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Threatened Species

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Chair of TS TWG Mr. David Aram

Technical Working Group
Report

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Focal Points

An underwater photograph of a coral reef. The scene is dominated by various types of coral, including branching and table corals, in shades of brown, tan, and yellow. The water is clear and blue, with sunlight filtering through from above. In the background, a school of small, silvery fish is visible swimming in a line.

Focal Points of Threatened Species-TWG

Member Country	Focal Points
Indonesia	Mr. Sarmintohadi - Director for Species and Genetic Conservation, MMAF ID Alternate: Mrs. Rian Puspita Sari - Head of Convention Implementation Team, Directorate of Species and Genetic Conservation, MMAF ID
Malaysia	Dato' Haji Adnan bin Hussain, Director General of Department of Fisheries Malaysia Alternate: Mr. Abdullah bin Jaafar, Senior Director of Fisheries Conservation and Protection Division, Department of Fisheries Malaysia
Papua New Guinea	Mr. Vagi Rei, Manager, Marine Ecosystems Branch, Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) Alternate: Mr. Kenneth Yhuanje, Manager Crab Fishery, National Fisheries Authority PNG
Philippines	Focal: Ms. Mariglo Rosaid I. Laririt, Assistant Director, DENR BMB Alternate: Mr. Isidro M. Velayo, Assistant Director for Technical Services, DA BFAR
Solomon Islands (Chair)	Mr. David Aram, Principal Fisheries Officer, Inshore Fisheries Division, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Alternate: Ms. Serah Devi, Conservation Officer-Wildlife, Environment and Conservation Division, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology
Timor-Leste (Co-Chair)	Mr. Constancio dos Santos, Chief Department of Marine Spatial Plan Alternate : Mr. Pedro Pinto, National Director for Forestry Conservation and Ecotourism



Action Taken for SOM-19 Decisions



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Action Taken for SOM 19 Decisions

Decisions	Status
1. Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by the Threatened Species Technical Working Group Meeting (Annex 8.16);	Completed in SOM-19
2. Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of CTI-CFF Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape and Bismarck-Solomon Seas Seascape, Technical Regional Exchange back-to-back with EAFM, Seascape, and Threatened Species Technical Working Group meetings, hosted by the Government of Malaysia on 12–16 August 2024 as the collaboration between CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, USAID SuFiA TS and GiZ SOMACORE;	Termination of USAID SuFiA-TS in February 2025. SOMACORE Project supported the Seascapes (including TS-TWG) activities in 2025 and will continue in 2026.
3. Acknowledged and appreciated the inclusion of the Lesser Sunda Seascape in the CTI-CFF Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape and Bismarck-Solomon Seas Seascape, Technical Regional Exchange back-to-back with EAFM, Seascape, and Threatened Species Technical Working Group meetings on 12–16 August 2024;	Acknowledged in SOM-19. Lesser Sunda Seascape involved in all Seascape, EAFM and Threatened Species activities in 2025.
4. Acknowledged and appreciated WWF for the technical aspect support of the CTI-CFF Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape and Bismarck-Solomon Seas Seascape Technical Regional Exchange back-to-back with EAFM, Seascape, and Threatened Species Technical Working Group meetings on 12–16 August 2024;	Appreciated the WWF's ongoing support for the TS activities in 2025.
5. Acknowledged and appreciated the 2024 M&E Report for Threatened Species TWG and recognized the need to develop the reporting system and assessment mechanism (Annex 8.17);	RS through the M&E team and is working with the CT6 in developing the reporting template. Will be updated in Pre-SOM MEWG Session. Currently, draft of reporting & monitoring template – will be socialized in Q1, 2026
6. Approved the Threatened Species Technical Working Group 2025 Work Plan and Budget;	Completed in SOM-19



