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The 20th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-20) Of The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF)

CHAIR SUMMARY

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By

the Governments of the Republic of Indonesia, Malaysia, Independent
State of Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Philippines, Solomon Islands,
and Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste



A. INTRODUCTION

1. The 20th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-20) of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) was conducted in Bali, Indonesia, from 10 to 11 December 2025;
2. The meeting began with the welcome and opening remarks from the Chair of CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials, His Excellency Ir. A. Koswara M.P, Director General of Ocean Management, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia;
3. Acknowledged the participation of the CT6 Member Countries Delegation, headed by:
 - i. Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Government of the Republic of Indonesia;
 - ii. YBhg Datuk Dr. Ching Thoo A/L Kim of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability, Malaysia, the Vice Chair of CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials (CSO)
 - iii. Ms. Yvonne Tio of the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority, Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Climate Change, Government of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea;
 - iv. Ms. Criselda Bago Castor of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Biodiversity Management Bureau, Government of the Republic of the Philippines;
 - v. Mr. Karl Ogu Kuper of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management, and Meteorology, Government of the Solomon Islands;



vi. Mr. Acacio Guterres of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Fisheries and Forestry, Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste;

Also acknowledged the presence of:

- i. Her Excellency Gladys K. Isihanua, Ambassador of the Solomon Islands to Indonesia; and
- ii. Ms. Jenny Kareso Boski, Representative of the Ambassador of Papua New Guinea to Indonesia.

As well as the CTI Partners and Collaborators:

- a. ATSEA;
- b. Blue Alliance Indonesia;
- c. Conservation International Timor-Leste;
- d. Coral Reef Alliance;
- e. Coral Triangle Center;
- f. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ);
- g. IUCN, IUCN Asia, IUCN Oceania;
- h. Konservasi Indonesia;
- i. Rare;
- j. Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), WCS Indonesia, WCS Papua New Guinea;
- k. WWF
- l. The Nature Conservancy represented by YKAN;



4. The objectives of the 20th Senior Officials Meeting were:
 - a. To acknowledge the 20th Senior Officials Meeting Chair's Report;
 - b. To acknowledge the 2025 Country Reports;
 - c. To deliberate and endorse the reports and recommendations of the Governance Working Groups, Technical Working Groups and Cross-Cutting Initiatives;
 - d. To acknowledge the Report of the Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat;
 - e. To acknowledge CTI Partners' Presentation and endorse the recommendations;
 - f. To review and endorse the SOM-20 Chair's Summary.

CHAIR'S SUMMARY:

SESSION 1: OPENING OF THE MEETING

- 1.1 Acknowledged the Opening Remarks of the CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) Chair, His Excellency Ir. A Koswara M.P, Director General of Ocean Management, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Indonesia (*Annex 1.1*);
- 1.2 Acknowledged the participation of the CT6 Member Countries Delegation;
- 1.3 Adopted the revised Agenda of SOM-20 (*Annex 1.2*);



SESSION 2: CHAIR'S REPORT

- 2.1 Acknowledged and accepted the Chair's Report, which highlighted progress in governance, partnerships, and conservation initiatives of CTI-CFF's regional and global objectives (*Annex 2.1*);

SESSION 3: COUNTRY REPORTS

- 3.1 Acknowledged the Country Reports of the CT6 Countries (*Annex 3.1-3.6*);

SESSION 4: GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP: INTERNAL RESOURCE COMMITTEE

- 4.1 Acknowledged the updates on the task from SOM-19 Decisions (*Annex 4.1*);
- 4.2 Acknowledged the coordination with CTI-CFF Partners to support the four (4) new manager positions, as well as the Seascope Officer and MPA Officer, is ongoing, and tasked the Regional Secretariat to continue exploring support options, including through Regional Coral Triangle Network Officer (RCTNO) and internship programme.
- 4.3 Acknowledged the appointment of Ms. Fiona Latoya Fandim from Papua New Guinea as the Monitoring and Evaluation Manager, Ms. Kimberly Christine Chung Mann Yee from Malaysia as the Communication and Information Manager, Mr. Vicky Mundiahi from Indonesia as the Finance Officer, Mr. Heldi Lumentah from Indonesia as the Information and Technology Officer, and Ms. Dieri Tarau from Indonesia as the Monitoring and Evaluation Officer;



