



MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

between

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF)

and

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

(together, “the Parties”)

The CTI-CFF is a multilateral partnership established in 2009 by six countries, namely: Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Timor-Leste, and the Solomon Islands, with the main objective of addressing the urgent threats facing the coastal and marine resources of one of the most biologically diverse and ecologically rich regions on earth, the Coral Triangle. Embracing about 4 million square miles of ocean and coastal waters in Southeast Asia and the Pacific, the Coral Triangle is also home to some 363 million people and encompasses economic zones where each country has exclusive rights to the marine resources. Recognized as the global centre of marine biodiversity, the Coral Triangle serves as the spawning and juvenile growth areas for important fish species in the world, directly sustains the lives of more than 120 million people living within this area, and benefit millions more worldwide.

The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, an organization for sustainable development with worldwide operations, working on behalf of the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany and other national and international clients, whose mission is to promote and facilitate reforms and changes in developmental processes in developing and transition countries, thereby improving people’s living conditions on a sustainable basis. The project “Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Countries (SSSC)” – hereinafter “the project” – implemented by GIZ on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), is a cooperation between the three states of the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape (Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines) with the objective to take action to preserve the unique nature of the marine region with its biodiversity and natural resources.

The Parties have mutual interests in addressing the urgent threats facing the coastal and marine resources of the Coral Triangle. The main task is the protection of the environment by developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organisations and individuals which are concerned with marine and coastal sustainable development.



The Parties have reached the following understandings:

PURPOSE of the MoU

The main objective of this MoU is to provide a framework for cooperation between the parties and to provide a basis for the activities within the project. Within this framework the parties will consult each other in an effort to collaborate in the activities they identify as requiring implementation.

The Parties agree to implement their activities within the framework of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) of the CTI-CFF in a coordinated manner to reflect their mutual experience and responsibilities for the promotion of marine biodiversity in the Sulu-Sulawesi-Seascapes countries, a priority Seascape of the CTI-CFF, and, or CTI-CFF member countries, with a special focus on Marine Protected Areas (MPA), Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) and Climate Change Adaptation Planning. The implementation includes the participation of the Parties at the National Coordinating Committees (NCC's) of the CTI-CFF as well as the relevant organisations and departments/ governmental institutions in the respective countries.

THEREFORE, the Parties hereby mutually declare and agree to cooperate in the following areas:

1. Human Resource Development

- Activities may include the development and/or delivery of training courses, on the job training in line with the general objective of the MoU and following capacity assessment at the relevant agencies focussing on sustainable development, protection of coral reefs and coastal waters, fisheries, adaptation to impacts of climate change, conservation of threatened and migratory species, establishment and management of protected areas, and marine spatial planning
- Dissemination and transfer of lessons learned and best practices
- Participation in workshops, seminars and symposia by sending participants, contributors and resource speakers to events of mutual interest

2. Research and Development

- Research may include any potential agreed research themes, and will be conducted by the Parties with respect to research regulation in the respective CTI-CFF member countries
- Results of research conducted for the Sulu-Sulawesi-Seascape and/ or CTI-CFF are disseminated in close cooperation with the respective implementing organisations



- In any publication related to the project, Parties to this MoU shall be acknowledged

3. Information Management and Networking

- The Parties agree to cooperate on information development, regional exchange visits, and dissemination of results

4. Cooperation Activities

- The parties agree to implement activities within the framework of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) particularly in Marine Protected Areas (MPA), Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) and Climate Change Adaptation Planning
- The parties agree to establish Coordination mechanisms including the establishment of a project secretariat, a steering committee, and country implementation teams in the Sulu-Sulawesi-Seascape Countries

GENERAL PROVISION

In order to carry out and fulfill the objectives of this MoU, the Parties will seek to work together on activities that would be of mutual interest of both Parties. Therefore, either Party may initiate proposals for activities that would be carried out under this MoU.

The Parties including CTI-CFF member countries may enter into separate contractual agreements, sub-contracts, or letters of mutual consent, as may be necessary, to achieve the cooperative objectives identified in this MoU.

The respective Parties shall be responsible for the evaluation of the activities under this MoU in accordance with the practices of their respective organizations.

WAIVER

Nothing contained in this MoU shall constitute a waiver, express or implied, of any privilege or immunity which the Parties may enjoy, whether pursuant to the Convention on Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies or any other convention or agreement, law, order or decree of any international or national character.



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DURATION AND TERMINATION

This MoU shall become effective on the date of signing and shall be valid up to 30 June 2018.

The MoU may be amended, renewed or extended by mutual consent in writing, and may be terminated by either Party at any time provided that the terminating Party gives written notice of its intention at least three months before termination.

The MoU is done in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 3rd of March 2016, in two copies.

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