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**Driving
blue recovery
for a sustainable
Coral Triangle**

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MESSAGE

from the Executive Director
of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat

Dr. Mohd. Kushairi Mohd. Rajuddin



Despite the limitations posed by COVID-19 pandemic, CTI-CFF and the Regional Secretariat were still able to accomplish significant activities this 2nd quarter. The Regional Secretariat pursued to continue the finalization of important documents such as the draft Host Country Agreement (HCA), draft Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 2.0) and draft Staff Policies and Procedures Manual (SPPM) through a series of virtual meetings with the CT6 member countries.

The Special Senior Officials Meeting (Special SOM) on 27-28 May 2021 was also an opportunity to resolve pertinent issues with regard to RS finance and budget, human resource management and update Senior Officials on drafts HCA, RPOA 2.0, SPPM and Regional Conservation Trust Fund. It was also a venue of opportunity for Partners to present their proposals on international policy engagement, capacity building and trust fund to CTI-CFF.

We also celebrated two significant events - World Oceans Day and Coral Triangle Day. Both these celebrations call for supporting efforts to reverse the rapid decline in ocean health via blue recovery activities. With people relying coastal and marine ecosystems to provide livelihood and food security, investing and supporting biodiversity-conservation and sustainable practices are keys to a thriving future.

The image features a close-up, macro shot of a brain coral reef. The coral's surface is highly textured, with a repeating pattern of rounded, brain-like lobes. The color palette is warm, ranging from pale yellow to deep orange and red. A dark red, semi-transparent overlay covers the left portion of the image, serving as a background for the text.

The Regional Secretariat had actively participated in various activities of international and regional grouping such as the ICRI Ad Hoc Committee on Reef Restoration and Resilience and Ad hoc Committee on Resilience-based Management, ASEAN-UK COP26- Framing the Future for Nature and Climate, among others.

We deeply thank the CT6 member countries and partners for their unfaltering support and cooperation which pushes RS to work doubly hard to ensure that the goals and objectives of CTI-CFF are realized during this pandemic time. We will continue to be innovative and efficient to improve our delivery of services to our stakeholders.

Special SOM 2021 tackles urgent issues on CTI-CFF RS operations

With travel restrictions still imposed due to COVID-19 pandemic, senior officials from CT6 agreed to conduct a special virtual meeting on 27-28 May 2021. The meeting addressed the urgent concerns of the Regional Secretariat on finance, budget, and human resource management. It was also an opportunity for the Regional Secretariat to update the senior officials on the status of the draft Host Country Agreement, Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0, Staff Policies and Procedures Manual (SPPM) and Regional Conservation Trust Fund.

Dr Melchior Mataki, Chair of the CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials and Permanent Secretary of the Solomon Islands' Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology cited that the pandemic has made a grave impact among CT6 and the work of CTI-CFF. He acknowledged the efforts of the Regional Secretariat for maintaining open communications to all CT6 despite the challenges. He also recognized the efforts of the National CTI-CFF Coordinating Committees of the CT6 for their work and commitment to CTI-CFF work programs despite the need to attend to their duties at the national level.

In the meeting, Dr Mataki together with CT6 heads of delegation approved the 2021 budget of RS amounting to USD \$1,093, 023 to support the operations of RS and programs of CTI-CFF. The senior officials also called for prioritizing activities and looking for ways to save funds cognizant of the current challenging condition.

The senior officials also approved the RS's proposal to maintain a minimum number of staff for 2021, with only one additional staff that is the Executive Assistant/HR Support. RS staff also are doing multi-tasking in tasks in order to meet the demands and needs of CTI-CFF.

In the revise calculation of budget for country contribution, RS also had reduced 50% of its traveling budget for 2021.

Also in the meeting, members of the Appointment Committee for the recruitment of the new Deputy

Executive Director for Program Services was also acknowledged. Nominees from Papua New Guinea and Timor-Leste are being awaited to proceed with the recruitment process.

RS presented at the meeting the steps undertaken to expedite the finalization of the draft HCA, RPOA 2.0 and SPPM such as support for internet communication to CT6 as well as the In-Situ Virtual Meeting Participation (In-situ VMP). Further, recognizing the urgency to complete important documents such as the draft HCA, RPOA 2.0 and SPPM, the senior officials urged the Regional Secretariat to submit a roadmap for the three documents.

Acknowledging the progress made in the setting-up of the Regional Conservation Trust Fund, the Senior Officials also agreed for the Regional Secretariat to come-up with a roadmap. Setting-up of Trust Fund is one of the sustainable financial mechanisms being targetted by the CTI-CFF.