- 4.4 Acknowledged the status of the 2025 Country Contribution, noting the receipts of the submission of the 2024 Country Contribution from Timor Leste, the 2025 Country Contribution from Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, and Solomon Islands and further noted the delay resulted from internal governmental processes from the other member countries. (*Annex 4.2*);
- 4.5 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to send monthly reminder for the outstanding country contributions to the countries who are yet to pay their outstanding arrears;
- 4.6 Noted the four (4) proposed scenarios for the reformulation of Country Contributions prepared and presented by the Regional Secretariat in line with the directive from SOM-19, and agreed to maintain the current formula until 2027; (*Annex 4.3*)
- 4.7 Endorsed the 2024 Performance and Management Audit Report by the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia (*Badan Pemeriksa Keuangan Republik Indonesia / BPK RI*) (*Annex 4.4*),
- 4.8 Acknowledged the progress for improving the performance and management, and tasked the Regional Secretariat to put in place appropriate management and compliance measures of the audit findings and recommendations;
- 4.9 Acknowledged and approved the 2024 Financial Audit Report (*Annex 4.5*), and accepted the Financial Audit management letter (*Annex 4.6*), from the *BPK RI* as the external auditor
- 4.10 Appreciated the *BPK RI* as the external auditor of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat for the 2024 Financial Audit, and 2024 Performance and Management Audit;



- 4.11 Acknowledged the International Events for 2026 (*Annex 4.7*) and tasked the Regional Secretariat to publish the outcomes and potential benefits to CT6 countries for international fora engagements in the CTI-CFF website;
- 4.12 Acknowledged the 2025 Country Contribution Utilization Report (1 January-30 November 2025) with a total expenditure of USD 1,159,585 from the SOM-19 approved budget of USD 1,537,539 (utilization 75 %) (*Annex 4.8*);
- 4.13 Approved Scenario 2, as proposed by the Regional Secretariat, for the 2026 budget in the total amount of USD 1,587,679, maintaining the contribution level consistent with 2024 and 2025, with the difference to be covered by the 2025 surplus and restricted funds in the amount of USD 530,089, and reallocations budget from proposed figure resulted into USD 1,057,590 as a basis of country contribution (*Annex 4.9*);
- 4.14 Endorsed the 2026 Country Contribution using Gross Domestic Product (GDP) 2024 (*Annex 4.10*).
- 4.15 Acknowledged the proposed cooperations between the Arafura and Timor Seas Ecosystem Action (ATSEA) Programme and the CTI-CFF through an MoU as Strategic Association in early 2027, and tasked the Regional Secretariat to submit an official letter to the CT6 elaborating the benefits of such strategic association, including the associated fee for serving as ATSEA fund manager;
- 4.16 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to inform and involve the CT6 Member States in any formal agreements with potential CTI Partners;
- 4.17 Acknowledged and appreciated the support from the Government of Indonesia to the Regional Secretariat for the initial submission of the CTI-CFF request letter to the United Nations Economic and Social



Council (ECOSOC) and Indonesia looks forward to work with the Regional Secretariat for the application as observer to the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA);

- 4.18 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to work closely with the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) to inform of the need to contact the member countries representatives to the United Nations in New York, to support the Indonesian permanent mission on behalf of the Chair of CSO in the accreditation process.

SESSION 5: CROSS-CUTTING INITIATIVES

Women Leaders' Forum

- 5.1 Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by the WLF. (*Annex 5.1*).
- 5.2 Acknowledged and appreciated the support provided by the Government of Solomon Islands, the Coral Triangle Center (CTC), the SOMACORE Program supported by the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN) through the International Climate Initiative (IKI), the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), the Nature Conservancy (TNC), World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF), and the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), for the successful conduct of the Women Leaders Forum Regional Exchange and Meeting, held on 22 – 26 September 2025 in Honiara, Solomon Islands.



