



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES
AND FOOD SECURITY

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY

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

The 13th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-13), hereinafter referred to as the ("Meeting") of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) was held between 29 – 30 November 2017 in Makati City, Philippines. The Meeting was attended by delegations from Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, the Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste. In addition, representatives from CTI-CFF partners and observers also attended the Meeting.

The following were the objectives of SOM-13:

1. Officially open the SOM-13;
2. Acknowledge and adopt Progress Report of CTI-CFF post SOM-12;
3. Introduce and acknowledge Deputy Executive Director (DED) for Program Services;
4. Adopt CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Budget;
5. Consider and agree on revised text of the Agreement and Staff Regulation related to Executive Director and Deputy Executive Directors; subsequently, to recommend the new texts for CTI-COM approval during MM-7;
6. Acknowledge and consider Wildlife Conservation Society's (WCS) application as new member of CTI partners; subsequently, to recommend WCS for CTI-COM approval during MM-7;
7. Acknowledge progress of CT6's implementation of National Plan of Actions (NPOA);
8. Acknowledge, consider and adopt recommendations from the thematic Technical Working Groups;
9. Acknowledge, consider and adopt recommendations from Governance Working Groups;
10. Acknowledge, consider and adopt recommendations from the Cross-cutting themes;
11. Acknowledge the progress of cooperation arrangements;
12. Acknowledge and adopt the proposed CTI-CFF Calendar of Events 2018;
13. Acknowledge and appreciate the progress of CTI partners and CTI collaborators;
14. Consider and adopt date and venue of the SOM-14 and MM-7;
15. Consider other matters;

16. Adopt and sign Chairman's Summary for the 13th CTI-CFF Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-13); and
17. Officially close the SOM-13

The SOM-13 was chaired by the Chair of CTI-CSO, H.E. Atty. Jonas R. Leones, Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs of Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines. He was also assisted by an alternate Co-Chair H.E. Engr. Nonita S. Caguioa, Assistant Secretary of Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines. The Chairs were further assisted by Co-Chairs from the CTI-CFF Member Parties delegation.

II. Decisions

Through extensive deliberation process during the two-days meeting, the Meeting made the following decisions:

1. **Opening Session** (*Annex 1*)

- 1.1. Appreciated the Opening Remarks delivered by the Chair of CTI-CSO, the Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs of Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) of the Philippines and Keynote Message from the Undersecretary and Chief of Staff of DENR represented the Chair of CTI-COM (*Attachment 1.a*); and
- 1.2. Reviewed and adopted the provisional agenda of SOM-13 as the final agenda upon inclusion of Indonesia's proposal on the possibility for marine debris issue to be considered in the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) review process and the promotion of "Our Ocean Conference 2018 Indonesia", 29-31 October 2018, Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia (*Attachment 1.b*).

2. **Progress Report of CTI-CFF post SOM-12** (*Annex 2*)

- 2.1. Acknowledged and appreciated the Progress Report of CTI-CFF post SOM-12 (*Attachment 2.a*);
- 2.2. Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to complete pending activities;
- 2.3. Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to develop a standard template for annual reports to reflect work towards achieving RPOA goals;
- 2.4. Reminded the Regional Secretariat to convey the Progress Report 30 days before SOM-14; and
- 2.5. Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to provide the list of over 100 activities mentioned in the Progress Report.

3. **Introduction of Deputy Executive Director (DED) for Program Services** (*Annex 3*)

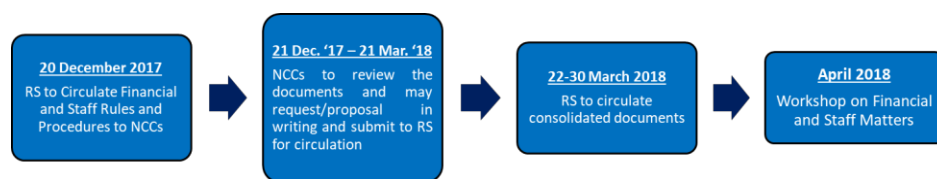
- 3.1. Congratulated the Deputy Executive Director (DED) for Program Services for assuming her position in the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat;

- 3.2. Acknowledged and appreciated the initial plan of action of DED for Program Services towards the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) and emphasizing fiscal discipline and transparency (*Attachment 3.a*); and
- 3.3. Encouraged DED for Program Services to seek potential financing and technical support for expediting the implementation of CTI-CFF goals and targets at regional and national levels.

4. CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Budget (*Annex 4*)

4.1. Reviewed and agreed on Regional Secretariat's Standard Operating Procedures for all financial-related matters

- 4.1.1. Agreed to circulate the Revised Draft of Regional Secretariat's Financial Rules and Procedures as well as the Staff Rules and Procedures to National Coordinating Committees (NCCs) for further review;
- 4.1.2. Agreed to organize a workshop to discuss the amendment on the following, namely: 1) Financial Regulations; and 2) Staff Regulations and to finalize the draft 1) Financial Rules and Procedures and 2) Staff Rules and Procedures, which would be held back-to-back with meetings of Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG) and Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) possibly in March/April 2018 in Indonesia;
- 4.1.3. The timeline prior to the Workshop would be as follows:



- 4.1.4. Urged the Regional Secretariat to utilize the existing 1) Financial Regulations; and 2) Staff Regulations for daily operational matters; and
- 4.1.5. Agreed that any CTI-CFF Member State may request in writing a revision, modification or amendment of CTI-CFF Financial Regulations in accordance with CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure, Rule 24 on Amendment and Rule 25 on Additional Provisions and Amendments, by August 2018.

4.2. Reviewed on the 2016 Audited Report

- 4.2.1. Appointed PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) to conduct a special audit for all accounts relating to Regional Secretariat for years 2015 – 2016 and regular audit for 2017 referring to the due diligence process by Regional Secretariat in 2016;
- 4.2.2. The special audit report shall be submitted before March 2018 and the 2017 audit report shall be submitted not later than July 2018; and
- 4.2.3. Costing to be incurred in the performance of special audit and regular audit shall be incorporated in the 2018 budget.

4.3. Reviewed the criteria on quantum of country contributions

Agreed to continue with current schedule of country contribution.

4.4. Proposed Budget 2018

Agreed to give blanket approval on the proposed budget 2018 until March 2018 in accordance with the article 10 (2) of the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat based on actual spending of 2016.

5. Revised texts of the Agreement and Staff Regulation related to Executive Director and Deputy Executive Directors (*Annex 5, Attachment 5.a*)

- 5.1. Agreed to adopt the new texts of Article 6 (2) and (4) on Executive Director and article 7 (1) on Deputy Executive Directors of the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat as well as Regulation 7 (3) and (6) on Recruitment Policy for the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Directors of Staff Regulations (*Attachment 5.b*); and
- 5.2. Recommended the new texts to CTI-COM through its Ministerial Meeting for approval.

6. Consideration and Admission for Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) as a New Member of CTI Partners (*Annex 6*)

- 6.1. Acknowledged and appreciated Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)' interest and commitment to become a partner of CTI-CFF (*Attachment 6.a*);

- 6.2. Considered the application of the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) to become a new partner of CTI-CFF and that it has met the CTI-CFF partner criteria (*Attachment 6.b*);
- 6.3. Adopted and recommended the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) as member of CTI partners for CTI-COM approval in the next 7th Ministerial Meeting (MM-7); and
- 6.4. Welcomed any potential support from the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) that may be extended toward CTI-CFF prior to their approval as a new partner by CTI-COM.

7. CTI-CFF Country Report Presentations (*Annex 7*)

- 7.1. Acknowledged the activities and efforts of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste towards achieving the goals of their NPOAs (*Attachments 7.a – 7.f*);
- 7.2. Encouraged those member parties who have not revisited their NPOAs to review and update the action plans;
- 7.3. Recognized the differences among the CT6 in terms of capacities and expertise on the areas of climate change, threatened species and EAFM, thus encouraged the more advanced Member Parties to share their knowledge and expertise through regional exchanges and trainings; and
- 7.4. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to compile and publish the country reports upon clearance of the respective NCCs.

