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The beauty of Coral Triangle

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## **TOP NEWS OF THE MONTH**

**WORKSHOP ON PROTECTING MARINE MIGRATORY SPECIES** AND ACHIEVING THE 30X30 **TARGET THROUGH TRANSNATIONAL APPROACHES** 

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THE CORAL TRIANGLE DAY



Coral Triangle Day 2023 marked the kick off of the #OceansNeedActions campaign which will accompany the implementation of the RPOA 2.0. The campaign will invite and inspire people within the region for actively participate and run actions to help preserve the marine ecosystem, starting this year with Clean Coasts and Ocean actions! (cont. page 5)



**CORAL TRIANGLE DAY 2023: EMPOWERING CONSERVATION EFFORTS AND COMBATING PLASTIC POLLUTION IN** LIKUPANG, NORTH MINAHASA, NORTH SULAWESI



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# **MESSAGE** from the Executive Director



Welcome to the latest edition of our newsletter, where we bring you the highlights and updates from the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) community. It has been an eventful period, filled with significant milestones and initiatives that continue to drive our mission of protecting the marine ecosystems in the Coral Triangle region.

One of the key events that took place was the Workshop on Protecting Marine Migratory Species and Achieving the 30x30 Target Through Transnational Approaches. This workshop brought together experts and stakeholders to discuss innovative strategies for conserving these remarkable species and achieving our conservation goals.

Another highlight was the Coral Triangle Day 2023 celebration, which focused on empowering conservation efforts and combating plastic pollution in Likupang, North Minahasa, North Sulawesi. This event demonstrated our commitment to preserving the beauty and biodiversity of our oceans while addressing the pressing issue of plastic pollution.

In addition, we are delighted to announce the opening of the CTC Center for Marine Conservation's Exhibition Hall in Sanur, Bali. This new facility will serve as a hub for education, awareness, and engagement in marine conservation, further strengthening our efforts to protect and sustain our precious marine resources. The regional secretariat has been actively engaged in various activities, including visits to NCC Indonesia and Papua New Guinea, promoting collaboration and knowledge exchange among member countries. Furthermore, we extend our warm wishes to Timor-Leste and the Philippines on their independence days, celebrating their rich cultural heritage and commitment to environmental stewardship.

Our working groups, such as the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Working Group, Seascape Working Group, Climate Change Adaptation Working Group, Women Leaders' Forum, Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group, and CT ATLAS, have been diligently working towards their respective objectives, contributing to the overall conservation efforts in the Coral Triangle region.

We hope you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter, as we strive to keep you informed and inspired by the ongoing endeavors within the CTI-CFF community. Together, let us continue to protect and preserve the Coral Triangle's magnificent marine ecosystems for future generations. (\*)

#### Sincerely,

Dr. Mohd. Kushairi Bin Mohd. Rajuddin Executive Director CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat

# CTC CENTER FOR MARINE CONSERVATION OPENS AN EXHIBITION HALL IN SANUR, BALI

## >>> EXHIBITION

The first exhibition space in Indonesia dedicated entirely to marine protection and conservation efforts was officially opened in Sanur, Bali Sanur, May 20, 2023. This exhibition space explores the fusion of art, science, culture, and marine conservation. Several large-scale art installations showcasing the creativity of Indonesian and international artists in presenting the beauty of the ocean are displayed interactively to highlight the charismatic marine life in the Coral Triangle region while providing solutions to the threats of climate change and plastic pollution. Visitors can also participate in marine conservation through coral adoption, online courses, or join field trips and fun learning activities.

#### DR. MOHD. KUSHAIRI, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT, EXPRESSED IN HIS MESSAGE AT THE OPENING EVENT

"As we explore this Exhibition Hall, let us reflect upon the significance of our collective responsibility to safeguard the Coral Triangle's rich marine heritage. Let us be reminded that the oceans are not only a source of immense beauty but also vital resources that sustain livelihoods and support countless communities. The challenges we face are complex, but by fostering collaboration and nurturing a deeper connection with our oceans, we can pave the way towards a sustainable and vibrant future." The exhibition space is managed by the Coral Triangle Center (CTC) Center for Marine Conservation, one of CTI-CFF partners whose dedication and tireless efforts have been instrumental in advancing the collective mission of conserving and protecting the precious ecosystems of the Coral Triangle. CTC maintains extending invaluable assistance, knowledge sharing, and capacity building initiatives to the CTI-CFF Secretariat and member countries. Through this exhibition space, CTC aims to convey to the public the beauty and importance of the oceans in the daily lives and future. Through art, science, culture, and technology, CTC depict the threats to the oceans, as well as interactive solutions. Rili Djohani, Executive Director of CTC said her hope in her speech that visitors will be inspired and motivated to take action and care for the seas and the life within." (\*)



