

## **Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security**

### **Terms of Reference**

#### **Sulu-Sulawesi Sub-Regional EAFM Plan Implementation Workshop**

**March 10-11, 2020**

**Manila, Philippines**

The CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) launched in 2009 by the leaders of the CT6 sets forth five long-term goals for regional action. One of these goals is the application of ecosystem approach to fisheries management. This goal is supported by clear sets of regional actions and priority activities identified and coordinated by the CTI-CFF Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management Working Group. One of the regional actions outlined in the plan is “Improve enforcement of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing through greater collaboration”.

In June 2015, a Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Implementation Planning Meeting was held to develop operational plans to implement transboundary EAFM. The meeting defined a Fisheries Management Unit that covers the transboundary area of the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape shared by Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines. The participants applied the EAFM planning process to develop a draft EAFM plan that identified a common vision to address prioritized issues in the Fisheries Management Unit (FMU). Unfortunately, Malaysia was unable to attend the meeting, hence, the plan could not be finalized and implemented.

In 2017, the Oceans and Fisheries Partnership, a special project of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) with goals to strengthen regional cooperation to combat IUU fishing and to promote sustainable fisheries to conserve marine biodiversity in the Asia-Pacific region, revisited the sub-regional EAFM plan. Tri-national meetings and regional workshops participated also by other ASEAN-member countries were then conducted to review and refine the vision, goals, and activities spelled out in the plan. After a series of national consultations and discussions, the sub-regional EAFM plan was finally approved and adopted at the 15th Senior Officials’ Meeting in November 2019 in Solomon Islands.

Now that the sub-regional EAFM plan for Sulu-Sulawesi Seas is adopted, USAID Oceans and Conservation International Philippines formalized on December 17, 2019, a collaborative effort to assist in the implementation of the plan. This partnership is based on the common goal of both organizations to combat IUU fishing, promote sustainable fisheries, and to conserve marine biodiversity in the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape. The collaboration spans a period of five months from 10 December 2019 to 15 April 2020. This partnership activity is being implemented in coordination with the Regional Secretariat and the EAFM and Seascapes Technical Working Groups of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF).

Several TWG decisions were also made at the 15<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting at Honiara, Solomon Islands in November 2019. There were decisions that required the collaboration of two working groups, the Seascope and the EAFM Working Group. These WGs were specifically tasked to take forward the SSS Sub-Regional EAFM Plan from adoption to implementation and to explore possibilities for funding (10.2.5). In line with this decision, SOM also acknowledged the collaboration between USAID Oceans and CI Philippines to conduct a regional planning workshop to identify priority activities to be implemented under the Sub-Regional EAFM plan in SSS and to facilitate the establishment of the sub-regional mechanism for SSS and the development of the TOR (10.2.6).

Specifically, this workshop **aims** to:

1. Identify priority actions to be implemented by the countries in the next two (2) years based on the SSS Sub-Regional EAFM Plan.
2. Identify priority regional actions to be undertaken by the sub-regional working group in the next two (2) years.
3. Finalize the Terms of Reference for the Sulu-Sulawesi Sub-Regional Working Group as pre-requisite for the implementation of the SSS Sub-Regional EAFM Plan
4. Agree on the Terms of Reference for the Establishment of Sub-Regional Working Group for Priority Seascapes in the Coral Triangle Region

**Expected Outputs:**

1. List of priority actions to be implemented by each country and at the regional level in pursuit of the SSS Sub-Regional EAFM Plan
2. Final draft of the Terms of Reference for the SSS Sub-Regional Working Group to support implementation of the EAFM plans and other sub-regional initiatives in Sulu Sulawesi Seascope
3. Draft of the Terms of Reference for the Establishment of Sub-Regional Working Group for Priority Seascapes in the Coral Triangle Region

**Participants:**

- SWG Chair (Malaysia)
- EAFM Chair (Timor-Leste)
- 2 representatives from the National EAFM Working Group of Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines
- 2 representatives from the National Seascapes Working Group of Indonesia, Malaysia, and the Philippines
- 1 representative from the CTI Regional Secretariat
- Representatives from the USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership Project
- Representatives from the Conservation International Philippines
- Resource persons (*TBD and invited*)
- Development Partners

