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Annex – 12(5)

Decision Document on Capacity Building

The 12th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-12)

**1 - 2 November 2016
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Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea**

**Adopted on 2 November 2016
by
the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

I. Background

The CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) described in Section III as one of its commitments to action is “*To achieve a rapid improvement in institutional and human capacity*”. To this effect, several decisions was made in several Senior Officials’ Meeting:

SOM – 6 (2010) Agreement that Capacity Building support for each goal is to be hosted under the relevant TWGs (i.e. no separate working group for capacity building).

SOM – 10 (2014) The need was identified for collating/summarizing existing capacity building needs and efforts underway under each goal to address these needs; and to identify gaps / areas of support needed.

SOM – 11 (2015) Mandate for CTI-RS and CTC to undertake capacity building assessment.

During the SOM-11 discussions, the meeting acknowledged that capacity building is an important area that CTI-CFF should focus on. Based on that, the SOM-11 had approved the following decisions:

1. Endorsed the capacity building needs assessment and mapping of knowledge and training centers, and task the Regional Secretariat, supported by Coral Triangle Center and WWF, to undertake the assessment within a one-year period and to report the outcomes in the next SOM;
2. Recognized the offer from Coral Triangle Center and Wakatobi Conservation Campus, to support the Regional Secretariat in implementing regional capacity building activities across the Region and recognize its potential to become one of the CTI-CFF Regional Centers for Marine Conservation Capacity Building.

Since SOM-11, with the support from USAID-RDMA, USDOJ & Sustainable Solutions International Consulting), a Capacity Building Assessment Report for Goal 3 “*Marine Protected Areas Established and Effectively Managed*” has been commissioned and completed (please refer to Attachment 13.5.2).

The methodology used to produce this report are based on an incremental approach which enables it to (i) develop a modus operandi for the assessments; (ii) ‘test’ the modus operandi using Goal 3’; and (iii) review the results and evaluate the effectiveness of the approach / modus operandi, usefulness of the findings,

mechanisms through which findings can be utilized effectively to target capacity support, and learn lessons for replicating approach for the remaining RPOA goals.

II. Decision

Based on the presentations and the ensued discussions, the CTI-CFF Senior Officials hereby:

1. Acknowledged to address the capacity support gaps in CT countries to:
 - a. Recognized capacity needs have been identified by all CT countries;
 - b. Recognized that capacity support providers (herein including government agencies, non-governmental technical support organizations, universities and academic institutions) are already providing capacity building support through a range of mechanisms across the region;
 - c. Recognized that some capacity needs are being more thoroughly supported than others; and
 - d. Recommended: capacity support providers make efforts to address the existing gaps in capacity support being provided, as identified in the assessment.

2. Agreed to broaden the utilization of effective capacity building mechanisms across the region to:
 - a. Recognized a range of capacity building mechanisms exist and are being utilized within the CT region;
 - b. Recognized that broadening the utilization of mechanisms to reach wider audiences and enable different learning formats and conditions is conducive to promoting wider capacity building opportunities and options for MPA related practitioners in the region;
 - c. Recommended: that capacity providers broaden their conceptions of best-fit mechanisms to meet practitioners' needs and utilize wider mechanisms where possible, appropriate; and
 - d. Recommended: that institutions work to remove existing obstacles to the effective utilization of mechanisms where they exist; for example, revisiting the standardized staffing placement protocols active in government agencies that inhibit effective staff secondments and mentoring opportunities between MPA sites.

3. Supported the establishment of a system to enable countries to inform capacity providers of their priority MPA capacity building needs annually to:
 - a. Recognized the importance of prioritizing capacity needs and capacity provision, to target priority skills building, and reduce redundancy and duplication of capacity building efforts;
 - b. Recommended: the MPATWG as a potential platform through which countries may prioritize their capacity building needs annually; and
 - c. Recommended: the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, with support from CTC, takes responsibility for then disseminating these prioritized needs to the capacity providers.

4. Supported the development of a process to systematically capture data on how capacity needs for MPAs are being met in the region to:
 - a. Recognized the importance of building on this assessment and developing a systematic process to capture information about capacity building efforts being implemented across the region;
 - b. Recommended: the MPA TWG annually request countries to collate summary information on capacity building activities that have been conducted in their countries (addressing which need, and delivered by which provider) for regular updating of information; and
 - c. Recommended: the CTI-CFF regional secretariat, with support from CTC, coordinate the collation and updating of the regional information annually.

5. Agreed to replicate this assessment approach for the remaining four goals for the CTI-CFF RPOA to:
 - a. Recognized that assessing the capacity building status for Goal # 3 (MPAs) is only one incremental step in assessing the capacity building status for all five RPOA goals;
 - b. Recommend: the remaining four goals be assessed using a similar methodology and approach, to develop the full technical series of assessments, as already mandated in SOM-11.

6. Acknowledged the Marine Environment Education Program (MEEP) Mahonia Na Dari (MND) "Guardian of the Sea" Program as a potential CTI Youth Program mechanism;

7. Acknowledged the Ocean for Life Program as a potential CTI Youth Program mechanism; and

8. Encouraged the Regional Secretariat and Partners to undertake an assessment of current youth programs and evaluate the possibility for adaptation and expansion towards the establishment of a CT Youth Program.

Attachments:

- 12.5.1 CTI-CFF Capacity Building Presentation
- 12.5.2 Capacity Building Assessment (Final Report)