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the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

I. Background

In 2009, a group of local government executives, from the six CTI-CFF countries, participated in a regional exchange (REX) held in conjunction with the 2nd Conference of Coastal Municipalities in the Philippines (2CCM). Roundtable for the local government leaders of the CTI member-countries was proposed in order to begin discussions on how local governments in the region can contribute to the goals of CTI. Ever since, there have been 4 major regional local government forums undertaken toward this end:

1. **16-19 May 2011: Mayors Roundtable** hosted by Mayor of Wakatobi. The delegates agreed on broad areas of regional cooperation, which provided the basis for a **Joint Communiqué** declaring their vision for cooperation, which reads: *By 2016, we see ourselves as resourced, innovative, informed, and effective local governments collaborating, sharing information, experience and expertise, and advocating policies to achieve the goals of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral reefs, Fisheries and Food Security.*
2. **3-6 December 2012: the CTI Local Government Network (LGN) Forum and Executive Course** was held in Manila, Philippines to advance the above commitments (the name change from “Mayors Roundtable” to “Local Government Network”. It resulted in the adoption of **The Manila Declaration**. This document contains the parties’ specific commitments on integrated coastal management (ICM), alliance building and the CTI RPOA.
3. **25-27 March 2015: the 3rd Local Government Network Meeting** was held in Alotau, Milne Bay, Papua New Guinea. It resulted in **the Alotau Resolution** which provides for the elected interim officers which include Mayor Hugua of Wakatobi, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia as Chair and Mayor Gita Elliot of Allotau, Milne Bay Province, PNG and Mayor Nilo Villanueva of Mabini, Batangas, Philippines as Co-Chairs; the membership; and the engagement of women in CTI-CFF decision-making processes and programs and empowerment of women in their communities to lead and implement coastal and marine programs.
4. **27 August 2015: As a follow-up to the Alotau meeting, the 1st CTI-CFF LGN Executive Committee Meeting** held as a side event of the 4th CTI-CFF Regional Business Forum, organized by CTI NCC Indonesia and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat supported by USAID, US DOI, CTC, TNC, and WWF. The meeting acknowledged that local governments play critical roles in achieving the CTI CFF goals, objectives and programs;

and the need to strengthen the networking capacity of the LGN by developing activities that will strengthen its members. At the meeting, the 1st Maritime LGN General Assembly was proposed to be held in Wakatobi in the following year (2016).

The role of local governments in the CTI-CFF was discussed during the Senior Officials Meetings (SOM) in 2011 and 2012, which resulted in recognition by the CTI-CFF of the essential function that **local governments play, particularly towards the implementation of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) and the respective countries' related National Plans of Action (NPOAs)**. This recognition was reaffirmed during the 2nd Regional Priorities Workshop (RPW2) in August 2013, where the CTI-LGN was identified as a cross-cutting mechanism for supporting the Regional Priority Actions.

Subsequently, the SOM-9 in 2012 endorsed the next LGN Forum and Papua New Guinea offered to host in September 2014. SOM-9 acknowledged the aspiration and initiatives undertaken by CTI-LGN and its members to work with each other and the CTI-CFF bodies toward the goals of the NPOAs and RPOA. They noted that some members of CTI-LGN had, on their own, initiated inter-local government activities that are mutually reinforcing the CTI-CFF and the local governments' objectives on improving coral reefs, fisheries and food security as goals of the NPOAs and RPOA.

At SOM-10 held in 2014, Dili, Timor-Leste; the CTI-CFF acknowledged progress made by LGN and reconfirmed the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP) as the Regional Secretariat of LGN. It endorsed the LGN Forum theme and agenda planned to be conducted in Alotau in the Milne Bay Province, Papua New Guinea in March 2015 with dates to be confirmed by the end of December 2014. The CTI-CFF also agreed to engage/invite LGN in appropriate CTI-CFF activities and platforms i.e. SOMs, Regional Prioritization Workshops, thematic capacity building activities and the like. It tasked the Regional Secretariat to assist LGN in organizing its CTI related regional events and tasked the NCCs to continue to engage local governments and local government associations as partners in implementing respective NPOAs and other CTI-related plans and programs.

