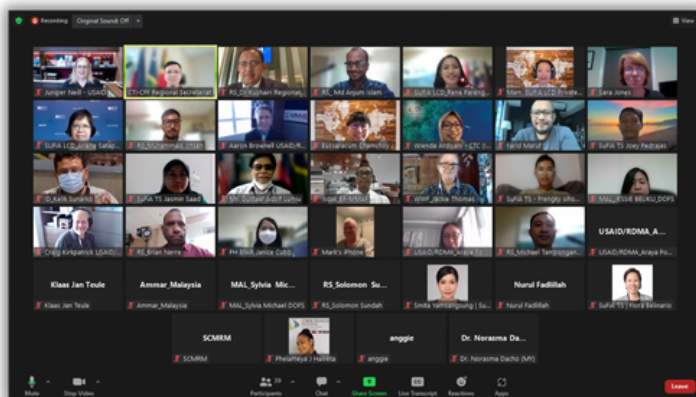


The Regional Secretariat sends its condolences and deepest sympathies to the Philippines on behalf of its staff and the CTI CFF member nations. It also prays for the former president Ramos for eternal peace. Consul General Angelica C. Escalona and Border Crossing Officer CPO Christopher A. Dazal, PN welcomed Dr. Kushairi.



## The SUFIA Local Capacity Development Activity Close Out event

On July 19, 2022, the SUFIA Local Capacity Development (LCD) Activity Close Out event took place. By working together, USAID and CTI-CFF hoped to improve CTI-ability CFF's to adhere to USAID's requirements for Public International Organizations (PIO).



According to the presentation made by Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu, Deputy ED for Corporate Service of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, CTI-CFF complies with the requirements in a very strong way.



Read full story and see more pictures in:



A token of appreciation was presented by Ms. Novena Rena Parengkuang, the Organizational Development Consultant of USAID SUFIA LCD to the Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu.



## CTI-CFF in International Fora

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat attended a number of international fora in order to gain support and increase visibility of CTI-CFF. Dr. Mohd. Kushairi, the Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, attended the Our Ocean Conference 2022 in Palau and spoke at a side event about the CTI-CFF Regional Trust Fund. The ED initiated communication with potential partners and donors for the Regional Trust Fund during the event, including Mr. Ken O'Flaherty the UK Ambassador for COP 26, Bloomberg, the Conservation Finance Alliance, and other philanthropy organizations.



Dr. Kushairi was also invited during his presence at the UN Ocean Conference in Lisbon, Portugal by the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for the Ocean, Ambassador Peter Thomson to a high-level breakfast with other head of organizations on coral reef. The Executive Director also attended meetings of the Working Group on the Post 2020 Global Biodiversity Framework and the Subsidiary Body on Scientific, Technical, and Technological Advice earlier in March 2022 at the UN Biodiversity Conference (COP 15) in Geneva.

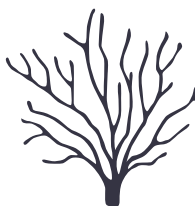


## USAID RDMA and USAID SUFIA TS Visit to the Regional Secretariat



Ms. Araya Poomsaringkarn visited the Regional Secretariat as a representative of USAID RDMA along with the USAID SUFIA Technical Support team led by Mr. John Parks. The parties discussed the top future projects that would benefit the six member countries and could be funded by the PIO USAID grant during the visit. Dr. Mohd. Kushairi, the executive director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, presented a draft of the CTI-CFF program to USAID RDMA for approval.

The goals, targets, and USAID SUFIA programs that are in line with the CTI-current CFF's activities were discussed by Mr. John Parks. Following the CTI-CFF's successful implementation of SUFIA Local Capacity Development, USAID SUFIA is still providing technical support to the CTI-CFF.