- 5.3 Acknowledged and appreciated the excellent contribution of Ms. Nelly Kere as Chair from Solomon Islands and Ms. Rili Djohani as Co-Chair from the Coral Triangle Center in year of 2024-2025.
- 5.4 Accepted and endorsed the WLF to turn over the Chair from Solomon Islands to Malaysia and the Co-chair remain the CTC in the year of 2026 – 2027.
- 5.5 Acknowledged the proposed inventory WLF activities in each CT6 member countries.
- 5.6 Acknowledged and recognized the generous commitment of the Timor-Leste for the additional contribution of USD 20,000 allocated for the WLF to the Regional Secretariat.
- 5.7 Tasked the RS, in coordination with the CT6 NCCs and WLF Focal Points, to conduct an inventory of GEDSI specialists, case studies, success stories, and lessons learned across the Coral Triangle Region
- 5.8 Acknowledged the 10th Anniversary of WLF and endorsed the CTI-CFF's publication to mark its milestone and impact.
- 5.9 Acknowledged the role of women champions in waste management across the coral triangle region.
- 5.10 Acknowledged and appreciated the work of Coral Fellows supported by Coral Reef Alliance (CORAL) at the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in the field of Gender and Climate Change in Fisheries.



- 5.11 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to consider incorporating the CTI-CFF Youth Ambassador Program in 2026, provided the allocation of an appropriate budget or support.
- 5.12 Acknowledged and approved the proposed WLF 2026 workplan and budget (*Annex 5.2*).

University Partnership/ Scientific Advisory Group

- 5.13 Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of the CTI-CFF University Partnership Forum and 2nd International Seminar on UN SDG 14 "Life Below Water", held in Bali, Indonesia on 20 October 2025.
- 5.14 Acknowledged and appreciated the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement for the establishment of the Lesser Sunda Seascape (LSS) Science Hub – University Partnership, which aims to serve as a knowledge-sharing and research coordination platform to support regional seascape management and marine science advancement.
- 5.15 Acknowledged Lesser Sunda Seascape (LSS) efforts through the support of Konservasi Indonesia (KI) and Conservation International (CI) Timor-Leste under the SOMACORE Program in initiating a science hub and encourage Sulu Sulawesi Seascape (SSS) and Bismarck Solomon Sea (BSS) to establish similar hubs, fostering scientific research to support the sustainability of marine resources in CTI-CFF priority seascapes.
- 5.16 Acknowledged the development of the BlueMetric Platform as a tool to map academic and research activities among CT6 universities, with the aim to foster transparency, synergy, and science-based policy recommendations.



- 5.17 Tasked the Regional Secretariat and CTI-CFF University Partnership to promote regional/inter-country joint research projects and establish the Coral Triangle Scientific Journal to showcase research conducted within the Coral Triangle Region, informing science-based policy across CT6 member countries and promoting knowledge dissemination for the well-being of people and the marine environment.
- 5.18 Tasked the Regional Secretariat and CTI-CFF University Partnership to finalize governance arrangement of the CTI-CFF UP.
- 5.19 Approved the CTI-CFF University Partnership 2026 Workplan and Budget (*Annex 5.3*).

Sustainable Business Forum

- 5.20 Acknowledged the presentation by the Regional Secretariat (*Annex 5.4*), on the reactivation and the conduct of the Sustainable Business Forum in June 2026, in conjunction with the Ocean Impact Summit

SESSION 6: GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP: FINANCIAL RESOURCES WORKING GROUP

- 6.1 Acknowledged and appreciated the updates from the Chair of Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) on:
- a. FRWG Focal Points (*Annex 6.1*);
 - b. SOM-19 Decisions (*Annex 6.2*);
 - c. Coral Triangle Conservation Fund (CTCF) (*Annex 6.3*);



- 6.2 Noted the resignation of CTCF CEO Dr. Yang Mee Eng in January 2025, as well as the termination of U.S. foreign aid through the U.S. Department of the Interior (US DOI) on 26 February 2025.
- 6.3 Acknowledged the operational challenges of CTCF and encouraged continued efforts of the Regional Secretariat to advance the CTCF's development;
- 6.4 Acknowledged the presentation from the Regional Secretariat on the current challenges and proposed strategies for improving its capacity to mobilize financial resources, in response to the termination of key donor support including funding from the United States Department of the Interior (US-DOI) and United States Agency for International Development (USAID);
- 6.5 Acknowledged and appreciated the voluntary contribution by the Member Countries and CTI Partners in supporting activities conducted by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat;
- 6.6 Appreciated the initiation of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to connect with Embassies and other potential donor agencies in Jakarta to promote the needs of CTI-CFF in collaboration with Indonesian Government;
- 6.7 Encouraged CT6 Member Countries and CTI Partners to support the Regional Secretariat in implementing the proposed resource mobilization plan, which includes CT6 Member Countries and CTI Partners voluntary contribution and direct support to the Regional Secretariat;
- 6.8 Endorsed the Regional Secretariat's proposed action areas, including the establishment of a dedicated Resource Mobilization Unit, the



development of a multi-year fundraising strategy aligned with RPOA 2.0, the enhancement of donor engagement capabilities, and improvements to the Regional Secretariat's visibility and digital presence;

