

WAKATOBI DECLARATION

We,

1. the representatives of local governments in the biosphere reserves, National Committee MAB Indonesia program-LIPI, Ministry of Environment and Forestry (MoEF) and private sector institutions;
2. the representatives of cities and local governments in the Coral Triangle countries, organizations and local government associations
3. the representative of local governments and private sectors in marine tourism

agree to establish a partnership among the members involved in their respective networks in order to enhance the capacity of members and effectivity in implementing sustainable development programs in the local government level. For this purpose, we agree to make the following Wakatobi declaration:

MAB-UNESCO Program

MAB UNESCO Program underline the important roles of Local Governments which should be enhanced as mentioned in the Wakatobi Recommendations.

CTI-CFF Local Governments Network

"Toward an Effective and Self-reliant Maritime Local Governments to implement CTI CFF"

Considering the Wakatobi Joint Communiqué of the 2011 Mayors Round Table, which express the vision: "By 2016, we see ourselves as resourced, innovative, informed, and effective local governments collaborating, sharing information, experience and expertise, and advocating policies to achieve the goals of the Coral Triangle initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security"

Considering the meeting result of CTI CFF Maritime Local Governments Network (LGN) on 25-27 March 2015 in Alotao, Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea

Considering the First Executive Committee meeting of the CTI CFF LGN, 27 August 2015 in Nusa Dua Bali

Taking into account the dialogue and discussions between local leaders and their supporting partners to share their practical experiences, lessons learned and strategic approaches in sustainably managing marine resources including community based conservation, ocean governance, in engaging or

implementing public private partnership amid marine environmental challenges including climate change adaptation and mitigation and IUU.

Recognizing the milestone reached by the adoption of the statutory and organizational working mechanism of CTI CFF Maritime Local Government Network to enhance the consolidation among the region local government alliances in their joint effort to strengthen the sustainable management of marine resources and the prosperity of their local communities.

We, the representatives of cities and local governments in the Coral Triangle countries, organizations and local government associations with the support from our key partners, participating at the First Coral Triangle Local Government Conference and CTI-CFF Maritime Local Governments Network General Assembly 2016 have gathered from 2 to 4 June 2016 in the Regency of Wakatobi, Indonesia and take this opportunity to reaffirm the key principles that will guide our collaboration going forward as follows:

1. Local governments have a central and strategic role in the shaping local program to align with CTI CFF goals and targets;
2. The importance of the sustainability of healthy marine resources to support the sustainable benefits to our communities and the generations after. Such will need the full comprehension and strong commitment of all the leaders of local governments to always incorporate the sustainability principles into their programs and the interconnection of the surrounding areas;
3. The importance of the capacity of the maritime local governments at all key levels to incorporate the principles of sustainability into their program. Pursuant to those we also recognize the need to mobilize resources and support from our potential partners with such capacity;
4. The importance to reaffirm our commitment to realize our roadmap "*Toward an Effective and Self-reliant Maritime Local Governments to implement CTI CFF RPOA and NPOAs by 2019*";
5. The strategic importance of Maritime Local Governments Network to be always pro-active and open for dialogue and collaborate with various initiatives and alike networks and forums promoting, enhancing and garnering support and exploring joint solution for the sustainable management of marine resources for the benefit of the communities and the generations after;
6. Expressing our gratitude to the Regency of Wakatobi – one of the most diverse marine biodiversity hotspots in the world - for successfully hosting this important event combining three highly respectable international, regional and national initiatives supported by local governments and their key stakeholders on biosphere reserves, sustainable marine resources management and sustainable marine tourism, and strategic facilitation of multi-level dialogue of the very cross-related themes.

INDONESIA SAIL TOURISM ASSOCIATION (ASWINDO)

**ASWINDO WORKSHOP 2016 ON SUPPORTING MARINE TOURISM
ACCELERATION**

1. Conservation and tourism should be inline and working parallel for benefit of socio-economic local communities.
2. Conservation can creates tourism attraction but must be followed with co management by central government, local government and local communities.
3. Aswindo working together with Government Wakatobi and International body can accelerate Wakatobi as one of BR and also world class marine tourism destination.

Based on those above statement, the three networks agreed on integrated activities:


1. CTI CFF LGN, ASWINDO and MAB UNESCO agreed to develop capacity building program that can benefit the members of the three networks
2. Encourage local governments of the three networks to develop and support biosphere reserve areas for sustainable development area to be integrated with regional development planning of the local government (RPJMD and PERDA).
3. Encourage local governments to play role in achieving Sustainable Development Goals number 14 by promoting and developing sustainable marine tourism that can benefit local community and economy in each respected countries



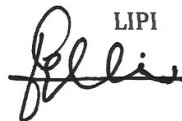
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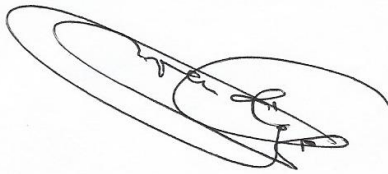
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