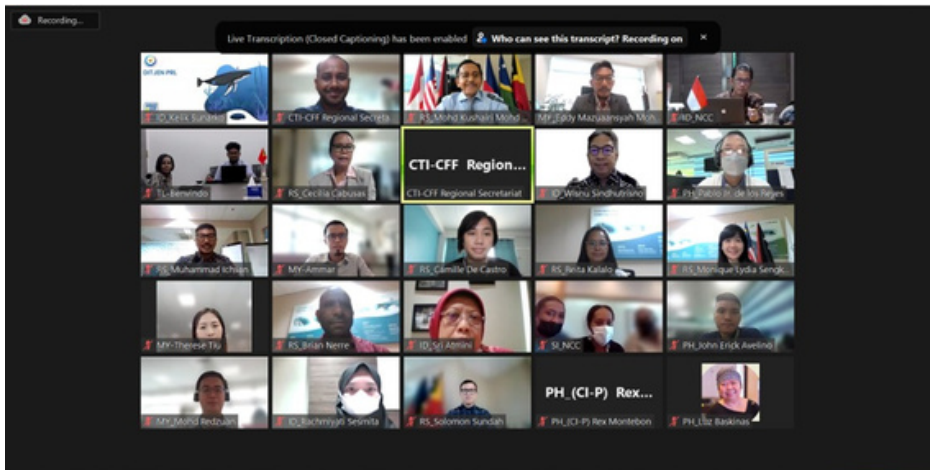
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# In-Situ virtual Writeshop on finalization of RPOA 2.0 Implementation Strategies, M&E Data Collection and Information Sharing Mechanism, and M&E Plan Framework



The RPOA 2.0 document was finalized by the Regional Secretariat for SOM 16 endorsement at an event for the In-Situ virtual Writeshops on September 21–22, 2022.

In place of Mrs. Noor Afifah Abdul Razak, the Chair of the Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group, Mr. Ganesan presided over the meeting. This meeting also covered the SOM-16-tasks Implementation Strategy with M & E Data Collection and Information Sharing Mechanism.

These RPOA 2.0 documents have completed their protracted creation process. The RPOA 2.0, which will serve as the regional goals, objectives, targets, regional activities, and indicators for the following five (5) and ten (10) years, was completed and finalized by the CTI-CFF.



## Women's Leader Forum



Through a series of online regional exchanges that highlight successful women-led initiatives in sustainable marine resource management and ocean protection, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat hopes to highlight innovative actions taken by women leaders across the Coral Triangle in protecting marine biodiversity. This is done in partnership with The Nature Conservancy and the Coral Triangle Center.

"Conservation in the Frontlines, Women Leaders Protecting the Coral Triangle Threatened Biodiversity and Endangered Species," was the theme of the opening session. Speakers from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and the Solomon Islands, along with US partners, will share motivational tales about protecting sea turtles, dugongs, sharks, and the sustainability of fisheries during this session.

Visit the Coral Triangle Center on YouTube to view the conversation.





# Latest Publications



## Annual Report 2021

A summary of the stories from the activities from January to December of 2021 has been published in the Annual Report 2021.

Get your electronic copy here.



## New Audio-visual Promotion Material

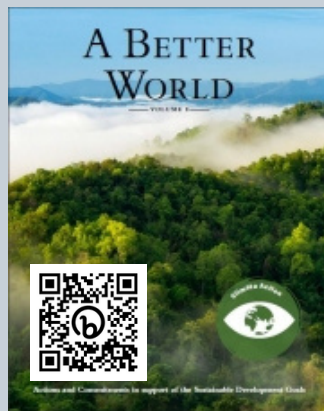
A new audio-visual promotion tool for the Coral Triangle has been released by the Regional Secretariat, which illustrates the most recent advancements and successes of CTI-CFF in the region.

Subscribe to YouTube CTI-CFF RS.

## CTI-CFF in A Better World

Dr. Mohd. Kushairi, the Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, produced an article that was published in "A Better World," a publication created by the Human Development Forum, a division of the publishing company Tudor Rose in Leicester, UK, to support the adoption of the UN SDGs in 2016.

The article, "CTI-CFF: Progress Towards SDG 13 and COP 26," describes numerous initiatives undertaken by the six member nations under the Climate Change Adaptation Working Group such as information sharing, for instance, promotes the rapid development and replication of knowledge, models, and practices. It also discusses the difficulties encountered when integrating climate adaptation, including the requirement for innovative financing.



Read full article here:

<https://www.coraltriangleinitiative.org/library/better-world-volume-8>



# *Coral Triangle Day Celebrations, 9 June 2022*



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# MOVING FORWARD *with the* BLUE ECONOMY

CORAL TRIANGLE DAY  
9 JUNE 2022



The world's epicenter of marine biodiversity, the Coral Triangle, which includes the seas of six Asia-Pacific nations—Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor Leste—is widely celebrated on June 9 each year.

The CT Day 2022 is dedicated to celebrate “Sustaining Coral Triangle Ecosystems through Blue Economy”.

