

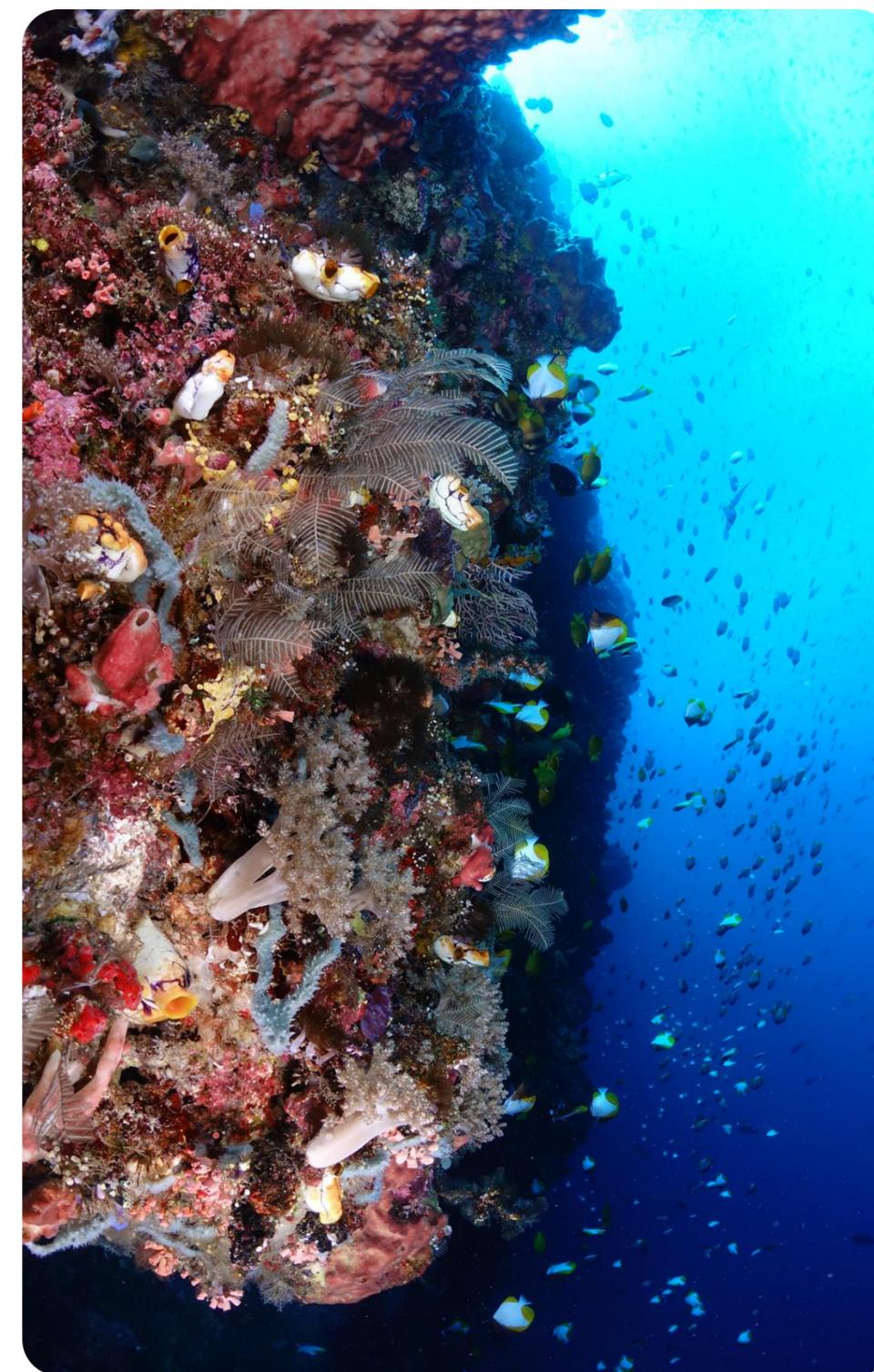
CTI-CFF Executive Director's Report

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The CTI-CFF 20th Senior Officials' Meeting
Bali, Indonesia | 11 December 2025



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HIGHLIGHTS

On Technical Working Group

- **MPA:** The Marine Protected Area (MPA) Regional Exchange (REX) & TWG Meeting was conducted on 30 June - 3 July 2025, in Bali, Indonesia, back-to-back with the IUCN Green List Workshop. This event was organized by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and co-funded by IUCN.



