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INITIATIVE**  
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES  
AND FOOD SECURITY



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

Technical Working Group Report: **Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management**

Mr. Azhar Kassim

Chair of EAFM TWG



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# Focal Points

Member Country	Focal Points
Indonesia	Dr. Ridwan Mulyana, Directorate of Fish Resources Management, MMAF Alternate: Dr. Fery Sutyanan, S.Pi , MPP, M.T, Coordinator of Fisheries Resources Management on Territorial Sea and Archipelagic Waters, Directorate Management of Fish Resources, Directorate General. Capture Fisheries, MMAF and Aris Budiarto, Coordinator of Fisheries Resources Management Analysisist.
<b>Malaysia (Chair)</b>	Mr. Azhar Kassim, Director, Department of Fisheries Sabah Alternate: <b>TBD</b>
<b>Papua New Guinea (Co-chair)</b>	Mr. Aisi S. Anas, Executive Manager – Fisheries Management PNG National Fisheries Authority Alternate: Ms. Lorel Dandava, Senior Research Officer - Fisheries Ecology , National Fisheries Authority and Ms. Rachel Rabi, Senior Coastal Fisheries Management Officer, National Fisheries Authority
Philippines	Atty. Demosthenes R. Escoto, Director, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Alternate : Mr. Isidro M. Velayo, Jr., Assistant Director for Technical Services, Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
Solomon Islands	Mr. Peter Husi'au'ana Kenilorea, Chief Fisheries Officer, MFMR Alternate: Ms Nelly Kere, Chief Program Officer, Ministry of Environment Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology
Timor-Leste	Mr. Timotio Alves, Technical Staff for Department of Capture and Post-Harvest Alternate: <b>TBD</b>

# Action Taken For SOM 17 Decisions

Decisions	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by EAFM Working Group (Annex 8.3)</li> </ul>	Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Agreed to hold the 8th EAFM Working Group Meeting together with Seascapes Working Group and discussion workshop on the RPOA 2.0 targets, regional activities, outcome and outputs in relation to EAFM especially the output Indicator B1.1.2.a to be undertaken in 2023 through In-Situ online. Provided there is external funding support, a physical meeting might be held</li> </ul>	8th EAFM Working Group Physical Meeting together with SSS REX was held in Manila, Philippines on June 13-16, 2023
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appreciated and acknowledged Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines to provide the signature of the secretary/ministers from the concerned department and authorization letter for GEF 8 submission</li> </ul>	All the signatures have been provided by Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines, and the document has already circulated to UQ
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Appreciated SUFIA LCD effort and contribution to support the EAFM Working Group 2022 workplan</li> </ul>	Done

# Action Taken For SOM 17 Decisions (Cont.)

Decisions	Status
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Acknowledged and appreciated the online trainings organized by SuFiA LCD and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Fisheries Traceability Technologies for Sustainable Fisheries Management on 30 May 2022 (Annex 8.4) and</li><li>b. Sustainable Fisheries Resources Management to Combat Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing in the Coral Triangle Region on 29 June 2022 (Annex 8.5)</li></ul></li></ul>	Done
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Acknowledged and appreciated the continuous support of USAID RDMA through the Sustainable Fish Asia (SuFiA) project and activities related to EAFM (Annex 8.6)</li></ul>	Ongoing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Approved the EAFM WG 2023 Workplan</li></ul>	Done

# Workplan and Budget for 2023

Activities	Time Frame	Budget (USD)
<p>8th EAFM Working Group Meeting together with Seascapes VVG and discussion workshop on the outcome and output Indicator BI.1.2.a from RPOA 2.0</p>	<p>Q1-Q2</p>	<p>8,500 EAFM In-Situ online meeting 24 October 2023.  8<sup>th</sup> EAFM TWG Meeting / SSS Rex conducted on June 13-16, 2023</p>
<p><b>Output Indicator BI.1.2.a</b> A regional action plan/programs to promote and share knowledge, technology, and best practices are supported/implemented for COASTFISH regional framework is established, by 2023</p> <p><i>There are many more outcomes and outputs indicators, but they are due later than 2023</i></p>		<p>SuFiA TS</p>

# Proposed Workplan and Budget for 2024

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Budget (USD)
9th EAFM Technical Working Group In-person Meeting back-to-back with the Sulu-Sulawesi REX II and the Bismarck Solomon Sea REX	Q3 – Q4	USD 30K Potential co-funding with SuFiA TS
<p><b>Output Indicator B1.1.2.a</b></p> <p>A regional action plan/programs to promote and share knowledge, technology, and best practices are supported/implemented for COASTFISH regional framework is established, by 2023</p>	Q1- Q3	Potential support from SuFiA TS in 2024
Review the progress of RPOA 2.0 in relation with the EAFM TWG to determine the current status and to identify the way of moving forward (i.e. Workshop).	Q1	Seeking support

