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CTI-CFF LAUNCH REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION (RPOA) 2.0

BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARIAT

Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security in facing the threats to the health of coastal and marine ecosystems, continue to commit to the goals and objectives of the CTI-CFF which are formulated in the Regional Plan of Action 2.0 for the year 2021-2030.

The Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0 has 2 goals, 3 objectives, 7 targets, 17 regional activities, 33 expected outcomes and 90 expected outputs which all its member countries actively contributed to.

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MESSAGE



from the Executive Director



Dear valued members and partners of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF).

It is with great pleasure that I bring to you the latest edition of our newsletter. This issue is filled with exciting news and updates on our recent activities and accomplishments.

Firstly, we are thrilled to share with you our successful visit to Timor-Leste, where we engaged with local communities and stakeholders to promote sustainable development and conservation efforts in the Coral Triangle region.

We are also pleased to introduce our new Deputy Executive Director for Program Service, who brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the CTI-CFF team.

As we enter the holy month of Ramadhan and prepare to celebrate Ied Fitr, we extend our warmest wishes to all our Muslim friends and colleagues, and hope that this blessed occasion brings peace, joy, and prosperity to all.

Finally, we would like to extend an invitation to all members and partners to join us in celebrating the **Coral Triangle Day**, our annual event that highlights the importance of coral reef conservation and new achievements of the CTI-CFF. We would also like to invite our partners to join our OceansNeedActions campaign that will inspire actions to help preserving our precious resources.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our cause.

Sincerely,

Dr. Mohd. Kushairi Bin Mohd. Rajuddin

Executive Director CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat

SIGNING CEREMONY OF THE HOST COUNTRY AGREEMENT

BY THE REGIONAL SECRETARIAT

Jakarta, Tuesday, 31 January 2023 - Located in the Directorate General of Coastal Area Management office of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Indonesia, a signing ceremony was conducted on the Host

Host Country Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, represented by the Ministry of Marine Affairs & Fisheries (MMAF), and the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat.

CTI-CFF was represented by the Chair of Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) HE Mr. Acacio Guterres and the Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Dr. Mohd. Kushairi Bin Mohd. Rajuddin. The Host Country Agreement (HCA) signed today is an advancement of the previous HCA signed in 2015.

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COURTESY VISIT TO BRUNEI DARUSSALAM AND SINGAPORE EMBASSIES | CTI-CFF

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat represented by the Executive Director Dr Mohd. Kushairi bin Mohd. Rajuddin, paid a courtesy visit to the Brunei Darussalam embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, and was welcomed by the Charge d'Affaires A.I, Dayang Yuhanizah Binti Dato Paduka Dr Haji Ismail.

CTI-CFF is presenting its programs and long term goals written in the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0 for 2021-2030, and inviting Brunei to consider to become a new member of the Coral Triangle Initiatives.

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KfW of Germany and the Wildlife Conservation Society Visit to RS

CTI-CFF RS

The visit was intended for a coordination meeting among the three organizations upon potential partnership activities, one of which was collaboration for the Regional Conservation Trust Fund of the CTI CFF.

Dr. Mohd. Kushairi Mohd. Rajuddin, Executive Director of CTI CFF Regional Secretariat welcomed the delegates and presented the updates on the establishment of the Trust Fund. The Regional Conservation Trust Fund (RCTF) is in the process of recruiting board members and a CEO.

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THE CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT'S NEW DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR PROGRAM SERVICES

CTI-CFF RS

Mr. Christovel Rotinsulu is a Marine Resources Management professional with over 20 years field experience in marine ecosystem-based management, marine biodiversity conservation, sustainable fisheries management, protected area surveillance, ecological and socio-economic research, and natural resource governance.

Mr. Chris's research experience encompassing ecosystem conservation science, sustainable fisheries management, fisheries economics, strategic environmental assessment (SEA) and the assessment of the effectiveness of marine and coastal resources management including MPA management in the Coral Triangle Region.

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PRESS ENGAGEMENT IN TIMOR-LESTE

CTI-CFF RS

The meeting between CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the TL Government attracted intention from fellow journalists. An article about CTI-CFF and TL chair-ship appeared on Timor Post newspaper, and the news got into the television.

[The press conference video can be viewed by clicking here.](#)



THE CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT'S COURTESY VISIT TO TIMOR-LESTE

CTI-CFF RS

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat team is visiting Timor-Leste for the courtesy of meeting the TL Government and the NCC, to support the TL chair-ship of the CTI-CFF for the period of 2023-2024.

Today, the Executive Director of CTI-CFF RS, Dr. Mohd. Kushairi Mohd. Rajuddin, had a very productive discussion with the Chair of Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) HE Mr. Acacio Guterres, the Director General of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries of Timor-Leste, also the National Directors, Chief Department and some technical staffs.

The visit aimed to provide a brief of the new RPOA 2.0 and to invite opinions from Timor-Leste. RS hoped that Timor-Leste can obtain as much benefits from the partnership in the CTI-CFF.



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The Second Day of the Visit to Timor-Leste

March 21, 2023

On the second day of the visit to Timor-Leste, the Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat met the Chair of Council of Ministers (COM) of the CTI-CFF, Hon. Pedro dos Reis, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of Timor-Leste.



Dili, Timor-Leste



Dili, Timor-Leste

The meeting was held in the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries Office, and attended by the Director General for Fisheries, the National Director for Aquaculture and Saliculture, and the DG for Multi-lateral Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation.

