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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Activities Report 2017 highlights the programs of activities undertaken by the CTI-CFF, and Regional Secretariat from post the 12th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-12) and the 6th Ministerial Meeting (MM-6) held on 1-3 November 2016 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea to 20 November 2017. The Report consist of two main parts: 1) division profile of the Regional Secretariat along with its activities; and 2) Cooperation Development: External Relations and Engagements.

The activities under Technical Working Groups (TWGs), Governance Working Groups (GWGs), Cross-cutting Themes (CCT), and Technical Programs have shown, gradually but steady, significant progress toward the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA).

The Executive Director periodically consolidate the division of TWGs, GWG, CCT, and Technical Program with a view of synergizing and aligning the CTI-CFF activities. Efforts were also pursued to initiate engagement, strengthen current partnership, and explore potential cooperation at the national, regional and international levels.

At the international level, the CTI-CFF and Regional Secretariat have gained considerable recognition from the bodies under the United Nations (UN), such as the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO). During the UN events, the Regional Secretariat was invited and sponsored by the UN and gave substantial materials to the participants. These opportunities moved two steps ahead in pursuing international recognition, which would open the pathway for further possible cooperation with bodies under the UN.

The Activities Report will serve as the progress report of the CTI-CFF post SOM-12 for reference. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat sincerely hopes that the Activities Report would give a better picture regarding highlights of CTI-CFF and Regional Secretariat activities, engagements and potential cooperation post SOM-12.

B. DIVISION PROFILE OF CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT IN 2017

B.1 Corporate Services

a) Background

Solid management and strong infrastructure are important aspects to move forward in implementing the goals of an organization. It requires a corporate division to consolidate the work of the management and operating policies and ensure these are adapted as necessary. Thus, the corporate division shall be established at the earliest stage of the organization's cycle. At least, there are three functions that need to be established under corporate division, namely finance, administrative matters and human resources development. These functions shall establish the foundation of organization infrastructure and systems.

The appointment of the Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 1 April 2015 was the continuance of the formation of the organization from Interim Regional Secretariat to the permanent Regional Secretariat. This milestone marks as the function of Regional Secretariat is officially established. Thus, it is needed to set up a solid management system toward effective organization along with its activities and cooperation.

b) Objective

The Corporate Division is established within the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to set up organization infrastructure along with its management and systems.

c) Function of Division

The function of corporate division will be responsible to provide general services to the Parties for promoting the work of CTI-CFF and any other decision as may be agreed by the CTI-CFF Member States. The Division is also responsible to establish infrastructure and management of the office of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, including legal and institutional matters, system and infrastructure, and finance and administration. The division is also responsible to establish corporate culture and professionalism within the organization.

d) Scope of Activities

In addition, the division also responsible for the management of the general affairs of the CTI-CFF for the proper functioning of the Secretariat, including Secretariat responsibilities for meetings, Parties services, Business services, Human resources, Financial affairs including auditing, Information technology and communication management including maintenance of archives, databases and website, Infrastructure maintenance, support to working groups and General administration and systems management.

e) Deliverables

i. Legal and Institutional Matters

The Corporate Division shall follow up the full implementation of the Host Country Agreement (HCA) between the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the Government of Indonesia, which was

signed on 1 December 2015 in Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia. Among others, provisions for the protection of the Regional Secretariat (Article 8), Tax Exemption (Article 11) and Privileges and Immunities (Article 13) are needed to be implemented at the earliest stage of permanent Regional Secretariat's life cycle. The Regional Secretariat coordinates with the respective ministries and authorities of the Government of Indonesia, such as Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of State Secretariat and Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In the year of 2017, there were two internal coordination meetings within related ministries on how to implement the HCA, January and September 2017, particularly for the taxation and permit residence for expatriate staff.

On the other note, transition of responsibilities and handover from the interim regional secretariat to the permanent regional secretariat is also under Corporate Division responsibility. The division facilitated the process after the entry into force of the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 27 November 2014. Following the appointment of the Executive Director on 1 April 2015 and upon the signing of the Host Country Agreement (HCA) on 1 December 2015, the corporate division sets the framework of activities to function as an effective and relevant Regional Secretariat to coordinate and monitor all relevant activities undertaken under the CTI-CFF.

The Corporate Division also facilitates the ratification process of the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat by the Government of Papua New Guinea on 13 September 2016. With this ratification, all CTI-CFF Member States ratified the Agreement. The 6th Ministerial Meeting (MM-6) held in November 2016 through its Joint Ministerial Statement appreciated ratification of the Agreement on Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat done by all the CTI-CFF Member States. This milestone is important for the CTI-CFF, in particular for the Regional Secretariat for its legal and institutional matters.

ii. Setting Up Systems and Infrastructure of Regional Secretariat

At the early stage, the Regional Secretariat is a very small and compact organization. The office had six (6) personnel, namely the Executive Director, a Regional Secretariat Coordinator, a Technical Working Group Coordinator, a Junior Clerk, a Legal Specialist and an Administrative Specialist. Through the support of Australian Government in mid-2015 and early 2016, the Regional Secretariat expanded its staff structure, including recruitment of Finance Manager, Human Resources Manager, replacement of Technical Working Group Coordinator, Governance Working Group and Technical Program Coordinator as well as support from World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) for Communication Manager. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat highly appreciates the financial support provided by the Australian Government and WWF in its inception phase to assemble the necessary personnel for the Regional Secretariat.

Entering the second year of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in 2017, activities of CTI-CFF, and Regional Secretariat increased in number and frequency, more personnel are assumed the office to support the implementation of CTI-CFF activities and in its effort to foster new cooperation with relevant organizations. In the year of 2017, the selected Deputy Executive Director (DED) for Program Services, Ms. Sharifah Nora S. Ibrahim from Malaysia, will assume her office. It shall be mentioned that the DED for Program Services was officially agreed and appointed by the 12th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-12) and the 6th Ministerial Meeting (MM-6) held on 1-3 November 2016 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea.

The Regional Secretariat firmly believes that the presence and function of DED for Program Services will expedite implementation of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA). Additionally, she will play an important role to streamline and catalyze all works and programs under the CTI-CFF, including Technical Working Groups, Governance Working Groups, Crosscutting Themes and Technical Program toward the harmonization of RPOA implementation in the Coral Triangle region. In addition to that, the DED for Program Services will help the Executive Director in exploring possible financial and technical assistances from funding entities to support RPOA and National Plan of Action (NPOA) implementation.

In addition to that, the office of the Regional Secretariat received two seconded staff, one from Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the other one from GIZ. The Staff of ADB is called Project Initiation Specialist. The main function on this post is to seek potential grants and funding to support the activities/programs under the CTI-CFF toward the implementation of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA). In addition to that, PIS also prepares a Cost-Benefit Analysis (CBA) regarding the role of country contribution as well as CTI Partners' supports to CTI-CFF. This CBA gives a general overview on how the funding under CTI-CFF is utilized and provide insights on fact and figures related to sources of funding and its impact to RPOA goals. However, due to short-term assignment and limited funding resources to support the PIS, the function of PIS has not been optimized yet accordingly. On a different note, staff from GIZ assists, among others, helps the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in liaising knowledge management and capacity development activities; coordinating mechanism activities related to Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape programs/projects in the Sulu-Sulawesi region; and establishing CTI-CFF Library and e-Library.

The capacity of human resources in the office of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in 2017 is gradually strengthened and equipped. As per October 2017, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat have seventeen (17) personnel, including Executive Director. This modality would bring benefits for the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to work more effective and to have solid management so that its functions will be performed smoothly. The figure 1 is a current organizational chart of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat as of 31 October 2017.

CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat : Organization Chart - Year 2017