8. Technical Working Group Report Presentations

8.1. Seascapes Working Group (Annex 8.1, Attachment 8.1.a)

- 8.1.1. Adopted the CTI-CFF Seascapes General Model and Regional Framework for Priority Seascapes which contains Seascapes Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators (*Attachment 8.1.b*);
- 8.1.2. Tasked the SWG to facilitate the socialization of the General Model and Regional Framework in each member state for adoption and implementation;
- 8.1.3. Supported the recommendation for each member state to begin talks/meetings that will lead towards the establishment of national and Transboundary Seascapes;

- 8.1.4. Supported the continued progress of the Lesser Sunda Seascape and the Bismarck Solomon Sea Seascape towards "priority seascape" nomination;
- 8.1.5. Tasked the Seascapes Working Group to finalize the Updated Rules and Procedure in time for SOM14;
- 8.1.6. Approved the 2018 Seascapes Working Group work plan.

8.2. *Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Working Group (Annex 8.2, Attachment 8.2.a)*

- 8.2.1. Adopted the 3rd CT Fishers Forum Communique which was formulated in Iloilo City, Philippines last July 2017 (*Attachment 8.2.b*);
- 8.2.2. Acknowledged the full support and contribution of WWF during the 3rd CT Fishers Forum and the Tuna Governance Workshop;
- 8.2.3. Approved the proposed CT Regional COASTFISH Initiative Framework and Roadmap and mandate the EAFM WG to begin its implementation (*Attachment 8.2.c*);
- 8.2.4. Called on partners to continue to provide technical assistance to the different EAFM learning events and activities;
- 8.2.5. 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; and
- 8.2.6. Approved the EAFM TWG Work Plan 2018.

8.3. *Marine Protected Area (MPA) Working Group (Annex 8.3, Attachment 8.3.a)*

- 8.3.1. Mandated the MPA Technical Working Group to accomplish all the tasks and decisions made during SOM12 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea;
- 8.3.2. Called on all Partners to assist the MPA Working Group in accomplishing all the tasks and target activities in the 2017 Work Plan;
- 8.3.3. Recognized the efforts and the progress of the countries on their MPA programs and activities, which are contributing to the regional and global targets;

- 8.3.4. Recognized the urgency for Regional Secretariat to resolve the technical issues in accessing CT Atlas; and
- 8.3.5. Supported the recommendation of MPA Working Group to turnover the Chairmanship from Philippines to Indonesia and Solomon Islands as the next Co-Chair based on the provisions stipulated in the MPA Working Group Term of References.

8.4. Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Working Group (Annex 8.4, Attachments 8.4.a, 8.4.c)

- 8.4.1. Noted the progress of the working group on the establishment of Center of Excellence on climate change adaptation at national and regional level and directed the WG to continue the discussions and pursue actions that will lead towards the attainment of Target 2 of Goal 4 of the RPOA;
- 8.4.2. Tasked the working group to develop further the draft Terms of Reference for the establishment of the CTI Center of Excellence on climate change adaptation (*Attachment 8.4.b*);
- 8.4.3. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to allocate funds to implement the feasibility of the operation and maintenance of CT Atlas data according to SOM11 Decision;
- 8.4.4. Enjoined the partners and collaborators to assist the CT6 in updating the CT Atlas for the Climate Change Adaptation Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators;
- 8.4.5. Adopted the regional work plan on Blue Carbon Initiative for carbon storage as a means to maintain healthy marine and coastal ecosystem in the CT region;
- 8.4.6. Called on partners to assist Regional Secretariat in sourcing funds to support the various capacity building activities of the CCA WG; and
- 8.4.7. Approved the CCA TWG Work Plan 2018.

8.5. Threatened Species Working Group (Annex 8.5, Attachments 8.5.a and 8.5.b)

- 8.5.1. Commended the achievement of the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project for having established the network of

