



2nd CTI-CFF Threatened Species Technical Working Group Meeting

Eastwood Richmond Hotel
Quezon City, Philippines
April 26, 2018

Minutes of the Meeting

Attendees:

Vagi Rei	-	Chair, Papua New Guinea
Andi Rusandi	-	Co-Chair, Indonesia
Ngurah Nyoman Wadnyana	-	Indonesia
Yudit Tia Lestari	-	Indonesia
Noor Hasmayana Yahaya	-	Malaysia
Pablo de los Reyes	-	Philippines
Ludivina Labe	-	Philippines
Ivory Akao	-	Solomon Islands
Ezekiel Leghunau	-	Solomon Islands
Sabino Leto Adonia	-	Timor-Leste
Fernando Da Silva	-	Timor-Leste
Astrid Lim	-	Regional Secretariat

Observers:

Gavin Jolis	-	WWF Malaysia
Luz Baskinas	-	WWF Philippines
Evangeline Miclat	-	CI Philippines
Terence Dacles	-	GIZ Philippines
Marion Daclan	-	GIZ Philippines

Secretariat:

Lynette Laroya - Regional Secretariat
Rouenne Camille De Castro - Documenter

Agenda:

1. Welcome Message by the Host Country
2. Message from the Regional Secretariat
3. Opening Message by the Chair
4. Approval of the Provisional Agenda
5. Review of the Minutes of Previous Meeting
6. Matters arising from the Previous Meeting
7. Presentation of the Result of the TSWG Regional Exchange
 - a. Draft TOR on the Creation of the Pool of Experts
 - b. Draft Threatened Species Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators
 - c. Roadmap towards the finalization of the Regional Threatened Species Conservation Plan
8. Other matters:
 - a. Sharks Identification Training in Lombok, Indonesia
 - b. Our Oceans Conference
 - c. GIZ Sulu-Sulawesi Seascapes Project and Seascapes WG Convergence Meeting
9. Wrap up and close

Highlights of the Meeting:

- 1) **Welcome Message by the Host Country.** The Chair welcomed the delegates from the CT6, the Observers and the Secretariat and thanked them for taking the time to attend this very important occasion, the 2nd Meeting of the TSWG, and encouraged everyone to participate and cooperate in order to attain the agenda of the Meeting. He then requested the host country, Philippines, to give a message. Mr. Pablo de los Reyes thanked the countries for coming over and hoped that everyone would have an enjoyable stay in the country.
- 2) **Message from the Regional Secretariat.** Ms. Astrid Lim of the Regional Secretariat thanked the countries for their active participation in the Regional Exchange and hoped for the working group's continuous progress to attain the Goals of the RPOA.
- 3) **Opening Message by the Chair.** The TSWG Chair, Mr. Vagi Rei, opened the meeting and thanked the countries for their participation in the 1st TSWG Regional Exchange and in the

2nd TSWG meeting. He also thanked the countries for giving Papua New Guinea the chance to Chair the TSWG. A quick round of introductions by each Head of Delegation and country delegates was conducted following the opening message of the Chair.

- 4) **Approval of the Provisional Agenda.** The Chair presented the TSWG meeting agenda and requested everyone to review and provide comments, if any.

Decision: The meeting approved the proposed 2nd TSWG meeting agenda without any changes.

- 5) **Review of the Minutes of Previous Meeting.** The Chair requested each member to review the minutes of the 1st TSWG Meeting which was flashed on-screen.

Decision: The meeting adopted the minutes of the 1st TSWG Meeting (Annex A), noting the following:

- a) Some countries informed the Meeting that they need to update their TSWG focal points. Those who wish to update were requested to write a formal letter to the Regional Secretariat informing the desired changes.
 - Indonesia - state the position instead of the name of the person
 - Malaysia - will provide update after consulting the NCCC
 - Philippines - Director Crisanta Marlene P. Rodriguez
 - Timor-Leste - to confirm after one week
- b) Activities mentioned in the Calendar of Events which were not done based on the initial dates will be carried over to this year, 2018.

- 6) **Matters arising from the Previous Meeting.** Aside from the matters discussed earlier, the Regional Secretariat informed the Meeting of a funding opportunity under the EU program, which calls for project proposals by December. The Regional Secretariat also assured the Meeting that there is a continuous communication with various partners for funding of various TWG activities.

- 7) **Presentation of the Result of the TSWG Regional Exchange.** The Chair requested the Regional Secretariat to present the results of the 1st TSWG Regional Exchange.