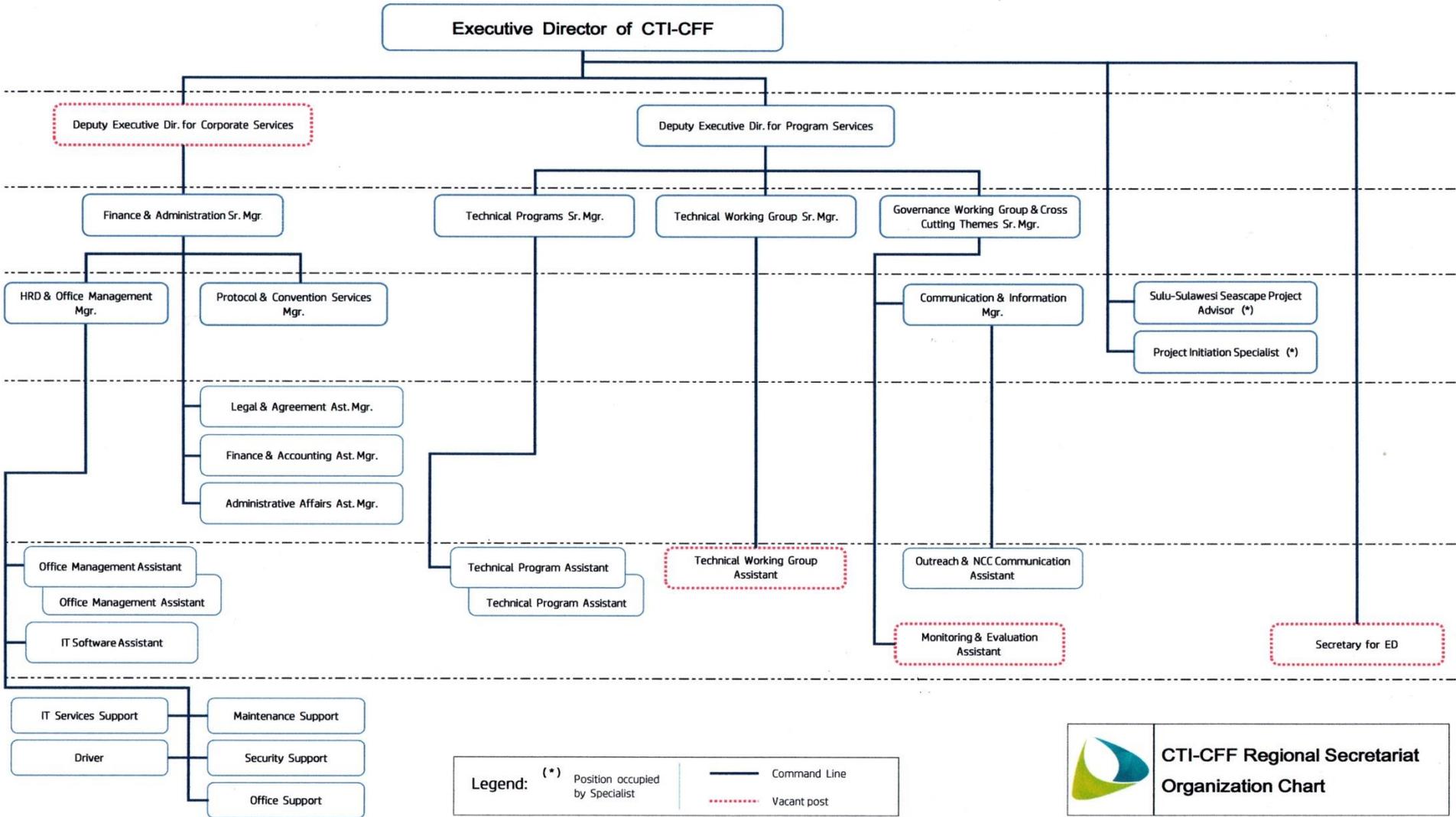


Figure 1: Current Organization Chart of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat 2017, as of October 2017

iii. Establishment of Financial and Administrative Systems

The Australian Government supported the Regional Secretariat in term of financial and administration systems from June 2015 to March 2016. In 2017, the Regional Secretariat has maintained the financial system through MYOB Accounting software, financial rules and procedures, Human Resources Management systems and installation of hardware and software for administrative infrastructure (i.e. Laptops, operating systems, Microsoft office, etc.).

iv. Operating Policies

In 2017, The Corporate Division established and has maintained operating policies to regulate the operations and code of conduct of the Regional Secretariat office. Among others are travel policy, budgeting, procurement and cost allocation. In addition, administrative policies also been established such as working time, remuneration and benefits as well as utilization of office's properties.

v. CTI-CFF Budget and Country Contribution

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat annually submit the draft budget for the following year to all CTI-CFF Member States. A draft budget comprising estimates of receipts by the Secretariat from all sources and expenditures. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat will submit the proposed budget to CTI-CSO for further consideration and adoption of the Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM). The Budget is formed by country contribution by CTI-CFF Member States in accordance with Schedule 1 of the CTI-CFF Financial Regulations as follows:

- a) The total amount to be contributed will be determined by the CTI-COM based on the draft budget provided by the Secretariat;
- b) Sixty percent (60%) of the amount identified in paragraph (a) of the Schedule will be contributed by each of the Parties in equal shares; and
- c) The remainder of the total amount identified in paragraph (a) of the Schedule will be divided between the Parties based upon the relative size of their gross domestic product (GDP) as calculated by the most recent year for which GDP figures are available for all Parties.

The 2017 budget was adopted during the budget Meeting and other Financial Matters on 30-31 March 2017 in Manila, Philippines. The meeting adopted that the amount of the 2017 budget would be US\$ 1,203,483. Needless to say, that the annual contribution to the CTI-CFF Budget is imperative for the Regional Secretariat to administer its full operational function in coordinating and monitoring programs and activities in the region. The sufficient budget of the Regional Secretariat from annual contribution of CTI-CFF Member States is urgently required. The table 1 illustrates a summary of the country's contribution for the period of 2014 – 2017 as of **31 October 2017**.

Country	2014		2015		2016		2017	
	Schedule	Status Payment						
Indonesia	43,616	(fully paid)	340,509	(fully paid)	366,082	(fully paid)	415,768	(fully paid)

Country	2014		2015		2016		2017	
Malaysia	23,212	(fully paid)	181,212	(fully paid)	194,821	(fully paid)	221,263	(fully paid)
Papua New Guinea	13,097	Pending	102,244	Pending	109,922	Pending	124,841	Pending
Philippines	20,833	(fully paid)	162,640	(fully paid)	174,855	(fully paid)	198,587	198,575 (12 diff.)
Solomon Islands	12,657	(fully paid)	98,812	73,597 (partially paid)	106,233	Pending	120,652	Pending
Timor-Leste	12,838	(fully paid)	100,221	(fully paid)	107,748	(fully paid)	122,372	93,023 (partially paid)
TOTAL	126,253	113,156	985,638	858,179	1,059,661	843,506	1,203,483	928,829
Total Receivable		13,097		127,459		216,155		274,854

Table 1: CTI-CFF Country Contribution 2014-2017, Accrual Basis, as of 31 October 2017

The table enlightens that Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, and Timor-Leste already fully paid their country's contribution from 2014 to 2016. High gratitude and appreciation are also extended to Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Timor-Leste for remitting country contribution in 2017. Strong and solid commitment to the full payment of the country's contribution is imperative toward the successfulness of CTI-CFF and Regional Secretariat. The annual contribution to the CTI-CFF Budget is imperative for the Regional Secretariat to administer its full operational function in coordinating and monitoring program/activities as well as to support activities under TWGs, GWGs, CCTs, and Technical Program. The Regional Secretariat continues to remind other CTI-CFF Member States to pay their annual country contribution in order to establish a well-managed and effective the Regional Secretariat that performing its function to coordinate, monitor and support various activities in the CTI-CFF region.

Following up the decision regarding Audit 2016 taken during the Budget Meeting and other Financial Matters, held on 30-31 March 2017 in Manila, Philippines, Syarief Basir \$ Rekan was elected as an independent Auditor. This selection has gone through procedures involving the NCCs for their consideration and approval. In its 2016 Audit Report, the office of Auditor issued the report and their opinion. the Auditor's opinion stated audited financial statements of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat has been presented fairly, meaning that this is the best outcome for the audited financial statement. Subsequently, this report was circulated to the Chairs of CTI-COM and CTI-CSO for reporting and ready reference.

vi. *Facilitation of New Member of CTI Partners*

The Regional Secretariat received the application from the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) to become a new member of CTI Partners on 8 December 2016. Subsequently, we circulated this application to the good office of National Coordinating Committees (NCCs) for consideration. As of end of October 2017, Indonesia expressed their thoroughly considered that the application of WCS to become a new Partner of CTI-CFF has met the CTI-CFF Partner criteria since WCS has common understanding and commitment to establish the sustainable management of marine and coastal resources, which is in line with the goals of CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA).

Having the tireless efforts of the Regional Secretariat to following up mandate of MM-6 on explore new parties, and new partners as well as new cooperation arrangements among CTI-CFF and other international and regional fora and organizations, CTI-CFF has attracted one more organization to joint with the CTI-CFF family. It is firmly believed that with this WCS application, and subsequently becoming one of CTI Partners, the support resources to pursue full implementation of RPOA will be more enriched accordingly. Therefore, the Regional Secretariat would like to encourage other CTI-CFF Member States to provide their valuable consideration on WCS application to become a CTI-CFF Partner during the SOM-13.

f) Facilitation in Strengthening National Coordinating Committees(NCCs), Empowering Technical Working Groups (TWGs), Governance Working Groups (GWGs), Crosscutting Themes (CCT), and Technical Program

the CTI-CFF NCCs have vital role and responsible in supervising and safeguarding the implementation of Regional and National Plans of Action in respective country. NCCs also have strategic role in distributing CTI-CFF messages at the national level. To synergize collective efforts between NCC and Regional Secretariat, we are of the view that strengthening the role of NCC are imperative establish solid coordination. The efforts, among others, are appointment of NCC Point of Contact, regular coordinating communication, and working visits to NCC for personal engagement. In addition, supporting staff in the office of NCC, Project collaboration between NCC and partners or other international/regional organization in pursuing RPOA and NPOA.

The Regional Secretariat has continued its efforts in empowering the works of Technical Working Groups (TWGs) and Technical Program under the EAFM. Regional Secretariat already in the pipeline of cooperation arrangement and collaborative efforts with U.S. Department of Interior – International Technical Assistance Program (USDOI-ITAP), U.S. Agency for International Development/Regional Development Mission for Asia (USAID/RDMA), USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership (USAID Oceans) in 2017.

This support from USAID will be from 2017-2019 comprising seven activities, including Public-Private Partnership engagement. These activities are dedicated to CTI-CFF Member States in the form of support for airfare, accommodation, and meeting packages. The objective of this collaborative effort is to strengthen regional cooperation to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, promote sustainable fisheries, and conserve marine biodiversity in the Asia-Pacific region. This is clearly outlined at the RPOA, in particular under the work of EAFM.

Collaborative efforts with the ADB-RETA 7813 on The Tri-National Workshop on the Establishment of a Sea Turtle MPA Network and MCS in the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion Priority Seascape was held on 12-14 June 2017 in Manado. It has brought multiple benefits in empowering the working groups of Seascapes, EAFM, MPA, Climate Change Adaptation and Threatened Species.