- MPAs on the Philippine side of the Marine Turtle Protected Area Network as safe havens for the Green Turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) and acknowledged the support of the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety through GIZ and CI-Philippines to make this happen (*Attachment 8.5.c*);
- 8.5.2. Tasked the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project to include the Transboundary MPA Network for Marine Turtles in the regional conservation plan for marine turtles and for the Project through the Regional Secretariat coordinate with TSWG for the next steps;
 - 8.5.3. Noted the progress made by the countries in formulating their assessment report on threatened species, hence, tasked the WG to develop a regional profile/report based on the national reports on the status of the TS in the Coral Triangle Region;
 - 8.5.4. Noted the progress made by the countries in formulating their national conservation plans for marine mammals, sharks and rays and marine turtles, thus, tasked the WG to put together a region-wide conservation plan for these threatened species;
 - 8.5.5. Tasked the Working Group to finalize the proposed Terms of Reference for the creation of a pool of experts on threatened species (*Attachment 8.5.d*);
 - 8.5.6. Noted the progress of the TSWG to plan the development of the TSWG monitoring and evaluation indicators;
 - 8.5.7. Agreed to endorse the recommendation of the WG to turnover the TWG Chairmanship from Malaysia to Papua New Guinea and for Indonesia to be the next Co-Chair based on the TSWG Terms of Reference under 3.2 of Section 3 on Membership and Structure which states that the term of the WG Chair and Co-Chair is 2 years starting 1 January of the year, subject to the confirmation of the SOM; and
 - 8.5.8. Approved the TSWG Work Plan 2018 and called on the partners and collaborators to continue to provide technical and financial support to Goal 5.

9. Governance Working Group Report Presentations

9.1. Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG) (Annex 9.1, Attachment 9.1.a)

- 9.1.1. Recapped the endorsement of the CTI-CFF Communication Strategy in SOM-12 and encouraged all parties to refer to it for all communication needs;
- 9.1.2. Acknowledged on the following matters:
 - 9.1.2.1. Progress of updating the CTI-CFF website and encouraged relevant entities to provide the latest data and information to populate the website to be ready for official launch in 2018 during MM-7;
 - 9.1.2.2. Progress of the CTI-CFF Coffee-table Book development and encouraged parties to provide information as required by December 2017; distribution of the draft outline to NCCs for feedback by January 2018 and to be ready for official launch in MM-7; and
 - 9.1.2.3. Progress of the e-library development to be ready for official launch in MM-7.
- 9.1.3. Agreed to the following matters:

CMWG to assist the Regional Secretariat with the development of the draft *Guidelines / Recommendations on the Use of CTI-CFF for Project Development Pursuits and Other Related Fund-Raising Initiatives* (Guideline) as mandated in SOM-10 and to be ready for SOM-14;
- 9.1.4. Endorsed the CMWG 2018 Workplan; and
- 9.1.5. Agreed to revisit the need for CMWG chairmanship in the future when all pending tasks have been completed and undertake by the Regional Secretariat.

9.2. Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) (Annex 9.2, Attachment 9.2.a)

- 9.2.1. Acknowledged on the following matters:
 - 9.2.1.1. Progress and status of respective NCCs' NPOA costing activities and identification of showcase sites; and
 - 9.2.1.2. The importance of a Financial Management Advisor position within the Regional Secretariat to

oversee the establishment of the Project Preparation Facility (PPF) and implement the proposed initial activities as set out in the CTI-CFF Financial Architecture Report.

- 9.2.2. Urged the Regional Secretariat to continue seek funding for the Financial Management Advisor position;
- 9.2.3. Agreed on the following matters:
 - 9.2.3.1. Together with ADB-GEF Focal Point design briefing session with regards to GEF funding application procedures and similarly through accredited bodies of other funding organizations on its respective funding applications to be organized in April 2018;
 - 9.2.3.2. Endorsement to SOM-14 the final Terms of Reference for Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG); and
 - 9.2.3.3. Regional Secretariat to provide periodic reporting according to the needs of FRWG every one (1) month.
- 9.2.4. Agreed and endorsed the FRWG 2018 Workplan; and
- 9.2.5. Proposed to deliberate on the findings of the Cost Benefit Analysis Report in the next FRWG meeting in March/April 2018 to be held in Indonesia.