During the second day, CTI-CFF Partners presented three central pillars to support RPOA 2.0, namely, international policy engagement, trust fund and capacity building. The senior officials enjoined RS to set up a dialogue platform to ensure proposed activities of the Partners will be carried based on immediate, medium- and long-term activities.

The meeting concluded with the 16th Senior Officials Meetings (SOM-16) and 8th Ministerial Meeting (MM-8) being agreed to be conducted virtually on the 3rd week of November 2021.

SPECIAL SOM | 27-28 MAY 2021

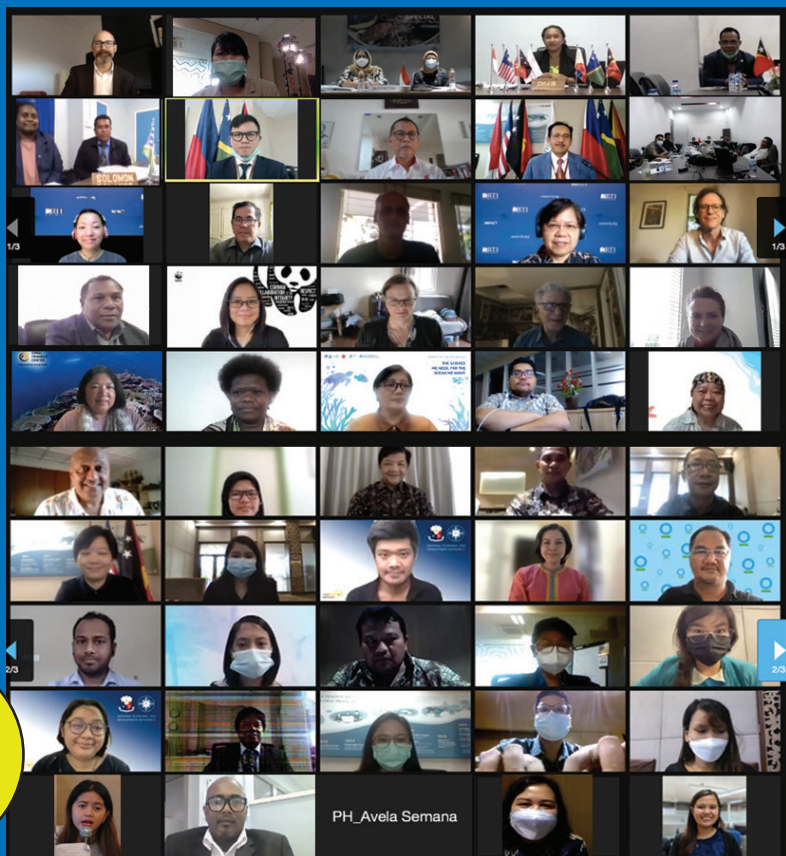


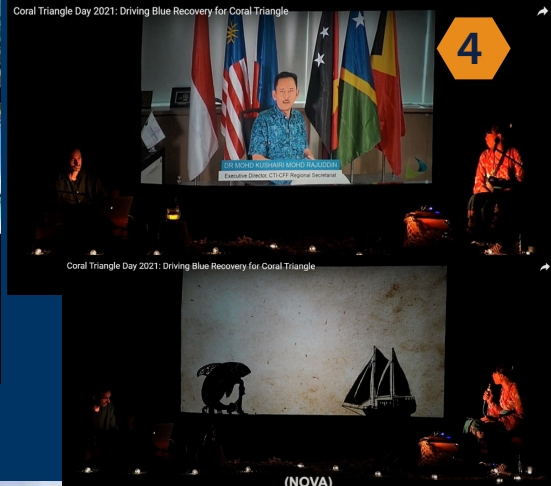
Screenshot of the CT6 delegation and RS staff during Day 1 of Special SOM.

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Screenshot of the CT6 delegation, RS staff, and CTI-CFF Partners during Day 2 of Special SOM.

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Screenshots of the following CT Day activities: (1) RS speakers on its organized CT Day webinar; (2) Indonesia's CT Day Webinar poster; (3) Malaysia's CT Day webinar poster; (4) Coral Triangle Center's collaborative musical performance where ED of CTI-CFF RS had delivered a short speech on the opening of the performance telecast; (5) Philippines' CT Day activity poster; and (6) Papua New Guinea's CT Day activity.

