



**CORAL TRIANGLE
INITIATIVE**
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY



SPREP
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional
Environment Programme

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU)

between

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

The Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
(together, "the Parties")

The CTI-CFF is a multilateral partnership among 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.

SPREP is a regional, intergovernmental organisation comprising 26 members consisting of 21 Pacific Island Countries and Territories and five developed countries with direct interests in the Pacific region. The purposes of SPREP are to promote co-operation in the Pacific region and to provide assistance in order to protect and improve its environment and to ensure sustainable development for present and future generations.

Whereas SPREP and CTI-CFF have mutual interests in relation to the protection of the marine and coastal environment and developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organisations and individuals concerned with marine and coastal environmental protection in the Pacific region.

The Parties have reached the following understandings:

1. Objectives

1. The main objective of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to provide a framework of co-operation between SPREP and CTI-CFF.
2. Within this framework the Parties will consult in an effort to collaborate on the activities they identify as requiring implementation.

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2. Collaborative Activities

The Parties agree, to the extent possible, but without limitation, to:

1. Consult each other on policy matters of mutual concern.
2. Exchange information on developments and current activities in relation to the marine and coastal environment.
3. Extend to each other standing invitations to be represented by observers at appropriate meetings, including the annual SPREP Meeting and to co-sponsor relevant meetings.
4. Collaborate and support awareness-raising efforts in relation to the marine and coastal environment.
5. Collaborate on the implementation of global and regional priorities in relation to the marine and coastal environment.
6. Collaborate and support capacity-building initiatives relation to the marine and coastal environment.
7. Keep respective memberships informed of co-operative activities undertaken pursuant to this MOU.

3. Operational Provisions

1. This MOU constitutes an expression of a shared intention of the Parties to endeavour to develop foundations for achieving their shared objectives relating to the protection of the marine and coastal environment and developing and strengthening systems, institutions, organisations and individuals concerned with marine and coastal environmental protection in the Pacific region
2. Each Party's actions under this MOU shall be considered to be that Party's sole and separate action for all purposes, including liability, and neither Party shall claim to be acting on behalf of, or as agent for, the other Party.
3. Neither party is obligated to provide financial contributions to the other party; but this shall not be excluded by mutual consent.
4. Each Party will name and keep updated focal points to co-ordinate the cooperation called for in this MOU.
5. In executing this MOU, neither Party necessarily commits to any financial obligation in relation to activities to be carried out under this MOU.

4. Annexes

1. Specific work once agreed to may be attached as an Annex to this MOU.
2. Such Annex shall form an integral part of this MOU and, unless expressly provided otherwise, a reference to this MOU includes a reference to any such Annex.

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5. Duration, entry into force, amendments and termination

1. The duration of this MOU shall be five years, renewable for such further period as may be agreed between the Parties.
2. This MOU shall enter into force on the date the last Party signs.
3. This MOU may be amended by agreement in writing between the Parties.
4. Either Party may terminate this MOU by giving three months' written notice to the other.

Mr. David Sheppard
Director General

SPREP

Date: 22/9/15

Widi A. Pratikto PhD
Executive Director
CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat

Date:



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Annex 1

The Parties agree to develop a shared work programme to reflect their mutual experience and responsibilities for the promotion of marine biodiversity in the Pacific Islands and adjacent seas, joint project including but not limited to turtle conservation;

1. Human Resource Development

1.1 Training

- Collaborative curricula development, especially in ecologically sustainable development, protection of coral reefs and coastal waters, adaptation to impacts of climate change, conservation of threatened and migratory species, establishment and administration of protected areas, marine spatial planning, and promotion of best practice ecotourism.
- Exchange of expertise and lessons learned, including Secretariat operational development and enhancement.

1.2 Workshops, Seminars and Symposia

- Participation of Parties by sending participants, contributors and resource speakers to events of mutual interest, at each party's own expense.

2. Research and Development

- Conduct collaborative and joint research programmes as appropriate.
- Extension of technological advancements and promotion of social development and socio-economic well-being, especially through regional workshops, seminars, symposia and on-site events.

3. Consultancy

- Collaborative consultancy by drawing on the expertise of CTI-CFF and SPREP

4. Information Management and Networking

- Information development, exchange, and dissemination
- Cooperation in information networking

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5. Joint Projects

This collaboration will also cover potential joint activities involving both parties. It may include, but not be limited to, Sea Turtles Conservation, with components such as:

- Public awareness
- Sea Turtle biology
- Standard monitoring systems for threatened turtle species
- Nesting ground protection
- International trade in turtle meat and parts, including surveillance and enforcement

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