Update on the Workplan and Budget 2025 by the Chair of Threatened Species TWG



Threatened Species TWG Workplan and Budget 2025

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget Estimation (USD)		Objectives	Activity Status
			CTI	Partners		
1	Established /improve collaboration with IUCN	Q1-Q4 2025	-	Seeking IUCN support	To enhance and improve the status of CTI-threatened species in the IUCN Red List and initiatives	IUCN supported and contributed to RS events in 2025. RS will continue to work with IUCN for further collaborations and support towards the Threatened Species TWG activities in 2026.
2	Development of the Threats to Marine Species in CT6 Index	Q1-Q2 2025	-	Need support from partners and CT6	Build capacity and collaboration with partners with the Regional Secretariat and within the CT6, in creating and/or developing a collaborative systematic index to identify threats (Marine debris, overfishing, illegal harvest, wildlife trade).	Moved to 2026 workplan.
3	Assess, establish and/or improve integrated transboundary efforts within the CTI Region. Map and identify gaps in marine turtle population connectivity across the CTI, contributing to the CT Atlas.	Q2-Q3 2025	-	Seek support from partners (for marine turtles, WWF).	To improve the collaboration within Seascapes, and contribute to the CTI Priority Threatened Species Regional Conservation Plan. To identify and map priority threatened species migratory corridors and home ranges, starting with marine turtles.	Discussions during the ShellBank and BC4T workshop.
4	Annual 6 th Threatened Species Working Group Meeting back-to-back with REX	Q2 2025	30,000	Seeking Additional 10,000 Support: - Partners support. - Host Country Support.	To coordinate the progress of implementation on the Threatened Species related activities under the RPOA 2.0. and update the monitoring component. Proposed Location: Honiara, Solomon Islands(as requested by SB during TWG Meeting)	No REX was conducted this year. The TWG meeting was conducted on 24 September 2025.



Threatened Species TWG Workplan and Budget 2025 (Cont.)

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget Estimation (USD)		Objectives	Activity Status
			CTI	Partners		
5	Establishing a collaborative private sector partnership addressing waste management within the CT6 region	Q1-Q3 2025		10,000 Seeking partner support with private sector	To create a private sector partnership that would assist the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in addressing Marine Debris (Waste Management) in the region, through capacity and resources.	RS with the WWF and CT6 will continue to explore the private sector partnership for the waste management – Rs recommends moving the activity to 2026 and 2027.
6	Hire a consultant (or partner) to assess regional and international policies on threatened species reduction program	Q1 2025	-	Seeking partner support, including Coral Fellows	To ensure the development and implementation of the TS-TWG is aligned to the current initiatives addressing threatened species.	No support for this activity in 2025. Not conducted.
7	Establish a CTI-CFF waste-management oriented sub-committee. Lead initial planning on a proposed CTI-CFF Waste Management Program	Q1 2025		10,000 Seeking support from partners and institutions (WWF)	To facilitate and drive the implementation of international and regional policies in the region. Provide technical advice and address the needs of marine pollution and waste-management initiatives.	The CTI-CFF waste management kick-off meeting took place on 7-8 July 2025. RS with the WWF will continue to explore and identify options to establish the Waste Management sub-committee.
8	CTI-CFF Regional Exchange Marine Threatened Species (Whale/Sharks/Rays, Sea Turtle, Marine Mammals) Symposium x 3 days	Q2 2025		Seeking Host Country, University Partnership Network and Partner Support (10,000)	To facilitate and strengthen the role of the private sector, partners, research and academic institutions, and CT6 governments on addressing priority threats to species in the CT6 region.	Not conducted in 2025. Proposed to be moved later with support from the University Partnership.



Threatened Species TWG Workplan and Budget 2025 (Cont.)

