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# 18<sup>TH</sup> SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING

Technical Working Group Report: **Threatened Species**

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Chair of Threatened Species TWG



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# Focal Points

Member Country	Focal Points
Indonesia (Chair)	Dr. Firdaus Agung, Director for Marine Conservation and Biodiversity, MMAF; Supported by: Mr. Arif Edy Handoyo, Senior Marine and Coastal Ecosystem Manager, MMAF
Malaysia	(TBC) Alternate: Mr. Azlan Md Noor, Head of Conservation, Ecosystem and Biodiversity
Papua New Guinea	Mr. Vagi Rei, Manager Conservation and Environment Protection Authority. Supported by Ms. Phelameya Haiveta, Program Officer Marine Division, Sustainable Environment Programs. Conservation and Environment Protection Authority
Philippines (Co-Chair)	Atty. Demosthenes R. Escoto, Director, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Mr. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr., Assistant Secretary for International Affairs, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and concurrent OIC Director, DENR-Biodiversity Management Bureau Supported by Ms. Janice Cubo, Aquaculturist II, BFAR and Mr. John Erick Avelino, Chief ICMPS, CMD
Solomon Islands	Paul Tua, Chief Fisheries Officer, Inshore Fisheries Division, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources. Alternates: Mr. David Aram, Principal Fisheries Officer, Inshore Fisheries Division, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources; and Ms. Rose Babaua, Chief Conservation Officer, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology
Timor-Leste	Mr. Benvindo Maria de Deus Araujo dos Santos, Technical Staff under the Department of Conservation, Marine Biodiversity and Management of the Aquatic Environment. Alternate : Mr. Fernando da Silva, Senior Technical Staff under the Department of Conservation, Marine Biodiversity and Management of the Aquatic Environment.

# Action Taken For SOM 17 Decisions

Decisions	Status
1. Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by TS Working Group (Annex 8.11)	Completed
2. Encouraged the member countries to finish the National Assessment Report for Threatened Species on Sharks and Rays	Ongoing (Country to update)
3. Encouraged CT6 to submit annual update on threatened species status in respective country and encourage RS to publish the compilation of the updates in CTI-CFF Website (Annex 8.12)	Country Submission: Completed
4. Agreed on the conduct of 4th Threatened Species working group meeting to be undertaken in 2023 through In-Situ online. Provided there is external funding support, a physical meeting might be held	Conducted on 12 June 2023 with support from WWF ID and MMAF
5. Acknowledged and appreciated the contribution of WWF through the TRIPOD and SARRI project and agreed to incorporate the TRIPOD activities with the work plan for 2023 (Annex 8.13a, 8.13b and 8.13c)	Ongoing activities are already incorporated into TS-TWG Workplan 2023
6. Noted the possible participation in the Asia Pacific Marine Turtle Genetic Working Group and contribution to ShellBank, in line with CITES turtle mandates, to collect DNA samples from wild and seized marine turtle specimens to determine species and geographic origin in support of research, investigations, and prosecutions.	CT6 countries/WWF to update any progress with the Sea Turtle Genetic Database - Ongoing
7. Encouraged member states to replicate the activities of the TRIPOD project after project closure in their countries and help disseminate the outputs of the project to inform national legislation	Ongoing activities
8. Approved the TS Working Group 2023 Workplan	Completed