6.9 Acknowledged CTI-CFF's efforts with the support from the Government of Indonesia to pursue accreditation as an Intergovernmental Organization (IGO) within the United Nations' framework and recognized the benefits of achieving IGO status, including formal legal identity under international law, the ability to participate independently in UN processes, and improved eligibility for international funding and partnerships;

6.10 Encouraged continued consultations among CT6 Member Countries to identify appropriate steps forward and supported the ongoing efforts of the Regional Secretariat to clarify and strengthen the legal and institutional foundation of CTI-CFF at the international level;

6.11 Acknowledged the efforts of the Regional Secretariat, in collaboration with Rare, in establishing regional outcome-based finance models for the Coral Triangle region (*Annex 6.4*), with feasibility study planned as the initial step;

6.12 Acknowledged the proposed establishment of Solomon Islands Trust Fund under the Coral Triangle Conservation Fund (CTCF), with an initial focus on the Arnavon Community Marine Park to advancing sustainable financing for marine conservation and climate resilience by the support from the Asian Development Bank and the CTI-CFF RS;



- 6.13 Acknowledged and appreciated the leadership of the outgoing FRWG Chair from the Philippines, which has served in this role for the past three years and extended sincere gratitude to Assistant Secretary Marcial C. Amaro, Jr., who recently retired, for his dedicated service as the FRWG Chair;
- 6.14 Agreed that the new Chair and Co-Chair are from Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste, respectively, who will assume the role from 1 January 2026 to 31 December 2027;
- 6.15 Acknowledged and approved the proposed FRWG Workplan and Budget 2026 (*Annex 6.5*)

SESSION 7: GOVERNANCE WORKING GROUP: MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- 7.1 Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (*Annex 7.1*);
- 7.2 Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG) Regional Exchange and meeting on 6-9 October 2025 in Bali, Indonesia, organized by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat;
- 7.3 Acknowledge and appreciate the M&E presentation update from the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on the RPOA 2.0 implementation;
- 7.4 Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation of NPOA 2.0 status from the CT6 member countries;



- 7.5 Acknowledged and appreciated the contribution of Allen Coral Atlas in the CT Atlas information sharing Training on 15 July 2024 and other activities related with CT Atlas in 2024;
- 7.6 Acknowledged and appreciated Ms. Cristel Nota Amarillo as the CTI-CFF Data Compilation and Documentation Officer (DCDO) from 4th March 2024 – 30 April 2025, and as the Acting MEM from 9th August 2024 – 31st December 2024;
- 7.7 Acknowledged and appreciated Ms. Fiona Fandim as the CTI-CFF Monitoring & Evaluation Manager (MEM) from 13th March 2025 – 9th October 2025;
- 7.8 Acknowledged the recommendation of the MEWG to turn over the Chair from Papua New Guinea to the Philippines, and the turnover of the Co-chair from the Philippines to the Solomon Islands in the year of 2026-2027, based on the provision stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the CTI-CFF M&E Working Group;
- 7.9 Acknowledged the recommendation from the CT6, member countries, and partners to enhance and adjust CT Atlas platform following the RPOA 2.0 format and develop the standardized data;
- 7.10 Tasked the Regional Secretariat in coordination with CT6 member countries to finalize the M&E Manual and Strategy, aligning it to the RPOA 2.0 format and indicators;
- 7.11 Acknowledged the recommendation from Indonesia for the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to explore the option of integrating the MEWG



physical regional exchanges and meetings back-to-back with other Technical Working Groups and Cross-Cutting Initiatives;

7.12 Approved the MEWG and CT Atlas 2026 Workplans and Budgets (*Annex 7.2*);

SESSION 8: TECHNICAL WORKING GROUP: WORKPLAN AND BUDGET

Seascape Working Group

8.1 Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation from the Technical Working Group (TWG) report by Seascape TWG (*Annex 8.1*).