Moreover, in term of empowering the work of Governance Working Groups (GWG), the Regional Secretariat works together with the ADB to provide support on Project Initiation

Specialist (PIS) to develop project tools for seeking potential funds from funding entities. This post is important for Regional Secretariat in exploring possible support of funding to implement RPOA. However, the function of PIS has not been fully optimized yet due to short-term assignment and limited funding resources to support PIS benefits and works. In this regard, the Regional Secretariat is looking for other possible supports sustain the function of PIS in the near future. On a different note, the Regional Secretariat is also close coordination with ADB-RETA 7753 for supporting the CTI Pacific countries, including the supports on NPOA costing through the ADB-RETA 7753.

On Cross-cutting themes, mutual collaboration with the Oceans and Fisheries Partnership (Oceans Partnership) has empowered the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum in terms of capacity building and more importantly on the approaches towards developing gender sensitive indicators. Close cooperation with ADB has produced supports for potential establishment of CTI Youth Forum as well as close engagement with CTC also has provided modality for WLF, Capacity Building and LGN.

Based on above-mentioned examples of close coordination between the Regional Secretariat and CTI partners in supporting the RPOA implementation, I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation for the collaborative efforts been made. This is in line with the decision of SOM-12, No. 14.5 reads as follow: *"urge the CTI Partners to share, communicate, coordinate, and follow through the Regional Secretariat on its financial commitment and support extended to NCCs for transparency purposes."*

In this context, I would like to encourage to all CTI-CFF stakeholders to work together with the Regional Secretariat with a view of synergizing collective efforts in pursuing the RPOA implementation in tangible manners. I believe that we need to be realistic and objective, especially about the challenges lying ahead and what we as a group need to do in the future.

We as an organization have to grapple with the multi-dimensional impact of the still unfolding globalization process. This would call, to be as frank and forthright as I can be, for a higher degree and level of actual commitment within the Organization, individually as well as collectively, to the implementation of our past decisions.

g) SWOT Analysis of Division

The Corporate Division has identified its capacity toward the better organization through the observation of Strength-Weakness-Opportunities-Threats (SWOT) Analysis. The SWOT Analysis below illustrates current observations that need to be pursued accordingly.

<p style="text-align: center;">Strength</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Premises of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat along with its equipment. • Support from the Government of Indonesia, as the Host Country of CTI-CFF, through Host Country Agreement (HCA) implementation • Policies, rules and procedures in the operation and management of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat already established and be observed and maintained regularly. • ICT infrastructure established • Human resources (i.e. staff) with their expertise • Strong network with NCCs of CTI-CFF Member States, CTI Partners and other CTI Stakeholders 	<p style="text-align: center;">Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irregularly annual country contribution (i.e. some countries are not paid yet) • Slow response from CTI Stakeholders • High maintenance cost of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat building • High travelling cost and time consuming (i.e. The office of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat is located 3 hours by airplane from the capital city for international airport. Thus, it will increase travel cost and have an extra 3 hours to whoever that would like to visit the office of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat)
<p style="text-align: center;">Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Efforts on organizational development toward better and effective the Regional Secretariat • Potency on more engagement with current CTI Partners as well as other NGOs and funding institutions • Development of rules of procedures of the Regional Secretariat • Second-track diplomacy within the CTI-CFF Member States • Widening information and promotion of CTI-CFF through mass-media, social media • International recognition • Increasing capacity building of human resources of the Regional Secretariat (e.g. leadership, international relation, etc.) 	<p style="text-align: center;">Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CTI-CFF and its Regional Secretariat are still a young organization, lack of international recognition • Focal points in the NCCs, including Chair, Co-Chairs members sometimes late response correspondence from the Regional Secretariat for follow up due to their positions as officers in respective ministries/agencies

h) Budget Implication

The allocation of budget's Corporate Division in the year of 2017 is around 77% of the total budget or US\$ 923,127 of US\$ 1,203,483, as shown in Figure 2. This amount consists of two categories: 1) Compensation of Benefits of all Staff Members of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (i.e. from the Executive Director to staff support) amounted US\$ 625,698 or 52%; and 2) Administration (e.g. Insurance and Tax, Electricity & Water, ICT, Office Supplies, Publication and Printing, Travel and host meeting, etc.), amounted US\$ 297,429 or 25%. Monthly, it is

estimated that the Regional Secretariat has spent for both categories around US\$ 40,000 and US\$ 14,300, respectively.

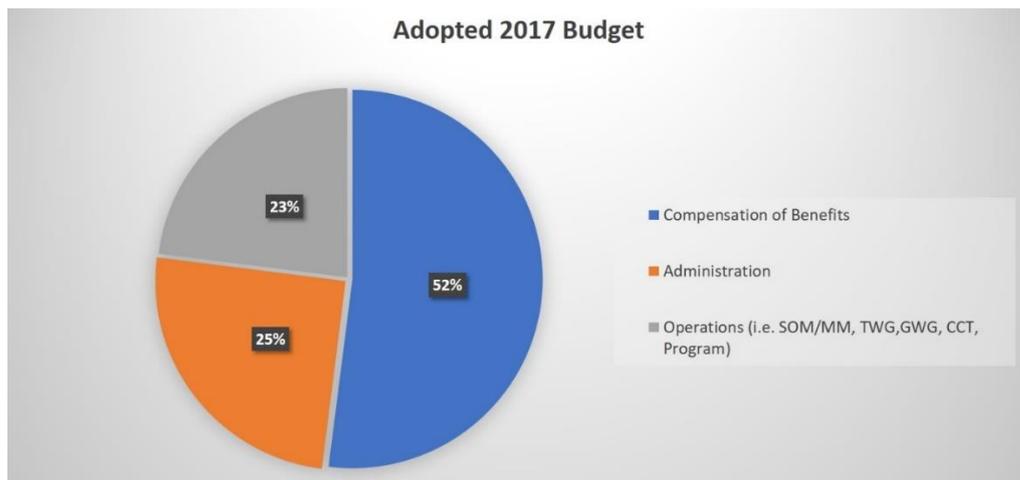


Figure 2: Adopted 2017 Budget along with its categories

As of October 2017, the realization for Compensation of Benefits has reached around US\$ 400,000 or 54% of its allocation in 2017. It shall be mentioned that spending for November – December 2017 will be included Compensation of Benefits for the newly appointed DED for Program Services. This information is shown in Figure 3.

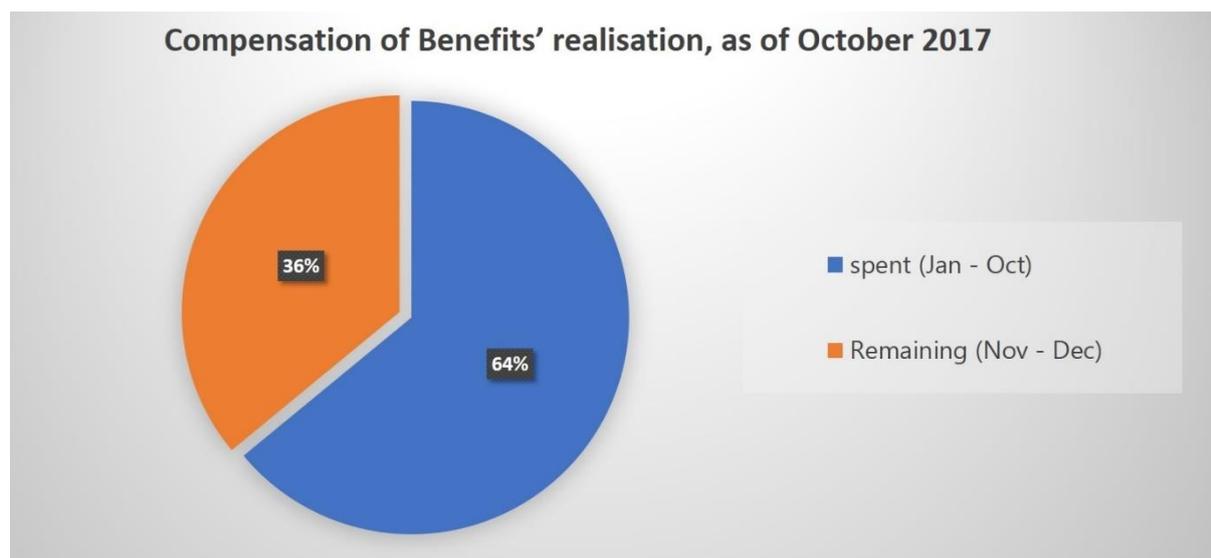


Figure 3: Compensation of Benefits' realization, as of October 2017

In the meantime, the expenses for Administration has reached around US\$ 146,600 or 49%. In addition, the Regional Secretariat also has allocated an appropriate amount monthly for electricity, water and ICT for 2017. However, up to October 2017, no bill of electricity nor ICT received by the Regional Secretariat. Therefore, the realization of Administration is still moderate, as shown in Figure 4.

