



# **CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE**

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES  
AND FOOD SECURITY

## **Annex 6**

### **Decision Document on**

### **Session 6**

### **Consideration and Admission for Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) as a New Member of CTI Partners**

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**The 13<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-13)**

**29 – 30 November 2017  
Dusit Thani Manila Hotel  
Makati City, Philippines**

**Adopted on 29 November 2017  
by  
the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,  
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

## **I. Background**

The 6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting (MM-6) held on 3 November 2016 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The MM-6 produced a Joint Ministerial Statement as collective commitment toward CTI-CFF development within the Coral Triangle region along with the wealth of its people.

With a view of promoting cooperation in the Coral Triangle region, the MM-6 emphasized this commitment in one of articles under JMS, reads as follow:

*Tasked the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to further explore new parties, and new partners as well as new cooperation arrangements among CTI-CFF and other international and regional fora and organizations;*

This article is in accordance with the CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure, No.20, stated as below:

### ***CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure***

#### ***Rule 20***

#### ***CTI Partners***

- 1. A CTI Partner is any State, inter-governmental organization or non-governmental organization who:
  - a) was invited to be a CTI Partner at the initiation of the CTI-CFF; or*
  - b) meets the criteria and goes through the established process to become a CTI Partner.**
- 2. The CTI COM may accept applications from a State, inter-governmental organization or non-governmental organization, including private sector entities, to become a CTI Partner.*
- 3. A State, inter-governmental organization or non-governmental organization seeking to become a CTI Partner must:
  - a) be approved by consensus resolution of the CTI COM;*
  - b) be able to meet a set of criteria for CTI Partner membership as agreed by the CTI COM;**

- c) have stated its support for the principles and objectives of the CTI-CFF, the Rules of Procedure and the CTI-CFF Secretariat Agreement within a Ministerial Meeting;*
- d) a State, inter-governmental organization or non-governmental organization seeking to become a CTI Partner may be permitted to have a representative attend the CTI COM and CTI CSO Meetings as an observer pursuant to Rule 19.*

The Regional Secretariat has explored some potential organizations with intention to promote and support CTI-CFF along with its Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) and National Plan of Action (NPOA). In 1 December 2016, the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) sent a formal letter on their interest and commitment to become as one of CTI Partners.

The Regional Secretariat circulated their letter along with application and supporting documents on 8 December 2016 and 7 September 2017 to CTI Committee of Senior Officials (CTI-CSO) for consideration.

As of 31 October 2017, Indonesia already firmly considered WCS as a New Member of CTI Partners through their letter dated 21 December 2016. This consideration was also circulated to CTI-CSO on 22 December 2016 along with reminder to other member of CTI-CSO for consideration.

## **II. Decision**

Referring to the discussion and consideration among the SOM-13 on session of Consideration and Admission for Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) as New Member of CTI Partners, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Acknowledged and appreciated the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)' interest and commitment to become a partner of CTI-CFF (*attachment 6.a*);

2. Considered the application of the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) to become a new partner of CTI-CFF and that it has met the CTI-CFF Partner criteria (*attachment 6.b*);
3. Adopted and recommended the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) as member of CTI partners for CTI-COM approval in the next 7th Ministerial Meeting (MM-7); and
4. Welcomed any potential support from the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) that may be extended toward CTI-CFF prior to their approval as a new partner by CTI-COM.

**Attachments:**

- 6.a. Introductory presentation from Regional Secretariat regarding Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) application
- 6.b. WCS's presentation on its application to become a CTI Partner