9.3. *Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG) (Annex 9.3, Attachment 9.3.a)*

- 9.3.1. Acknowledged the Capacity Needs Assessment Report (CNA Report) presentation by GIZ and recommended CTI-CFF to build on the findings and recommendations in moving forward with the review of the RPOA (*Attachment 9.3.b*);
- 9.3.2. Urged the Regional Secretariat to secure funding to operationalize of the CT Atlas to function as a data-sharing and M&E platform;
- 9.3.3. Acknowledged the finalization of Goal 1 "Priority Seascapes" Designated and Effectively Managed" indicators in SOM-13;

- 9.3.4. Urged the Technical Working Groups on Goal 5 “Threatened Species Status Improving” to initiate the process of identification of indicators;
- 9.3.5. Noted on the status of Goal 2 “EAFM and other marine resources fully applied” indicators as pending further deliberations within the EAFM Working Group;
- 9.3.6. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to ensure compliance on the use of the Monitoring and Evaluation System Operations Manual as the guide for the Regional Secretariat’s M&E System;
- 9.3.7. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to allocate budget for the hiring of an M&E Coordinator;
- 9.3.8. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to work with M&E Chair and partners to develop the TOR for the RPOA Review, with the approval of MEWG Chair by end of January 2018;
- 9.3.9. Acknowledged submission of the draft assessment report of the RPOA review by end of May 2018 to MEWG;
- 9.3.11. Approved the M&E 2018 workplan; and
- 9.3.12. Approved the Review of RPOA 2018 workplan.

10. Cross-cutting Themes Report Presentations

10.1. Regional Business Forum (RBF) and Business Advisory Council (BAC) (Annex 10.1, Attachment 10.1.a)

- 10.1.1. Acknowledged the following items:
 - 10.1.1.1. The outcomes of the “Developing and Promoting Sustainable Nature-Based Tourism in the Coral Triangle” project;
 - 10.1.1.2. The development of a regional Governance Framework for Nature-based tourism development and site selection criteria in the Coral Triangle which was endorsed in SOM-12;
 - 10.1.1.3. The establishment of an online tourism portal and investment page on the website: www.thecoraltriangle.com;
 - 10.1.1.4. The development of Destination Plans for three (3) sites within the Coral Triangle in Ataúro Island, Timor-Leste; Kimbe Bay & surrounds, West New

Britain, Papua New Guinea; and Western Province, Solomon Islands.

- 10.1.1.5. The development of Investment Prospectus for the three (3) destination plans;
 - 10.1.1.6. Return on Investment Analysis: Exploring the Benefits of Investing in Low-Impact, High-Value Sustainable Nature and Adventure-based Tourism vs. Mass Tourism; and
 - 10.1.1.7. Report on Developing and Promoting Sustainable Nature-based Tourism in the Coral Triangle.
- 10.1.2. Urged the Regional Secretariat to work with partners to identify and secure funding for the following regional actions to support sustainable marine tourism in the Coral Triangle:
- 10.1.2.1. Formulation of a practical set of tourism development and operational guidelines that address the tourism and environmental aspirations of the Coral Triangle countries, and that meet the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) criteria and adapt these to fit local conditions.
 - 10.1.2.2. Capacity building for Coral Triangle governments to develop the necessary policy frameworks for implementation and regulation of the guidelines; and
 - 10.1.2.3. Training and awareness tools for tourism operators and communities to implement and apply the guidelines.
- 10.1.3. Urged the CTI to support promotion of the *Nature-based Tourism in the Coral Triangle Investment Prospectus* to potential development agencies, donors, impact investors, and private sector stakeholders to secure funding and investment for recommendations identified in the Investment Prospectus and Destination Plans;
- 10.1.4. Encouraged a multi-stakeholder, cross agency approach in CT countries to collaborate on implementation of their Nature-based Tourism destination plans and for development of sustainable marine tourism destinations in accordance with sustainability principles that meet Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) criteria;

- 10.1.5. Encouraged appropriate policy development to support sustainable marine tourism and adapt these to fit into both national and regional level;
- 10.1.6. Recommended to work with partners and stakeholders to identify funding to implement the Coral Triangle Governance Framework for developing Sustainable Nature-based Tourism and for development of a Coral Triangle Brand for promotion of sustainable marine tourism destinations;
- 10.1.7. Urged for Regional Secretariat to work with partners and stakeholders to identify funding for site selection and destination planning in pilot sites in Indonesia, Philippines and Malaysia;
 - 10.1.7.1. Urged the Regional Secretariat and the partners to undertake resource and ecological evaluation to help with the site selection process; and
 - 10.1.7.2. Acknowledged the proposal for Indonesia to be at Raja Ampat, Ambon and Wakatobi.
- 10.1.8. Recommended and urged for NCCs and partners to support the NCC Malaysia in developing a robust program for the 5th Regional Business Forum & assist in promotion of the event; and
- 10.1.9. Acknowledged the importance of private / business communities and initiate processes towards the establishment of the Business Advisory Council.