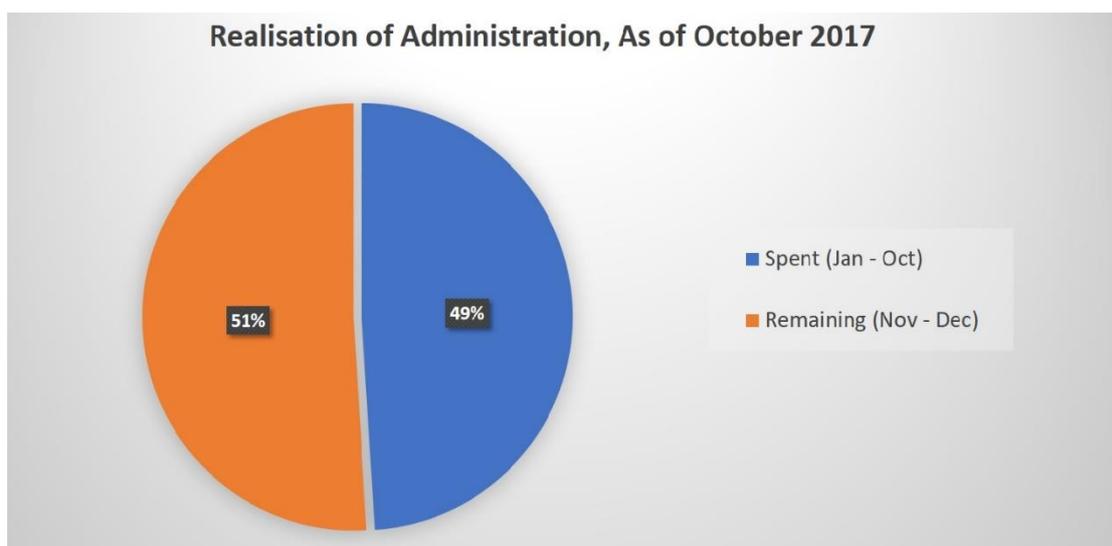


Figure 4: Realization of Administration, as of October 2017

i) Suggestion

The operation of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat at day-to-day basis is very much dependent on the annual contribution. It shall be mentioned that the expenses of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat are for compensation of benefits (e.g. salary, benefits, etc.), administration (e.g. office supplies, electricity and water, communication, etc.) and supports for some CTI-CFF activities such as Technical Working Groups, Governance Working Groups, Cross-cutting themes and Technical Program. To ease financial planning and implementation during the year, it is utmost suggested that assurance of payment of the country's contribution from each of CTI-CFF Member States is extremely needed and important. By in time and regularly payment of contribution, the Regional Secretariat will effectively manage overall budget line along with its expenditures accordingly.

i. Next Steps

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat has faced a lack of the country's contribution in time during the years of 2014-2017. To this end, the Regional Secretariat may use carry-over country's contribution from the previous year to finance operations until the first country contribution is paid by one of the Member States. Furthermore, the Regional Secretariat will make reminder letter every month to each of CTI-CFF Member State on their commitment of annual country contribution accordingly.

B.2 Technical Working Groups (TWGs)

a) Background

The Coral Triangle Initiative for Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) is a unique multilateral partnership to maintain the biological diversity and the ecosystem services provided by marine and coastal resources that are particularly critical to income, livelihoods and food security of coastal communities in six (6) CTI-CFF member countries: Indonesia,

Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste. It also aims to provide diversification strategies that build coastal communities' resilience to climate change.

The Coral Triangle is the world's epicenter of marine biodiversity with 2,500 fish species, 76% of the world's coral species and 37% of the world's coral reef fish species. It is the spawning and nursery grounds for rare fishes, commercial tunas, threatened marine turtles, dolphins and endangered cetaceans such as the blue whales. Three hundred sixty-three (363) million people living in six countries of which 120 million are directly dependent on marine resources for a livelihood. But, the Coral Triangle is under threat by overfishing, the use of destructive fishing methods, rapidly increasing human populations, loss of critical habitats, land-based pollution and rising sea temperatures that negatively impact coral reef systems.

To protect the marine biodiversity in the Coral Triangle from the above threats, the CTI-CFF has identified in the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) five (5) goals which it aims to achieve by 2020: 1) strengthening management of seascapes; 2) application of ecosystem approach to fisheries management; 3) developing and strengthening the management of marine protected areas; 4) implementing climate change adaptation measures; and 5) protecting threatened marine species.

b) Objective

The RPOA goals are supported by clear sets of actions and timelines to specifically address regional marine resource conservation and sustainability priorities. The CTI-CFF created five (5) technical working groups (TWGs) that correspond to each of the 5 goals. The creation of technical working groups is to facilitate progress in achieving these goals which were approved during SOM5 through NCCC Resolution, along with a general Terms of Reference for all the TWGs.

c) Function of Division

The Division was created or established to ensure that the five (5) thematic working groups as shown in Figure 5 are operating and that communication and discussions between and among the focal points of each of the WGs are progressing and working toward the achievement of the goals and targets outlined in the RPOA as well as the priority actions enumerated in the 2nd Regional Priorities Workshop in 2013. This division coordinates and facilitates all the WGs' call meetings, workshops, face-to-face meetings, regional exchanges, and other learning events organized by the different WGs. It also provides support to the Chairs of the different groups as it oversees the implementation of the annual work plans, targets and reports to Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM).



Figure 5: Illustration of Five (5) Goals of Regional Plan of Action (RPOA)

d) Scope of Activities

The working group activities include, but is not limited to, the following: call meetings, workshops, face-to-face meetings, regional exchanges, and other learning events organized by the different WGs. In addition, the division also facilitates the development of annual reports to SOM by organizing pre-SOM meetings to review and finalize the SOM reports of each of the Working Group.

e) Deliverables

The annual deliverables for this division is dependent on the approved work plan of each working group. The work plan is formulated by each working group and endorsed to SOM for approval. The implementation of the work plan is largely dependent on the availability of the budget and to some extent technical capacity and leadership. The following are the 2017 work plans approved by SOM12 for each of the working groups:

Activities	Timeline	Status
Seascapes Working Group		
2nd CTI Seascapes Writeshop	November 29 - December 1, 2016	Completed
Update CTI Seascapes document and disseminate to CT6 NCCCS	December - January 2017	Completed
Country level consultations	January - March 2017	Completed
2nd Regional Exchange on Seascapes and the 4th SWG Meeting	April/May 2017	Completed
Submission of CTI Seascapes Document and General Model to SOM 13	Late 2017	Ongoing
EAFM Working Group		

Activities	Timeline	Status
Continue to hold EAFM WG Call meetings	Quarterly	Ongoing
3rd Fishers Forum	July 4-6, 2017	Completed
COASTFISH Workshop	August 1-2, 2017	Completed
Regional Tuna Governance Workshop	July 7, 2017	Completed
6th EAFM TWG meeting	August 3, 2017	Completed
EAFM and SWG develop action points to move forward the SSS EAFM Plan	TBD	Not started
MPA Working Group		
Creation of the External Advisory Committee	January - February 2017	Not started
Implementation of CTMPAS Nomination (3rd round)	February - October 2017	Not started
Regional Recognition and Awards of effectively managed MPAs	March - October 2017	Not started
Update of the CT Atlas MPA Database	January - September 2017	Ongoing
Develop/implement/refine the MPA M&E tools	January - December 2017	Not started
Undertake activities for year 1 of the Sustainable Marine Tourism Task Force (SMT-TF) as outline in the roadmap	Specific timelines will be supplied by SMT-TF	Not started
Formally launch SMT-TF and review results of year 1 activities at 2017 RBF	2017	Not started
Undertake annual prioritization of capacity building needs for each CT6 country through MPA REX (with support from RS and CTC)	2017	Not started
Update capacity building achievements (tracking of activities) annually through the MPA REX (with support from Regional Secretariat and CTC)	2017	Not started
Clarify the value of ecosystem goods and services delivered by MPAs that may be used as basis for generating partnerships and financing	2017	Not started

Activities	Timeline	Status
Determination of institutional mechanisms for MPA Network (i.e. regional, national, across sites)	2017	Not started
Establish pilot sites to be managed within ecological thresholds	2017	Not started
CCA Working Group		
Development of the Executive Course on CCA for Local Governments	By December 2017	Not started
Pilot test the Executive Course for relevance and effectivity	By December 2017	Not started
WG Orientation on CT Atlas	By October 2017	Not started
Continue discussions on COE to finalize the criteria/benchmarks/TOR for COE	By October 2017	Ongoing
Conduct regional workshop on COE Establishment	By October 2017	Completed
Initiate the compilation and review of existing guidelines, baseline assessment and rehabilitation methodologies	By December 2017	Ongoing
Conduct of a blue carbon workshop	2017	Completed
Conduct the 5th CCA TWG meeting	together with a CCA event	Completed
Threatened Species Working Group		
Continue to hold regular call meetings with TSWG members and partners	Quarterly	Ongoing
Conduct the first TSWG workshop and TSWG meeting	March 2017	Completed
Conduct initial baseline assessment of existing initiatives on the conservation and management of sharks, marine turtles, seabirds, marine mammals, corals, seagrass, mangroves	April 2017	Ongoing
Develop the TSWG monitoring and evaluation indicators by SOM 13	November 2017	Not started
Initial draft of the Region-wide Sea Turtle Conservation Action Plan	December 2017	Ongoing

Table 2: 2017 work plans approved by SOM12

The Regional Secretariat remains encouraging the CTI-CFF Member States to offer themselves to host foreseeable activities under respective Working Group. This is intended to increase the sense of ownership toward CTI-CFF and, at the same, strengthen NCC work and coordination.