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget Estimation (USD)		Objectives	Activity Status
			CTI	Partners		
9	Collaborative UP partnership with the Threatened Species Symposium	Q2 2025	-	CT6 University Support		RS will continue to assess and seek support from the CT6 universities.
10	Identify and establish a regional collaboration-framework on reducing threats to threatened species in the CT6 Region.	Q2-Q3 2025	-	Seeking partner support	To develop a collaborative framework in the region and build knowledge capacity addressing threats to threatened species in the Coral Triangle Region	Merged into 2026 workplan.
11	Hire a consultant to design a program integrating management of threatened species in Seascapes and CTMPAS	Q1 2025	-	Need CT6 and partner support	To promote the guideline for priority species protection in the CT6 Region.	No support in 2025 but activity merged into 2026 workplan, without hiring of consultant.
12	Design project proposal/s to strengthen and support collaborations and multi-lateral agreements across marine/seascape corridors, focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Improving status of priority threatened species. b. Addressing marine waste-management 	Q1-Q4 2025	-	5,000 Seeking Additional Partners' Support	To strengthen the capacity of bilateral agreements and support actions of protecting threatened species	Moved into 2026 work plan.

Threatened Species TWG Workplan and Budget 2025 (Cont.)

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget Estimation (USD)		Objectives	Activity Status
			CTI	Partners		
13	Adopt ShellBank as a traceability tool to actively track and monitor illegally traded marine turtles across the CT region in accordance with CITES and other relevant instruments.	Q2-Q4		Seek support from partners (WWF, ShellBank)	To improve regional collaboration, and monitoring efforts to effectively address and combat illegal turtle trade, in the Coral Triangle region. And improve regional collaboration, enhance and improve the status of CTI-threatened species.	ShellBank and BT4C Workshop conducted in Honiara on 22-23 September 2025.
14	Develop a Bycatch Working Group in the CT region and broader Asia-Pacific region	Q3-Q4		Seek support from partners (WWF, NOAA Fisheries)	To improve regional collaboration, enhance and improve the status of CTI-threatened species, and assist delivery of EAFM (links to Target B1)	No support this year – will explore further opportunities to realize this activity.
	Total Budget		30,000	45,000		Actual budget expense 40,828





Proposed Workplan & Budget 2026 by the Chair of Threatened Species TWG

Proposed Threatened Species TWG Workplan and

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget Estimation (USD)		Objectives	RPOA 2.0 – Objective A		
			Target A2					
			CTI	Partners		Outcome	Output	Indicators
1	Annual 7 th Threatened Species Working Group Meeting and related workshop. Proposed Location: Dili, Timor-Leste	Q2 2026	40,000	Seeking Additional Support from partners and host country	To coordinate the progress of implementation on the Threatened Species related activities under the RPOA 2.0.	T. Outcome A2	T. Output A2.1 T. Output A2.2	T. Output Indicator A2.1 T. Output Indicator A2.2
2	Workshop on regional guidelines on combating the illegal wildlife trade of priority threatened species.	Q2 2026	Part of TS REX and Meeting.	Technical support from WWF and other partners.	To build on the Output A2.2.1.d: Develop guidelines on combating the illegal trade of priority threatened species.	A2.2.1	A2.2.1d	A2.2.1d
3	Develop the Threats to Marine Species in CT6 Index: Revision/completion of marine species NPOA in CT6 including updating population and threat assessment, where needed	Q1-Q2 2026		Support from partners and CT6 for reports. WWF for Turtle work. IUCN on Red List status.	Developing a collaborative systematic index to identify threats (Marine debris, overfishing, illegal harvest, wildlife trade). Index to be shared on CT Atlas.	T. Outcome A2	T. Output A2.1	T. Output Indicator A2.1
4	Waste Management: - Develop the Waste Management Strategy - Workshop on socializing “waste management strategies” - Establish Waste Management Governance mechanism.	Q2 2026	With REX workshop \$5,000	WWF to support.	To Implement RPOA 2.0 Regional Activity 2.1	A2.2.1	A2.1.1.a A2.1.1.b A2.1.1.c	A2.1.1.a A2.1.1.b A2.1.1.c
5	Assess, establish and / or improve integrated connectivity efforts within the CTI region. Participate in the WWF ShellBank Project and Blue Corridors for Turtles project to map and identify gaps in marine turtle population connectivity across the CTI, sharing data and contributing to the CT Atlas	Q2-3 2026		WWF: ShellBank Project and and Blue Corridors	To improve the collaboration within Priority Seascapes, and contribute to the CTI Priority Threatened Species Regional Conservation Plan.			