## THE REGIONAL SECRETARIAT VISIT TO NCC INDONESIA



Tuesday, May 23, 2023 – The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat visited NCC Indonesia to meet the Indonesian government for a discussion over supplementary agreement for the Host Country Agreement (HCA). Dr. Mohd. Kushairi bin Mohd. Rajuddin - Executive Director and Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu - Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services of the Regional Secretariat, were received by Dr. Kusdiantoro, S.Pi, M.Sc, the new Secretary of Directorate General of Marine Spatial Management of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF). **(\*)** 



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## **OceansNeedActions**



#### CORAL TRIANGLE DAY 2023: EMPOWERING CONSERVATION EFFORTS AND COMBATING PLASTIC POLLUTION IN LIKUPANG, NORTH MINAHASA, NORTH SULAWESI

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Likupang, a picturesque coastal town in North Minahasa, North Sulawesi, witnessed the celebration of Coral Triangle Day 2023 "OceansNeedActions". The event, organized by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, in partnership with the Provincial Government of North Sulawesi, the Regency of North Minahasa, Likupang Special Economic Zone Authority and Wallace Conservation Licoupang, aimed to raise awareness about the pressing issue of plastic pollution in marine ecosystems.



Likupang has emerged as a Super Priority Tourism Destination of Indonesia, with a specific approach towards ecotourism and nature/wildlife tourism. CT Day 2023 "OceansNeedActions" was held in Likupang to support its commitment to sustainable tourism practices, coupled with its awe-inspiring natural treasures. It was also meant to draw people's attention to the local government's initiative launched that day to reduce threats to nature from single use plastic consumption.

One of the focuses of the CT Day "OceansNeedActions" was an action to educate and sensitize the local community, particularly those residing in tourist areas, about the dangers of plastic waste. It's also aligned with the Minahasa Utara Regency government instruction. Plastic wastes found in the ocean are mainly sourced from land, from human activities on the beach and along the riverbanks, who don't manage their trash but littering.



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A series of socialization programs were started by the Wallace Conservation Licoupang (WCL) to raise awareness among food vendors on the Paal Beach, East Likupang. A new instruction by the Regent of North Minahasa, to stop selling bottled water, is going to be piloted in this place. As replacement bottled water, people are to encouraged to bring their own water bottle, or to buy one tumbler from the food vendor, and pay only for the water refill without creating new trash of plastic packaging every time they drink. (\*)

By emphasizing the detrimental impact of plastic pollution on marine life and the overall ecosystem, these initiatives aimed to foster a sense of responsibility and encourage individuals to adopt more sustainable practices. The dialogue interestingly came out with input for the suitable approach and messages that might be effective for the campaigners to achieve the behaviour change. (\*)

See photos and videos of the event on our Youtube: https://www.youtube.com/@cticffrs8908

## CORAL TRIANGLE LAUNCH OF REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION 2.0

Coral Triangle Day serves as a powerful platform to raise awareness about the significance of the Coral Triangle region and its diverse marine ecosystems. It is a day for people across the Coral Triangle countries and beyond to come together and express their appreciation for the ocean and the vital resources it provides. This year's theme, "OceansNeedActions," highlights the urgent need for collective action from all parties involved. It is a call governments, businesses. to organizations, communities, and individuals to take tangible steps towards sustainable conservation and the management of our oceans. This theme underscores the shared responsibility in the safeguarding Coral Triangle's ecosystems and ensuring their long-term health and resilience.

As a concrete action for the ocean, CTI-CFF proudly launched the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0 and a fundraising strategy to support its implementation through Coral Triangle Conservation Fund (CTCF). The RPOA 2.0 outlines the vision and goals for the next ten years, building upon the successes and lessons learned from the previous phase. RPOA 2.0 aims to enhance the resilience of coral reefs, promote sustainable fisheries, and strengthen the capacity of local communities to adapt to climate change and other challenges.



The plan encompasses several key areas of focus. It prioritizes the establishment and effective management of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) to safeguard critical habitats and biodiversity hotspots. By expanding the coverage and enhancing the management effectiveness of MPAs, RPOA 2.0 aims to protect and restore coral reefs, seagrass beds, and other vulnerable ecosystems, and to contribute to the 30 x 30 global targets.