HIGHLIGHTS

On Technical Working Group (cont.)

- **CCA:** The Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) & Roundtable Discussion was conducted on 7-9 July 2025, in Bali, Indonesia, back-to-back with the Kickoff for the CTI-CFF Waste Management Initiative. This event was organized by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, WWF and CTC. The highlights of these event was the development for the draft Joint Communique for Climate Change.



HIGHLIGHTS

On Technical Working Group (cont.)

- **Threatened Species:**

The Threatened Species Regional Workshop on the Blue Corridors for Turtle (BC4T) & the Technical Working Group Meeting was conducted on 22-24 September 2025, in Honiara, Solomon Islands, back-to-back with the Women Leader Forum (WLF) Regional Exchange.

Co-hosted with Solomon Island Government through the support from the WWF Solomon Islands and WCS Solomon Islands. The highlight of the workshop was the discussions on marine turtle corridors, including the progress of the ShellBank initiative, which reinforced collaboration among member countries to protect threatened and migratory species across the Coral Triangle.



HIGHLIGHTS

On Technical Working Group (cont.)

- **Seascape & EAFM:** The Seascape and Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Regional Exchange (REX) was conducted on 13-17 October 2025, in Bohol, Philippines, back-to-back with the Technical Working Group Meetings. This event was organized by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, hosted by the Government of the Philippines through Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB) and Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR). The highlights of the regional exchange were the presentations on the journey from the marine eco-regions to the three priority seascapes, sharing lessons on connectivity collaboration, COASTFISH framework, and integrated marine spatial planning under the RPOA 2.0 Seascape Framework.



HIGHLIGHTS

On Sub-Seascapes Dialogues:

- **Lesser Sunda Seascape (LSS) 1st Dialogue:** 5-8 May 2025 – LSS 1st Dialogue & Workshop on Migratory Species, Dili, hosted by Konservasi Indonesia (KI)
- **Bismarck-Solomon Seascape (BSS) 1st Dialogue:** 26 September 2025 in Honiara, Solomon Islands
- **Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape (SSS) 1st Dialogue:** 16 October 2025 in Bohol, Philippines.
- **LSS 2nd Dialogue:** 16 October 2025 in Bohol, Philippines.

HIGHLIGHTS

On Governance

- **FRWG:** The conduct of **Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) Meeting** convened in Manila Philippines on June 26, 2025;
- The Conduct of **Workshop and knowledge exchange** focused on blue finance and financial fundamentals on 23-25 June 2025 with support from Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) facilitated by Conservation Finance Alliance (CFA) in alignment with RPOA 2.0.
- With assistance from Rare, Initiate the Regional Outcome Based Finance models for the Coral Triangle region, with feasibility study planned as the initial step



HIGHLIGHTS

On Governance (Cont.)

- **MEWG & CTAtlas:**

The Monitoring Evaluation Working Group (MEWG) and CT Atlas Regional Exchange (6-9 October 2025, Bali) reaffirmed a strong regional commitment to improving data systems, adopting a standardized reporting template, and advancing integrated knowledge platforms, with a major focus on the CT Atlas revamp. The meeting also highlighted valuable support from partners-UNOSAT, MERMAID, The Ocean Clean Up, COBSEA, and GIZ-offering significant opportunities for technical assistance, data integration, and capacity building across the Coral Triangle region.