THE DISCUSSION

The discussion was fruitful and the Timor-Leste Government was very enthusiastic with the role as the leader of CTI-CFF, and will do their best to support and giving guidance wherever necessary. The Minister wished that during his leadership, CTI-CFF can successfully running the Regional Conservation Trust Fund initiative, and most importantly in the implementation of the RPOA 2.0.



Dili, Timor Leste

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HAPPY



Eid al-Fitr

On this auspicious occasion of Eid, let's pay gratitude to the divine light for all the wonderful things in our lives.



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TIMOR-LESTE

MARINE PROTECTED AREA



Protection of Richness and Beauty

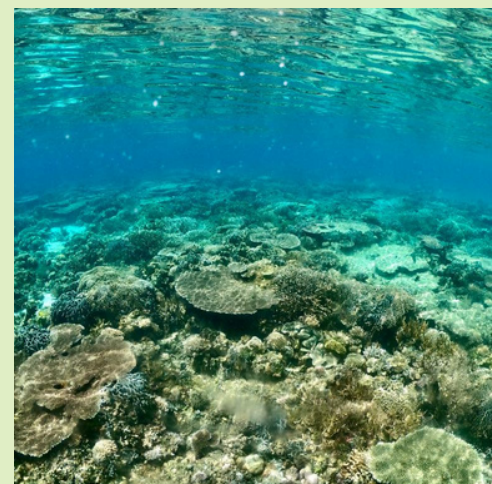
Timor-Leste is a small island nation. Despite its small size, the country boasts a diverse and unique marine ecosystem, with a variety of marine species and habitats found nowhere else in the world. In recognition of the importance of this ecosystem, Timor-Leste has established a number of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) to help conserve and protect its marine resources.

MPAs are areas of ocean and coastal habitat that are protected by law, to conserve biodiversity and promoted sustainable fisheries. These areas can vary in size and level of protection, but all aim to limit human impacts on the marine environment, such as fishing and development. These MPAs range in size and level of protection, from small community-managed reserves to larger government-managed parks.

According to the CTI-CFF Monitoring measures, there are two MPAs of Timor-Leste that fall under category 3 and 4. The first one is the Nino Konis Santana National Park, which was established in 2007. The park covers over 1,000 square kilometers of marine and terrestrial habitat, and is home to a wide range of species, including whales, dolphins, turtles, and various types of fish and coral.

Another notable MPA in Timor-Leste is the Atauro Island Marine Protected Area. Located off the coast of the capital city Dili, this MPA covers over 14,000 hectares of coral reef, seagrass meadows, and mangrove forests. The area is home to a number of threatened species, including dugongs and hawksbill turtles, and is an important spawning ground for a variety of fish species.

The MPAs of Timor-Leste are managed through a partnership between the Timor-Leste government, local communities, with support from international organizations such as Coral Triangle Center (CTC), Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and Conservation International.





TIMOR-LESTE

MARINE PROTECTED AREA



Underwater photos
courtesy of:
Dr. Mohd. Kushairi Mohd.
Rajuddin, and
Mr. Benvindo Maria Deus
Araujo dos Santos

The MPA helped to support sustainable fisheries and ecotourism on the island, providing economic opportunities for local communities while also protecting the marine environment.

While some Timor-Leste's MPAs are still relatively new, they have already had a positive impact on the country's marine ecosystem. By limiting human impacts and promoting sustainable management practices, these protected areas are helping to ensure the long-term health and resilience of Timor-Leste's unique marine environment.

In March 2023, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat team paid a courtesy visit to Timor-Leste to meet the Chair of COM and Chair of CSO in person. During the visit, the team spent one day at the Atauro MPA to witness the incredibly beautiful fringing reefs of Beloi village, that are protected collaboratively by the government and local communities. It was a true amazing scuba diving and snorkeling experience on healthy reefs and abundant fish.

On the way to Atauro, the team encountered a group of pilot whales, which was an unexpected but breathtaking sight. Pilot whales are a type of toothed whale known for their close social bonds and their tendency to travel in groups. On the way back, they came across a pod of dolphins swimming in the waters. These encounters highlight the rich biodiversity of Timor-Leste's marine ecosystem, and the importance of protecting it through the establishment of MPAs.

In line with the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0, Timor-Leste has set an ambitious goal to establish MPAs covering 30% of its marine area, which includes protecting a range of habitats such as coral reefs, seagrass beds, and mangroves. By establishing and effectively managing MPAs, Timor-Leste is not only protecting its unique marine environment, but also contributing to global efforts to conserve the world's oceans.

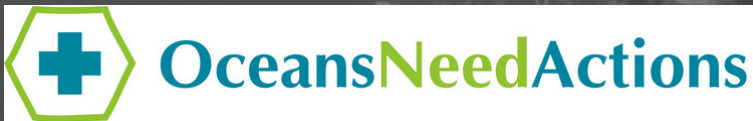




CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April - June 2023

- Workshop on Protecting Marine Migratory Species and Achieving the 30x30 Target Through Transnational Approaches, Manado, Indonesia, 15-17 May 2023
- EAFM Working Group & Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Exchange, Manila, Philippines, 13-16 June 2023
- Coral Triangle Day, 9 June 2023 - OCEANS NEED ACTIONS



The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) is a multilateral partnership of six countries 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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