10.2. Women Leaders Forum (WLF) (Annex 10.2, Attachment 10.2.a)

- 10.2.1. Acknowledged the following:
 - 10.2.1.1. Women related programs by partners and collaborators with a view to learn, adapt and replicate relevant programs in other CT6 areas;
 - 10.2.1.2. WLF activities throughout 2017;
 - 10.2.1.3. The appointment of Prof Dato' Noraieni Hj Mokhtar as the CTI WLF Ambassador and Ms. Agnetha Vave Karamui as the Chair of WLF;
 - 10.2.1.4. The development process of the Terms of Reference for both WLF Ambassador and Chair to start by December 2017 for SOM-14 approval;

- 10.2.1.5. Agreed to populate the WLF members directory; and
- 10.2.1.6. Acknowledged and agreed to explore potential cooperation and provide full cooperation and participation in existing partners & collaborators programs with the support from Regional Secretariat and partners.
- 10.2.2. Urged the Regional Secretariat to ensure gender equality and women empowerment elements are incorporated in the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) review process;
- 10.2.3. Agreed to initiate the development of a CTI-CFF Gender Policy with the support from partners and collaborators;
- 10.2.4. Agreed to undertake a stock-take of existing gender policies within CT6 Member Parties;
- 10.2.5. Urged Regional Secretariat to work with partners to ensure gender measures are embedded in all phases of programming, budgeting, and in the CTI M&E Operations Manual; and
- 10.2.6. Agreed to continue representing CTI-CFF in regional and international events.

10.3. Local Government Network (LGN) (Annex 10.3, Attachment 10.3.a)

- 10.3.1. Endorsed the Maritime Local Government Network's Work Plan 2018 funded by USAI-DOI to be aligned with the CTI-CFF;
- 10.3.2. Endorsed the LGN to increase the membership from LG members (as full member) and partners (as associate member);
- 10.3.3. Agreed to include Maritime LGN as part of the review of the RPOA process;
- 10.3.4. Regional Secretariat to provide support in strengthening the position the position of LGN in CT6 countries;
- 10.3.5. The NCCs recommended local government champions to promote LGN in CT6 countries; and
- 10.3.6. Recommended TWGs to involve LGN in program development and activities.

10.4. Capacity Building (Annex 10.4, Attachment 10.4.a)

- 10.4.1. Acknowledged the following matters:
 - 10.4.1.1. 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;
 - 10.4.1.2. Follow-up implementation of SOM-12 recommendations are embedded in the activities of MPA Technical Working Group;
 - 10.4.1.3. Partners and collaborators continued work on building human capacity for beneficiaries at various levels;
 - 10.4.1.4. 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 to move beyond business as usual and create the required impact; and
 - 10.4.1.5. 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.
- 10.4.2. 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
- 10.4.3. Acknowledged and recommended the following:
 - 10.4.3.1. Explore potential collaboration with Environmental Defence Fund (EDF) on fishery management through its existing programs;

- 10.4.3.2. Various youth programs and apply / adapt to other CT6 Member Parties;
- 10.4.3.3. Partners and collaborators share its programs with each other to ensure minimum repetition of programs throughout the CT region; and
- 10.4.3.4. The Regional Secretariat to continue working with relevant youth organizations to empower youth in the CTI region.

10.5. Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) (Annex 10.5)

- 10.5.1. Appreciated and acknowledged the progress made by the Regional Secretariat with regards to the establishment of the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) based on the SOM-12 decision (*Attachment 10.5.a*);
- 10.5.2. Recognized the proposed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the establishment of SAG based on the developed mechanism of the utilization of experts (*Attachment 10.5.b*);
- 10.5.3. Endorsed the CTI-CFF Experts Form (*Attachment 10.5.c*); and
- 10.5.4. Endorsed the 2018 Workplan.