Coral Triangle Day pushes support for blue recovery

The celebration of the Coral Triangle Day this year, recognized the importance of promoting and supporting 'blue recovery' activities as vital part of the CT6 member countries' recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic. With the theme "Driving Blue Recovery for A Sustainable Coral Triangle," this year's celebration advocates for investing and supporting biodiversity conservation and sustainable practices to ensure that the coastal and marine resources thrive in the future.

The coastal and marine ecosystems are at the receiving end of various threats and crises – climate change, overfishing, habitat destruction, marine litter and poor governance. Even before COVID-19 pandemic, these threats have tremendously affecting marine diversity, the livelihood and food security of many people who depend on it. As such, collaborative actions are needed to continue the work for healthier seas and oceans.

To raise awareness and appreciation of the importance of blue recovery, the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF conducted a webinar that highlighted blue recovery in terms of science, finance as well as innovation and communication. Notable speakers, namely, Dr Ian McLeod of James Cook University, Mr Yabanex Batista of Caribbean Biodiversity Fund and Dr Mark Read of the Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority shared their blue recovery initiatives in this webinar. The event was moderated by Dr Sharifah Nora Ibrahim of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.

In Indonesia, the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries conducted a webinar that discussed the impact of climate change in the country's coral reef ecosystems. Speakers came from line agencies of Indonesia, namely, the National Planning Agency, Ministry of Environment and Forestry and the NGO, Yayasan Reef Check.

The Coral Triangle Center, CTI-CFF Partner based in Bali, Indonesia, organized a collaborative musical performance Wayang and Nova & Filastine, Indonesia's artists advocating ocean

protection and conservation. Dr Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin had given a short video message during the opening of the performance. Ticket sales from the event will support online marine conservation fun learning classes for school children in the Coral Triangle member countries.

Malaysia's Ministry of Environment and Water (KASA) partnered with the Universiti Malaysia Sabah (UMS) in conducting a webinar focusing on this year's CT Day theme. Dr Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of the Regional Secretariat, talked about the 10 year of accomplishments of CTI-CFF and way forward during the webinar of KASA. Marine Conservation experts from WWF and UMS also graced the event.

In Papua New Guinea, the Conservation Environment and Protection Authority together with PNG's National CTI Coordinating Committee conducted a two-day event that included a seminar that showcased science-based researches and activities on marine ecosystem conservation by its partners and mangrove planting and beach cleanup at Motupore Island.

The Philippines' Biodiversity Management Bureau celebrated Coral Triangle Day by featuring the different peoples organization in the country to showcase how the Coral Triangle helped their livelihood and care for the rich Coral Triangle ecosystem. These organizations are the Naro Fisherfolk Association, Samahan sa Bakawanang Barangay Maidlang, Selinog Island Dapitan Women's Association, Moleng Tribal Farmers Association and Infant Young Child Feeding and Breastfeeding Support Group.

Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste supported all these events initiated by the other member countries by taking part in the activities of CT Day.

UPDATES

Continuation of the review of draft RPOA 2.0 focuses on Indicators

Representatives of the CTI-CFF Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group have convened the review of the draft Indicators for the Outcomes and Outputs of the draft Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 2.0). Particularly, the group reviewed the indicators for activities relating to coral reefs, mangroves and seagrass beds; regional and national conservation and management actions; partnerships; sustainable financing strategies; nature-based approaches; ecosystem-based adaptation; and on threatened species. The highly committed group will continue the review of the Indicators on 8-9 and 26-27 July and also on 23-24 August 2021.

The draft indicators for the Outcomes and Outputs of the draft RPOA 2.0 were prepared by the Regional Secretariat.



CTI Member Countries discuss Marine Litter Stocktake

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat convened an online meeting with representatives from the CT6 NCCs on 28 June 2021 to discuss the progress on Marine Litter Plastic Stocktake, which is being led by WWF. At the meeting, Ms Jackie Thomas of WWF updated the group on the importance of doing stocktake and the activities that had been undertaken, which includes the Webinar on Plastic Stocktake in October 2020, the Questionnaires/Survey that WWF and RS already sent out to several groups such as Partners, LGN, and MPA, etc. Ms Thomas also presented the planned activities from July to November 2021.

RS updated the countries representatives present on the Special SOM and the 2021 budget for Marine Litter amounting to USD 30,450, where each CT6 has an allocation of USD 5,000 for marine plastics work.