The RPOA 2.0 places a strong emphasis on sustainable fisheries management. It seeks to ensure the long-term viability of fisheries by promoting responsible fishing practices, reducing illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing activities, and supporting the implementation of science-based fisheries management measures. Additionally, RPOA 2.0 acknowledges the urgent need to address climate change and its impacts on the Coral Triangle region. It aims to enhance the resilience of coastal communities by integrating sustainable practices and ecosystem-based adaptation approaches.

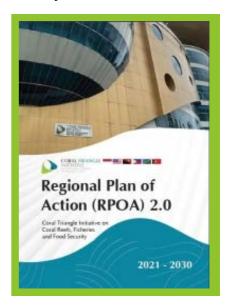
## DAY 2023 AND THE CORAL TRIANGLE CONSERVATION FUND



CTCF will start and fully operational in 2024. The fund's resources will be allocated strategically to support the marine protected and conserved area.

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The Coral Triangle Conservation Fund (CTCF), which serves as a sustainable financing mechanism to support the implementation of RPOA 2.0. will provide critical resources for conservation projects, research, and communitybased initiatives within the Coral Triangle region. It will foster collaboration among governments, private sector partners, and civil society organizations to achieve our shared goals of preserving the Coral Triangle's unique biodiversity.



The trust fund strategies are 'Protect, Restore and Transform". It is a dedicated financial resource that aims to mobilize funding for conservation projects, research initiatives, capacity-building efforts, and community-based programs within the Coral Triangle region. It serves as a catalyst for sustainable development, aiming to strike a balance between environmental conservation and the socio-economic well-being of local communities. (\*)



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## PRESS RELEASE

## **Coral Triangle Day 2023**



People in the Coral Triangle countries celebrate Coral Triangle Day every June 9, as the day to appreciate the and marine resources it ocean provides for livelihoods and food security. CTI-CFF is announcing its two new initiatives: the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0 and the Coral Triangle Conservation Fund as a sustainable financing mechanism to support the ten-year strategic plan. A new commitment by the Regency Government of North Minahasa, North Sulawesi, to reduce the plastic pollution in nature by limiting the consumption of goods in single use plastic packaging.

Likupang, North Sulawesi, June 9. 2023 - Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) is thrilled to announce the celebration of Coral 2023, marking the Triangle Day beginning of the long-term 'OceansNeedActions' campaign. This initiative aims to encourage active stakeholders participation from all within the Coral Triangle region to address anthropogenic threats to the marine ecosystem, this year focusing on the pressing issue of plastic pollution in our oceans. (\*)

## THE CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT VISIT TO PAPUA NEW GUIINEA

A team from the Regional Secretariat, composed of Mr. Brian Gonne Nerre (FOM) and Ms. Reita Kalalo (FAM), led by the Executive Director Dr Mohd. Kushairi bin Mohd. Rajuddin, visited Papua New Guinea on 27-31 May 2023. The trip began with a visit to Bootless Bay Marine Protected Area (MPA) to see the coral rehabilitation demonstration conducted by HIRI Coral in collaboration with the Director of Papua New Guinea Conservation and Environmental Protection Agency (CEPA), Ms. Kay Kumaras Kalim, and her team. It was an insightful experience to see firsthand the efforts being made to preserve and restore the precious coral reefs in the MPA.



**BOOTLESS BAY MARINE** 

**PROTECTED AREA** 

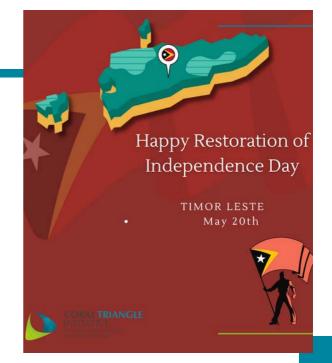
A concrete example of how a sustainable blue approach can provide transformative livelihoods while protecting PNG's incredible marine biodiversity. Hiri Coral PNG was privileged to share their success story with the RS team. The project is funded by UNDP PNG GEF and aimed at rebuilding coral reefs using climate resilient corals farmed within the Bootless Bay National Marine Sanctuary and out planting in degraded reefs. The event was witnessed by Loloata Island Resort General Manager Uday Kumar, Councillor for Gwarumemase Hon. Mary Kuseni, Senior Managers from CEPA and local fisher families and youth.