8.2 Acknowledged and commended the successful conduct of the CTI-CFF Seascape Regional Exchange (REX), back-to-back with the EAFM REX, hosted by the Philippines Government on 13–15 October 2025, in Bohol, Philippines. Acknowledged the excellent contribution of Mr. John Erick Avelino from the Philippines (PH) for his effective leadership and facilitation as Chair of the Seascape Technical Working Group Meeting and recognized his valuable role in advancing the discussions and outcomes of the session.

8.3 Acknowledged and appreciated the financial and technical support from CTI development partners, particularly the BMUKN-IKI through the SOMACORE Programme, along with the contributions of other development partners, such as CI, CTC, GIZ, IUCN, KI, Rare, WCS, WWF, ILMMA and YKAN who participated and supported the 2025 CTI-CFF Seascape Regional Exchange (REX) back-to-back with the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) REX.



8.4 Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of the 2025 CTI-CFF 10th EAFM and 8th Seascope Technical Working Group (TWG) Joint Meeting hosted by the Government of the Philippines in Bohol, Philippines on 17th October 2025.

8.5 Acknowledged the conduct of the Seascapes Sub-Group activities and appreciated the support of the development partners to support mutual dialogues of CTI-CFF three Priority Seascapes as follows:

- a. 1st Trilateral Dialogue of the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascope Sub-Group, convened by the Philippines and hosted in Bohol, Philippines on 16th October 2025 with the support from SOMACORE Program Consortium Partner GIZ.
- b. 1st Dialogue of the Lesser Sunda Seascope Sub-Group, convened by Indonesia on 5th May 2025 hosted in Dili, Timor-Leste and the 2nd Dialogue of the Lesser Sunda Seascope Sub-Group in Bohol, Philippines on 16th October 2025 with the support from the SOMACORE Programme Consortium Partners, Konservasi Indonesia and Conservation International Timor-Leste.
- c. 1st Dialogue of the Bismarck Solomon-Seas Seascope Sub-Group convened by Papua New Guinea on 26th September 2025 hosted in Honiara, Solomon Islands, and the follow-up meeting conducted in Bohol, Philippines on 16th October 2025 with the support from the SOMACORE Programme Consortium Partner WWF-Solomon Islands.

8.6 Acknowledged the reporting from the Sub-groups and endorsed the sub-group interim work plans for implementation with the support from development partners.



- 8.7 Acknowledged the country presentations on the Seascapes and EAFM work plan implementation.
- 8.8 Acknowledged the valuable contributions of the development partners in the Seascapes TWG and Seascapes sub-group work plan and target implementation.
- 8.9 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to facilitate the conduct of the next Regional Exchange on the topics including the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) of the Seascapes Sub-groups, Ecologically and Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs), Marine Spatial Planning, discussion on BBNJ, and marine turtles amongst others.
- 8.10 In consideration of the Seascape general model and framework, encouraged the review and integration of TWG workstreams and activities as part of the priority seascapes using the platform of a joint TWGs Regional Exchange.
- 8.11 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to facilitate the conduct of a stand-alone workshop for the modification of an Ecologically and Biologically Significant Marine Areas (EBSAs) in the Coral Triangle region.
- 8.12 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to facilitate participation of the CT6 to available capacity building activities offered by the development partners, prioritize these through a programmatic approach, and revisit the Seascapes Model to guide next steps and inform the Sub-Group agenda.



- 8.13 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to facilitate the development of a sustainable finance mechanisms by identifying, assessing, and approaching partners and sustainable financing models to support each Priority Seascapes.
- 8.14 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to develop a communication plan for the seascape implementation.
- 8.15 Tasked the Regional Secretariat, in collaboration with the CT6 countries, to update sub-seascape profiles with relevant fisheries and ecosystem-based management information, integrate activities into M&E frameworks aligned with the RPOA 2.0 targets, and ensure all updates are reflected in the CT Atlas to support evidence-based planning and decision-making.
- 8.16 Acknowledged that all official communication of the Lesser Sunda Seascape (LSS) will be circulated from the convenor through the NCC, and to the Regional Secretariat, for circulation to the respective parties.
- 8.17 Acknowledged the draft workflow and mechanism of the LSS and encouraged the Seascape Sub-Groups to develop their respective Rules of Procedures and submit these to the Seascape Technical Working Group for acknowledgment and subsequent adoption.
- 8.18. Acknowledged and appreciated the Government of the Republic of Indonesia, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, GIZ, and CTI Partners for conducting the side event on the priority seascapes in the Coral Triangle area, which reflects the shared commitment in strengthening



connectivity in Marine Spatial Planning in the priority seascapes on 9 December 2025 in Bali, Indonesia.

