



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY

8TH SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING (SOM8)

**Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
24 November 2012**

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

I. Opening Session

The Eighth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM8) of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 22th to 24th November 2012. The officials and partners had met in a pre-SOM meeting on the 20-21st November 2012. The SOM8 which was opened to CTI partners and observers had the following goals:

- Assess current status of the process toward the establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.
- Reach agreement on the transition plan toward the establishment of the Regional Secretariat as guidance for CTI-CFF member-countries and the interim Regional Secretariat.
- Reach agreement on steps and reasonable actions to be taken in regard of developing CTI-CFF Regional Financial Architecture
- Review and endorse the Interim CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat 2013 Operations Plan
- Review and Provide Guidance on Monitoring and Evaluation schemes (MEWG – plan, strategy and approach)
- Review and endorse the criteria and process of admission for new CTI-CFF partner.
- Review and endorse the CTI-CFF communications strategy design and 2013 work plan.
- Reach agreement and endorse technical working groups (Seascape, Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management, Marine Protected Areas and Climate Change Adaptation) reports and plan of actions
- Reach agreement on the roadmap for CTI-CFF implementation activities 2013.
- Review and recommend the fourth Ministerial Meeting's agenda
- Review and recommend a draft of the Putrajaya Joint Ministerial Statement for the fourth Ministerial Meeting (MM4)

Formal welcoming remarks were given by YBhg. Dato' Dr. Madinah Mohamad, Secretary General of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) of Malaysia.

YBhg Dato' Dr. Madinah Mohamad chaired the opening session which covered adoption of agenda for the SOM8 and summary of progress report from the CTI-CFF Interim Regional Secretariat. Subsequent sessions were chaired by members of the Council of Senior Officials (CSO) as designated in the agenda. Chair of the CTI-CFF interim Regional Secretariat, were in attendance to lead the facilitation and assistance throughout the Meeting.

II. Decisions

1. Summary of Progress Report from the CTI-CFF Interim Regional Secretariat

The Meeting took note of the progress and achievements made by the Interim Regional Secretariat since the 3rd Ministerial Meeting (MM3) in October 2011 (Annex 1). The Meeting appreciated support provided by the partners that strengthened and increased capacity of the Interim Regional Secretariat to perform its mandate. Dissemination of information in these matters shall be intensified for enhanced coordination with CT countries.

2. Technical Working Group (TWG) Reports

Technical Working Groups Reports were presented and deliberated in two (2) consecutive sessions. The first session was chaired by Indonesia and covered the Seascapes and EAFM working groups. The second session on MPA was chaired by Timor-Leste and the session on CCA working group was chaired by Solomon Islands. The reports were presented by the chairs of the working groups. In general, the Meeting recommended that future reports of the TWGs should incorporate and highlight country plans and accomplishments.

- **Seascapes WG Report** presented by Indonesia
The Meeting adopted the Seascapes report and work plan, noting that it should recognize and take into consideration existing activities in the region on seascapes (Annex 2).
- **Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management WG Report** presented by Malaysia
The Meeting adopted the report and acknowledged the need for common regional framework to manage fisheries resources. However, given the sensitivity of this resource, the Meeting recommended that a statement on the need for common framework to be incorporated in the Joint Ministerial Statement (Annex 3)
- **Marine Protected Areas WG Report** presented by the Philippines
The Meeting recognized the accomplishments of the MPA-WG. The Meeting further adopted the outputs generated from MPA Regional Exchanges in March and October 2012 and the Coral Triangle Marine Protected Area System (CTMPAS) Road Map clarifying the short-medium and long-term action plans (Annex 4). The countries were requested to review the CTMPAS Framework and send inputs to the Chair of MPA-WG by January 30, 2013.

The Meeting recommended discussing “Coral Triangle Day” on the session of “Other Matters”.

The Meeting endorsed the recommendation for the Philippines to lead in drafting a “working paper” on threatened species working group within the duration of the SOM8.

- **Climate Change Adaptation WG Report** presented by Indonesia

The Meeting adopted the CCA Report (Annex 5), and took notes that the CCA Indicators and the CCA-WG Terms of Reference shall be further reviewed by the NCCs.