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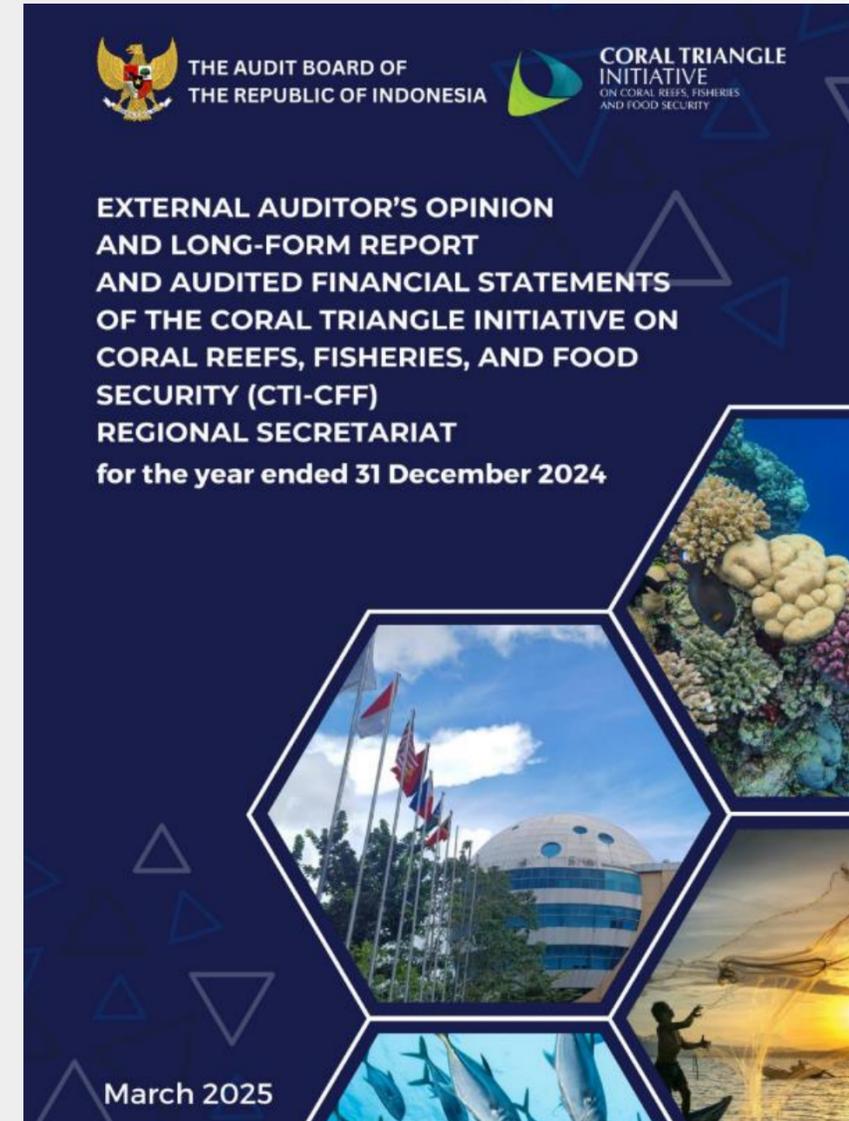
- **IRC:** The conduct of Internal Resources Committee (IRC) Working Group Meeting convened in Bali Indonesia on September 8-9 2025.
- The Conduct of **Sustainable Financing Workshop** on 10-12 September 2025 with support from WCS and RARE facilitated by CFA in alignment with RPOA 2.0.



HIGHLIGHTS

On Governance (Cont.)

- Maintain the Financial Audit Report with Unmodified Opinion for the year 2020-2024;
- Completed the Management and Performance Audit for the year 2024;



AUDIT REPORT

ON THE REGIONAL SECRETARIAT OF THE CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY FOR THE YEAR 2024

IN RESPECT OF THE MANAGEMENT AUDIT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION 2.0



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HIGHLIGHTS

On Cross Cutting Initiatives - Women Leaders Forum

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) successfully convened the Women Leaders Forum (WLF) Regional Exchange alongside the Threatened Species Meeting and the Bismarck-Solomon Seas Seascape Dialogue on 22-26 September 2025 in Honiara, Solomon Islands. The event brought together women leaders, community representatives, conservation practitioners, and policymakers from across the six CTI countries, creating a dynamic platform to exchange knowledge and strengthen gender-responsive approaches in marine governance. National authorities and partners highlighted the importance of inclusive leadership, emphasizing that empowering women and youth is key to building resilient communities and healthy oceans.



