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CHAIR'S REPORT

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Mandate

- **CTI-CFF Rules and Procedures – Rule 4.** The function of the CTI Committee of Senior Officials (CTICSO) will be to make such decisions and give such directions to the Executive Director as will ensure, especially in the interval between Ministerial Meetings, that the business of the CTI-CFF is carried out efficiently and in accordance with the decisions of the CTI COM. This may include the provision of recommendations to the Executive Director on the implementation of decisions of Ministerial Meetings through the Secretariat or through special Technical Working Groups or other bodies established under Rule 8.
- **CTI-CFF Rules and Procedures – Rule 11, Para 1.** The Chair of the CSO shall rotate in time and by CTI-CFF Party, parallel to the CTI COM. The Vice Chair will be parallel with Rule 10(2). They shall take office upon their appointment for the same term as the CTI COM Chair.
- **CTI-CFF Rules and Procedures – Rule 11, Para 2.** The rotation of the Chair of the CTI CSO referred to in paragraph (1) above shall be based on the names of the CTI-CFF Parties in alphabetical order. As such, the CTI-CFF Party whose name next follows alphabetically from the CTI-CFF Party of the current Chair will nominate a candidate for election as Chair, at the meeting immediately prior to the conclusion of the term of office of the current Chair. The initial Chair of the CTI CSO will be nominated by the CTI-CFF Party of the initial Chair of the CTI COM.
- **Joint Ministerial Statement – 9th Ministerial Meeting** convened in Dili, Timor-Leste, 6 December 2024. Elected the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and Government of Malaysia as the Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the Council of Ministers (COM) and Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) for two (2) years starting from 6 December 2024.

A sunset over a body of water with two people in a canoe. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and dark blue, with scattered clouds. The water is dark with some ripples. Two people are silhouetted in a canoe in the foreground, one at the front and one at the back. The word "Activities" is written in white, sans-serif font in the center of the image, with a white horizontal line underneath it. The entire scene is framed by a white, hand-drawn style border.

Activities

Regional Secretariat

Date	Activity
17 January 2025	Approval to appoint the Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia (Badan Pemeriksa Keuangan Republik Indonesia–BPK RI) to undertake management and performance audit of Regional Secretariat of the CTI-CFF.
6 March 2025	Response to the Nomination of the Internal Control Committee (ICC)
27 March 2025	Response to Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Report to CSO Chair on January – March 2025 Activities
28 July 2025	Approval for Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) Endorsement on Additional Governance Budget
6 October 2025	Acknowledgement and Confirmation of the 20th Senior Officials’ Meeting (SOM20) of CTI-CFF

International Exposure

Date	Activity
24 – 28 February 2025	Honiara Summit SDG-14 in Honiara, Solomon Island
11-13 March 2025	The Economist 12th Annual World Ocean Summit in Tokyo, Japan
28 - 30 April 2025	10th Our Ocean Conference in Busan, Korea
14 - 16 May 2025	MPA & OECM Symposium in Bogor, Indonesia
2 - 5 June 2025	Ocean Youth Camp in Pagbilao, Philippines
27 June 2025	Coral Triangle Day & Ocean Clean-up Activity, Batangas, hosted by BFAR
9 - 13 June 2025	3rd UN Ocean Conference in Nice, France
5 - 6 August 2025	Global Sustainable Tourism Council 2025 in Nadi, Fiji
15 August 2025	Ocean Legacy Award 2025 in Bali

International Exposure (Cont.)

Date	Activity
26 - 27 August 2025	4th International Seminar on Coastal Ecosystem Management for Sustainability in Manado
23 - 25 September 2025	Eurasia-Pacific Regional Dialogue on Biodiversity Finance in Da Nang, Viet Nam
8 - 13 October 2025	IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 in Abu Dhabi
27 – 29 October 2025	Sagarmanthan: The Great Ocean Dialogue in Mumbai, India.

New Agreements

Date	Activity
25 March 2025	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sam Ratulangi University (UNSRAT) to support research, education, and capacity-building initiatives related to marine and fisheries management.
10 September 2025	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with RARE establishing a framework with a focus on marine conservation, enhancing climate resilience, and ensuring food security.
20 October 2025	Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) establishing the <i>Lesser Sunda Seascape (LSS) Science Hub</i> , formalizing collaboration among 11 universities from Indonesia and Timor-Leste.
19 November 2025	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) establishing a framework with a focus on marine conservation, enhancing climate resilience, and ensuring food security.



Reflections

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- Each step forward has reinforced our commitment to safeguard our coral reefs, marine and coastal resources, sustainable fisheries, livelihood, and regional collaboration.
- Our engagement at various international platforms reflects the growing recognition of CTI-CFF's role in the global marine conservation community.
- Strategic partnerships have been at the heart of our progress. The signing of agreements with organizations like Sam Ratulangi University (UNSRAT), RARE, University Partnership, and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) has enhanced our capacity for sustainable collaboration.
- Our commitment to transparency and accountability is exemplified by the hiring of Indonesia's Supreme Audit Institution (Badan Pemeriksa Keuangan RI) for an annual financial audit, management and performance audit, ensuring that our operations adhere to the highest standards of governance.
- Celebrating Coral Triangle Day in Jakarta, Indonesia, Batangas and Pagbilao, Philippines reminded us of the deep connection our communities share with the ocean and the importance of fostering public awareness.
- The Launch of the GEF-8 Project Preparation Grant (PPG) SEACONNECT marked another milestone, providing dedicated resources to build robust project documentations for CEO Endorsement to be used for implementing the Sulu Sulawesi SEASCAPE approach to coral reef livelihoods.
- The reinstatement of the Sustainable Coral Triangle support by the US Government at the end of 2025 shows the confidence of the US Government in the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat's capability, integrity, and resilience.



thank you

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