



**CORAL TRIANGLE  
INITIATIVE**  
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES  
AND FOOD SECURITY



6 - 7 November 2023

# 18<sup>TH</sup> SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING

Cross Cutting Initiative Report: **Women Leaders' Forum**

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Chair of WLF



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# Focal Points - WLF

Member Country	Focal Points
Indonesia	Mr.Andy Artha Donny Oktopura, Head of Planning Bureau, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Alternate: Mr.Ade Wiguna Nur Yasin, Junior Planner/Planning and Budgeting Sub-coordinator, Planning Bureau Secretariat General MMAF
Malaysia	Dr.Aazani Mujahid, Senior Lecturer, University of Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)
Papua New Guinea	Ms. Phelameya Haiveta, Marine Division, Conservation and Environment Protection Authority, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change Alternate: Ms. Marzena Ann Marinjembi, Assistant Project Officer Marine Conservation and Environment Protection Authority and Ms. Yvonne Tio, Executive Manageress, Marine Environment Division, Conservation and Environment Protection Authority.
Philippines	Focal: Ms.Armida P. Andres, OIC Assistant Director, Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB) Alternate Focal: Isidro M.Velayo, Jr, Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR) Support Staff: Ms.Alita Sangalang-DENR BMB and Ms. Janice Cubo-DA-BFAR
Solomon Islands	Focal: Ms. Nelly Kere, Programme Management and Coordination Unit, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology Alternates: Ms. Rieka Kwalai, Principle Fisheries Officer, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Supported by : Ms Ronelle Panda, Deputy Director Policy and Planning Division, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
<b>Timor-Leste (Chair)</b>	Focal: Ms.Alda Sousa Lemos da Rosa, Chief Department of Investigation and Development of Fisheries and Aquaculture Alternate Focal: Alsina Fernanades Monteiro, Senior staff of National Directorate of Marine Spatial Planning, Capture and Management of Aquatic Resources Esmeralda dos Santos Technical Staff of General Directorate of Fisheries ,Aquaculture and Marine Resources. Esmeralda Maria da Costa Neto Technical staff of National Directorate of Marine Spatial Planning, Capture and Management of Aquatic Resources.

# Action Taken for SOM 17 Decisions

Decisions	Status
1. Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by Women Leaders' Forum (WLF) (Annex 4.1);	Done
2. Acknowledged and appreciated the support of USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA) through the Sustainable Fish Asia (SUFIA) project and programs related to WLF and further acknowledged the support given to the CT-Asia countries;	Done
3. Acknowledged the effort from SUFIA Local Capacity Development (LCD) in collaboration with SUFIA Technical Support (TS) to develop the Guidelines for CTI-CFF Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Policy Implementation (Annex 4.2);	Done
4. Acknowledged and appreciated the contribution of USAID-SUFIA LCD in the implementation of Gender Inclusive Development Action Plan (GIDAP) through the development of Coffee table book on GESI along the fisheries value chain as well as the articles/blogs–process documentation, success stories, lessons learned, etc integrated with GESI (Annex 4.3a, 4.3b, 4.3c, 4.3d);	Done
5. Acknowledged and appreciated the support of USAID-SUFIA LCD through Capacity Strengthening Initiative award to CTI-CFF in the production and dissemination/socialization the GESI-sensitive communication materials for different audiences on CT Region to promote CTI-CFF and its advocacies (Annex 4.4);	Done
6. Acknowledged and accepted to incorporate Sustainable Fish Asia (SUFIA) Technical Support (TS) proposed activities with regards to WLF workplan 2023 (Annex 4.5);	Done

# Action Taken for SOM 17 Decisions (Cont.)

Decisions	Status
7. Acknowledged and appreciated the contribution of Coral Triangle Centre (CTC) in highlighting the achievements of the WLF in international fora (Annex 4.6);	Done
8. Acknowledged and appreciated the contribution of CTC, WWF, and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in highlighting the contribution of women leaders in the Coral Triangle through online outreach webinars and forums;	Done
9. Requested for support from SOMACORE, CTC, WWF and other Strategic Partners for the activities stipulated in RPOA 2.0;	Ongoing
10. Acknowledged other priority for WLF including gender minority groups and youths as target audience for future activities;	Ongoing
11. Approved the WLF 2023 Workplan;	Done

# Update on Workplan and Budget for 2023

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Proposed Budget
WLF In-Situ Online Meeting	Q1-Q2	USD 8,500  In-person with support from SuFiA TS on 28 September 2023
Activities supported by SuFiA TS <b>a.</b> Finalize the regional implementation guidelines of the CTI GESI Policy as recommended to SuFiA TS by SuFiA LCD. <b>b.</b> Facilitate in finalizing the draft “Regional Action Plan on COVID 19 Impacts on Women in Fisheries in the Coral Triangle” prior to SOM adoption in FY24. <b>c.</b> Youth Ambassadors Program under the Regional Youth Engagement	28 September 2023  Aug – Oct 2023	Supported by SuFiA TS