The following were presented with corresponding decision/agreement:

- Draft Terms of Reference on the Creation of the Pool of Experts
- Draft Threatened Species Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators
- Roadmap towards the finalization of the Regional Threatened Species Conservation Plan

Decision: The meeting adopted/agreed the following:

- a) Agreed on the final draft TOR on the Creation of the Pool of Experts ([Annex B](#)) with minor edits and subject for further consultation with the respective NCCCs.
- b) Agreed on the first draft Threatened Species Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators ([Annex C](#)), and further agreed to present this back to the NCCCs for comments and additional inputs.
- c) Roadmap towards the finalization of the Regional Threatened Species Conservation Plan adopted with minor edits ([Annex D](#)).

8) **Other matters.** The Chair asked the respective countries to provide details on the following events:

- a) Sharks Identification Training in Lombok, Indonesia

Due to CTI-TWG funding constraints, the Wildlife Conservation Society offered to conduct the Sharks Identification Training for free including the field trip and ground transportation. WCS also offered to provide room accommodation and cover the meeting package for 20 participants, prioritizing the Pacific countries. Plane fare and per diem of the participants will have to be obtained from other sources. The event will be conducted in Lombok, Indonesia which is known to be a sharks area. They offered to conduct the training either July or August.

- b) Our Oceans Conference

The event will be conducted on October 29-30, 2018 in Bali, Indonesia. Around 1000 participants from 100 countries are invited to the event. Indonesia delegates encourage the CTI member countries to join the conference. For those interested, you can coordinate with the Indonesian delegates.

- c) GIZ Sulu-Sulawesi Seascapes Project and Seascapes WG Convergence Meeting

GIZ SSSP in coordination with the Seascapes Working Group will conduct a convergence meeting in June inviting all working group Chairs. Main agenda of the meeting is to develop a transboundary mechanism to continue the collaboration in managing seascapes. Details will still be finalized.

9) **Wrap up and close.** The meeting was adjourned at 4:55 pm.

Annex B. Draft TOR on the Creation of the Pool of Experts



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Threatened Species Technical Working Group Terms of Reference Pool of Experts on Threatened Species

I. Background

The Threatened Species Experts Group is convened by the CTI-CFF Threatened Species Working Group as a technical adviser and resource persons to the conservation and management of the priority species in the region. The idea to create a Pool of Experts on Threatened Species came about during the first TSWG workshop on March 2017 in Putrajaya, Malaysia when some member countries acknowledged the absence of certain species experts in their country while other member states are benefitting from the knowledge, research works and experiences of several species experts in their country. The group agreed to create this pool of experts to provide technical assistance and advice to the working group.

II. Objectives for the Creation of the Pool of Experts on TS

The objective of creating a Pool of Threatened Species experts under the TSWG is to gather the species experts from around the CT region as sources of knowledge, expertise, and information that will guide the working group as it develop and implements strategies and management programs, both at the regional and national levels, to protect and conserve threatened species.¹ The creation of the pool of experts will provide the member countries access to species experts where it is absent or lacking in their country.

III. Responsibilities and Function of the Experts

The responsibilities of the CTI-CFF Threatened Species experts group are listed below in no particular order.

1. Advise on and assist with the species identification including its parts and derivatives, handling, response and management and policy development.
2. Review and provide feedback on the reports, assessments, plans and other relevant documents as identified by the CT country.

¹ Protection and conservation of threatened species shall encompass critical habitats.

3. Recommend minimum standards for scientific quality, research techniques, monitoring program, data collection, data storage and reporting, and population assessments protocols for the CTI-CFF Threatened Species WG and CT countries to follow.
4. Act as resource person/s for the CTI-CFF Threatened Species WG activities (i.e. Regional Plan and NPOA development, assessment and evaluation) and may provide relevant documents and information on threatened species management initiatives.
5. Provide inputs to the Threatened Species WG in developing project proposals for funding.

IV. Regional Nomination Process

1. NCCCs to officially submit the list of experts to the Regional Secretariat.
2. Regional Secretariat to submit the consolidated list to the Threatened Species WG Chair for confirmation.
3. Chair confirms the regional experts on Threatened Species through a confirmation letter with attached TOR.
4. List of confirmed regional experts will be circulated to all CT6 through the NCCCs.