More recently, at the SOM-11 (2015) in Manado, Indonesia; the CTI-CFF acknowledged the support of Regional Secretariat, NCCs, USAID, US-DOI, NOAA, CTC, WWF, TNC to the LGN and acknowledged the officers, organizational and membership structure and strategic purpose of the CTI-CFF LGN that was finalized at the 3rd CTI-CFF LGN meeting in Alotau, PNG. It endorsed the conduct of LGN General Assembly to be held in March/April 2016 in Wakatobi, Indonesia, and endorsed the CTI-CFF Maritime LGN Roadmap as

presented during SOM-12, which will be implemented with the support of partners CTC, TNC, WWF, and CI. The Roadmap will enable the network to become an effective and self-reliant CTI-CFF Maritime LGN.

Following are the series of activities implemented by the Maritime LGN Task Force Team post SOM-11:

A. DOI ITAP Organizational Capacity Building Review and Assessment Mission Support to USAID/RDMA in support of CTI-CFF, 20-21 March 2016, Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia

LGN Task Force team was participated in DOI ITAP Training to arrange proposal for 2 years support from USAID/US-DOI. The Maritime LGN proposal was submitted to USAID/RDMA earlier in October 2015 through CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. In August 2016, completed LGN proposal and TOR as per US-DOI required format already submitted for further process.

B. The First CTI-CFF Maritime LGN General Assembly, June 3rd, 2016, Wakatobi, Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia

The 1st General Assembly meeting was held in Patuno Resort, Wakatobi, Southeast Sulawesi, on June 2-4, 2016 and was attended by delegates from Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and several regencies from Indonesia. Malaysia was unable to join the meeting due to official commitments and unforeseen circumstances, as well as Philippines and Timor Leste. The event was supported by the local government of Wakatobi, USAID/ USDOJ, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, and partners (CTC, TNC, WWF, RARE, and UCLG-ASPAC).

Mayor of Wakatobi Regency and CTI-CFF Maritime LGN Chairman, Mr. Hugua opened the meeting with a welcome remark. In his remarks, he highlighted the importance roles of local governments in implementing CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) on the ground. In this case, solid management structure of CTI-CFF Maritime LGN was imperative in pursuing better coordination within local government in the CT countries. Also, attending in this meeting was Dr. Ir. Achmad Poernomo M. App. Sc. Representing the NCC Indonesia and Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries.

During the meeting, Maritime LGN statute and constitution were adopted. Mr. Hugua also appointed to continue the task as Maritime LGN Interim Chairman until the election in next General Assembly.

The General Assembly meeting agreed on the following recommendations:

- a) The meeting reviewed and accepted the activity report of the 1st Executive Committee Meeting Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Maritime Local Government Network (LGN) held on 27 August 2015 in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia.
- b) The Meeting acknowledged and accepted the report of CTI-CFF Maritime LGN activities and emphasized there was a need to implement outcomes as outlined in the said report in tangible and timely manners.
- c) The Meeting reviewed and endorsed the restructured the LGN Constitution that include some amendments.
- d) The Meeting considered and agreed that two (2) regencies from Indonesia, Fak-Fak Regency and Gianyar Regency, to become new members of CTI-CFF Maritime LGN.
- e) The Meeting agreed that strengthening management structure of CTI-CFF Maritime LGN was imperative to have better framework mechanism and effective coordination within the LGN community
- f) The Meeting encouraged local governments in CTI-CFF Member States to join the CTI-CFF Maritime LGN with a view of consolidating each of local government member to pursue the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) implementation at local communities' level and in timely manners
- g) The next event of LGN to be held probably as side event of the UCLG-ASPAC meeting on 25-27 July 2016 in Surabaya, East Jawa. Mayor of Buleleng is expected to become as speaker.
- h) The 2ndGeneral Assembly of Maritime LGN to be held in Buleleng, Bali, Indonesia in 2017. The tentative date and venue to be informed in due course.
- i) The meeting acknowledged and adopted the document of Wakatobi Declaration as part of commitment binding in pursuing common and integrated activities under the CTI-CFF Maritime LGN in achieving the RPOA. It was expected that the local governments under CTI-CFF Maritime LGN to follow up the declaration provision accordingly. The text of Wakatobi Declaration is attached in Annex I for ready reference.

