



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex 8.2

Decision Document on

Session 8.2

**Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management
Working Group**

The 13th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-13)

29-30 November 2017
Dusit Thani Hotel
Makati City, Philippines

Adopted on 30 November 2017
by
the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste

I. Background

2017 is a busy and productive year for the EAFM Technical Working Group with four (4) major regional activities and a TWG meeting conducted. These activities were actually targeted in 2015 and 2016 but due to funding constraints and issues on hosting arrangements, the activities were pushed back to 2017. Several documents and regional plans were produced in these events.

The EAFM TWG meeting provided an opportunity for the group to revisit the EAFM Regional Framework and Roadmap and agreed that most of the activities identified are already completed or integrated in the respective national plans and activities of the member countries. With the conducted of these regional events this year, new work plans were developed, and new partnerships and collaborations were forged.

II. Decision

Based on the presentation by the WG and discussions during the session on *Technical Working Group Reports - EAFM at SOM13 (Attachment 8.2.a)*, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Adopted the 3rd CT Fishers Forum Communique which was formulated in Iloilo City, Philippines last July 2017 (*Attachment 8.2.b*);
2. Acknowledged the full support and contribution of WWF during the 3rd CT Fishers Forum and the Tuna Governance Workshop;
3. Approved the proposed CT Regional COASTFISH Initiative Framework and Roadmap and mandate the EAFM WG to begin its implementation (*Attachment 8.2.c*);
4. Called on partners to continue to provide technical assistance to the different EAFM learning events and activities;

5. Approved the recommendation of the EAFM WG to turnover the Chairmanship from Solomon Islands to Timor-Leste and Co-Chairmanship to Malaysia based on the EAFM TWG Terms of Reference;
6. Approved the EAFM TWG Work Plan 2018.

Attachments:

- 8.2.a. EAFM Working Group Report to SOM13
- 8.2.b. 3rd CT Fishers Forum Communique
- 8.2.c. CT Regional COASTFISH Initiative Framework