



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES
AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex 10.4

Decision Document on

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Capacity Building

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the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

I. Background

As early as the 6th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-6), the need for improvement in institutional and human capacity was identified. Over the next few Senior Officials Meeting, decisions were made to ensure progress of improving human capacity is maintained. There were:

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.

With the support from USAID-RDMA, US-Department of Interior & Sustainable Solutions International Consulting), a Capacity Building Assessment Report for Goal 3 *"Marine Protected Areas Established and Effectively Managed"* has been commissioned and completed*.

One of the SOM-12 decision that have yet to be implemented is:

12.5.5. Agreed to replicate this assessment approach for the remaining four goals for the CTI-CFF RPOA to:

12.5.5.1. *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;

12.5.5.2. *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.

Since SOM-12, the Regional Secretariat have been in communication with the Environmental Defense Fund (EDF) to explore potential collaboration in fisheries management capacity building programs.

Youth programs were also discussed in during SOM-12 and the Regional Secretariat have taken steps towards assessing potential youth programs with existing and relevant youth organizations such as with the ADB Youth for Asia and the U.S. Mission to ASEAN chapter on youth leadership programs.

II. Decisions

Referring to the discussion and consideration among the SOM-13 in session ten (10) in relation to the Cross Cutting Themes on Capacity Building (*Attachment 10.4.a*) the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Acknowledged the following matters:
 - a. The urgency of the need to take decisive action to address the threats and pressures on the Coral Triangle's critical coastal and marine biodiversity, given that approaches to date have not been sufficient to change the trajectory of the sustainability of these resources, also given the increasing pressure from climate change;
 - b. Follow-up implementation of SOM-12 recommendations are embedded in the activities of MPA Technical Working Group;
 - c. Partners and collaborators continued work on building human capacity for beneficiaries at various levels;
 - d. Collaborative and integrated approaches are needed to provide low cost solutions that can be scaled to create impact; that are driven from the bottom up through communities, factor in livelihoods, gender equity, health, and other development indicators, with CT6 governments providing the necessary enabling conditions in to move beyond business as usual and create the required impact; and
 - e. The CTI-CFF is invaluable as a mechanism to expedite and scale up effective coastal resource management; and the revised RPOA should emphasize the importance of community based resource management and co-management approaches.
2. Based on findings from the "Capacity Needs Assessment" Report, urged the Regional Secretariat with other partners and NCCs to ensure that the capacity gaps are addressed through proper training; and

3. Acknowledged and recommended the following:
- a. Explore potential collaboration with Environmental Defence Fund (EDF) on fishery management through its existing programs;
 - b. Various youth programs and apply / adapt to other CT6 Member Parties;
 - c. Partners and collaborators share its programs with each other to ensure minimum repetition of programs throughout the CT region; and
 - d. The Regional Secretariat to continue working with relevant youth organizations to empower youth in the CTI region.

Attachment:

- 10.4.a. SOM-13 Capacity Building presentation