It shall also be mentioned that each of Technical Working Group has their own Chair and Co-Chair to oversee the work and development of working group development. As of October 2017, the following table illustrates Chair and Co-chair for respective working group:

Working Group	Chair	Co-Chair
Seascapes	Indonesia (Mr. Suharyanto)	Philippines (Ms. Mundita Lim)
Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM)	Solomon Islands (Ms. Rosalie Masu)	Timor-Leste (Mr. Lino Martins de Jesus)
Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)	Philippines (Ms. Mundita Lim)	Indonesia (Mr. Andi Rusandi)
Climate Change Adaptation (CCA)	Malaysia (Mr. Kepten Zaharuddin)	Philippines (Mr. Noel Gaerlan)
Threatened Species (TS)	Malaysia (Ms. Tan Geik Hong)	Philippines (Ms. Mundita Lim)

Table 3: Chair and Co-Chair of Technical Working Groups, as of October 2017

f) *SWOT Analysis of Division*

Strength	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three (3) out of the 5 Chairs of the WGs are very active and accessible which facilitates discussions and processing of documents and other materials • Strong support of the development partners, especially by WWF, CI, GIZ and AG that is why several activities were conducted this year for EAFM, Seascapes, and CCA working groups • Strong support by the Regional Secretariat by allocating budget to conduct regional TWG activities. • Most of the Chairs and the focal points are very competent and able to lead and continue the discussions of the WGs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some chairs are very busy with their main tasks in their respective ministry or department that is why they could not give their full attention to the needs of the WG. Because of that, it is so hard to access them to get their feedback, comments and inputs. • Most of the focal points are also multi-tasking hence, CTI work is sometimes not prioritized. • More often than not, the call meetings are in conflict with the schedules of the focal points. • Failure to assign an alternate representative to attend the call meetings • Different people are attending the follow-up actions through activities

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The commitment of the Chairs and focal points to follow through discussions and tasks. • The Excellent technical capacity of the development partners to provide direction, inputs and guidance to the different WGs • Some WGs have developed additional regional work plans (e.g. COASTFISH, Tuna, CCA Blue Carbon and COE, etc.) 	<p>which hinders the continuing discussions and actions because the new person was not well oriented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New comers to CTI (country reps) are sometimes not well oriented or informed about CTI protocols and procedures • Confirming the hosting arrangements for each activity is a tedious process and is the reason for the delay or postponement of the event • Activity reports are not submitted on time by the documenters
<p style="text-align: center;">Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Now that all the WGs are working in full gear and discussions are going well, there is so much opportunity to develop projects and proposals • With the ever-expanding CTI collaborators and partners, there is so much potential to link their interests with the different goals/WGs for support and funding • Now that each working group has developed their work plans, it is an opportunity to formulate concrete proposals to fund or support the work plan or part of the work plan • Linking the WG with other regional or international organizations or entities 	<p style="text-align: center;">Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) of the WGs will be handing over the Chairmanship next year and it might affect the performance of the WG, especially that the teleconferencing facility is not good as well as internet connection is unstable in their respective offices • Communications technology is very unstable in the Pacific member countries which deters the focal points to join the call meetings and the likes • CTI focal points will be moved or transferred to new assignments which will cause a setback for the WG.

g) Budget Implication

In 2017, the Regional Secretariat allocated around US\$ 280,356 or 23% of adopted total budget (i.e. US\$ 1,203,483) for Operations, as shown in Figure 6. This category consists of supports for SOM-13, Technical Working Groups (TWG), Governance Working Groups (GWG), Cross-cutting Themes (CCT) and Technical Program. In terms of supporting for TWG, the Regional Secretariat allocated around US\$ 120,791 or around 43% of Operations. The TWG supports are dedicated to covering delegates from the National Coordinating Committees (NCC) of CTI-CFF Member States in participating respective working group events.

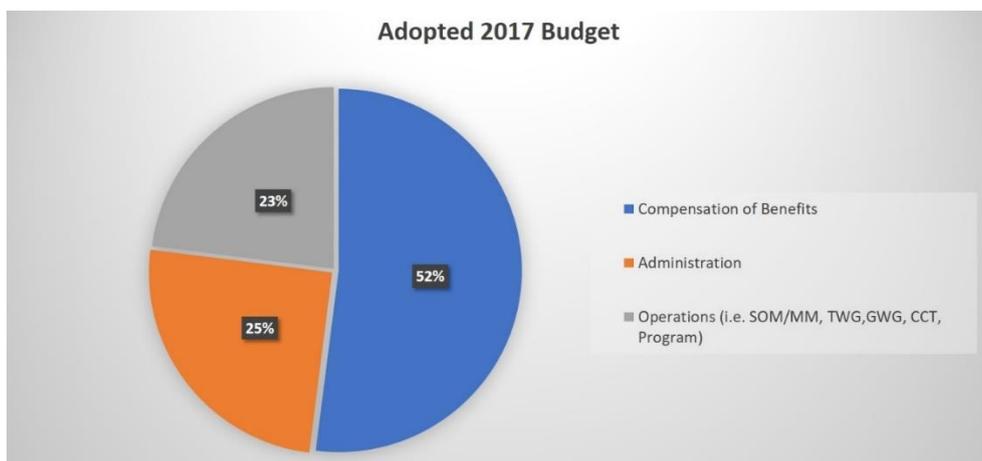


Figure 6: Adopted 2017 Budget

The realization TWG supports, as of October 2017, has reached around US\$ 89,575 or 74% of its allocation. The supports were dedicated for the delegates from NCCs to cover their airfare, accommodation, and meeting packages attending meetings under TWGs in 2017. The Regional Secretariat has planned to cover Chair of respective TWG for participating in the Pre-SOM and SOM-13 in the Philippines. It is estimated that this support will be amounted around US\$ 17,754. Figure 7 illustrates the expenses of TWG support for the year of 2017. The remaining budget, around 23%, may be utilized after the SOM-13 for further follow up action that needs to be pursued at the earliest.

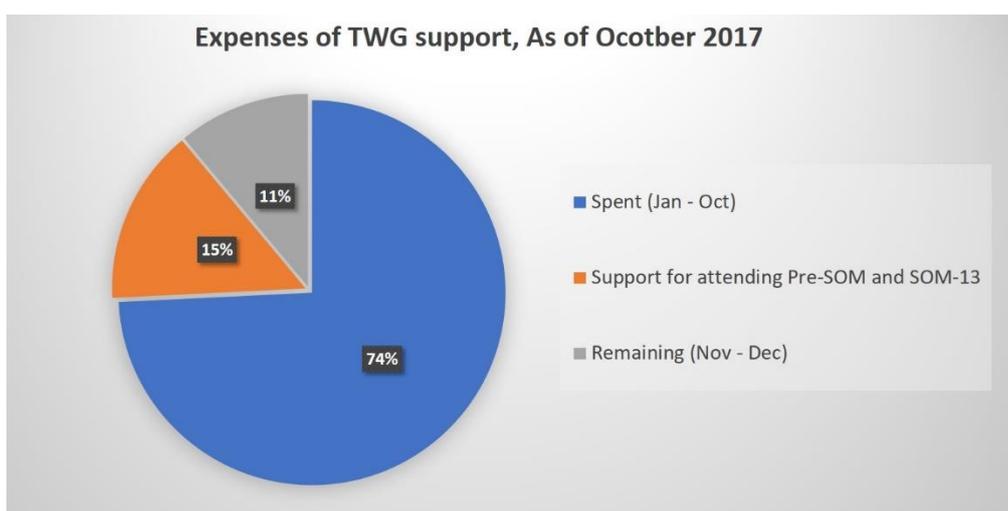


Figure 7: Expenses of TWG Support, As of October 2017

h) Suggestion

Activities under TWG are essential to implement the targets and regional actions under the respective goal of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA). These activities shall be aligned with the implementation at national level. Thus, closed coordination between the Regional Secretariat and National Coordinating Committees (NCCs) are vital to streamlining the tangible implementation and the needs of respective RPOA goal. In addition to that, funding supports to implement activities at regional and national levels are also fundamental. Therefore, the Regional Secretariat remains seeking potential funding supports from

international agencies, funding entities, non-governmental organizations, and others to support TWGs activities.

i) Next Steps

The 13th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-13) scheduled to be held on 29-30 November 2017 will be the turning point of RPOA review. The meeting may decide regarding the formation of the Technical Advisory Group and selection of a Consultant to exhaust the status of RPOA implementation and to give recommendations accordingly. Rearranging activities under each goal of RPOA would be possible afterwards and the current approaches toward RPOA could be re-adjusted accordingly.

j) Activities held in 2017

The thematic TWGs organized and conducted a total of nine (9) activities for 2017. Some of these activities were fully supported either by development partners or the CTI Regional Secretariat, while others were partially supported by funding agencies in collaboration with host countries and the CTI Regional Secretariat.

1. The 1st CTI-CFF Threatened Species Working Group (TSWG) Meeting was held on 22-23 March 2017 in Dorsett Hotel, Putrajaya, Malaysia. The 2-day meeting gathered CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committee, TSWG Focal points and Partners from CTI-CFF Member States (Indonesia, Malaysia, PNG, Philippines, Solomon Island, Timor-Leste) and formally agreed to develop the region-wide conservation plan for marine turtles, marine mammals and sharks and rays. They also agreed to formulate a Threatened Species Assessment Report based on the current studies, researches and assessments made in the CT Region by the member states and partners to profile the status of the threatened species in the region. Another output of the workshop was the regional roadmap for Goal 5; Threatened Species status improving. Deep gratitude to the Government of Malaysia for hosting the event through its National Coral Triangle Initiative Coordinating Committee as well as to GIZ for supporting the events.



2. The 4th CTI-CFF Seascapes Working Group Meeting held on 15-16 May 2017 in Honiara, Solomon Islands. The meetings were a follow up to Seascapes Writeshop held in Manila in April 2016 and in Bali in December 2016. The SWG aimed to review, finalize and endorse the CTI-CFF Seascapes Model and Regional Framework for Priority Seascapes in preparation for the 13th Senior Officials Meeting.