# Update on Workplan and Budget for 2023

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Budget (USD)
<p>4<sup>th</sup> Threatened Species working group In-Situ Online Meeting</p> <p>Write-shops: (Postponed to 2024)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Draft the Framework plan for the Regional Conservation Plan</li> </ul>	Q2	<p>In-person meeting with support from WWF-ID and MMAF (ID) on 12 June 2023</p> <p>USD 8,500 Allocated budget – In-Situ meeting 19 Oct 2023</p>
<p>Targeting Regional Investigations for Policing Opportunities &amp; Development (TRIPOD) Project (ID, MY, PH):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Philippine government to participate in national Counter Transnational Organized Crime (CTOC) training</li> <li>• NCCs participate in regional workshop and involvement in the regional taskforce</li> </ul>	<p>Done (January)</p> <p>Done (May)</p>	Funded by TRIPOD partners
<p>TRIPOD ongoing and scaling engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NCCs and RS to meet with TRIPOD partners to further explore opportunities for CTI CFF to host and convene a regional counter IWT taskforce with selected national focal points , and house TRIPOD toolkit for ongoing delivery and scaling to other CT countries, if favorable , convene first taskforce meeting post Training</li> </ul>	<p>Feb/Mar 2023</p> <p>In line with TRIPOD regional event</p>	Funded by TRIPOD partners
<p>TRIPOD ongoing and scaling engagement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTI-CFF encourages member states to replicate the activities of the TRIPOD project after project closure in their countries and help disseminate the outputs of the project to inform national Legislation</li> </ul>	<p>Beyond project end</p> <p>Will be discuss later with the CT3</p>	Seeking potential partner support
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CTI-CFF member States participate in the Asia Pacific Marine Turtle Genetic Working Group and contribute to ShellBank, in line with CITES turtle mandates, to collect DNA samples from wild and seized marine turtle specimens to determine species and geographic origin in support of research, investigations and prosecutions</li> </ul>	On going, beyond project end	Initial Activities done by CT6 to develop Sea Turtle genetic database

# Workplan and Budget for 2023 (Con.)

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<p>Conduct workshops/webinars on threatened species and Develop annual updates on TS of CT Region (e.g CITES appendix)</p> <p><i>[Output A.2.1.1a: By 2023, a regional guide, campaign material tools and messages regarding threats to threatened species and on addressing the threats (e.g. marine pollution including marine debris, oil spill and Deep-Sea Tailing Disposal, and illegal fishing methods), are developed and distributed].</i></p> <p><i>Output A.2.2.1.b: By 2025, a regional campaign to combat illegal wildlife trade on priority threatened species (marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays) is designed and implemented, as well as promoted, at national, regional and international levels</i></p> <p><i>Outcome A2.2.2: A reduction of the wildlife trade on priority threatened species (marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays) is achieved]</i></p>	Q2/Q3	<p>Done</p> <p>CT6 attended as the participant in 2023 Indonesia Sea Turtle Symposium</p> <p>ID, PH, MY, TL, PG: Retain for further discussion aspects</p>
<p>Develop CT Region Sea Turtles genetic database (Contribute Shellbank Data to CT Atlas)</p> <p><i>[Output A2.2.2.a: By 2030, illegal wildlife trade identified and monitored, focus on priority threatened species (marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays), aligned with relevant CT6 national conservation or management plans]</i></p> <p>CTI-CFF member States participate in the Asia Pacific Marine Turtle Genetic Working Group and contribute to ShellBank, in line with CITES turtle mandates, to collect DNA samples from wild and seized marine turtle specimens to determine species and geographic origin in support of research, investigations and prosecutions</p>	Q3/Q4	<p>ID, MY, PG, PH, TL: Initial Activities done by CT6 to develop Sea Turtle genetic database</p> <p>Further Shellbank data contribution to CT Atlas (TBC)</p>

# Workplan and Propose Budget for 2024

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Budget (USD)
<p>5<sup>th</sup> Threatened Species working group Meeting (In-person)</p> <p>Write-shops:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Draft the Framework plan for the Regional Conservation Plan</li> </ul> <p>Back-to-back with workshop/webinar</p>	Q2 - Q3	<p>USD 30K</p> <p>SEA Countries (Host)</p> <p>Open for partner support / co-funding</p>
<p>Conduct workshops/webinars on threatened species and Develop annual updates on TS of CT Region (e.g CITES appendix)</p> <p>[Output A.2.1.1a: By 2023, a regional guide, campaign material tools and messages regarding threats to threatened species and on addressing the threats (e.g. marine pollution including marine debris, oil spill and Deep-Sea Tailing Disposal, and illegal fishing methods), are developed and distributed).</p> <p>Output A.2.2.1.b: By 2025, a regional campaign to combat illegal wildlife trade on priority threatened species (marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays) is designed and implemented, as well as promoted, at national, regional and international levels</p> <p>Outcome A2.2.2: A reduction of the wildlife trade on priority threatened species (marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays) is achieved] - <i>Part of annual update status by CT6</i></p> <p>Output A2.2.1.c</p> <p>By 2025, build regional capacity, including training, information sharing and exchanges, for combating illegal marine wildlife trade with focus on the priority threatened species (marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays). - Scaling using resources from Tripod project</p>	Q2/3/4	<p>Potential WWF Interest</p> <p>Open to other partner support</p>