Representatives from Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines who attended the virtual discussion also discussed their concerns that the Stocktake should include not just how much plastics are 'produced' by the CT6, but also to include information such as how much recycling companies from each CT6 country imported plastics from various developed countries for recycling, how much was actually recycled, how much was not recyclable and had to end up in the CT6 landfills, etc. The information from WWF about plastics being transported from land via rivers to the sea was very pertinent. The Member Countries requested WWF to take into account the plastics exported from Developed Countries to CT6 for a clearer and fairer picture, and how to move forward with the Stocktake properly.



Screenshot of RPOA 2.0 writeshop participants.

Coordination Meeting of Host Country and the Regional Secretariat on drafts HCA, RPOA 2.0 and SPPM

The representatives of the Host Country Agreement and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat had a coordination meeting on 29 April 2021. The Host Country representatives were led by Mr Agung Prasetyo, Head of Public Relations and International Cooperation of Indonesia Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF). He was also joined by Dr Hendra Yusran Siry, Secretary Directorate General of Marine Spatial Management of MMAF, Mr Wahyu Hari Satrio from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mr Aldi Triyanto from the State Secretariat as well as Mr. Marcus Daniel Wicaksono, Mr Tommy Pratama, Mr Fernando Esa Roswana and Mr R. Rizki Andhitya Yunanto from MMAF.

Mr Prasetyo expressed hope for the immediate completion of the draft HCA from RS and the CT5 member countries since the internal process of the Host Country would also require a significant time to review the document by the concerned ministries before going to the negotiation table. He also said that the Government of Indonesia would always support the activities of and provide guidance to RS and CTI-CFF, if needed. He also encouraged RS to maintain regular communication with NCC Indonesia regarding the aforementioned activities.

RS also took the opportunity to show the meeting members on the building repair and maintenance that are needed to be carried out by the Host Country.

At the meeting, Dr Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of RS updated the delegates on the status of the finalization of the draft Host Country Agreement (HCA), draft Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 2.0) and draft Staff Policies and Procedure Manual (SPPM). Dr Kushairi also shared the efforts of RS to expedite the completion of the documents on draft HCA by supporting Internet requirements for each country representative as well as proposing the In-Situ Virtual Meeting Participation (In-situ VMP).

Participants from the Host Country led by Mr Agung Prasetyo, Head of Public Relations and International Cooperation of Indonesia Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (third from right).



Physical Meeting Proper at RS.



WWF conducts TOT on Sharks and Rays for CT6

WWF together with James Cook University spearheaded the Training of Trainers (TOT) on sharks and rays on 5-6 April 2021 for CTI-CFF's Threatened Species Working Group and other nominated representative working on sharks and rays program from the CT6 countries.

Dr Cassie Rigby, a research fellow at James Cook University (JCU) with extensive experience in shark fisheries, management and research served as the workshop trainer. Dr Rigby led the participants on how to use the Practical Guide to the Effective Design and Management of MPAs for Sharks and Rays, which utilises extensive research by JCU's Centre for Sustainable Tropical Fisheries & Aquaculture (CSTFA) on the effectiveness of MPAs for sharks and rays and the movement patterns of different species. The Guide, authored by Dr Rigby is also an important resource for the advancement of responsible ocean management.

Participants were also trained on the use of the rapid assessment tool kit for sharks and rays, which consists of practical and simple step-by-step guidelines for collecting basic information using six complimentary tools – (1) taxonomy; (2) genetics; (3) creel and market surveys; (4) baited remote underwater; (5) tagging and tracking; and (6) citizen science. The tool kit was also authored by Dr Rigby.

Dr Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin, Executive Director of the Regional Secretariat in his message emphasized the importance of sustainable management of marine biodiversity and resources using tools. He also called for concerted cooperation and collaborative actions given that many of the shark and ray species under CITES provisions are migratory and transboundary, thus the need for an increased support for communication and cooperation among stakeholders.

CTI Transboundary Reef Resources Writing Team commences work

Preparing the draft Project Identification Form (PIF) of the proposal "Transboundary Approach to Securing Coral Reef Fishery and Biodiversity Resources in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape" for GEF funding has commenced, with the members of the writing team already identified by the CT3 member countries, namely, Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. They are:

Indonesia: Ms Antung Raudatul Jannah
Dr Remy Puspasari

Malaysia: Dr Norasma Dacho
Ms Sylvia Michael
Ms Jessie Beliku

Philippines: Ms Nilda Baling
Dr Mudjekeewis Santos

Partners:

University of Queensland/James Cook University:
Prof. Peter Mumby and Dr Naomi Gardiner

Conservation International Philippines
Dr Augustus Montebon and Ms Evangeline Miclat

The writing team shall be meeting regularly to design and agree on project objectives; describe the outcome with or without the project; list the key metrics of change the project will deliver and source the required co-finance.