On the second day of the trip to Bootless Bay, the team together with Ms Kay Kumaras Kalim, the Director of Sustainable Environment Programmes of CEPA and NCC Focal Point and Ms Yvonne Tio the CEPA Manager and NCC representative, explored the underwater world of Bootless Bay and witness the diverse marine life thriving within the MPA. (\*)

## HAPPY INDEPENDENCE DAY

## Timor-Leste

As part of the vibrant CTI-CFF family, we extend our heartfelt wishes to Timor Leste on the joyous occasion of their Restoration of Independence Day on May 20th. May this significant milestone be celebrated with utmost pride and exuberance, symbolizing the indomitable spirit and unwavering determination of the Timorese people. We stand united in commemorating this historic day and look forward to continued collaboration and progress within the CTI-CFF community. (\*)





The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat represented by Executive Director Dr. Mohd. Kushairi bin Mohd. Rajuddin, was honored to be invited by the Consul General of the Republic of the Philippines, HE Lolita B. Capco, to attend the prestigious 125th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence. The event, which took place on Monday, 12 June 2023, was held at the elegant Grand Ballroom of the Four Points by Sheraton Manado. (\*)

# **Solution Sector Working Group Meeting**

The Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Working Group is excited to present the work plan and budget for 2023. The upcoming year promises a range of impactful activities and initiatives aimed at advancing marine conservation and sustainable tourism. The 9th MPA REX and 9th MPA TWG Meeting, scheduled to take place in Papua New Guinea, will serve as a platform to develop integrated activities with other TWGs in Priority MPA Sites. **(\*)**  Apr - Jun 2023 Edition #25



THE MARINE PROTECTED AREAS (MPA) WORKING GROUP



## THE SEASCAPE WORKING GROUP

The upcoming year holds several important events and initiatives aimed at advancing marine conservation and regional collaboration. The 7th Seascapes Working Group Meeting, in conjunction with the TOR (LSS) and Seascapes Working Group Regional Exchange for CT6, will provide a valuable platform for knowledge sharing and strategic discussions. (\*)

#### CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION WORKING GROUP

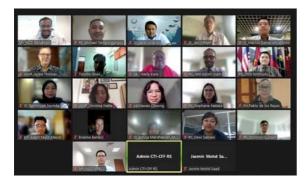
The Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Working Group has outlined its work plan and budget for 2023, focusing on strengthening climate resilience. Key highlights include planning for the 7th CCA WG Meeting and Regional Exchange, to discuss the Communication, Education, and Public Awareness strategy. (\*)





#### WOMEN LEADERS' FORUM

The Women Leaders Forum (WLF) has unveiled its work plan for 2023, focusing on empowering women and promoting gender equality in the Coral Triangle region. Key initiatives include finalizing implementation guidelines for the CTI GESI Policy and developing a regional action plan to address the impacts of COVID-19 on women in fisheries. (\*)



#### MONITORING AND EVALUATION WORKING Group and CT Atlas

MEWG has released its work plan and budget for 2023, with a strong focus on physical meetings and training. The proposed physical meeting and training sessions, to be conducted in Pacific countries. will provide valuable opportunities for inperson discussions and knowledge sharing. Key agenda items include the implementation of RPOA 2.0, finalizing the Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Plan Framework, and tracking progress through the CT Atlas. **(\*)** 

## Threatened Species Working Group

The 4th Threatened Species Working Group meeting and 2023 Indonesia Sea Turtle Symposium took place in Jakarta, Indonesia from 12-14 June 2023. Member countries discussed updates, and initiatives related to progress, threatened species conservation. They agreed to propose an in-person meeting for 2024 to draft a framework plan for conservation efforts. regional The participants also focused on genetic traceability for marine turtles and shared lessons learned on managing sea turtle The meeting species. resulted in recommendations for the 2024 workplan and budget, along with plans for in-situ discussions before the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) 18.



Jakarta, Indonesia, 12-14 June 2023 The 4th Threatened Species Working Group meeting

The **CTI-CFF** Regional Secretariat will accommodate the Working Group's requests and promote implementation based on the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0. Together, aim protect they to and the unique preserve and vulnerable species in the Coral Triangle region. (\*)



## CTI-CFF EAFM WORKING GROUP MEETING AND SULU SULAWESI SEASCAPE REGIONAL EXCHANGE

CTI-CFF EAFM Working Group Meeting and Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Regional Exchange has been conducted in Park Inn by Radisson North EDSA, Quezon City, Metro Manila, Philippines on June 13-16, 2023, fully supported by USAID SUFIA TS.