HIGHLIGHTS

On Cross Cutting Initiative - University Partnership

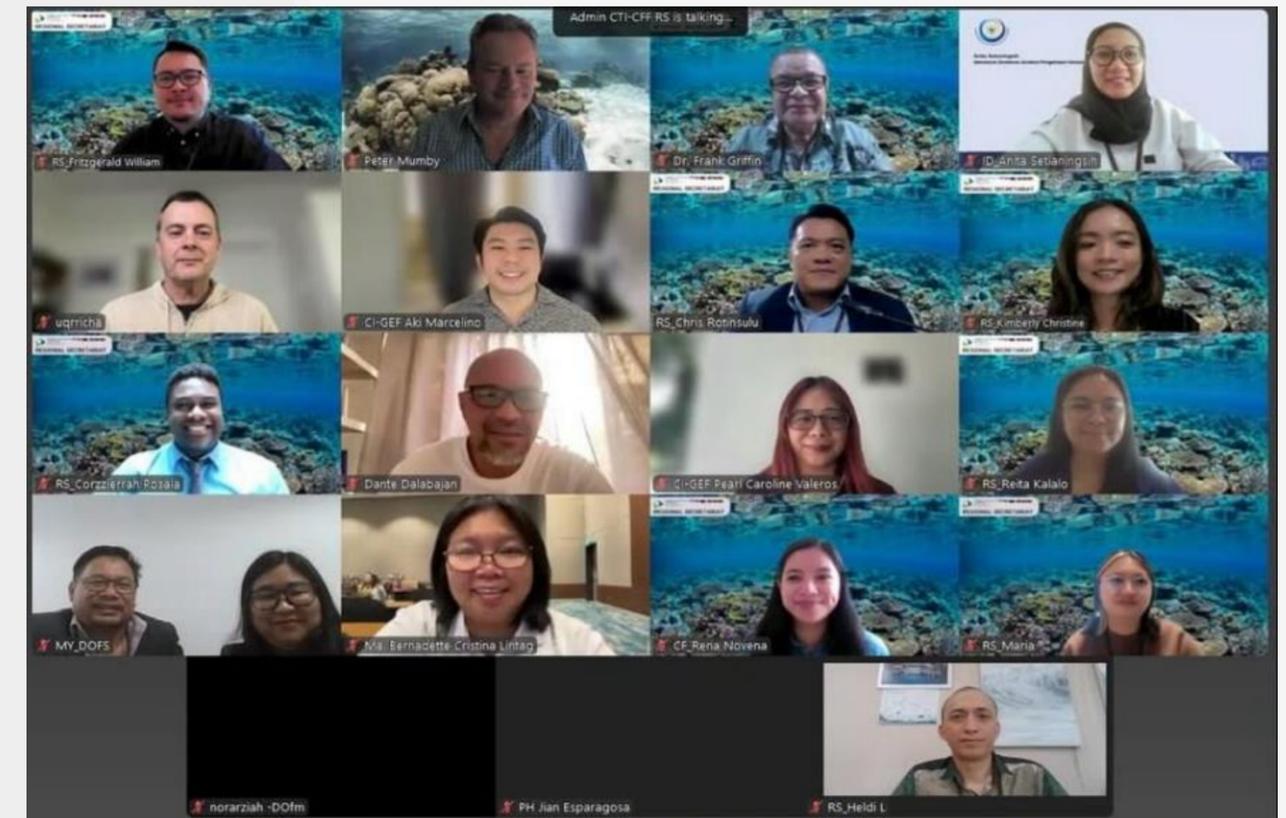
- The conduct on International Seminar: *Implementation of SDG 14 “Life Below Water”* in CTI-CFF Countries;
- The conduct on University Partnership Forum;
- The MoA Signing with 11 universities under LSS Science-Hub



HIGHLIGHTS

On Project: SEACONNECT

- Virtual PPG Inception Meeting was conducted on July 31 2025;
- Malaysia In Country Workshop was conducted on August 20-21, 2025, in Kota Kinabalu;
- Indonesia In Country Workshop was conducted on September 15-16, 2025, in Balikpapan;
- Philippines In Country Workshop was conducted on September 30 - October 1, 2025, in Dumaguete;
- Regional Workshop was conducted on November 20-21, 2025, in Manila, Philippines.