The proposed project, which is led by Prof. Peter Mumby from the University of Queensland, will be focusing on coral reef fisheries. It also plans to look into transboundary problems such as unsustainable fisheries, habitat loss, marine pollution, freshwater shortage and climate change.



Photo credit: Ocean Image Bank/Andy Casagrande



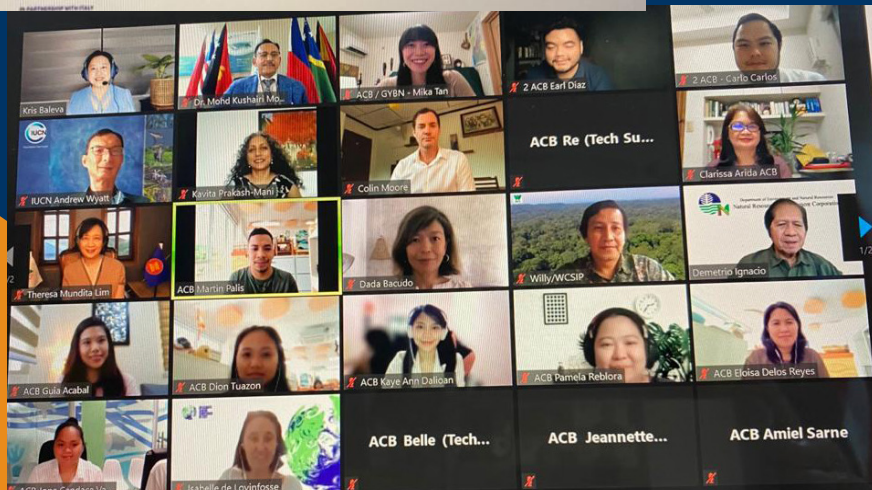
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Screenshot of panelists and organizers of the ASEAN-UK COP26 Webinar.

CTI-CFF RS Executive Director talks at the ASEAN-UK COP26

CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Executive Director, Dr Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin was one of the panelists in the ASEAN-UK COP25: Framing the Future for Nature held virtually on 8 June 2021.

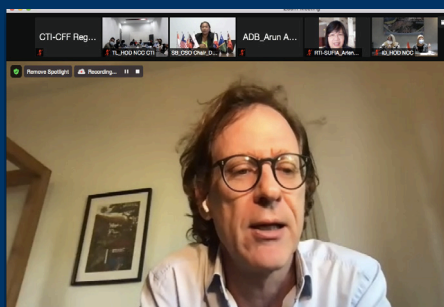
Dr Kushairi talked about the importance of safeguarding ASEAN's marine resources through marine protected areas and conserved areas. He alluded that marine protected areas are important food sources not only of the people living in coastal communities, but also of the 650 million people living in ASEAN. He said protecting the marine and coastal areas also means improving the ecosystems and ensuring the livelihood of people who depends on it.

Joining Dr Kushairi in the panel to discuss ways to protect ASEAN's nature as a carbon sink and resilience against climate change were Dr Andrew Wyatt, Deputy Head of Indo-Burma Group, IUCN

Asia; Dr Willy Marthy, Senior Terrestrial Program manager of WCS Indonesia; Dr Faizal Parish, Director of ASEAN Peatland Project, Global Environment Centre.

The ASEAN-UK COP 26 was organized by the UN Climate Change Conference UK 2021 and ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity. The objectives were to understand the opportunities around raising ambition on nature-based solutions, climate and biodiversity in ASEAN as well as to learn about best practices in nature-based solutions in the region.

CTI-CFF Partners propose three central pillars to support RPOA 2.0



Mr Martin Callow of WCS.

CTI-CFF Partners proposed three central pillars to support the ambitious goals of the renewed Regional Plan of Action (RPOA 2.0) at the virtual Special Senior Officials Meeting (Special SOM) held on 28 May 2021. On behalf of the CTI-CFF Partners, Mr Martin Callow, Regional Director of the Southeast Asian Archipelago of Wildlife Conservation Society, presented their proposed three pillars, namely international policy engagement, capacity building and trust fund.

Mr Callow said CTI-CFF needs to align its international policies with the global goals like the SDGs or the Convention on Biological Diversity goals to protect 30 percent of regional seascapes by 2030 to show the relevance of CTI-CFF's work.

He also said that a sustainable financing mechanism is important to mobilize resources in order to support the goals of CTI-CFF and RPOA 2.0.

