

**Concept Note and Provisional Agenda**

**The 6th Seascape Working Group Meeting**

**Manila, Philippines | 3-4 September 2019**

**Title of the event** : The 6th Seascape Working Group

**Proposed Date** : 3-4 September 2019

**Venue**  : Hotel Jen Manila

3001 Roxas Blvd, Pasay, 1307 Metro Manila

Philippines

**Organizer & supporting Partners** : NCC of Philippines

CTI-CFF Regional

**Participants** : - NCCs and Seascape Working Group Parties from

Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines,

Solomon Islands, and Timor Leste

* Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF
* Development Partners and Collaborators

**Background**

In coming together to promote coral reefs, fisheries, and food security, the governments have identified the designation and effective management of priority Seascapes as one of five CTI goals. The Seascape approach has been integrated into the Regional Plan of Action and is increasingly embraced by the CT6 as an effective framework for resource management (see Appendix 1 for the relevant goals, targets, and regional actions under the CTI RPOA).

Goal 1 of the RPOA, “’Priority Seascapes’ Designated and Effectively Managed”, directs CTI-CFF countries to prioritize large-scale geographies for investment and action and expand the use of best practices in these areas. Under this Goal, the first target includes ‘Priority Seascapes Designated, with Investment Plans Completed and Sequenced’.

The Sulu Sulawesi Seascape was the first Priority Seascape to be endorsed. Subsequently, the 13th CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) held in Manila on 29-30 November 2017 had endorsed the decision to nominate Lesser Sunda and Bismarck-Solomon Sea Ecoregion (BSSE) as priority seascapes. And in SOM 14th in 2019, it was agreed to approve the sub-working groups of Sulu-Sulawesi, Lesser Sunda, and Bismarck Solomon Sea Ecoregion (BSSE) under the structure and coordination mechanism of CTI-CFF Seascapes Working Group.

Over the last few decades, efforts to enhance marine management have grown steadily and become more robust, with increased focus on managing large marine areas. Efforts to institute ocean management practices in the 1970s culminated in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS). This international agreement divided the ocean into jurisdictional zones, the most important of which is the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), which covers waters out to 200 nautical miles from shore. Nations have the right to administer this zone and to explore, exploit, conserve, and manage the natural resources therein. Ninety percent of all fish caught are within EEZs. Beyond them lie the “high seas”; these waters make up roughly 60 percent of the world’s oceans. They have limited governance mechanisms for managing marine resources and controlling pollution.

**Objectives**

1. To update the Seascape Work plan for 2019
2. Work with Regional Secretariat and CT6 to integrate and update Seascape
3. Establish the sub-working groups for each priority seascape, including the TOR
4. Initiate the planning of each priority seascape (Sulu-Sulawesi, Lesser Sunda, Bismarck Solomon Seas)
5. To update and discuss RPOA 2.0 and Pre-SOM [RS]
6. To update on the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Sub-Regional EAFM Plan (EAFM and SEASCAPE AGENDA), Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Oceans
7. To update on the Regional Strategic Action Program Sulu-Celebes Sea Sustainable Fisheries Management Project, - Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and CI Philippines

**Expected outputs or Outcomes**

1. Sub-working groups for each priority seascape, including the TOR
2. Plans for each priority seascape
3. 2020 Workplan for Seascape WG to propose to 15th Senior Officials Meeting
4. Enhances common understanding on way forward for the Seascape working Group to Pre-SOM and SOM 15
5. Final draft of the technical guidance on the design and implementation of eCDT and Traceability systems in CT6
6. Finalization of the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Sub-Regional EAFM Plan

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR 6th ANNUAL SEASCAPE TWG MEETING**

**3rd-4th SEPTEMBER 2019**

**NOTE: 3RD SEPTEMBER 2019: CONVERGENCE OF EAFM + SEASCAPE**

**TO DISCUSS THE REVIEW OF SUB REGIONAL EAFM PLAN**

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| **Time** | **Agenda** | **Person in Charge/Facilitator** | **Remarks** |
| **Day 2: Tuesday, 3 September 2019** | | | |
| 08.00-08.30 | Registration | Organizer | Regional Secretariat |
| 08.30-08.40 | Chair welcome | Chair of SEASCAPE/ CO-Chair of EAFM WG | SEASCAPE TWG Joining for the Overlap day with EAFM TWG |
| 08.40-09.00 | Participant Introduction | Chair of SEASCAPE |  |
| **SESSION SIX SULU SULAWESI SUB-REGIONAL EAFM PLAN** | | | |
| **09.00-09.30** | Update on the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Sub-Regional EAFM Plan | Chair of EAFM |  |
| **09.30 -9.45** | NCC Indonesia /EAFM TWG Indonesia to provide update, comment and suggest ways forward. | Chair of EAFM |  |
| **09.45-10.00** | Finalize the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Sub-Regional EAFM Plan | Chair of EAFM |  |
| **10.00- 10.30** | **COFFEE BREAK** |  |  |
| **10.30 -11.30** | * NCC Malaysia/EAFM TWG Malaysia provide update * NCC Philippines/EAFM TWG Philippines- provide update and * NCC Indonesia /EAFM TWG Indonesia to provide update, comment and suggest for ways forward | Chair of EAFM |  |
| **11.30-12.30** | DISCUSSION | Chair of EAFM WG |  |
| **12.30-13.30** | Lunch Break |  |  |
| **13.30-14.15** | Develop Workplan and Budget for 2020; Discuss PreSOM and SOM15; Change of Chair | Chair of EAFM WG | RS to facilitate |
| **14.15 – 15.00** | Conclusions  and way  forward   * Presentation of Chair’s Summary | Chair of EAFM WG | RS to facilitate |
| **15.00 -15.10** | Closing Remarks | Outgoing Chair and Incoming Chair of EAFM WG |  |
| **15.10-15.30** | GROUP PHOTO/ Coffee break |  |  |
| **FREE PROGRAM** | | | |