11. Updates on Cooperation Arrangements (*Annex 11, Attachments 11.a – 11g*)

- 11.1. Acknowledged and recognized the efforts made by the Regional Secretariat in reaching out to potential entities in its effort to seek additional / alternative funding sources (*Attachments 11.b*);
- 11.2. Urged the Regional Secretariat to be more strategic in pursuing cooperation to secure more funding and technical support;
- 11.3. Urged the Regional Secretariat to share and disseminate to NCCs the signed copies of Memorandum of Understandings (MOUs);
- 11.4. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to furnish the NCCs with draft MOUs in the pipeline for assessments and evaluation to ensure that the content of the MoU is in line with RPOA and NPOA goals;
- 11.5. Encouraged the Regional Secretariat to strategize and identify the institutions / universities before initiating cooperation arrangements; and
- 11.6. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to determine a mechanism framework for going into signing of Memorandum of Understandings.

12. Proposed CTI-CFF Calendar of Events 2018 (*Annex 12*)

- 12.1. Acknowledged the tentative calendar of events 2018 and urged the Regional Secretariat to identify and participate in strategic events that will secure additional funding (*Attachment 12.a*);
- 12.2. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to upload the calendar of events 2018 into the CTI-CFF website for further reference;
- 12.3. Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to regularly update the calendar of events once detailed information for each event is available and dates are confirmed;
- 12.4. Encouraged CTI-CFF Member Parties and CTI partners to propose and host any potential events under RPOA frameworks to be conducted in 2018 and subsequently inform the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat for further updating the calendar; and
- 12.5. Recommended for the Regional Secretariat to sort the calendar of events based on RPOA goals.

13. Presentation by CTI partners and collaborators (*Annex 13*)

- 13.1. Appreciated CTI partners contribution in technical working groups, cross-cutting themes and technical program implementation;
- 13.2. Recognized CTI partners and collaborators' presentations and encouraged for continuous support toward achieving RPOA goals (*Attachments 14.a – 14.h*); and
- 13.3. Recommended incorporation of planned regional activities of partners and collaborators in the CTI-CFF roadmap for 2018.

14. Date and Venue of the SOM-14 and MM-7 (*Annex 14, Attachment 14.a*)

- 14.1. Recommended to Philippines, as the Chair of CTI-CFF for the period of 2016-2018, to host 14th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-14) and the 7th Ministerial Meeting (MM-7) in the second week (i.e. 12 November onwards) of November 2018; and
- 14.2. Recommended that the next date and venue of SOM-14 and MM-7 will be held in the second week (i.e. 12 November onwards) of November 2018 in the Philippines.

15. Other Matters (*Annex 15*)

- 15.1. Acknowledged the important issues of marine debris in the CT region that needs to be pursued at regional and national level and brought to the COM's attention in MM-7 (*Attachment 15.a*);
- 15.2. Welcomed "Our Ocean Conference 2018" to be held from 29-31 October 2018 in Bali, Indonesia and Indonesia extended its invitation to NCCs; partners and collaborators to participate in the Conference (*Attachment 15.b*); and
- 15.3. Sought the consideration for the CTI-CFF to include the reduction of marine pollution as one of its goals in view of its effect on coastal and marine environment.

16. Chairman's Summary for the 13th CTI-CFF Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-13)

The 13th CTI-CFF Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-13) considered and adopted the Chairman Summary.

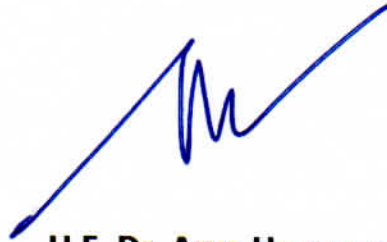
17. Closing Session

The Chair expressed her profound thanks and appreciation to all delegates for the productive discussions and commended the constructive outcome of the deliberations.

The Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat extended his gratitude and appreciation towards the CTI-CFF Member Parties for their support towards the Regional Secretariat team.

The delegations also conveyed their profound gratitude and appreciation to the Government of Philippines for hosting the Meeting and warmly thanked the Chair of CTI-CSO, H.E. Atty. Jonas R. Leones, Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and International Affairs of Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines for his leadership in chairing SOM-13 and appreciated the Regional Secretariat for facilitating the meeting.

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