HIGHLIGHTS

On Engagements

In line with our commitment to maintaining and enhancing institutional partnerships, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat undertook the following engagements:

1. 21 March 2025 - Courtesy Visit to the Embassy of Solomon Islands
2. 24-26 April 2025 - SOMACORE Partner Meeting, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia
3. 27 June 2025 - Coral Triangle Day & Ocean Clean-up Activity, Batangas, hosted by BFAR
4. 2 September 2025 - Courtesy Visits to BFAR and DENR, Philippines
5. 28 November - Malaysia NCC Courtesy Meeting
6. 01 December - Philippines NCC Courtesy Meeting



HIGHLIGHTS

On Visibility

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat's staff have taken part as invited speaker or panel member in international engagement:

1. Honiara Summit SDG-14 on February 24-28, 2025 in Honiara, Solomon Island;
2. The Economist 12th Annual World Ocean Summit on March 11-13, 2025 in Tokyo, Japan;
3. 10th Our Ocean Conference on April 28-30, 2025 in Busan, Korea;
4. MPA & OECM Symposium on May 14-16, 2025 in Bogor, Indonesia;



HIGHLIGHTS

On Visibility (Cont.)

5. Ocean Youth Camp on June 2-5, 2025 in Pagbilao, Philippines;
6. 3rd UN Ocean Conference on June 09-13, 2025 in Nice, France;
7. Global Sustainable Tourism Council 2025 on August 5-6, 2025 in Nadi, Fiji;
8. Ocean Legacy Award 2025 on August 15, 2025 in Bali;
9. 4th International Seminar on Coastal Ecosystem Management for Sustainability on August 26-27, 2025, in Manado;



HIGHLIGHTS

On Visibility (Cont.)

10. Eurasia-Pacific Regional Dialogue on Biodiversity Finance on September 23-25, 2025, in Da Nang, Viet Nam;

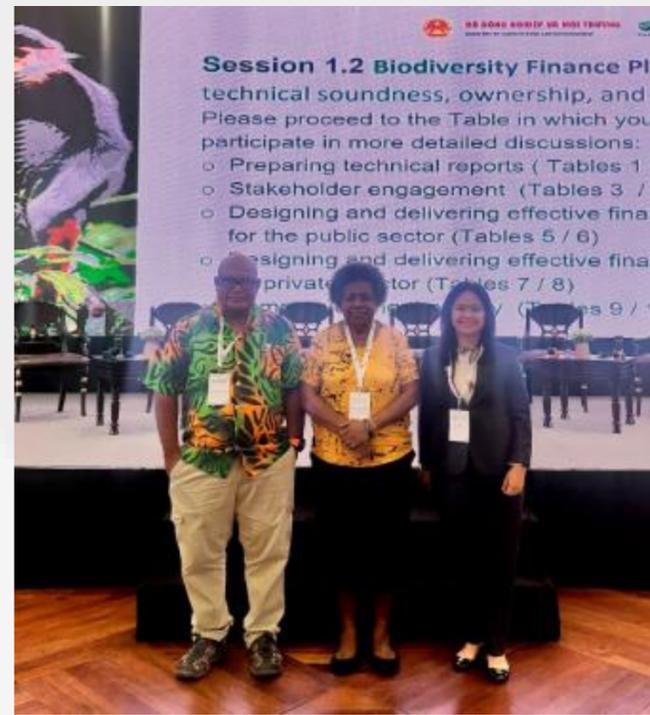
11. IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 on October 8-13, 2025, in Abu Dhabi;

12. Sagarmanthan: The Great Ocean Dialogue on October 27-29 2025, in Mumbai, India.



HIGHLIGHTS

On Visibility (Cont.)