See video remarks from Dr. Mohd. Kushairi, the Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. Subscribe to Youtube - CTI-CFF RS



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## Local Partners Joint Celebration of CT Day 2022 in Turtle Nesting Ground of Jembrana, Bali.

The Directorate General of Marine Spatial Management, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) of Indonesia hosted an event in honor of CT Day 2022 at the Kurma Asih Sea Turtle Conservation Center in Perancak Village, Jembrana, Bali, on July 29, and the Executive Director and Technical Program Manager of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat attended. Mr. Muhammad Yusuf, S.Hut, M.Si., Director of Marine, Coastal Region and Small Islands, MMAF, represented the DG of Marine Spatial Management in that event.



366 sea turtle hatchlings were released that day, along with beach cleanup and a talk show on sea turtle conservation where the ED of CTI-CFF RS Dr. Mohd. Kushairi was one of the speakers.

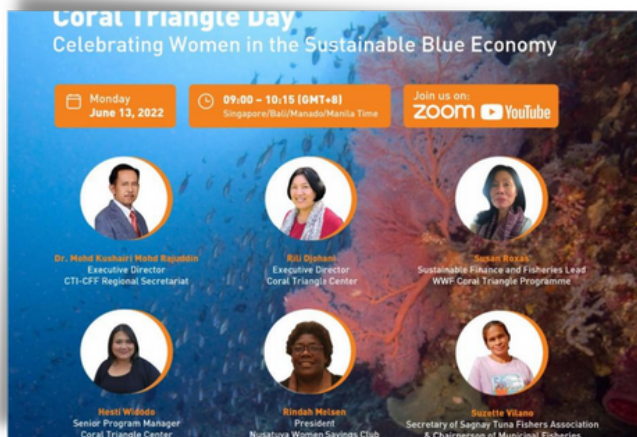
Read full story in <https://coraltriangleinitiative.org/news/turtle-collaboration-action-indonesia-commemoration-coral-triangle-day-2022-and-supporting-mont>



THE CORAL TRIANGLE DAY



# “Celebrating Women in the Blue Economy”



On 13 June 2022, the Regional Secretariat together with CTC Bali and WWF had launched a webinar titled “Celebrating Women in the Blue Economy”. It is in line with the Coral Triangle Day 2022 themed “Sustaining Coral Triangle Ecosystems through Blue Economy”.

See the documentary in: <https://bit.ly/3CNAer9>



## *Welcome and Farewell*



RS welcomes Ms. Dewi Satriani as the new Communication and Information Manager



RS welcomes Ms. Ingrid Kandolia as the new Operation Officer



RS welcomes Ms. Stephanie Mapalieu as the new Data Compilation and Documentation Officer



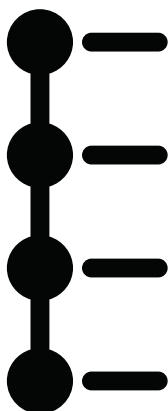
RS welcomes Mr. Michael Tampongangoy as the new NCC Private Sector Partners Officer



The Regional Secretariat bids farewell to Mr. Muhammad Ichsan who has ended his contract as Technical Program Manager to further his studies. Thank you very much and good luck with your new endeavours.



# Calendar of Upcoming Events

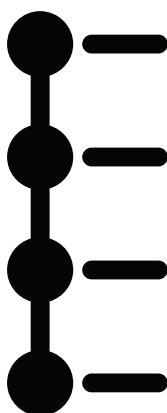


03 October 2022  
Women Leader's Forum

05 October 2022  
Financial Working Group Meeting

06 October 2022  
Host Country Agreement

17 October 2022  
The USAID Assistance to CTI-CFF

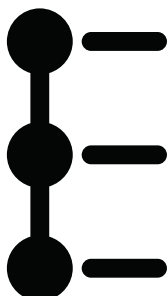


25 October 2022  
The 4th Regional Conservation Trust Fund Steering Committee

27 October 2022  
Climate Change Adaptation Working Group

28 October 2022  
Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group and CT ATLAS focal points

31 October 2022  
Seascapes Working Group In-Situ Meeting back-to-back with EAFM Working Group



09 November 2022  
CTI-CFF Regional Conservation Trust Fund Biweekly Meeting

24-25 November 2022  
Senior Official's Meeting (SOM) 17th

22-23 November 2022  
Pre-Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) 17th



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The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security, is a multilateral partnership of six countries, namely Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste, working together to sustain extraordinary marine and coastal resources by addressing crucial issues such as food security, climate change and marine biodiversity.

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