The Meeting endorsed Timor-Leste to host of the 3rd CCA Regional Exchange in May 2013 with support from US CTI Support Program.

3. Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) Report

The Meeting was chaired by the Philippines and co-chaired by Papua New Guinea. The Meeting endorsed the FRWG report (Annex 6) presented by the Chair of FRWG (Indonesia).

The Meeting endorsed the need to conduct a feasibility study to develop a Regional Financial Architecture for effective funding mechanism in CTI-CFF. As such, the Chair of FRWG should immediately draft the Terms of Reference and circulate it during the SOM8. The TOR should then be finalized and approved by April 30, 2013.

4. Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group Report

The Meeting endorsed the MEWG report (Annex 7) presented by the Chair of the MEWG (Philippines).

The Meeting noted the progress made by the MEWG in adopting its Terms of Reference (TOR) with the Philippines and Malaysia as Chair and Vice Chair respectively and in developing the CTI-CFF M&E System. The meeting endorsed the adoption of the CTI-CFF M&E System with provisions for modification of indicators by respective thematic working groups for continued improvement

5. Coordination Mechanisms Working Group Report

The Meeting was chaired by Malaysia. The Meeting endorsed the report (Annex 8) and agreed on the procedure of the signing of the Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of the CTI-CFF ('Agreement') by Ministers.

The Meeting agreed to continue implementing the Roadmap to a Permanent Regional Secretariat agreed at the 3rd Meeting of the Council of Ministers (MM3)

The Meeting endorsed the adoption of the Communications Strategy Design and 2013 Work Plan for the completion of the CTI Communications Strategy by 2013.

The Meeting agreed on the criteria and processes for the admission of new CTI Partners.

The Meeting endorsed the finalization of the Interim Regional Secretariat's Operations Plan for 2013.

6. Other Matters

- **Threatened Species**

The Meeting endorsed the request of the MPA-WG Chair (Philippines) to provide a renewed mandate for the MPA-WG to also serve as Threatened Species Working Group. Furthermore, noting the WG's focus on MPA activities, the Meeting encourages the WG to undertake recommended activities pertaining Threatened Species (Annex 9)

- **Coral Triangle Day** – presented by Indonesia

The Meeting endorsed 9th of June as the Coral Triangle Day (Annex 10).

- **Integrating Coastal Resource Management and Planning in the Coral Triangle: *Practical Guidelines for Marine and Coastal Managers and Conservation Practitioners*** – presented by US CTI

The Meeting noted the presentation on Integrating Coastal Resource Management and Planning in the Coral Triangle: *Practical Guidelines for Marine and Coastal Managers and Conservation Practitioners* (Annex 11).

- **Support to the Implementation of the Tri-National SSME Comprehensive Action Plan and Local Government Network Forum** – presented by the Philippines.

The Meeting noted the presentation on the Implementation of the Tri-National SSME Comprehensive Action Plan from and Local Government Network Forum and Executive Course (Annex 11)

- **Prototype Mapping Tool** – presented by ADB

The Meeting noted the presentation on the Prototype Mapping Tool of projects in the Coral Triangle - Southeast Asia (Annex 11).

- **Development of Marine Conservation Center** presented by Indonesia

The Meeting noted the presentation on Coral Triangle Training Center (Annex 11).

- **Contribution Arrangement for the Interim Regional Secretariat**

The Meeting recognized that some CT6 countries wish to make contributions to the operations of the CTI-CFF Interim Regional Secretariat and requested that the Government of Indonesia establish appropriate arrangements.

7. Putrajaya Joint Ministerial Statement

The Meeting recommends a draft of Joint Ministerial Statement for the MM 4 (Annex 12)

8. CTI Implementation Roadmap 2013

The meeting adopted the CTI-CFF Roadmap for 2013. The calendar includes other key events to synchronize CTI-CFF activities with related regional and international events. Agreed detailed roadmap for CTI implementation phase 2013 is stated in the Decision Document on CTI Roadmap for 2013 (Annex 13).

9. The CT6 delegates thanked the Government of Malaysia for hosting the Eighth Senior Officials Meeting (SOM8).