3. The 2nd Regional Exchange on Seascapes was held on May 17-19, 2017 in Honiara, Solomon Islands. The objectives of the 2nd Regional Exchange on Seascapes were as follow: 1) To socialize the CTI-CFF Seascapes Model and Regional Framework for Priority Seascapes amongst the broader CTI-CFF community, and 2) To develop a set of key messages around communicating the CTI-CFF Seascapes Model and Regional Framework for Priority Seascapes.

4. The EAFM Working Group held the 3rd Fishers Forum on 4-6 July 2017 in Iloilo City, the Philippines. The event was hosted by the Government of the Philippines through its Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR) and the Philippine National Coral Triangle Initiative Coordinating Committee (NCC) with support from the World Wild Fund for Nature (WWF) and the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. The theme of the 3rd Fishers Forum was "Sustainable Coastal Fisheries through Local Innovation: Scaling Up Effective Models for IUU Reduction, Catch Documentation and Traceability in Support of Sustainable Local Fisheries" with a variety of sub-themes.



5. The Tuna Governance Working Group was also held on 7 July 2017 at the same place of the Fishers Forum. The theme of the event was "Regional Workshop on the Sustainable Management of Shared, Straddling and Highly Migratory Fish in the Coral Triangle Region".

6. The Coastfish Workshop was held on 1-2 August 2017) in Tagaytay City, Philippines. The workshop and the meeting hosted by the Government of the Philippines through the Philippine National Coral Triangle Initiative Coordinating Committee (NCCC) with the support of the SMART Seas Philippines Project and the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. The COASTFISH workshop gathered government officials, NGOs and government agencies working on livelihood activities to design a region-wide CTI COASTFISH Initiative Framework with focus on livelihoods linked to EAFM. The forum also shares experiences and lessons learned regarding livelihood programs related to EAFM and 'scale up' and expand successful models, and in the end, the workshop recommended the Draft a roadmap to develop the CTI COASTFISH Initiative Framework.



7. The 6th Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Working Group was held on 3 August 2017 in Tagaytay, Philippines. The EAFM Working group meeting thereafter convenes the EAFM WG focal points and attendees of the workshop to review the recommendations and follow up actions and the way forwards for the EAFM programs and activities. The meeting also reviews the goal and targets of goal 2 of the RPOA and EAFM framework and the meeting agreed on the handover of chairmanship to be further deliberated in the next SOM.



8. The Blue Carbon Workshop held on 29-31 August 2017 in Batangas, Philippines. The workshop was participated by the representatives of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines and Solomon Islands, Development Partners and Related Government Agencies (CI, WWF, TNC, Government of Australia, World Bank, GIZ-SSME, Climate Change Commission-Philippines). The first day of the workshop



preceded by the Welcoming Remarks by Dr. Nowel as the host country (Philippines), Introductory presentations on blue carbon and the CTI from Mr. Ryan Whisnant (PEMSEA) and the International Partnership for Blue Carbon by Lucy Wallington, Australia Government. The Chair of the CCA TWG delivered his opening remarks on the second day of the workshop on the reflection of the current blue carbon situation, the connectivity with Goal number 3 of RPOA (CCA) and other ecosystem services. The workshop continued with the presentation from CT6 countries which address on country condition, country priority programs, gaps and challenges as well as future direction related to the Blue Carbon within its variables (mangrove, seagrass and tidal marshes). At the afternoon session, Ms. Jackie Thomas (WWF) and Ms. Astrid Lim (CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat TWG Coordinator) enriched the workshop with the update from Region-wide Early Action Plan for Climate Change Adaptation and CCA TWG Update. After the presentations, the Breakout sessions were held and tasked participants to identify regional challenges and priority actions on coastal ecosystems, linkages with blue carbon and priority next steps. The workshop was concluded with the field trip to relate the knowledge experienced in the workshop and compared with the field for observation and as a lesson learned. The participants observed with a better understanding of blue carbon and its potential value. Upon the recommendation of the Chair of CCA, the CCA TWG agreed to do a follow-up meeting to further discuss all the priority activities, recommendations, and ideas for both national and regional actions. The WG also decided to come up with a regional statement on blue carbon to be endorsed to SOM13.

9. Follow up Blue Carbon Workshop held in August 2017, the two-day of Climate Change Working Group meeting, hosted by the Philippine government, was held on 12-13 October 2017 at the Hotel Kimberly, Manila, Philippines. National Coordinating Committee (NCC) representatives of Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands attended the meeting. Commissioner Noel Antonio Gaerlan of the Philippine Climate Change Commission (CCC) welcomed everyone in his opening remarks. He highlighted the importance of the meeting for the upcoming SOM and the value of each person's input not just to each country but to the CT region as well. This was followed by a message from the Chair, Captain Zaharuddin Mohd Maideen. He reiterated that the meeting served as a follow up to the BC workshop and to last year's regional exchange. Ms. Astrid Lim of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (RS) facilitated the meeting. After a quick introduction of all the attendees, she proceeded to present the background, objectives and expected outputs of the meeting.

Below is a table showing the summary of different TWG activities conducted this year with some details of the event.

Activity	Date	Venue	Total # of Participants	Support
Seascope Working Group				
4 th Seascope Working Group Meeting	May 15-16, 2017	Heritage Park Hotel Honiara, Solomon Islands	24	CI with funding from AG
2 nd Seascope TWG REX and	May 17-19, 2017	Heritage Park Hotel Honiara, Solomon Islands	27	CI with funding from AG
Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management				
3 rd Fishers Forum	July 4 -6, 2017	Iloilo Convention Center Iloilo City, Philippines	116	WWF
Tuna Governance Workshop	July 7, 2017	Smallville 21 Hotel Iloilo City, Philippines	38	WWF
Coastfish Workshop	August 1-2, 2017	Kimberly Hotel Tagaytay Tagaytay City, Philippines	25	CTI-RS
6 th EAFM TWG Meeting	August 3, 2017	Kimberly Hotel Tagaytay Tagaytay City, Philippines	29	CTI-RS

Marine Protected Area				
No regional event this year for MPA TWG.				
Climate Change Adaptation				
CTI-CFF CCA Blue Carbon Workshop	August 28-31, 2017	Taal Vista Hotel Tagaytay City, Philippines	57	AG and CTI-RS
5th Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Working Group Meeting	October 12-13, 2017	Kimberly Hotel Manila Malate, Philippines	30	CTI-RS
Threatened Species				
1 st Threatened Species Working Group (TSWG) Meeting	March 22-23, 2017	Dorsett Putrajaya Putrajaya, Malaysia	40	GIZ and CTI-RS

Table 4: Activities held in 2017

B.3.1 Governance Working Groups (GWGs)

a) Background

The success of the Coral Triangle Initiative for Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) towards full implementation of the goals and objectives of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) is very much dependent on a well-structured and effective coordination mechanism across multiple level of organization. It requires a large and diverse pool of implementation partners from within and outside the CT region, including local governments, local communities, non-governmental organizations, major funding institutions, multi-lateral and bilateral organizations, private sector entities, and others.

In addition to having a well-structured coordination mechanism, the CTI-CFF requires a well-planned and practical financial management system. In short, this entails collaboration around two (2) main activities; (i) mobilization of funds; and (ii) development of a financial architecture to manage funding flows towards supporting priority activities and programs.

To measure the success of programs and projects, a monitoring and evaluation system needs to be put in place to ensure that the goals and objectives of the programs and projects are maintained. A set of measurable indicators has been proposed for each of the RPOA goals. As of October 2017, only indicators for seascapes and threatened species have not been finalized and endorsed.

The three (3) governance elements are managed by the Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG); Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG); and Monitoring & Evaluation Working Group (MEWG) respectively.

b) Objective

The Governance Working Group (GWG) Division is formed within the Regional Secretariat to undertake a coordination role with the guidance of the respective Chairs of the Governance Working Group towards meeting the objectives of CTI-CFF governance matters as set out in the RPOA.

c) Function of Division

i. Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG)

As described in the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA), coordination for CTI-CFF at both regional (and sub-regional) and national levels are critical and require a range of mechanisms to ensure all CTI-CFF components are well-coordinated. At the regional and sub-regional level, coordination mechanisms such as the use of the most practical mode of communications; development and implementation of institutional structures; outreach programs / activities and regular meeting needs to be established and applied to all CT6 Member Parties.

At the national level, each CT6 Member Parties need to lead multi-stakeholder processes to coordinate and promote country-level implementation of the Regional and National Plan of Action (NPOA). The formation of National Coordination Committees (NCCs) in each CT6 Member Parties is paramount to achieve the goals and objectives of the RPOA and NPOA. However, the nature of the NCCs varies in accordance to the institutional framework of the countries itself and each is led by a National Secretariat based on a lead government ministry. National Coordination Committee (NCC) Secretariat:

- Indonesia: Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF)
- Malaysia: Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI)
- Papua New Guinea: Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA)
- Philippines: Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR)
- Solomon Islands: Ministry of Environment, Climate, Disaster Management and Meteorology
- Timor-Leste: Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

ii. Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG)

The Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) outlines four (4) major elements to secure funding; (i) Engagement by external funding institutions; (ii) Information and assessments; (iii) Mobilization of funding; and (iv) Financial architecture – financial mechanisms and fund distribution.

iii. Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG)

Section VI of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) outlines the process towards the development of the M&E System through the MEWG based on discussions that took place between November 2008 to May 2009. The process involves the following steps:

- Formulate one or more measurable indicators for each target in the RPOA;
- Determine the means of measurement for each indicator;
- Determine the extent to which a baseline of information exists for each indicator;
- Determine reasonable numerical targets for each indicator by country;
- Decide on frequency of monitoring for each indicator;
- Develop a system for collecting the information needed to measure the indicators;
- Engage with national agencies responsible to collect the information towards indicators; and
- Formulate the process for reporting data on indicators towards planned targets.