The EAFM WG meeting was conducted to finalize the draft Sustainable Coastal Fisheries and Poverty Reduction Initiative (COASTFISH) regional addition, the Sulu-Sulawesi framework. In Seascape Regional Exchange (SSS REX) is a regional event of USAID Sustainable Fish Asia Technical Support (SuFiA TS) Activity that will provide technical support to CTI-CFF in updating its Sub-regional Plan for Managing Transboundary Fisheries in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape (SSS): Taking an Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) or commonly called the SSS EAFM Plan.





The objectives of these two events are:

a) To support CTI-CFF review, update, and revise the COASTFISH Regional Framework

b) To support CTI-CFF during the conduct of its EAFM WG meeting

c) To support CTI-CFF in reviewing and updating its SSS EAFM Plan; and

d) To strengthen capacities of CTI-CFF members in integrating climate change adaptation and resilience measures, and integration of gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) in both COASTFISH Regional Framework and the SSS EAFM Plan. (\*)

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#### THE SERIES OF EVENTS CLOSED BY THE CHAIR OF EAFM WORKING GROUP

Next steps: all participants of EAFM WG to discuss the next steps including the government review and endorsement process of the updated COASTFISH Regional Framework (to bring to next SOM-18). **(\*)** 

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It brought together member countries and partners, and it was a great opportunity to exchange knowledge and strategize ways to protect marine migratory species and work within the Coral Triangle region, towards achieving the Global Biodiversity Framework's 30 by 30 target. 30 by 30 (or 30x30) target aims to conserve 30% of the world's surface by 2030 and is a worldwide initiative for governments to designate 30% of Earth's land and ocean area to be conserved as protected areas or other effective area-based conservation measures (OECMs) by 2030.

Dr. Mohd. Kushairi bin Mohd. Rajuddin, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Executive Director, in his welcoming remarks wishes a fruitful discussion on how the parties can work together to protect species and achieve the 30x30 target. He believes that transnational approaches are crucial in achieving this goal, as the threats facing marine migratory species are often complex and require coordinated efforts across different countries, particularly in the Coral Triangle Region. (\*)

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The inaugural meeting of the founding board of the CTI-CFF Regional Conservation Trust Fund (RCTF) took place virtually on Wednesday, May 17, 2023. The meeting marked a significant milestone in the establishment of the RCTF, which aims to support a sustainable, effective, and climate-resilient regional network of Marine Protected and Conserved Areas in the Coral Triangle, benefiting both nature and communities.

The meeting commenced with introductions of the board members, who bring diverse backgrounds and expertise to the table. (\*)

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### INAUGURAL BOARD MEMBERS OF RCTF



## **Commemorating the World Sea Turtle Day, CTI-CFF Supported** the 2023 Indonesia Sea Turtle Symposium







"The Pathways of Sea Turtle Conservation and Studies in Indonesia and the Greater Coral Triangle Region: Progress, Current Status and Future Directions"

Hotel Grand Mercure, Kemayoran, Jakarta 14-15 Juni 2023



The Directorate of Marine Conservation and Biodiversity, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, in collaboration with WWF Indonesia and Taka Indonesia Foundation and supported by the CTI-CFF, organized the "2023 Indonesia Sea Turtle Symposium and The Greater Coral Triangle Region" (June 14-15) in Jakarta. The symposium was attended by 69 oral presenters and 14 poster presenters.

Sea turtles face grave threats within the Coral Triangle region, making them the most vulnerable marine species. Their survival is jeopardized by factors such as poaching, habitat loss, and being unintentionally caught in fishing gear as bycatch. Given their migratory nature, ensuring the continued existence of sea turtles needs multilateral partnership and transboundary commitments.(\*)











 The III Learning Exchange Workshop for CTI-CFF Between MPA Managers from Southeast Asia and the Atlantic Back-to-back with the MPA-WG Meeting and the Training on the Resilience Self-Assessment Tool (R-SAT) for MPAs, 03-07 July 2023
The Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning, and Communications Workshop and MEWG Meeting, 25 - 27 July 2023

INITIATIVE on coral reefs, fisheries and food security

- Internal Resource Commitee Meeting, August 2023
- Financial Resources Working Group Meeting, August 2023



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#### CTI-CFF welcomes CORRZIERRAH POSALA Technical Program Manager



CTI-CFF bids farewell to LYDIA SENGKEY xecutive Assistant (July 2020 - July 2023

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such as food security, climate change and

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