**SECOND DAY 4TH SEPTEMBER**

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| **Time** | **Agenda** | **Person in Charge/Facilitator** | **Remarks** |
| **Day 2: Wednesday, 4 September 2019** | | | |
| **08.00-08.30** | Registration | RS and PH NCC | Regional Secretariat |
| **SESSION ONE** |  |  |  |
| **08.30-08.40** | Welcome Remarks | Chair of SEASCAPE |  |
| **08.40-08.50** | Key Remarks | Interim Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat |  |
| **08.50-09.00** | Opening Message | NCC Philippines |  |
| **09.00 -09.20** | Review and Approval of Provisional Agenda | Chair of SEASCAPE WG |  |
| **9:20 -9.40** | Coffee Break and Group Photo |  |  |
| **SESSION TWO: UPDATE ON 2019 WORKPLAN** | | | |
| **9.40-10.10** | Update on Status of SOM-14 decisions and SEASCAPE workplan for 2019 | Chair of SEASCAPE WG | RS to Present |
| **SESSION THREE: COUNTRY PRESENTATIONS ON EACH PRIORITY SEASCAPE THEY ARE INVOLVED IN** | | | |
| **10.10 -10.40** | NCC INDONESIA  (SSSE, LS and BSSE) | Chair of SEASCAPE WG |  |
| **10.40 -11.10** | NCC MALAYSIA  (SSSE) | Chair of SEASCAPE WG |  |
| **11.10 -11.40** | NCC PAPUA NEW GUINEA  (BSSE) | Chair of SEASCAPE WG |  |
| **11.40 -12.10** | NCC PHILIPPINES  (SSSE) | Co-Chair of SEASCAPE WG |  |
| **12.10-13.00** | **LUNCH** |  |  |
| 13.00 -13.30 | NCC SOLOMON  (BSSE) | Co-Chair of SEASCAPE WG |  |
| 13.30 -14.00 | NCC TIMOR LESTE  (LS) | Co- Chair of SEASCAPE WG |  |
| 14.00 -14.30 | Discuss/ establish the sub-working groups for each priority seascape, including the TOR |  | (CI Philippines to assist with this session and the presentation)  During the Sulawesi Seascape Regional Convergence Meeting and the Review of the Sulu-Sulawesi Seas EAFM Plan 3-6 July 2018 Bai Hotel, Mandaue City, Cebu, Philippines. At that meeting Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines agreed to work on and move forward with Coordination mechanisms as proposed during the CTI Convergence Meeting. Similar set up / framework could be discussed for CT Pacific |
| 14.30 -15.30 | Discuss the planning of each priority seascape   * Sulu-Sulawesi * Lesser Sunda * Bismarck Solomon Seas |  |  |
| 15.30-15.45 | Coffee break |  |  |
| **SESSION FOUR: RPOA 2.0 UPDATE AND SOM** | | | |
| **15.45-16.30** | Update and discuss RPOA 2.0 | Chair of SEASCAPE/ Regional Secretariat |  |
| **SESSION FIVE: UPDATE ON SUB REGIONAL PLANS** | | | |
| **16.30-16.35** | Update on the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Sub-Regional EAFM Plan (EAFM and SEASCAPE AGENDA) |  | Completed on 3rd September with EAFM TWG |
| **16.35 -16.40** | Updates on the Regional Strategic Action Program Sulu-Celebes Sea Sustainable Fisheries Management Project |  | Completed on 3rd September with EAFM TWG |
| **16.40 -17.10** | Develop Workplan and Budget for 2020; Discuss PreSOM and SOM15; Change of Chair |  | (Interim)Executive  Director of CTI-  CFF Regional  Secretariat will facilitate this session |
| **17.10-17.45** | Conclusions  and way  forward - Presentation of Chair’s Summary | Chair of Seascape WG |  |
| **17:45 -18.00** | Closing remarks | IED RS |  |
| **18.00 FREE PROGRAM** | | | |