The CTI-CFF Monitoring and Evaluation System Operations Manual was endorsed during the 9th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-9) [26-27 November 2013, Manila, Philippines]. All indicators have been finalized except for seascape and threatened species.

d) Scope of Activities

At a minimum, the Governance Working Groups meet once a year and through call conferences (if need be). The Regional Secretariat coordinates the decisions and recommendations made in the meetings; e.g. Workplans, etc. The GWG Division also facilitates the development of annual reports to SOM and organizing pre-SOM meetings to review and finalize SOM reports for GWGs.

e) Deliverables

Governance Working Groups (GWGs) deliverables are in response to the decisions and recommendations made at GWG meetings; at Senior Officials' Meetings and Ministerial Meetings. The decisions and recommendations are in line with the goals and objectives set out in the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA).

Activities / Deliverable	Rationale / Mandate	Timeline	Status
Coordination Mechanism Working Group			
Fully functional CMWG with Terms of Reference	To implement mandate from SOM	By SOM-13	Draft TOR to be finalized in pre-SOM and SOM-13
Fully functional CTI-CFF Website	In compliance with RPOA Section IV & Decisions made in SOM-11 and SOM-12	Official launch at MM-7	On-going

Activities / Deliverable	Rationale / Mandate	Timeline	Status
Fully functional e-library (depository of publications / meeting materials)	In compliance with RPOA Section IV & Decisions made in SOM-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soft launch SOM-13 • Official launch at MM-7 	On-going
Socialization of the CTI-CFF Communication Strategy (publication approved in SOM-12)	To familiarize all CTI-CFF stakeholders of the guidelines and branding measures in the Communication Strategy	Mid-2018	Planned 2018 activity / on-going online presence
Completion of CTI-CFF Coffee Table Book	In compliance with Decisions made in SOM-11 and SOM-12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft version deadline 31 October 2017 • Official book launch at MM-7 	On-going
Development of a Guideline for Proposal Development & Management (Toolkit)	In compliance with RPOA Section IV & Decisions made in SOM-10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To be approved in CMWG meeting mid-2018; • Official launch at MM-7. 	On-going. Draft Guideline to be revised.
Development & operationalization of Proposal Management system (e.g. e-portal for CTI Proposals)	In compliance with RPOA Section IV & Decisions made in SOM-10	Mid-2018 to 2019	Planned 2018-2019 activity
Financial Resources Working Group			
Finalization of FRWG Terms of Reference	RPOA Section V	end-2017	Draft completed to be endorsed in SOM-13
Appointment of Project Initiation Specialist (PIS)	SOM-12 Decisions & FRWG Meeting Decision 2017	April – October 2017	Completed
Continue Project Initiation Specialist (PIS) /	SOM-12 & FRWG meeting in 2017	2018 onwards	Not started

Activities / Deliverable	Rationale / Mandate	Timeline	Status
Financial Management Advisor			
Completion of National Plan of Action (NPOA) Costing for all CT6	SOM-10 to SOM-12 Decisions	end of 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NPOA Costing for CT3 SEA countries completed; • NPOA Costing for CT3 Pacific Countries on-going.
Identification of Showcase Sites upon completion of NPOA Costing process	SOM-10 to SOM-12 Decisions	end of 2018	Pending confirmation from NCC Indonesia and NCC Philippines for showcase sites at Wakatobi National Park and Palawan & Davao respectively.
Establishment of Project Preparation Facility (PPF) in Regional Secretariat	SOM-10 to SOM-12 Decisions	2018-2019	Not started
Establishment of CTI-CFF Trust Fund	SOM-10 to SOM-12 Decisions	2018-2019	Not started
Seek potential financial resources (i.e. GEF)	SOM-10 to SOM-12 Decisions	2018-2019	On-going
Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group			
Development of M&E System Operation Manual	RPOA Section VI & SOM-9	2013	Completed
Seek sustained measures for CT Atlas maintenance and operation	RPOA Section VI & SOM-10 to SOM-12	2018	On-going
Development and finalization of M&E	RPOA Section VI & SOM-9 to SOM-12 &	2018	On-going

Activities / Deliverable	Rationale / Mandate	Timeline	Status
indicators – submission of agreed indicators for seascape and threatened species	2 nd Regional Priority Workshop		
Implementation of M&E System	RPOA Section VI & SOM-12	2018-2019	Not started
Hire M&E Coordinator in Regional Secretariat	SOM-10 to SOM-12	2018	Not started
Review of Regional Plan of Action	Partners Meeting 2017	2017-2018	On-going

Table 5: Governance Working Group Deliverables

f) SWOT Analysis of Division

<p style="text-align: center;">Strength</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two (2) out of the 3 Chairs of the GWGs are responsive and accessible which facilitates discussions and processing of documents and other materials. • Strong support by the Regional Secretariat by allocating budget to conduct GWG meetings. • Most of the Chairs and the focal points are committed and competent to lead and continue the discussions of the GWGs. • Strong support from Development Partners to ensure governance policies and framework; and operating procedures are put in place. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some chairs are preoccupied with their main tasks in their respective ministries or departments that contributes to minimum attention and commitment required of the GWGs and delayed intended programs. • Most of the focal points are also multi-tasking on other programs, hence, CTI work is sometimes not prioritized. • Different representatives are attending meetings which hinders the continuing discussions and actions because the new person was not well oriented / sometimes are not in a position to make decisions. • New comers to CTI (country reps) / alternate representatives occasionally are not well oriented or informed about GWGs and its related matters.
<p style="text-align: center;">Opportunities</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient commitment from Chairs and focal points may hamper progress.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New representatives and Chairs provide opportunities for new ideas and hasten pending deliverables. • With Development Partners, new partners and collaborators, opportunities are available to improve and add value to the GWGs to meet the CTI-CFF goals. • Needs are identified and thus present more opportunities to accept and assess funding and technical support. • Link with relevant regional and international organizations and leverage on its strengths to meet with CTI-CFF goals. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Insufficient technical and funding assistance to implement planned programs to strengthen governance structures of CTI-CFF. • CTI focal points will be moved or transferred to new assignments which will cause a set-back for the GWGs.
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g) Budget Implication

The Governance Working Group (GWG) budget allocation is adequate only for the conduct of the yearly meeting (i.e. Proposal to conduct the meetings back-to-back with each other to utilize the budget efficiently). The GWG budget in 2017 was allocated from Operations budget (i.e. US\$ 280,356 of adopted total budget US\$ 1,203,483, figure 8) estimated US\$ 38,000 or 14%. This budget is dedicated to covering delegates from each of the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) of CTI-CFF Member States in participating respective working group events.

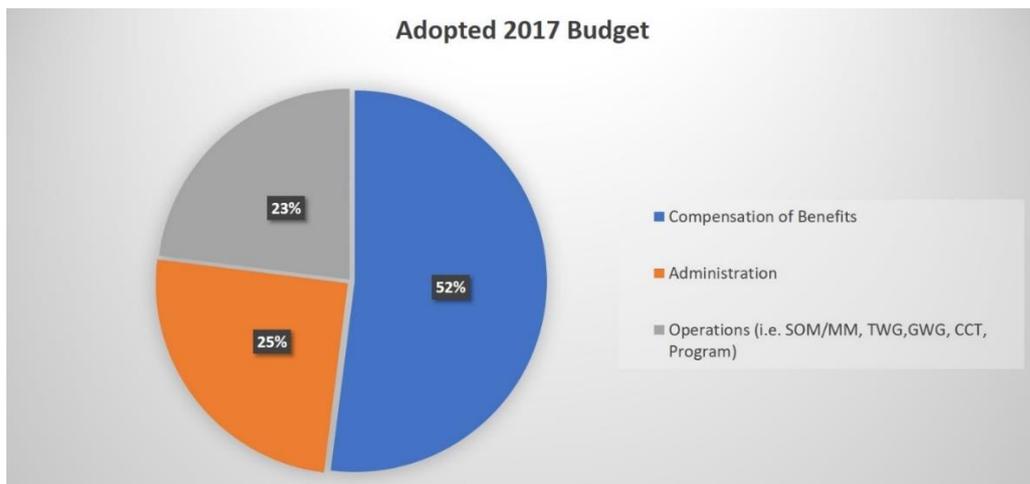


Figure 8: Adopted 2017 Budget

The realization GWG support, as of October 2017, has reached around US\$ 25,100 or 66% of its allocation. The supports were dedicated for the delegates from NCCs to cover their airfare, accommodation, and meeting packages for attending Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) in March 2017. It should be mentioned that the NCC of Philippines also supported participants from Pacific countries and meeting packages. The GWG budget also covers some expenses under CMWG. In addition, the Regional Secretariat has also planned to cover Chairs

of FRWG and CMWG for participating in the Pre-SOM and SOM-13 in the Philippines. It is estimated that these supports will be amounted around US\$ 2,800. Therefore, the expenses of GWG support for the year of 2017 would reach US\$ 27,900 or 73%, as illustrated in figure 9.

