

MEMORANDUM of UNDERSTANDING (MoU)
between
**The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food
Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat**
and
Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Whereas The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) is a multilateral partnership of six countries established in 2009 composed of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste, 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.

Whereas Regional Secretariat CTI-CFF is the permanent Secretariat of CTI-CFF having its legal domicile at Jl. A. Maramis Kayuwatu, Kairagi II, Manado, North Sulawesi 95254, Indonesia, and hereinafter referred to as Regional Secretariat.

Whereas The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH is a global service provider in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development and international education work and works with its partners to develop effective solutions that offer people better prospects and sustainably improve their living conditions. GIZ is a public-benefit federal enterprise and supports the German Government and a host of public and private sector clients in a wide variety of areas, including economic development and employment promotion, energy and the environment, and peace and security, having its Regional Program office at GIZ office Manila. In the Coral Triangle region, many of GIZ's projects focus on challenges relevant and important under the CTI-CFF and different ongoing and planned initiatives aim to build and expand on those results by addressing topics such as marine protected area management, marine spatial planning, ecosystem-based approach to fisheries management, waste management, illegal, unreported, and unregulated fishing, and blue carbon.

In this context, the German Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV) commissioned GIZ to implement the programme "Solutions for Marine and Coastal Resilience in the Coral Triangle (SOMACORE)" – hereinafter "the programme". The programme is a cooperation between the six countries of the Coral Triangle (Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, the Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste) and a consortium of partner organizations with the objective to support the conservation of marine biodiversity and the management of associated resources in the three transboundary priority seascapes, recognized under CTI-CFF.

The Parties have mutual interests in addressing the urgent threats, including climate change 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.

Where as CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and GIZ GmbH herein after collectively referred to as the "parties" and individually referred to as a party.

The Parties have agreed the following understandings:

Purpose of the MoU

The purpose of this MoU is to establish a framework for cooperation between the Parties. It provides the basis for the Parties to build synergies and enhance the impact of conservation efforts, foster sustainable economic growth, and promote responsible resource management in marine environments. Within this framework the Parties will consult each other to collaborate on jointly identified activities.

Scope of Cooperation

Scope of Cooperation including but not limited to:

- a. Implement activities within the framework of the Regional Plan of Action 2.0 (RPOA 2.0) of the CTI-CFF in a coordinated manner to reflect their mutual experience and responsibilities for marine and coastal management;
- b. Three transboundary priority seascapes: the Sulu-Sulawesi-Seascape, the Lesser Sunda Seascape, and the Bismarck Solomon Seascape of the CTI-CFF and, or CTI-CFF member countries;
- c. Marine Protected Areas (MPA) and other effective area-based conservation measures;
- d. Ecosystem-based Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM)
- e. Threatened and Migratory Species;
- f. Participation of the Parties at the National Coordinating Committees (NCCs) of the CTI-CFF as requested and needed by the respective countries;
- g. Human Resource Development;
- h. Research, Technology and Development;
- i. Information Management and Networking and
- j. Cooperation Activities

General Provision

- (1) In order to carry out and fulfil 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 suggestions for activities that would be carried out under this MoU.
- (2) 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.

Duration, Termination and Amendment

- (1) This MoU shall become effective on the date of signing and shall be valid up to 30 June 2027
- (2) 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 signed in Manado, Indonesia, on 11 June 2024 in two copies and both legally binding

**For the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral
Reefs, Fisheries, Food Security**



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