And with the large scale of activities that are needed to realize the goals of RPOA 2.0 and CTI-CFF, it is critical to build capacity of human resources.

Mr Callow also emphasized that the proposed activities under the three pillars need urgent actions in order to sustain the momentum and enthusiasm started by the Partners, and to also contribute to global goals.

The senior officials expressed gratitude to CTI-CFF Partners for their unwavering support and cooperation. As a manifestation of CT6 member countries cooperation with CTI-CFF Partners, the senior officials have tasked the Regional Secretariat to create a dialogue platform to discuss the three proposals of the Partners and identify immediate/short-term, medium-term and long-term activities. Partners who were present at the Special SOM were from WCS, USAID, Australian Government, ADB, WWF, CTC, TNC, and SUFIA RTI.

CTI-CFF DED PS participates at the Regional Seminar on Biofouling Management and Invasive Aquatic Species



Regional Seminar on Biofouling Management and Invasive Aquatic Species



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DR. BENJAMIN M. VALLEJO, JR.
University of the Philippines

The CTI-CFF Deputy Executive Director of Program Services, Dr. Sharifah Nora, was invited to serve as an expert speaker during the awareness-raising Regional Seminar on Biofouling Management and Invasive Aquatic Species that was held virtually on 23rd June 2021. This is a project of the IMO, GEF, UNDP, GloFouling and PEMSEA.

Dr. Nora's presentation on Invasive Aquatic Species (IAS) shows IAS as being one of the important drivers of marine biodiversity loss and damage to conservation areas, a concern to the Convention of Biological Diversity. Using the IUCN Global Invasive Species Database (GISD) (<http://www.iucngisd.org/gisd/search.php>), invasive aquatic species – freshwater and marine – can be checked or reported for each country. She covered the key traits of invasive aquatic species, the main vectors including ship ballast (water and sediment) and biofouling immersed materials (from ships, aquaculture and fisheries biofoulants, etc), and also the ecological, economic and health impacts. One of the ways forward is to manage both ship ballast and biofouling, including vessel biofouling.

Dr Nora thanked Ms. Aimee Gonzales, the Executive Director of PEMSEA, and the representatives of IMO and requested that the CTI-CFF involvement be considered e.g. in consultations to develop future regional guidelines on biofouling management. This could be beneficial to CTI-CFF in the new RPOA 2.0, since the CTI-CFF Member Countries are concerned about marine biodiversity loss, improving the marine ecosystems and the food security of the region.

CTI-CFF RS ED joins UN DESA's Financing Global Climate Action and Promoting Digital Solutions Online Policy Dialogue

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Executive Director, Dr Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin participated at the Financing Global Climate Action and Promoting Digital Solutions online Policy Dialogues organized by UN Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UN DESA).

The online dialogue invited finance experts, policymakers, and climate and sustainable development practitioners for a discussion of the best approaches for ensuring that climate financing measures are included in rebuilding efforts related to the COVID-19 pandemic, and that such efforts are inclusive and help the most vulnerable. Additionally, the experts discussed emerging digital solutions to the climate crisis, including ideas related to the Internet of Things, for climate adaptation and mitigation and ways to scale them up. Among the notable speakers were Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and Daniele Violetti, Director at UNFCCC.



Top to bottom: Screenshot of (1) Olga Algayerova, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe; (2) Daniele Violetti, Director at UNFCCC; and (3) UN DESA email to Dr Kushairi about the webinar.

SUFIA RTI International presents results of PLOCA Assessments

SUFIA Research Triangle Institute (RTI) International presented the results of a series Participatory Local Organizational Capacity Assessment (PLOCA) initiatives jointly conducted by the RTI International and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat between February and April 2021 with representatives of CT6.

The organizational capacity assessments included a 50-question online capacity survey, Organizational Performance Index (OPI), Non-U.S. Organization Pre-Award Survey (NUPAS), Organizational Sustainability Framework (OSF) and key documentation review. RS staff participated in all the PLOCA assessments while CT6 in the online survey only.

The results of the online capacity survey revealed among others the following: (1) Planning, Management, Human Resources and Partnership Development are being practiced, but with inconsistency; (2) Performance, Oversight; Ethics; Sustainability Planning and Opportunities exist, but the implementation needs to be improved.

OPI revealed that RS scored high in relevance (target population and learning) sustainability (resources) as well as in efficiency (delivery, reach and social capital). OPI measures organizational learning and accountability of an organization to members and stakeholders.