The 1st CTI-CFF Local Government Network (LGN) General Assembly was simultaneously joined and commenced with International Workshop on the Role of Local Governments in Implementing the Lima Action Plan for Biosphere Reserves (UNESCO-MAB) and ASWINDO Workshop on Supporting Marine Tourism Acceleration. The three entities agreed on the following integrated activities:

1. CTI-CFF LGN, ASWINDO and MAB-UESCO agreed to develop capacity building program that can benefit the members of the three networks;
2. Encourage local governments of the three networks to develop and support biosphere reserve areas for sustainable development are to be integrated with regional development planning of the local government (RPJMD and PERDA); and
3. Encourage local governments to play role in achieving Sustainable Development Goals number 14 by promoting and developing sustainable marine tourism that can benefit local community and economy in each respected country.

C. International Coral Reefs Symposium, 9-24 June, 2016, Honolulu, Hawaii

The Maritime LGN Task Force Team was participating at the 13th International Coral Reefs Symposium (ICRS) in Honolulu, Hawaii on 19-24 June 2016. The team delivered two presentations at Session 72: Marine Resource Sustainability, Conservation and Management in the Coral Triangle & Southeast Asia to promote and disseminate the network and its roadmap:

- CTI-CFF Maritime LGN: To Improve Coastal and Marine Resource.
- Strengthening the Maritime LGN: Toward a Self-reliant Maritime LGN to Support CTI-CFF RPOA and NPOA Implementation.

D. SEA-Project Meeting, 11th August, 2016, Jakarta

The meeting with SEA-Project representatives was conducted on 11th August 2016 in Jakarta. At the meeting, main discussion was the collaboration between SEA-Project and Maritime LGN on EAFM and MPA implementation in the field that's very much dependent on the level of their buy-in among key stakeholders. The Maritime Local Government Network (LGN) was established to mainly support the implementation of CTI CFF Goals and Plans. Since both EAFM and MPA are the very integral parts of CTI CFF goals the implementation of EAFM and MPA are very much in line with the platform of Maritime LGN.

The Indonesia Sustainable Ecosystems Advanced (SEA) Project is a five-year contract that supports the Government of Indonesia to conserve biological diversity and improve the governance of marine resources at local, district, provincial and national levels. The SEA Project implement activities in the three provinces —West Papua, North Maluku, and Maluku Provinces—that lie within Indonesia's Fishery Management Area (FMA)-715.

This project also operates at a national scale to support specific activities of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries. The SEA project is expected to improve the conservation and management of Indonesia's marine biodiversity through improved capacity and practical application of marine conservation and sustainable fisheries management.

II. Decision

Upon presentation and discussion, the CTI Senior Officials hereby:

1. Acknowledged CTI-CFF Maritime LGN / Forum as an important and strategic network and as a prime mover of CTI-CFF to achieve the goals in grass root level;
2. Encouraged the endorsement of all activities in the grass-root level by CSO (SOM) through Regional Secretariat mechanism;
3. Acknowledged that LGN should play a pivotal role in boosting the achievement of the CTI-CFF mission, particularly in promoting & support local economy; and strengthen food security at grass-root level;
4. Acknowledged that the LGN should manage efforts (including development of conceptual model) to optimize food/good/service interchange (distribution and supply-chain) among local government in countries as well as among countries;
5. Acknowledged that the LGN encourages partners/donors to synergize efforts to strengthen the LGN organization as to maintain food security and the distribution of associated, triggered good/service in the CT region;
6. Adopted the Maritime LGN General Assembly (Wakatobi Recommendation); and
7. Endorsed the CTI-CFF LGN Roadmap as presented during SOM-12, which to be implemented with the support of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, CT Countries and Development Partners; CTC, TNC, WWF, CI, ADB, GEF, SPREP, SEAFDEC AND GIZ to particularly mobilize the required resources. The roadmap will enable the network to become effective and self-reliant CTI-CFF Maritime LGN and beneficial to marine natural resources sustainability, local economy and communities.

Attachments:

12.3.1: SOM-12 LGN Presentation

12.3.2: The Wakatobi Declaration