# Proposed Workplan and Budget for 2024 (Cont.)

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Budget (USD)
<p><b>Output BI.1.2.b</b> By 2023, establishment for knowledges management systems for the COASTFISH regional framework implementation</p> <p><b>Output Indicator BI.1.2.b</b> # of knowledge management systems (CT Atlas and other CTI existing platforms) are established and enhanced for the COASTFISH regional framework implementation, by 2023.</p> <p><i>Training on integrating COASTFISH Regional Framework into the CT Atlas Platform</i></p>	Q1-Q3	RS to seek support from SuFiA TS and other potential partners
<p><b>Output BI.1.3.b</b> By 2025, relevant multilateral cooperations among the CT6 Member Countries are established and empowered to support the implementation of the COASTFISH regional framework</p> <p><b>Output Indicator BI.1.3.b</b> # of relevant multilateral cooperations among the CT6 Member Countries are established and empowered to support the implementation of the COASTFISH regional framework, by 2025.</p> <p><i>Workshop on establishing a multilateral cooperation among the CT6 Member Countries as a support vehicle to implement the COASTFISH Regional Framework by 2025</i></p>	Q1-Q3	<p>RS to seek support from SuFiA TS and other potential partners</p> <p>Long term activity</p>

# Proposed Chair and Co-Chair of EAFM TWG

Proposed Chair and Co-Chair Period of 2024-2025		
	Chair	Co-Chair
<b>ID</b>	<b>PG</b>	<b>PH</b>
<b>MY</b>	<b>PG</b>	<b>PH</b>
<b>PNG</b>	<b>PG</b>	<b>PH</b>
<b>PH</b>	<b>PG</b>	<b>PH</b>
<b>SB</b>	<b>PG</b>	<b>PH</b>
<b>TL</b>	<b>PG</b>	<b>PH</b>

# SOM-18 Recommendations

- 8.10 Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by the EAFM technical working group (Annex 8.4).
- 8.11 Acknowledged and appreciated the support of USAID SuFiA -TS in holding the 8th EAFM Technical Working Group Meeting and Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Regional Exchange (SSS REX) from 13-16 June 2023 in Manila, the Philippines.
- 8.12 Acknowledged and appreciated CT6 and related partners on the discussion of the RPOA 2.0 targets, regional activities, outcomes, and outputs in relation to EAFM, especially the output Indicator B1.1.2.a.
- 8.13 Acknowledged and appreciated three members of the CT6 countries: Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines for providing the secretary/ministers signatories for the Regional Strategic Action Plan (RSAP) as the requirement for CTI-CFF/UQ/GEF project proposal (GEF-8) (Annex 8.5).
- 8.14 Acknowledged and appreciated Professor Peter Mumby of the University of Queensland and CI-Philippines in developing the ongoing CTI-CFF/UQ/GEF project proposal (GEF-8) together with the three countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, and Philippines) from the CT6 members.
- 8.15 Recognized SpaceTec's expressed interest in collaborating with CTI-CFF initiatives through their introduction to the Seascape and EAFM TWG (Annex 8.6).
- 8.16 Appreciated the efforts of CT6 on the discussion of the updated COASTFISH Regional Framework and review of the related government endorsement process, supported by USAID SuFiA -TS.
- 8.17 Appreciated the efforts of CT6 to discuss the updated Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape (SSS) Sub-Regional EAFM Plan as approved during the SOM 15 on 2019, and review the related government endorsement process, supported by USAID SuFiA -TS.

## SOM-18 Recommendations (Cont.)

- 8.18 Acknowledged and appreciated the Capacity Buildings activities organized by USAID SuFiA -TS:
  - a. Climate Risk Assessment for Fisheries Managers and Practical Climate Risk Management in Fisheries
  - b. Gender Equity and Social Inclusion (GESI) and its relevance into COASTFISH
- 8.19 Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation of WWF Pacific PNG regarding Community-Based Fisheries Management planning through a Climate Lens and Tuna+ Program and mainstreaming GEDSI in the 8th EAFM Technical Working Group Meeting and Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Regional Exchange (SSS REX).
- 8.20 Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation of WWF Coral Triangle regarding Tuna+ Program in the 8th EAFM Technical Working Group Meeting and Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Regional Exchange (SSS REX).
- 8.21 Approved the EAFM TWG Recommendations to SOM-18 2023 and the EAFM TWG Workplan in the 8th EAFM Technical Working Group Meeting and Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Regional Exchange (SSS REX).
- 8.22 Acknowledged and supported the recommendation of the EAFM Working Group to turn over the Chair from Malaysia to the Papua New Guinea and the turnover of the Co-Chair from Papua New Guinea to Philippines in the year of 2024 - 2025, based on the provisions stipulated in the Rules of Procedure of the CTI-CFF EAFM Technical Working Group;
- 8.23 Acknowledged and appreciated the excellent chair-ship of Dr. Norasma Dacho and her successor Mr. Azhar Kassim from Malaysia as Chair and Ms. Lorel Dandava and her successor Mr. Aisi S. Anas from Papua New Guinea as Co-Chair of the EAFM Technical Working Group for the period of 2021 – 2023;
- 8.24 Approved the EAFM Technical Working Group 2024 Work Plan.

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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*

Terima Kasih