# Workplan and Propose Budget for 2024 (Con.)

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<p>Develop CT Region Sea Turtles genetic database (Contribute Shellbank Data to CT Atlas)</p> <p>[Output A2.2.2.a: By 2030, illegal wildlife trade identified and monitored, focus on priority threatened species (marine mammals, sea turtles, sharks and rays), aligned with relevant CT6 national conservation or management plans]</p> <p>CTI-CFF member States participate in the Asia Pacific Marine Turtle Genetic Working Group and contribute to ShellBank, in line with CITES turtle mandates, to collect DNA samples from wild and seized marine turtle specimens to determine species and geographic origin in support of research, investigations and prosecutions</p>	Q1 – Q3	WWF to support
<p>Initiate Turtle Use Project to help understand use and trade of turtles and underpin where future enforcement and/or community alternative livelihoods are needed.</p> <p>Shellbank (CT6 to develop a plan of implementation with the support of WWF)</p>	Q1 – Q2	Looking for partners support/WWF
<p>Identify priority regional threatened species migratory pathways and home range for transboundary management, and implement project within the 3 priority seascapes (Long Term Activities)</p>	Q1 – Q2	Looking for partners support
<p>Develop, review, finalize Marine Turtle, Sharks and Rays National Plan of Action</p> <p>(In Support the Development of Regional Conservation Plan)</p> <p>(Long Term Activities)</p>	Q2 – Q3	Looking for partners support
<p>Strengthen work planning with the Seascapes WG, develop and implement projects within the 3 priority Seascapes to further conservation, management and protection for Threatened Species</p> <p>(Long Term Activities)</p>	Q2 – Q3	Looking for partners support

# Change of Chair and Co- Chair

## Proposed TS WG Chair and Co-Chair 2024-2025

	Chair	Co-Chair	Remarks
ID	SB	TL	
MY	SB	TL	
PNG	SB	TL	
PH	SB	TL	
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# Recommendations for SOM I 8

- 8.44 Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by the Threatened Species Technical Working Group (Annex 8.11).
- 8.45 Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of Workshop on Protecting Marine Migratory Species and Achieving the 30x30 Target Through Transnational Approaches, organized by CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, WWF, and EU Ocean Governance Project in Manado on 15-17 May 2023.
- 8.46 Acknowledged and appreciated the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) Republic of Indonesia and WWF Indonesia for hosted the 4<sup>th</sup> Threatened Species Technical Working Group meeting back-to-back with the 2023 Indonesia Sea Turtle Symposium in Jakarta on 12-14 June 2023.
- 8.47 Acknowledged and appreciated the WWF for the Targeting Regional Investigations for Policing Opportunities & Development (TRIPOD) Project implementation in three of the CT6 countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines), and encouraged further continuity of the TRIPOD activities in the CT6 region.
- 8.48 Encourage the CT6 member countries to update the list of Threatened Species Technical Working Group experts.
- 8.49 Encourage the Regional Secretariat to discuss further with potential partner for the possibilities of supporting in the development of “Status of Marine Threatened Species in Coral Triangle Region” report (Annex 8.12).
- 8.50 Agreed on the conduct of the 5<sup>th</sup> Threatened Species Technical Working Group in-person meeting to be undertaken in 2024, and welcoming potential partner support.
- 8.51 Appreciated the excellent contribution of Dr. Firdaus Agung as Chair from Indonesia and Atty. Demosthenes R. Escoto and Mr. Marcial C. Amaro Jr as Co-Chairs from the Philippines in the year of 2022-2023.
- 8.52 Approved the recommendation of the Threatened Species Technical Working Group to turn-over the Chair from Indonesia to Solomon Islands and the turn-over of the Co-chair from the Philippines to Timor Leste in the year of 2024-2025, based on the provision stipulated in the rules and procedure of the CTI-CFF Threatened Species Technical Working Group.
- 8.53 Approved the Threatened Species Technical Working Group 2024 Workplan.

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ARE THE KEYS TO UNLOCKING THE  
HIDDEN KNOWLEDGE OF OUR VAST  
OCEAN”

*Leaders of the Coral Triangle*

*15<sup>th</sup> May 2009*

*Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia*

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