- 8.19. Endorsed the recommendation of the Seascope TWG to turn over the Chair from the Philippines to the Solomon Islands and the turnover of the Co-chair from Indonesia to Malaysia for the period of 1st January 2026–31st December 2027, based on the provision stipulated in the rules of procedures of the CTI-CFF Seascope TWG.
- 8.20. Acknowledged the excellent contributions of Mr. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr. and Ms. Mariglo Rosaida I. Laririt, as Chairs from the Philippines, and Ir. Suharyanto, M.Sc as Co-Chair from Indonesia for the period of 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2025.
- 8.21. Acknowledged and accepted the Seascope Technical Working Group Workplan and Budget 2026 (*Annex 8.2*).

EAFM Working Group

- 8.22 Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation and the Technical Working Group (TWG) report by EAFM TWG (*Annex 8.3*).
- 8.23. Acknowledged and commended the successful conduct of the Seascope Regional Exchange (REX) back-to-back with the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) REX, hosted by the Philippines Government on 13–15 October 2025, at the Bellevue Resort, Bohol, Philippines.
- 8.24 Acknowledged and appreciated the Chair representative, Ms. Rachel Rabi from Papua New Guinea on behalf of Mr. Thomas Usu for her



effective leadership and facilitation as Chair of the EAFM Technical Working Group Meeting and recognized her valuable role in advancing the discussions and outcomes of the meeting.

- 8.25 Acknowledged and appreciated the invaluable support extended by CTI partners; CI, CTC, GIZ, IUCN, KI, Rare, WWF, ILMMA, CI-TL, WCS and YKAN, who participated and supported the 2025 CTI-CFF Seascape Regional Exchange (REX) back-to-back with the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) REX.
- 8.26 Acknowledged and appreciated the support from the BMUKN-IKI through the SOMACORE Program for the financial and technical aspect support of the 2025 CTI-CFF Seascape Regional Exchange (REX) back-to-back with the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) REX.
- 8.27 Acknowledged and endorsed the contribution of USAID SuFiA TS in the development of the Coastal Fisheries (COASTFISH) Framework 2024 (*Annex 8.4*).
- 8.28 Tasked the Regional Secretariat in collaboration with the EAFM TWG to prioritize the development of the COASTFISH Regional Action Plan for 2026 to consolidate regional best practices on sustainable coastal livelihoods and promote practical and scalable solutions across CT6 countries.
- 8.29 Encouraged the integration of the EAFM, MPA and Threatened Species (TS) together with the cross-cutting Working Groups on Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) and Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E), with



priority seascapes sub-groups mechanisms to strengthen coordination, synergy, and the delivery of ecosystem-based management actions, in alignment with the RPOA 2.0 targets under the Seascape Working Group Workplan.

8.30 Acknowledged the University Partnership Network's role in strengthening regional scientific collaboration and recommended establishing the EAFM Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) to coordinate expertise and support evidence-based regional policy.

8.31 Acknowledged and appreciated the work of Coral Fellows supported by Coral Reef Alliance (CORAL) at the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in the field of Gender and Climate Change in Fisheries.

8.32 Recognized the Regional Exchange (REX) as a priority and major activity of the CTI-CFF, and tasked the Regional Secretariat to strengthen coordination, communication, and planning for future REX events, ensuring early dissemination of agendas, clear objectives, and concrete follow-up actions and outputs.

8.33 Tasked the Regional Secretariat, in collaboration with the CT6 countries, to identify and assess blue economy opportunities across priority seascape sub-groups, including sustainable fisheries, aquaculture, and other marine-based livelihoods, while ensuring alignment with EAFM principles, ecosystem conservation, and sustainable resource use.

8.34 Appreciated and acknowledged the excellent contributions of Mr. Thomas Usu as Chair from Papua New Guinea, and Mr. Elizer S. Salilig



as Co-Chair from the Philippines for a period of two years from 1st January 2024 to 31st December 2025.

