



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

MANADO JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

THE 5th MEETING OF THE CTI- CFF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

**Manado, Indonesia
15 May 2014**

Endorsed by
The Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia,
Papua New Guinea, the Philippines,
Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste

The 5th Meeting of the CTI-CFF Council of Ministers (MM5) was held in Manado, Indonesia on 15 May 2014. The Meeting was chaired by the Hon. Datuk Dr. Ewon Ebin, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia, and attended by H.E. Sharif Cicip Sutardjo, Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia; Mr. Gunther Joku, Secretary, Department of Environment and Conservation for Hon. John Pundari, MP, the Minister of Environment and Conservation and Climate Change, Papua New Guinea; Mr. Manuel D. Gerochi, Undersecretary for Policy, Planning and Foreign-Assisted Programs for Hon. Ramon Jesus Paje, Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Republic of the Philippines; Hon. Bradley Tovosia, Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, Solomon Islands; H.E. Mariano ASSANAMI Sabino, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste; and H.E. Pehin Dato Yahya, Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Brunei Darussalam and representatives of CTI Partners namely: the government of Australia, the government of the United States of America (USA), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Conservation International (CI), the Nature Conservancy (TNC), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the Coral Triangle Center (CTC).

Recalling the Coral Triangle Initiative Leaders' Declaration on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security signed in Manado, Indonesia on the 15th of May 2009 that provides meaningful basis for sustainable coral reef management and advancing ocean issues, as well as other international and/or regional instruments related to the management of ocean and marine biodiversity;

Reemphasizing the degradation of the marine environment, in particular the loss of marine biodiversity and marine ecosystem continuing to be threatened by marine and land-based activities, anthropogenic activities, destructive fishing practices, and climate change;

Recognising the role of science, technology and innovation as the vital instrument for sustainable and inclusive economic growth particularly in the coastal and marine areas,

WE, THE MINISTERS HEREBY:

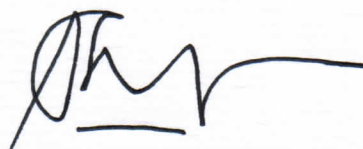
1. **Accept** the Chairman's Summary of the 9th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM9) and the Special Senior Officials Meeting (Annexes 1 and 2);

2. **Appreciate** the ratification made by Malaysia, Indonesia, Timor Leste and Solomon Islands and the progress made by the Philippines and Papua New Guinea in signing the Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of the CTI-CFF;
3. **Approve** the resolution authorizing the Interim Regional Secretariat to setup necessary administrative arrangements and prepare financial management systems to facilitate the seamless transition process prior to the commencement of the Executive Director (Annex 3);
4. **Approve** the 2014 and 2015 Operations Plan and Budget of the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF (Annex 4);
5. **Appreciate** the excellent leadership of Malaysia and Papua New Guinea as the Chair and Vice Chair of the CTI Council of Ministers from 19 November 2011 to 15 May 2014;
6. **Elect** Papua New Guinea as the Chair and the Philippines as the Vice Chair of the CTI Council of Ministers for the period of two years, from 16 May 2014 to 16 May 2016 and/or such a time when the Ministerial Meeting will be held after 16 May 2016;
7. **Agree** to apply the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Regional Framework and the Coral Triangle Marine Protected Areas System (CTMPAS) in our respective national policies as may be appropriate;
8. **Approve** the establishment of the Threatened Species Working Group and its Terms of Reference to be chaired by Malaysia;
9. **Recognize** the initiatives and progress made by the CTI Women Leaders Forum;
10. **Appreciate** the ongoing support of CTI-CFF Partners and welcome their further cooperation to mobilize resources and knowledge inputs;

11. **Reaffirm** observer status of Brunei Darussalam while it is in the process of complying with the requirements as Party to CTI-CFF;
12. **Approve** the Coral Triangle Center (CTC) as a CTI-CFF Partner.
13. **Task** the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) to further explore new parties, new partners and cooperation arrangements between CTI-CFF and other international organizations.
14. **Appreciate** the commendable work of the CTI-CFF Interim Regional Secretariat;
15. **Convey** utmost gratitude of the Coral Triangle countries to the people of Manado and the government of the Province of the North Sulawesi, Indonesia for its vital contribution in hosting the CTI-CFF Center;
16. **Express** our appreciation and thanks to the Government, and the people of Indonesia for hosting the Special Senior Officials Meeting and the 5th Ministerial Meeting;
17. **Express** appreciation to the President of the Republic of Indonesia Dr. Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono for his exemplary leadership and vision and;
18. **Express** appreciation to the Chair of the CTI COM from November 2011 to May 2014, Datuk Dr. Ewon Ebin, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation, Malaysia

Signed on 15 May 2014 in Manado, Indonesia by:

Government of
the Republic of Indonesia



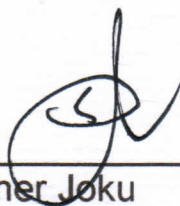
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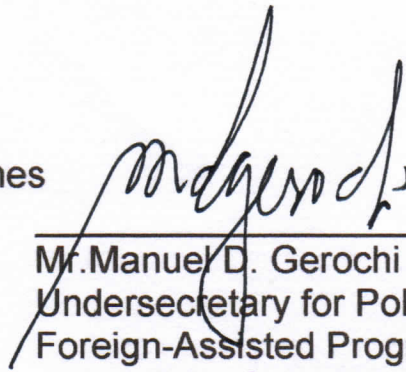
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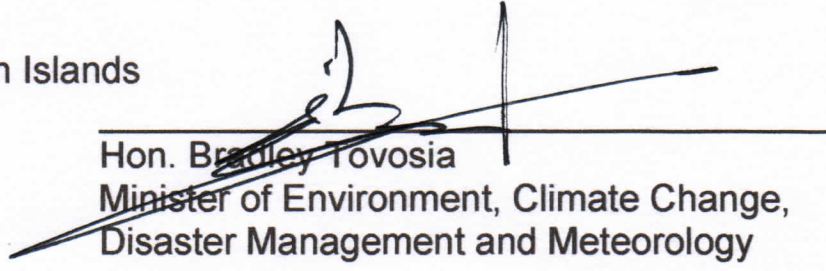
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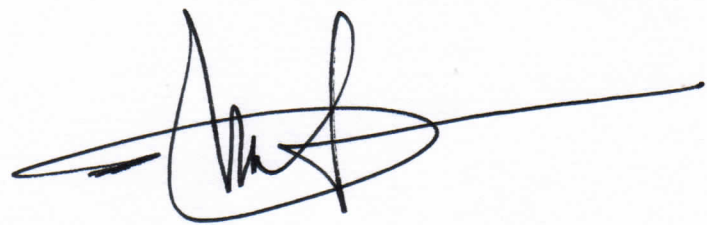
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