



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

PUTRAJAYA JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

THE 4th MEETING OF THE CTI- CFF COUNCIL OF MINISTERS

**Putrajaya, Malaysia
26 November 2012**

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

**Endorsed at
The 4th Meeting of the
CTI-CFF Council of Ministers
Putrajaya, Malaysia
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The 4th Meeting of the CTI-CFF Council of Ministers (MM4) was held in Putrajaya, Malaysia on 26 November 2012. The meeting was chaired by the Hon. Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Maximus Johnity Ongkili, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation of Malaysia, and attended by Hon. Bradley Tovosia, Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology of the Solomon Islands; H.E. Mariano ASSANAMI Sabino, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, H.E. Dr. Gellwynn Jusuf, Secretary General, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia; H.E. Veali Vagi, High Commissioner of Papua New Guinea to Malaysia; and Hon. Atty. Ernesto D. Adobo Jr., Undersecretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of the Philippines

Recalling the Coral Triangle Initiative Leaders' Declaration on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security made in Manado, Indonesia on 15th May 2009,

Reemphasizing the biological, ecological and economical value of Coral Triangle region and aware of the alarming state of the marine ecosystem affecting the lives of millions of people in the Coral Triangle,

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 8th Council of Senior Officials Meeting;
2. **Encourage** the CTI-CFF member countries to utilise and apply Science, Technology and Innovation to address the challenges faced by Coral Triangle countries;

3. **Acknowledge** the progress that has been made towards the signing and ratification of the Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of the CTI-CFF;
4. **Reaffirm** our commitment to expedite national processes for the signing and ratification of the Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of the CTI-CFF;
5. **Recognize** the development of the CTI-CFF financial architecture and approve the conduct of the feasibility study;
6. **Approve** the CTI-CFF Interim Regional Secretariat 2013 Operations Plan for timely and efficient facilitation of CTI-CFF activities;
7. **Task** the CTI-CFF Council of Senior Officials to implement the transitional plan for the establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat;
8. **Noted and appreciate** the readiness of Indonesia, Malaysia, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste to expedite the establishment of appropriate arrangement to receive contribution for the eventual operations of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat;
9. **Approve** the CTI-CFF Roadmap and Calendar of Activities for 2013, and urge that it be implemented in a timely and efficient manner;
10. **Task** the Interim Regional Secretariat to finalize the communication strategy in consultation with CT6 and support from development partners for effective implementation;
11. **Appreciate** the ongoing support by CTI-CFF Development Partners and welcome their further cooperation to mobilize resources and knowledge inputs;
12. **Approve** the criteria and the process for the inclusion of potential development partners and encourage expanded collaboration;
13. **Acknowledge** the contributions and achievements made by all CTI-CFF working groups such as CTMPAS Framework, M&E System, National and Regional State of Coral Triangle Reports and also towards the finalization of the Regional Framework for Legislation and Policy to

Support an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management EAFM in Coral Triangle Initiative;

14. **Declare** 9th June as the Coral Triangle Day.
15. **Appreciate** the commendable work of the CTI-CFF Interim Regional Secretariat and agree to extend its mandate until a permanent Regional Secretariat is formally established and operational; and
16. **Express** our utmost appreciation and gratitude to the Government and the people of Malaysia for hosting the 8th Senior Officials Meeting and the 4th Ministerial Meeting.

Signed on 26 November 2012 in Putrajaya, Malaysia by:

Government of Malaysia

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