8.35 Acknowledged and endorsed the recommendation of the EAFM TWG to turn over the Chair from Papua New Guinea to the Philippines and the turnover of the Co-chair from the Philippines to the Solomon Islands in the period 1st January 2026 – 31st December 2027, based on the provision stipulated in the Rules of Procedures of the CTI-CFF EAFM – TWG.

8.36 Acknowledged and accepted the EAFM Technical Working Group Workplan and Budget 2026 (*Annex 8.5*).

MPA Working Group

8.37 Acknowledged and appreciated the report by the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Technical Working Group (*Annex 8.6*).

8.38 Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of "Reefs at Risk, Food at Stake: Scaling Coral Reef Conservation by the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI) and the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF)" side event on the Our Ocean Conference (OOC) in Busan, South Korea on 28 April 2025 as the collaboration between CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and ICRI and supported by Shams, IUCN, and Blue Alliance.

8.39 Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of CT6 Regional Workshop on IUCN Green List and OECM (MPA 101) and MPA TWG Meeting organized by the IUCN and CTC (through SOMACORE Project)



and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in Bali, Indonesia on 30 June - 4 July 2025.

- 8.40 Acknowledged the nomination of at least twelve MPAs and LMMAs across CT6 countries as candidate sites under the IUCN Green List pathway with support from CTC as the implementing agency and guidance from the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and encouraged the alignment of CTMPAS and RPOA 2.0 frameworks with the KM-GBF, integrating ecological, governance, and socio-economic indicators to strengthen regional standards and shared learning for effective area-based conservation.
- 8.41 Promote the implementation of IUCN Green List as a common regional framework for CT6 countries, to enhance the management and governance of MPAs, LMMAs, and OECMs, in alignment with KM-GBF Target 3 and related Targets 1,2, 4, 20, and 21.
- 8.42 Recognized the establishment of a Coral Triangle Expert Assessment Group for the Green List (EAGL) as the regional jurisdiction mechanism of the IUCN Green List to guide and support effective area-based site management and governance across the CT6 countries.
- 8.43 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to facilitate the discussion on the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) among the CT6 countries, particularly in exploring its implications, opportunities, and potential roles for the Coral Triangle region.



- 8.44 Appreciated the excellent contribution of Dr. Firdaus Agung as Chair from Indonesia and Datuk Dr. Maklarin Lakim as Co-Chair from Malaysia in year of 2024-2025.
- 8.45 Approved the recommendation of the MPA Technical Working Group to turn over the Chair from Indonesia to Malaysia and the turnover of the Co-chair from Malaysia to Papua New Guinea in the year of 2026 - 2027, based on the provision stipulated in the Rules of Procedures of the CTI-CFF MPA Technical Working Group.
- 8.46 Approved the Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Technical Working Group 2026 Workplan and Budget (*Annex 8.7*).

CCA Working Group

- 8.47 Acknowledged and appreciated the report by the Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Technical Working Group (*Annex 8.8*).
- 8.48 Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of the Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Technical Working Group meeting at the Coral Triangle Center, Bali, Indonesia on 9th July 2025.
- 8.49 Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of Waste Management Kick Off Meeting and Climate Change Adaptation Roundtable Meeting organized by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, WWF and the Coral Triangle Center (CTC), the SOMACORE Program supported by the German Federal Ministry for Environment, Climate Action, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety (BMUKN) through the International Climate Initiative (IKI) in Bali, Indonesia on 7 - 8 July 2025.



- 8.50 Acknowledged and appreciated the 2025 M&E Report for CCA TWG (*Annex 8.9*).
- 8.51 Acknowledged the excellent contribution of Mr. Franky Zamzani as Chair from Indonesia from 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2025, and Mr. Rui dos Reis Pires as Co-Chair from Timor-Leste from 1 January 2024 – 31 December 2025.
- 8.52 Acknowledged and appreciated the revised CCA-TWG Joint Communique and encouraged the CT6 member countries in coordination with the Regional Secretariat to expedite the ministerial signing by Q1 2026.
- 8.53 Acknowledged and appreciated the work of Coral Fellows supported by Coral Reef Alliance (CORAL) at the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in the field of Gender and Climate Change in Fisheries.
- 8.54 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to leverage on the existing University Partnership Network and Scientific Advisory Group and identify scientists/experts to assist the CCA TWG.
- 8.55 Acknowledged for the pressing needs of CTI-CFF's presence to be felt at global arenas including working with partners on a dedicated CTI-CFF's pavilion at UNFCCC COP-31 and beyond.
- 8.56 Acknowledged the opportunity of working with ASEAN member states and partners in tackling the common threat of climate change under the Philippines as the ASEAN Chair for 2026.