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On Visibility: Press Engagement

1. CTI-CFF Media Gathering in the Regional Secretariat office on 7 March 2025 in Manado, Indonesia;
2. 16th Anniversary of CTI-CFF & Coral Triangle Day 2025 Media Gathering on 22 May 2025 in Jakarta, Indonesia;
3. CTI-CFF Waste Management Kickoff on 8 July 2025 in Bali, Indonesia;
4. CTI-CFF Internal Resources Committee Meeting and Conservation Finance Training (Phase 3) on 10 September 2025 in Bali, Indonesia;
5. Women Leaders Forum & Threatened Species Regional Exchange Opening on 22 September 2025 in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

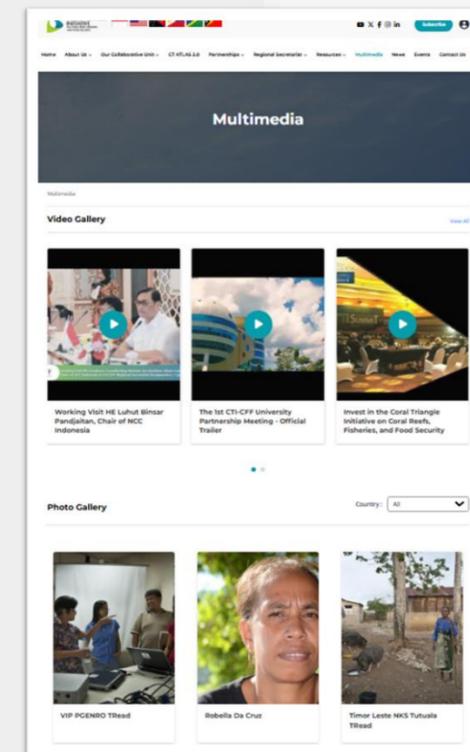
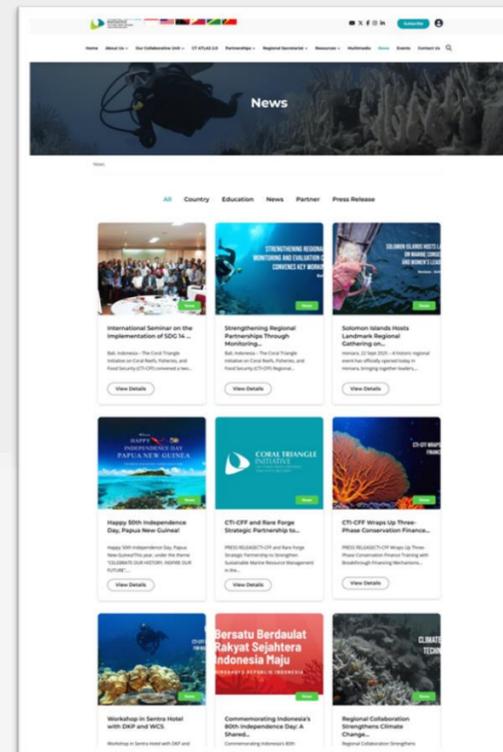
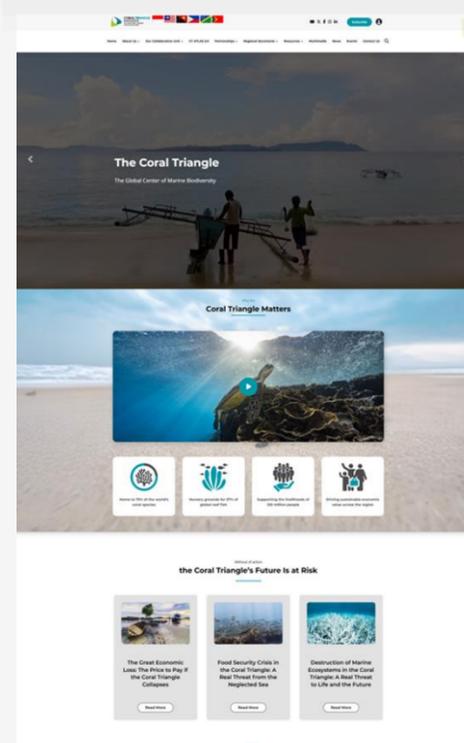