Proposed Threatened Species TWG Workplan and

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget Estimation (USD)		Objectives	RPOA 2.0 – Objective A		
			CTI	Partners		Target A2		
						Outcome	Output	Indicators
6	Adopt and implement ShellBank and facilitate its uptake as a traceability tool to actively track and trace marine turtles for conservation, research and enforcement including implementation of at least one country-specific workplan activity.	Q3-4 2026		Support from WWF, partners and CT6 through NPOAs.	To improve regional collaboration, and monitoring efforts to effectively address and combat illegal turtle trade, in the Coral Triangle region. And improve regional collaboration, enhance and improve the status of CTI-threatened species.	A2 and A3	T. Output A2.2, 2.3	
7	Design funding proposal/s to strengthen and support collaborations and agreements across seascape corridors, focusing on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Improving status of priority threatened species. b. Design project/s or deliver on existing partnered projects to strengthen to strengthen and support collaborations c. Establish regional collaborative projects to reduce threats to TS in the CT6 	Q2-4 2026	\$5,000	SOMACORE Partners.	To strengthen the capacity of bilateral agreements and support actions of protecting threatened species	A2.3.1	A2.3.1.a A2.3.1.b A2.3.1.c A2.3.1.d	A2.3.1.a A2.3.1.b A2.3.1.c A2.3.1.d
8	Extend the capacity of Universities and laboratories and, re-establish the regional SAG/Pool of Experts on Threatened Species, collectively as a science-hub, to support implementation of threatened species work plan activities including an initial focus on ShellBank and Blue Corridors for Turtles and other connectivity studies to ensure tangible output.	Q2-4 2026		Partners, University Partnership WWF to support ShellBank/ BTC	To enhance technical expertise in the Threatened Species component of the RPOA 2.0 implementation.	A2.2.1	A2.2.1.a A2.2.1.b A2.2.1.c A2.2.1.d	A2.2.1.a A2.2.1.b A2.2.1.c A2.2.1.d
			50,000	TBD				



Change of Chair and Co-Chair



Announcement of the upcoming Threatened Species TWG Chair and Co-Chair

3.2 Term of the Chair and Vice Chair. The term of the Chair and Vice Chair is two years starting on 01 January of the year, following the confirmation of the SOM. The TSWG will decide the subsequent Chair and Vice Chair.

Year	Chair	Country	Co-Chair	Country
2026 - 2027	TBD	Timor-Leste	TBD	Indonesia
2024 - 2025	Mr. David Aram	Solomon Islands	Mr. Constantio dos Santos	Timor-Leste
2022 - 2023	Dr. Firdaus Agung	Indonesia	Atty. Demosthenes R. Escoto	Philippines
2021 - 2022	Mr. Andi Rusandi	Indonesia	Ms. Natividad Y. Bernardino	Philippines
2018 - 2021	Mr. Vagi Rei	Papua New Guinea	Mr. Andi Rusandi	Indonesia
2016 - 2017	Ms. Tan Geik Hong	Malaysia	Ms. Theresa Mundita Lim	Philippines





Threatened Species TWG SOM-20 Decisions

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SOM-20 Decisions of the Threatened Species TWG

1. Acknowledged and appreciated the report by the Threatened Species Technical Working Group (Annex 8.11).
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. Acknowledged and appreciated the 2025 M&E Report for Threatened Species TWG (Annex 8.12).
5. 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
6. 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.
7. 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. Approved the Threatened Species Technical Working Group 2026 Workplan and Budget (Annex 8.13).



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Thank you

Chair of Threatened Species:
Mr. David Aram
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