- 8.57 Acknowledged the recommendation of the CCA Technical Working Group to turn over the Chair from Indonesia to Timor-Leste and the turnover of the Co-chair from Timor-Leste to Solomon Islands in the year of 2026 - 2027, based on the provision stipulated in the Terms of Reference of the CTI-CFF CCA Technical Working Group.
- 8.58 Acknowledged and appreciated the recommendation from the CCA-TWG to revise the CCA-TWG Terms of Reference to cater for necessary adjustments.
- 8.59 Approved the Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Technical Working Group 2026 Workplan and Budget (*Annex 8.10*).

Threatened Species Working Group

- 8.60 Acknowledged and appreciated the report by the Threatened Species Technical Working Group (*Annex 8.11*).
- 8.61 Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of Threatened Species Technical Working Group (TWG) ShellBank and Blue Corridors for Turtles Workshop, and Meeting on 22 - 24 September 2025 in Honiara, Solomon Islands, organized by CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Solomon Islands NCC, WWF, and the ShellBank Project.
- 8.62 Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of Waste Management Kick Off Meeting organized by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, WWF and CTC (BMUKN-IKI through the SOMACORE Program) in Bali, Indonesia on 7 - 8 July 2025.



- 8.63 Acknowledged and appreciated the 2025 M&E Report for Threatened Species TWG (*Annex 8.12*).
- 8.64 Acknowledged and encouraged the CT6 member countries in coordination with the NCC on the harmonization of the Threatened Species TWG with other technical working groups and developing the workplan of the three priority seascapes.
- 8.65 Acknowledged the excellent contribution of Mr. David Aram as Chair from Solomon Islands and Mr. Constancio Silva dos Santos as Co-Chair from Timor-Leste in year of 2024-2025.
- 8.66 Acknowledged the recommendation of the Threatened Species Technical Working Group to turn over the Chair from Solomon Islands to Timor-Leste and the turnover of the Co-chair from Timor-Leste to Indonesia in the year 2026 - 2027, based on the provision stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the CTI-CFF Threatened Species Technical Working Group.
- 8.67 Approved the Threatened Species Technical Working Group 2026 Workplan and Budget (*Annex 8.13*).

SESSION 9: ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT

- 9.1 Accepted and appreciated the Report from Executive Director on 2025 activities (*Annex 9.1*).



SESSION 10: CTI PARTNERS PRESENTATION

10.1 Acknowledged and supported the presentation and recommendations by the CTI-CFF Partners and Collaborators, namely: Coral Triangle Center (CTC) [Annex 10.1], Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit – SOMACORE (GIZ) SOMACORE [Annex 10.2], Rare [Annex 10.3] The Nature Conservancy (TNC) and Yayasan Konservasi Alam Nusantara (YKAN) [Annex 10.4], International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) [Annex 10.5], Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) [Annex 10.6], World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) [Annex 10.7], Konservasi Indonesia (KI) [Annex 10.8], and Conservation International Timor-Leste (CI TL) [Annex 10.9].

SESSION 11: REVIEW OF THE CHAIR'S SUMMARY OF SOM-20 AND CLOSING

- 11.1 Appreciated the support of the Government of Republic of Indonesia in the conduct of the Pre-20th Senior Officials Meeting and the 20th Senior Officials Meeting;
- 11.2 Appreciated the excellent chairing of the 20th Senior Officials Meeting by the Representatives Chair of CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials, Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry, Senior Adviser to the Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries for Ecology and Marine Resources, of the Republic of Indonesia;



- 11.3 Appreciated the excellent chairing of the Pre-20th Senior Officials Meeting by the Vice Chair of CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials, Datuk Dr. Ching Thoo A/L Kim, Secretary General, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Sustainability, Malaysia;
- 11.4 Acknowledged and appreciated the participation of the CT6 Member Countries and CTI Partners which contributed to the successful conduct of the Pre-20th Senior Officials Meeting and the 20th Senior Officials Meeting;
- 11.5 Appreciated the efforts and logistics support of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in the preparation and conduct of the Pre-20th Senior Officials Meeting and the 20th Senior Officials Meeting.