

## **Recommendation**

### **Inception Workshop: Building-Up A Regional Catch Documentation and Traceability (CDT) System and Advancing Fisheries Management for Strengthening Food Security in Coral Triangle Region**

**25 - 26 September 2017**

**Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia**

We, the delegates from National Coordinating Committees (NCCs) of the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, the Republic of the Philippines, the Solomon Islands and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste; the representatives from U.S. Agency for International Development-Regional Development Mission for Asia (USAID-RDMA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), the Oceans and Fisheries Partnership (USAID Oceans), Resource Persons EcoHub, PT. Pulau Mas and Sam Ratulangi University met in CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Headquarter, Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia on 25 - 26 September 2017 on Inception Workshop: Building-Up A Regional Catch Documentation and Traceability (CDT) System and Advancing Fisheries Management for Strengthening Food Security in Coral Triangle Region.

**Reaffirming** the commitment for sustaining fisheries resources through traceability system in advanced fisheries management toward food security in the Coral Triangle region;

**Recognizing** traceability is mandatory towards Legal Reported Regulated Fisheries and international market requirement.

**Noting** the importance of Catch Documentation and Traceability (CDT) Systems available by various providers; advanced technology related to CDT systems, the needs for accurate and valid information and available potential investment on traceability systems;

**Acknowledging** vision and mission of fisheries management including existing Ecosystem Approach on Fisheries Management (EAFM) and CDT system in respective CTI-CFF Member States;

**Considering** the availability of legal instruments (e.g. laws, procedures, regulations, etc.) regarding fisheries management in each CTI-CFF Member State; and

**Referring** to the decision No. 14.4 of the Chairman's Summary of 12<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-12) stated as follow:

*Acknowledged the preparations done by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to collaborate with USAID-DOI for Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management and share the relevant project documents and information with NCCs for review and appropriate actions;*

With due regard for the above, we have agreed upon the following:

**1. Traceability system**

The establishment of Task Force within CTI-CFF Member States to develop the guidelines, standard and activities of CDT and ensuring all of key data elements of CDT follow data standardization.

**2. Technology issues**

The importance of gap analysis due to the various conditions (support infrastructure, scale and scope of competency) from CT6 countries, therefore the developed application need to be matched with the priority seafood commodity which can be identified by country markets and regulations requirement.

**3. Operation processes**

- Development stages or roadmap in implementing CDT/e-CDT for each CTI-CFF Member State that considers the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) context of the country on the following: area based management, species based management, and community based management (i.e. local wisdom, local knowledge, tenurial rights) or co-management system;
- The utilization of Public-private Partnership (PPP) is a pivotal platform to strengthen the financial support on the implementation of CDT/e-CDT and needs a strategic plan or design and arrangement for specific countries.

**4. Regulations**

The importance of Voluntary Guidelines for improving fisheries management in CTI Region, through EAFM, CDT and PPP schemes that support all level of fishery activities, in accordance with FAO Guidelines on CDS.

**5. Reporting**

Any activities related to EAFM in the Coral Triangle region including development of CDT schemes along with action plans and implementation processes, shall be reported to CTI-CFF EAFM Working Group for further consideration and the Working Group shall report to Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) in its Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) for adoption.

Signed in Manado, 26 September 2017, on behalf of the Workshop:

Chair of the Workshop:

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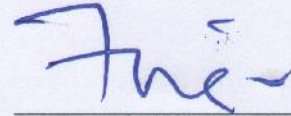
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