# Update on Workplan and Budget for 2023 (Con.)

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Proposed Budget
<p>Target Output B2.1.1 By 2023, the CTI-CFF Gender and Social Equality (GESI) Policy is integrated and mainstreamed in all CTI-CFF programs, projects and activities with roles of women, youth and local governments assessed and monitored in specific regional actions (projects, working groups etc.) as per the GESI Policy.</p>	<p>June 13-16, 2023 during EAFMWG Meeting and SSS REX</p>	<p>Supported by SuFiA TS</p>
<p>Target Output B2.2.1 By 2023, GESI regional guidelines on private sector partnerships and collaborations, and innovative financial resources are developed and/or improved.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>Looking for potential partner support. Request extension.</p>
<p>Output B2.1.1.a By 2023, GESI policy is endorsed by NCCs to the Senior Officials Meeting and approved by the Council of Ministers, and aligned with CT6 current and future policy framework.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>GESI policy was endorsed/approved. Refer to SOM 16 and MM 8</p>
<p>Output B2.1.1.b By 2023, GESI principles are integrated into the CTI-CFF M&amp;E framework, CT Atlas and CT6 national framework.</p>	<p>-</p>	<p>GESI principles already integrated into the CTI-CFF M&amp;E framework, (Refer to SOM 16 and 17). Now need to integrate CT Atlas and CT6 national framework and CT 6 NPOAs.</p>

# Update on Workplan and Budget for 2023 (Con.)

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Proposed Budget
Output B2.1.1.c By 2023, Practical tools are developed to collect gender and social groups segregated data.	TBD	Looking for potential partner support Request extension
Output B2.1.1.d By 2023, increase understanding and awareness related to GESI in the CTI-CFF through Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA).	26-28 Sept 2023 on GESI Integration Training in Fisheries	On-going  Next activities under this output will need potential partner support



# Proposed Workplan and Budget for 2024

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Proposed Budget
WLF Physical Meeting back-to-back with a related workshop/training	Q3 – Q4	USD 30K (Hosted by SEA Countries) Open for Co-Support
Target Output B2.2.1 By 2023, GESI regional guidelines on private sector partnerships and collaborations, and innovative financial resources are developed and/or improved.	Q1 – Q3	Looking for potential partner support
Output B2.1.1.c By 2023, Practical tools are developed to collect gender and social groups segregated data.	Q1 – Q3	Looking for potential partner support

# Proposed Workplan and Budget for 2024 (Cont.)

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Proposed Budget
Output B2.1.1.d By 2023, increase understanding and awareness related to GESI in the CTI-CFF through Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA).	Q2 – Q4	Ongoing activity from 2023. Open for partner support
RPOA 2.0 Target B2: Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI). Appointing a GESI specialist to provide oversight to related target outcomes and target output indicators in 2024 – 2030 work planning across RS and CT6.	Q1 – Q3	RS to explore and open to options on a medium to long-term basis.
Youth Ambassadors Program (YAP): Develop a strategy for the continued YAP implementation in 2025	Q3 – Q4	RS to lead with potential partner support

# Change of Chair and Co-Chair

## Proposed WLF Chair and Co-Chair 2024-2025

	Chair	Co-Chair	Remarks
ID	SB	CTC	
MY	SB	CTC	
PNG	SB	CTC	
PH	SB	CTC	
SB	SB	CTC	
TL	SB	CTC	

# Recommendations for SOM 18

- 7.1 Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by the Women Leaders' Forum (WLF) (Annex 7.1).
- 7.2 Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Integration in Fisheries Training and CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum (WLF) Meeting, organized by USAID SuFiA TS and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in Bangkok on 26-28 September 2023.
- 7.3 Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of the Youth Ambassadors Program, organized by USAID SuFiA TS and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat
- 7.4 Acknowledged and endorsed the contribution of WLF members and USAID SuFiA TS in the finalization of the draft CTI-CFF Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Policy Implementation Guidelines (Annex 7.2).
- 7.5 Acknowledged and endorsed the contribution of WLF members and USAID SuFiA TS in the finalization of the draft Covid-19 Impacts on Women in Fisheries in the Coral Triangle: A Cooperative Action Plan on Working Together towards Gender Equality and Building Back Better (Annex 7.3)
- 7.6 Appreciated the excellent contributions of Ms. Alda Sousa Lemos da Rosa as Chair from Timor Leste and Dr. Rili Djohani as Co-Chair from CTC in the year 2022 - 2023.
- 7.7 Approved the Recommendation of the WLF to hand over the Chair from Timor-Leste to Solomon Islands, and the retain of the Co-Chair by CTC in the year of 2024-2025, based on the provision stipulated in the rules and procedures of the CTI-CFF CCIWLF.
- 7.8 Approved the WLF 2024 Workplan.

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ARE THE KEYS TO UNLOCKING THE  
HIDDEN KNOWLEDGE OF OUR VAST  
OCEAN”

*Leaders of the Coral Triangle*

*15<sup>th</sup> May 2009*

*Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia*

Terima Kasih