V. Composition and Membership

Each CT member state will nominate threatened species experts to be recognized by the Chair of the Threatened Species Working Group. The CTI-CFF Threatened Species Expert Group may be composed of the following:

- Up to two (2) individuals per CT6 country representing the Marine Turtle Group
- Up to two (2) individuals per CT6 country representing the Sharks and Rays Group
- Up to two (2) individuals per CT6 country representing the Marine Mammals and Dugong Group
- Up to two (2) individuals per CT6 country representing the Seabirds Group
- Up to two (2) individuals per CT6 country representing the Reef Fish Group
- Up to two (2) individuals per CT6 country representing the Invertebrate Group
- Up to three (3) other members per CT6 country nominated because of their specific technical or organizational expertise

VI. Terms of Membership

The terms of membership of the CTI-CFF Threatened Species experts group are listed below in no particular order.

1. Duration of membership is for 3 years.
2. Experts' membership is on a voluntary basis.

VII. Collaborative Mechanism

The CTI-CFF Threatened Species experts group shall utilize the following collaborative mechanisms:

1. The TSWG webpage under the CTI-CFF website for uploading of shareable TSWG-related documents
2. WhatsApp messaging application for urgent matters
3. Email groups/list for more formal matters and communication

Annex C. Draft Threatened Species Monitoring and Evaluation Indicators

What is reported	Who reports	Who completes	Where is the data stored	Who has access to data	What is reported	Who reports	Added analysis? Time Series?	Frequency	Cost	Baseline	Notes	Capacity
<i>5.1.1 Number of new policies or agreements adopted at the regional levels that are in compliance with the international agreements on threatened species</i>												
# of policies/ agreements/ plans/ frameworks implemented	NC C	RS	RS (CT Atlas)	RS, NCC, TWG Chair and Co- Chair	List of all policies	TWG Chair	When applicable	Every SOM	Human Resources for the maintenance of the database, engagement of legal adviser	Starting May 2018	Set of policies	Policy Formulation Training, Filling-in policy gaps
<i>5.1.2 Area (in hectares) of protected marine habitat that contributes to conservation of and for threatened and endangered species protected</i>												
Percentage and number of habitats with threatened species	NC C	RS	RS (CT Atlas)	RS, NCC, TWG Chair and Co- Chair	Management Effectiveness of the area and the percentage of MPAs and networks of MPA, condition of habitat (life cycle of the species)	TWG Chair	Status of the TS habitat	Every SOM	Human Resources for the maintenance of the database, engagement of threatened species marine experts, meeting cost	Starting May 2018	MPAs	Habitat Training on Threatened Species, Integration/synergy of different goals training, Training on MPA Networking
<i>5.1.3 Number of threatened species with improved status (to be decided by CTI as a body or by a forum designated by the CT6 according to IUCN-red list criteria assessment or other criteria to be determined by CTI-CFF.) At which level (national, regional or global) are status of species being determined? What information/criteria do the nations need to report against – for a regional indicator/for the forum</i>												
Sharks & Rays, Marine Turtles, Marine Mammals												

Conservation status	NC C	RS	RS (CT Atlas)	RS, NCC, TWG Chair and Co- Chair	List of Species with con- serva- tion status	TWG Chair	Cause of the change in sta- tus	Every SOM	Human Re- sources for the mainte- nance of the database, en- gagement of threatened species ma- rine experts, meeting cost	Starting May 2018		Species Iden- tification Training, Red Listing, NDF Formulation except for marine tur- tles, Quick Response Training in Stranded Spe- cies, Foren- sics, Work- shop for re- view of exist- ing infor- mation, Standard Pro- tocols for CT6 on what to monitor and what are the baseline data and species occurrence
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Other threatened species (corals, sea cucumber, nautilus, sea grass, giant clam, reef fishes)

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Annex D. Roadmap towards the finalization of the Regional Threatened Species Conservation Plan

Process:

1. Each country to provide document(s) following the agreed outline.
2. Writeshop will be conducted, writing team to be composed of representatives per country.
3. Consultant to integrate outputs
4. Conduct of the 2nd Writeshop
5. Final draft document

Target timeline:

- Draft country inputs submitted by August
- Writeshop to be conducted in September with the following members:
 - Ngurah Nyoman Wadnyana (Indonesia)
 - Noor Hasmayana Yahaya (Malaysia)
 - Lulu Osembo (Papua New Guinea)
 - Pablo de los Reyes (Philippines)
 - Ivory Akao (Solomon Islands)
 - Timor-Leste to consult their NCC first