## Workshop Flow

Day 1: March 10, Tuesday: Discussion on the Terms of Reference for the Establishment of Sub-Regional Working Groups and Overview of the SSS Sub-Regional EAFM Plan		
8:00 - 8:30	Arrival and Registration	Event Secretariat
8:30 - 9:30	<p><b>Opening Ceremonies</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Welcome Remarks by the Host Country</li> <li>• Message from the Chair of SWG</li> <li>• Message from the Chair of EAFM</li> <li>• Message from the CTI Regional Secretariat</li> <li>• Introduction of Delegates, Facilitators and Participants</li> <li>• Rationale and Objectives of the workshop</li> <li>• Photo Op</li> </ul>	<p>Host Country</p> <p>Dr. Norasma Dacho Timor-Leste</p> <p>Dr. Gregory Bennett CI Philippines</p>
9:30 - 9:45	Coffee Break	
9:45 - 10:45	<p><b>Session 1: Discussion on the Terms of Reference for the Establishment of Sub-Regional Working Groups for Priority Seascapes in the Coral Triangle Region</b></p> <p><i>Note: Should the Pacific Countries are unable to attend the workshop in March, arrangements will be made that they will be able to join through teleconferencing facility.</i></p>	Facilitator
10:45 - 11:45	<p><b>Session 2: Discussion on the Terms of Reference for the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Sub-Regional Working Group</b></p> <p><i>Note: The discussion will only involve the SSS countries, however, the Pacific countries are welcome to join as observers.</i></p>	Facilitator
11:45 - 12:15	Next steps of the TORs Wrap up and close the day	Facilitator
12:15 - 1:30	Lunch Break	

1:30 - 3:00	<p><b>Session 3: Overview of the SSS Sub-Regional EAFM Plan</b></p> <p><b>Part 1:</b> Brief Background on the Development of the SSS EAFM Plan: 2015 - 2019</p> <p><b>Part 2:</b> Overview of the SSS Sub-Regional EAFM Plan: Vision - Goals - Objectives and other salient points of the Plan</p> <p><i>This session will provide a brief background on how the plan was developed and how it evolved. Recall the vision, goals for each pillar, objectives and strategies stipulated in the SOM Approved Sub-regional EAFM plan in preparation for the workshop proper.</i></p>	<p>Regional Secretariat</p> <p><i>(Note: Oceans will assist RS in preparing the PPT presentation for this session.)</i></p>
3:00 - 3:15	Coffee Break	
3:15 - 4:30	<p><b>Session 4: Implementation of the Plan through the Regional Strategic Action Program (RSAP) and the GIZ Project</b></p> <p><i>This session will present two potential platforms and opportunities on where and how the Plan can be implemented. GIZ with its new project will be invited to share how this Plan can be integrated in their programs and activities. A resource person can also be invited to speak about possibilities for funding of the RSAP implementation.</i></p> <p><i>An open forum will be conducted after the presentation.</i></p>	<p>GIZ TBD (RSAP)</p>
4:30 - 5:00	Synthesis and close	Facilitator
<b>Day 2: March 11, Wednesday: SSS Sub-Regional EAFM Plan Implementation Workshop</b>		
8:00 - 8:30	Signing of Attendance	Event Secretariat
8:30 - 9:30	<p><b>Session 5: Country Presentation on National Level Implementation and Opportunities</b></p> <p><i>This session will provide an opportunity for the member countries (Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines) to present their current national programs and activities in relation to the SSS EAFM plan. Also, to present possible opportunities.</i></p> <p><i>An open forum will be conducted after each presentation</i></p>	<p>Indonesia Malaysia Philippines</p> <p><i>(PPT template will be provided to the countries prior to the workshop.)</i></p>
9:30 - 9:45	Coffee Break	

9:45 - 10:45	<p><b>Workshop 1: Identification of national level priority actions based on the three (3) Pillars.</b></p> <p><i>This will be a breakout session. Participants will work by country to determine their priority actions based on the Plan. They will come up with their top 3 priority activities for each goal: Ecological well-being, Human well-being, and Good Governance.</i></p>	<p>Facilitators: Oceans Project staff CI Philippines GIZ</p>
10:45 - 12:00	<p><b>Session 6: Plenary: Presentation of outputs by country</b></p>	<p>Indonesia Malaysia Philippines</p>
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch Break	
1:00 - 1:30	<p><b>Session 7: Presentation to Socialize the ASEAN eCDT Regional Technical Guidance</b></p>	<p>Mr. Len Garces USAID Oceans Project</p>
1:30 - 2:30	<p><b>Session 8: Presentation on Regional Level Implementation and Opportunities</b></p> <p><i>This session aims to present regional level activities that have been implemented. Also, to present opportunities to implement regional level activities.</i></p> <p><i>An open forum will be conducted after the presentation.</i></p>	<p>TBD</p>
2:30 - 3:30	<p><b>Session 9: Plenary Workshop: Identification of top 3 Regional Level Activities</b></p> <p><i>This workshop aims to identify 3 priority activities to be implemented at the regional level in the next 3 years.</i></p>	<p>Facilitator</p>
3:30 - 3:45	Coffee Break	
3:45 - 4:15	<p><b>Session 10: Next Steps and Wrap up</b></p> <p><i>Identify the action steps for the group to move the outputs or results of this workshop forward.</i></p>	<p>Facilitator</p>
4:15 - 4:30	<p><b>Closing Ceremonies</b></p>	<p>Host Country</p>