



**CORAL TRIANGLE
INITIATIVE**
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES
AND FOOD SECURITY



SOM-20 RECOMMENDATION

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1. 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.
2. 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.
3. Acknowledged Lesser Sunda Seascape (LSS) efforts through the support of Konservasi Indonesia (KI) and Conservation International (CI) Timor-Leste under SOMACORE Program in initiating a science hub and encourage Sulu Sulawesi Seascape (SSS) and Bismack Solomon Sea (BSS) to establish similar hubs, fostering scientific research to support the sustainability of marine resources in CTI-CFF priority seascapes.
4. 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. Approved the CTI-CFF University Partnership 2026 Workplan and Budget.
6. 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.
7. Tasked the Regional Secretariat and CTI CFF University Partnership to finalize Governance arrangement of the CTI-CFF UP