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On Information and Technology

Website Revamp:

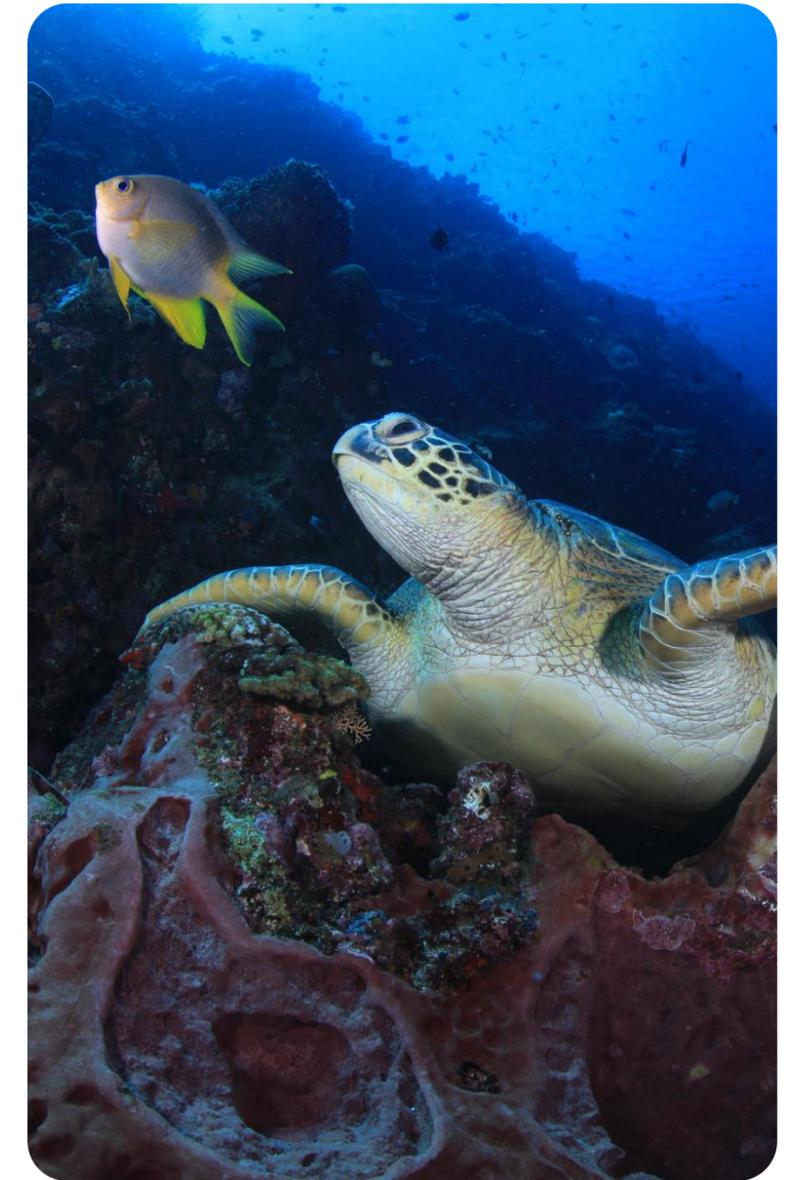
- Provide an official website that is modern, responsive, informative, and secure.
- Enhance communication among member countries and the public.
- Showcase CTI-CFF programs, activities, and publications.
- Serve as the main gateway to other digital systems like CT Atlas 2.0.
- Improve the quality of information dissemination and organizational transparency.



SOM-20 Recommendation

1. Accepted and appreciated the Report from the Executive Director on 2025 Activities.

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