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Dr. Frank K. Griffin

Executive Director
Coral Triangle Initiative for Coral Reefs, Fisheries
and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat
Manado, Indonesia

Subject: Proposed SOMACORE Partner Side-Meeting (Pre-SOM)

Dear Dr. Frank K. Griffin,

The *Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit* (GIZ) has been commissioned by the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany with the implementation of the “Solutions for Marine and Coastal Resilience in the Coral Triangle” (SOMACORE) Programme. As a regional project initiated by the Coral Triangle Initiative for Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat and Partner Ministries in all CTI countries under the “International Climate Initiative” (IKI) SOMACORE aims to strengthen and support effective conservation of marine biodiversity and associated ecosystem services in the 3 priority CTI Seascapes.

Since our SOMACORE consortium partners are currently at different stages in regard to implementation in the 6 partner countries and seascapes, a proposed Pre-SOM SOMACORE partner meeting would aim to briefly share updates on the current status of SOMACORE partner efforts and to review existing and emerging coordination and collaboration mechanisms on national, seascape and regional level.

As discussed in our recent CTI-CFF partners meeting, we would like to seek your kind approval to hold this meeting in Dili parallel to Session 4 on Day 1 of the Pre-SOM.

We would be grateful if you and/or your RS representative, could attend and guide us in this brief parallel session with representatives of the 6 CTI partner countries. We propose to use the opportunity to also discuss and review transboundary approaches among partner countries in the three seascapes, whilst supporting and strengthening seascape level governance mechanisms.

Title: Transboundary conservation approaches and seascape level governance mechanisms

Parallel to the Session: Session 4 Governance Working Group– Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG)

Time: 14:20 onwards

Where: TBD

We hope for your kind approval for this proposed session, as well as guidance from RS during the session. We will be in close coordination with confirmed participants regarding potential agenda changes and updates. For any clarifications or inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Ms. Marion Daclan.

We look forward to successful outcomes and fruitful discussions during Pre-SOM and SOM,

very truly yours,



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