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ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex – 10(a)

Decision Document on Seascapes Working Group

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(the CTI Learning Center) Building
Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia**

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by

**the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

I. Background

This year the Seascapes Working Group planned and conducted a number of activities and adopted approaches in response to the decisions made by SOM10 in November 2014 in Dili, Timor-Leste.¹ Among the decisions made by SOM 10 is the adoption of an integrated approach to Regional Exchanges where Seascapes WG worked closely with the other thematic working groups in the development of the Regional Exchange (REX) program and agenda. However, instead of conducting a full REX this year as recommended by SOM10, 2 mini REXs are planned to allow a more focused discussion and a tailored workshop design since understanding and implementation of seascapes approaches varied widely across CT6. Last September 2015, the Pacific Mini REX was conducted in University of Queensland in Brisbane, Australia for the Pacific member countries: Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste. All countries were represented in the REX together with partners from the Australian Government, Conservation International, and The Nature Conservancy. On 8-10 December 2015, the Southeast Asia Mini REX will be conducted in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia for the Asian countries: Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. In addition to country participants, development partners participate the Mini REXs. These mini REXs also allowed the working group to tackle another decision made by SOM10 to complete the respective monitoring and evaluation indicators and to utilize the CTI-CFF Monitoring and Evaluation System in preparing and consolidating regional thematic Seascapes reports.

II. Decision

Based on the presentation by the WG Chair and discussions during the session on *Technical Work Group Reports - Seascapes* at SOM11, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Acknowledged the continued support provided by the Australian Government to the Seascapes WG through Conservation International for the operation, maintenance, coordination and conduct of program activities of the working group;
2. Acknowledged the contribution of the Mini REX in the development of the Seascapes Model and Framework and endorsed the timeline for the completion and finalization of the General Model and Framework as well as the regional monitoring and evaluation indicators;

¹ Annex 20 - Decision on the Seascapes WG Report, SOM10 Chairman's Summary, November 2014

3. Recognized Bismarck Solomon Seas Ecoregion as potential priority seascapes noting the need for technical and financial support and aims to learn from experiences of the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascapes;
4. Endorsed the conduct of the Seascapes Southeast Asia Mini REX in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia on 8-10 December 2015;
5. Encouraged the WG to continue to work with the other thematic technical working groups and to identify pathways for collaboration with other existing programs, projects, and activities such as the write-shop in April 2016, the full REX in September 2016 and the TWG meeting in 2016;
6. Tasked the WG to complete the Seascapes monitoring and evaluation indicators by SOM12 and to utilize the CTI-CFF Monitoring and Evaluation System in preparing and consolidating regional thematic Seascapes reports; and
7. Endorsed the SWG Work Plan for 2016

Attachment:

Attachment 10.1 Seascapes Working Group Report for SOM11

References:

1. Activity Report: Seascapes Pacific Mini REX, October 2015
2. Seascapes Mini REXs Meeting Agenda and Program, October 2015