Findings of NUPAS showed that RS has adequate

compliance and controls in financial management and internal control systems, procurement and human resource systems. The assessment was an opportunity to assess the internal and external processes and functions of the Regional Secretariat in different core functional areas, particularly what works, what is lacking, what needs to be improved and strengthened, what gaps to be filled in. It was also an opportunity to identify shared concerns and priority actions among staff of the Regional Secretariat and stakeholders of CTI-CFF.

The result of the PLOCA assessments was used in developing and completing the Capacity Development Action Plan (CDAP) by RTI International and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.

SUFIA PSE Initiatives

Apart from organizational capacity development, SUFIA RTI International is also supporting CTI-CFF in Private Sector Engagement (PSE) Initiatives. A Concept Note on CT Atlas was jointly prepared by the RTI International and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat based on the need to update and upgrade CT Atlas in terms of capacity building for data correction and further data collection. This concept note will be shared with the private sector, e.g., potential companies or other external partners who are interested in these activities by early July 2021.

Canada Embassy First Secretary visits to the CTI-CFF RS

Mr Antoine Nouvet, the First Secretary of Political Affairs for Indonesia, Malaysia & Timor-Leste of the Canada Embassy in Jakarta paid a courtesy visit to the CTI CFF Regional Secretariat Executive Director Dr Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin on 29 April 2021.

Mr Nouvet expressed interest to know more about the CTI-CFF and the Regional Secretariat, to which Dr Kushairi provided information, including the current and future initiatives of the CTI-CFF. Mr Nouvet also shared information of Canada's efforts in supporting Indonesia, Malaysia and Timor-Leste and looks forward working with the Regional Secretariat and CTI-CFF in the future.



Mr Antoine Nouvet (left) with Dr Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin.

CTI-CFF welcomes new members

The CTI-CFF congratulates and warmly welcomes the new representatives of member countries to the National CTI-CFF Coordinating Committee and Governance Working Group. The CTI-CFF looks forward to further strengthening linkages and cooperation.



USec. Edilberto DC Leonardo is the Undersecretary for Special Concerns of the Philippines' Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and designated OIC, Director of DENR's Biodiversity Management Bureau. He is the new NCC Focal Point of the Philippines.

Photo credit: DENR website



Ms Rosy Verona is the Acting Director of Asia Pacific and African Regional Cooperation of Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. She is the new chair of the CTI-CFF Financial Resources Working Group.

Photo credit: ID Ministry of Foreign Affairs website

RS staff gets COVID-19 Vaccination

To prevent disease and save lives - now more than ever, the Regional Secretariat staff took part in the COVID-19 vaccination program being implemented by the North Sulawesi Health Department and Dr J.H. Awaloei Hospital in Manado Indonesia in line with the Presidential Decree No. 14 Year 2021 on the Revision to the Presidential Decree No. 99 Year 2020 on the Program and Implementation of Vaccination as Countermeasures to the Pandemic of Corona Virus Disease 2019 (COVID-19).

RS staff got their first dose of vaccination on April and June 2021. RS staff will be coming back for their second dose based on the schedule provided by the administering health officers. Dr Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin together with his family member completed their two doses of vaccination in May 2021 through the assistance of Indonesia's Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

RS staff are required to submit the proof of vaccination to RS COVID-19 Team as soon as possible, or within three (3) days upon taking the vaccination. Further, staff are still encouraged to always follow all rules set internally in RS as well as the ones imposed by the Government of Indonesia.

As advocated by WHO, getting vaccination is just one part of managing COVID-19.



CTI-CFF RS welcomes new Executive Assistant/ HR Support



The Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF is pleased to have Ms. Monique Lydia Sengkey as a full-time staff occupying the new position, Executive Assistant/HR Support of RS approved at the virtual Special SOM conducted on 27-28 May 2021. She used to be a job contract staff working as Personal Assistant to the Executive Director of RS.

Ms Sengkey holds a Master degree in Management Studies at the Sam Ratulangi University. She used to teach at the International Business Administration, an international program of the Faculty of Economics and Business in Sam Ratulangi University.

CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES:

JULY

5-6 Jul 2021: Virtual meeting on the finalization of the draft HCA

7 Jul 2021: Threatened Species Working Group Virtual Meeting

8 Jul 2021: Co'Cean Forum on the Endangered Wildlife of the Ocean

8-9 Jul 2021: Continuation of the virtual Writeshop on RPOA 2.0 indicators

12 Jul 2021: Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Working Group Virtual Meeting

13 Jul 2021: 7th virtual meeting of the Technical Committee on Trust Fund

14-15 Jul 2021: Virtual meeting on the finalization of the draft SPPM

19 July 2021: Women Leaders Forum (WLF Meeting)

22 Jul 2021: CTI-CFF and CMAR Virtual Webinar on Tourism Management

26-27 Jul 2021: Continuation of the virtual Writeshop on RPOA 2.0 indicators

28-29 Jul 2021: Virtual meeting on the finalization of the draft HCA

TBC: SWG SEA CTI UQ GEF PIF Drafting Committee Meeting

AUGUST

2-3 Aug 2021: Virtual meeting on the finalization of the draft SPPM

11-12 Aug 2021: Virtual meeting on the finalization of the draft HCA

23-24 Aug 2021: Continuation of the virtual Writeshop on RPOA 2.0 indicators

25-26 Aug 2021: Virtual meeting on the finalization of the draft HCA

TBC: SWG SEA CTI UQ GEF PIF Drafting Committee Meeting

TBC: MPA WG Virtual meeting

TBC: EAFM WG Virtual meeting

TBC: MEWG Virtual meeting

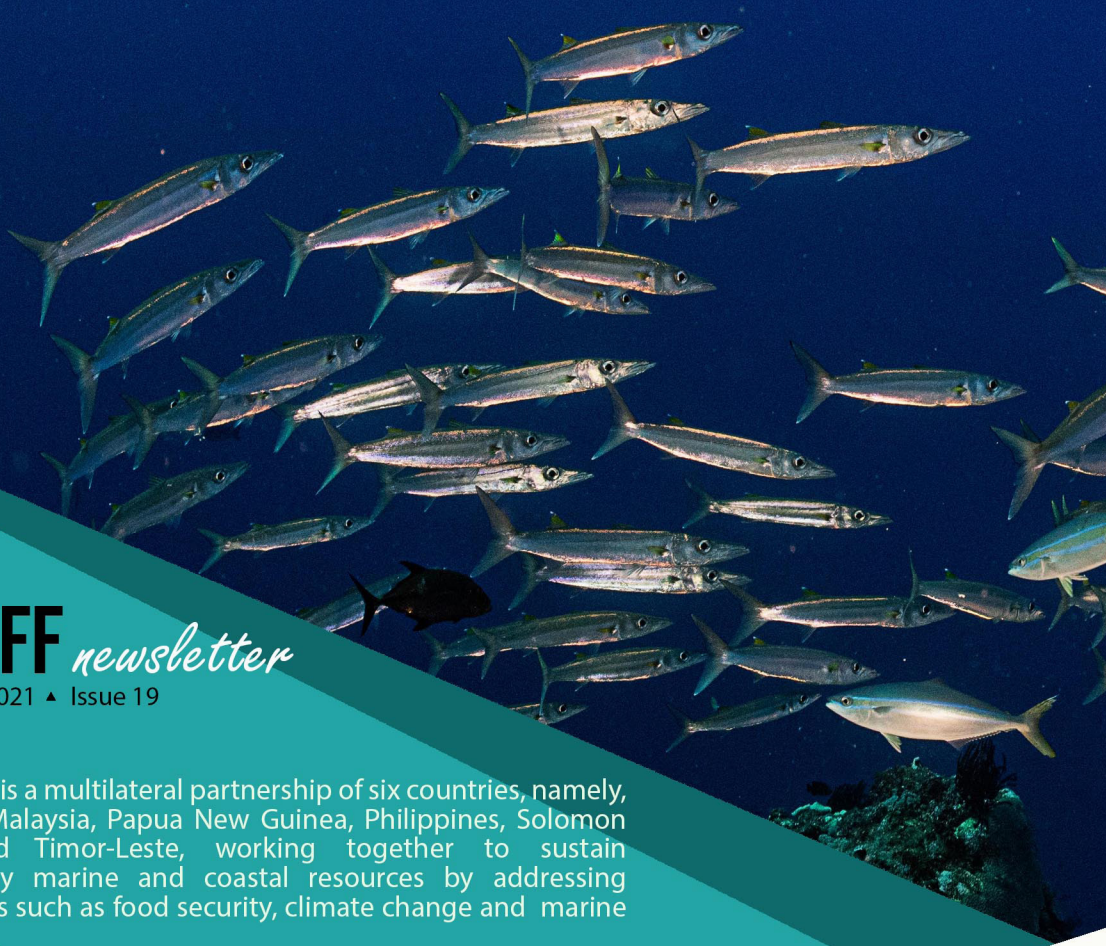
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1-2 Sept 2021: Virtual meeting on the finalization of the draft SPPM



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