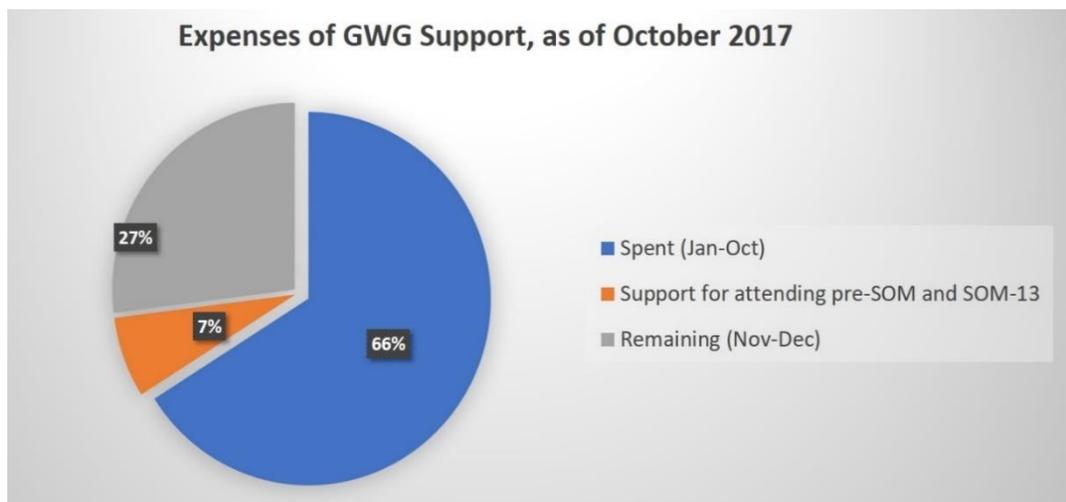


Figure 9: Expenses of GWG Support, as of October 2017

On the other hand, the Regional Secretariat able to implement and support programs that are related to communications (e.g. Production of CTI-CFF Communication Strategy; revision of CTI-CFF website; development of e-library as the central depository platform for documents and other related documentations; and the production of the CTI-CFF coffee table book (as one of the communication products of CTI-CFF).

Development of policies, guidelines and strategies; and socialization of the materials require substantial technical and financial allocation which the Regional Secretariat is unable to provide given the insufficient revenue received from country contributions. Therefore, to deliver on the planned programs, more technical and funding commitment / collaborations are required from Development Partners and other CTI-CFF stakeholders.

h) Suggestion

Leverage on Development Partners and collaborators' strengths and experience in developing and implementing similar deliverables. Seek other sources of funds to finance the deliverables.

i) Next Steps

The Governance Working Groups (GWGs) require competent human resources allocated to support the Regional Secretariat's GWG Division. A crucial next step is for the Regional Secretariat to have a strong team in the Project Preparation Facility (PPF) guided with adequate governance policies and guidelines. The establishment process of a CTI-CFF Trust Fund must start with the support of Development Partners to assist the Regional Secretariat in its planning; creation; implement and monitoring process.

j) List of Activities held in 2017

A number of activities under the GWG frameworks, among others, are as follows:

1. The Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) Meeting was held on 29 March 2017 at ACE Hotel and Suites in Pasig City, Philippines. During this meeting, the delegates discussed, among others, the terms of reference (ToR) of FRWG, the finalization of Project Initiation Specialist (PIS) and possible supports to funding activities under CTI-CFF. Subsequently, following the decisions from SOM-12 and with the guidance from the Chair of the CTI-CFF Council of Senior Officers,



the Budget Meeting and other Financial Matters was held on 30-31 March 2017. The meeting adopted 2017 budget, provided guidelines for the audit process and produced several recommendations for the revision of financial Rules and Procedures. The Regional Secretariat would like to extend its deepest gratitude and appreciation for the Coordinating Committee (NCC) of the Philippines as the Host Country for their hospitality. On the same day, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between Regional Secretariat and PRIMEX, an implementer agency of Asian Development Bank (ADB) was signed on 31 March 2017. The MoU provided ADB's supports for CTI-CFF through PRIMEX, among others, in the scope of MPA trilateral Meeting, Youth Forum and support for Pacific countries.

2. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) under the RETA 7813 program, in coordination with the Regional Secretariat CTI-CFF organized a consultative meeting with the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) from CTI-CFF Southeast Asia Member Parties (i.e. Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines) on 25-26 April 2017 in Jakarta. The meeting was to prepare for the Tri-national Regional Workshop on "The Establishment of a Sea Turtle Marine Protected Area (MPA) Network and Monitoring, Controlling, and Surveillance (MCS) in the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion Priority Seascape"



"The Establishment of a Sea Turtle Marine Protected Area (MPA) Network and Monitoring, Controlling, and Surveillance (MCS) in the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion Priority Seascape" that would be held in Manado next June. The objectives of the meeting were to plan and develop the agenda, program materials and identify both national and international resource persons for the Workshop. One of the major performance targets of RETA 7813 according to the Design and Monitoring Framework (DMF) of ADB was "MPA management plan with a monitoring, control, and surveillance system for a transboundary network of MPAs pilot-tested". Together with other CTI Development Partners through their own programs, the identified sites could be pilot-tested soon.

3. The Tri-National Workshop on the Establishment of a Sea Turtle MPA Network and MCS in the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion Priority Seascape, Manado, Indonesia, 12-14 June 2017. This workshop is conducted in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank (ADB), under the Coastal and Marine Resources Management in the Coral Triangle - Southeast Asia Project (i.e. ADB RETA 7813). The 3-day workshop aimed to bring together representatives of the CTI thematic technical working groups (i.e. Seascapes, EAFM, MPA, Climate Change Adaptation and Threatened Species), particularly those involved in the establishing and managing of marine protected areas and addressing illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, especially on sea turtles in the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion (SSME) Priority Seascape.



4. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, represented by Ms. Jasmin M. Saad attended Maritime Environmental Security Workshop on 12 – 15 September 2017 in Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia. The workshop sought to foster enduring relationships by bringing together participants from Asia/Pacific nations to address common environmental security concern through responsible civil and military action. Workshop topics emphasized: 1 Marine Resource and Wildlife Protection 2/ Sustainable Maritime Economic Development 3) Water Security and Pollution Prevention and 4) The military’s role in Maritime Environmental Security.

Below is a table showing the summary of different GWG activities conducted this year with some details of the event.

Activity	Date	Venue	Support
Financial Resources Working Group			
FRWG Meeting	29 March 2017	Manila, Philippines	NCC Philippines & Regional Secretariat
CTI-CFF Partners Meeting – <i>Discussion on Development Partners contribution & submission of contribution data</i>	23-24 May 2017	Manila, Philippines	GIZ and Regional Secretariat
Coordination Mechanism Working Group			
Preparatory Meeting for SOM-13 with Interim Chair of CMWG	19-20 October 2017	Putrajaya, Malaysia	NCC Malaysia & Regional Secretariat
Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group			

Activity	Date	Venue	Support
Tri National Workshop on the Establishment of a Sea Turtle MPA – <i>Discussion on CT Atlas applicability for GIS information to support the program on the establishment of a Sea Turtle MPA</i>	12-14 June 2017	Manado, Indonesia	ADB RETA 7813 & Regional Secretariat
CTI-CFF Partners Meeting – <i>Discussion on Review of Regional Plan of Action</i>	23-24 May 2017	Manila, Philippines	GIZ and Regional Secretariat
Remote discussion with Chair of MEWG on process of RPOA Review – <i>through office of NCC Philippines (DENR) communicate on the draft Terms of Reference for the Consultant and the Terms of Reference for the Technical Advisory Group (TAG)</i>	Sept – Oct 2017	Manila, Philippines & Manado, Indonesia	Govt. of Australia; MEWG and Regional Secretariat
Other relevant activities			
Consultative Meeting on the Establishment of a Sea Turtle MPA Network and MCS in the SSME	25-26 April 2017	Jakarta, Indonesia	Asian Development Bank & Regional Secretariat
Courtesy Visit to the Office of National Coordinating Committee of Malaysia	17 July 2017	Putrajaya, Malaysia	NCC Malaysia and Regional Secretariat
2 nd Maritime Environment Security Workshop (MESW)	12-15 September 2017	Kota Kinabalu, Sabah, Malaysia	United States Pacific Command

Table 6: GWG activities held in 2017

k) Communication Department

Besides overseeing the works of FRWG, CMWG, and MEWG, the GWG Division also oversees the works of the Communication Department. The objective of this department is creating and managing information on the organization's vision, mission, and activities to all internal and external CTI-CFF stakeholders. In addition, the Department is established to support the organization activities in providing fair and balance information; generating reliable communication platforms; and keeping the good momentum of the organization growing better – both for internal and external stakeholders.

The scope of activities includes, but not limited to, the following: internal and external communication key messages development with the NCCs, partners call meetings management, media relations, social media management, CTI Book History, and communication materials development. In addition, the department also supports all related things in preparation to Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) communication materials.

The following are the activities held in 2017:

1. Regional Secretariat participated in the in the Coral Triangle Futures Think Tank workshop on 15-16 August 2017 in Bali, Indonesia. Supported by the Conservation International (CI), the Regional Secretariat shared lesson learnt of CTI-CFF to the workshop. The event was attended by representatives from 14 NGOs, Regional and development organizations working across the Coral Triangle, as well as conservation organizations working in other



countries including Madagascar. A number of key discussion points of this visioning exercise framed the outcomes of the workshop, including:

- Raising the profile of sustainable fisheries in the food security arena
- Internalizing the externalities Listening more to communities
- Bridging the divide between Conservation and Development
- Communities of Practice
- Sustainability of our interventions (social, environmental, economic)
- Demonstrating impact

2. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat together with, WWF, CTC, and the Solomon Islands Government as lead organizer, conducted a 2-hour side event entitled: "The Coral Triangle – Partnerships to Achieve SDG 14 (and more!!!) in the World's Epicenter of Marine Biodiversity" on the sidelines of The UN Ocean Conference at UN Headquarter, New York USA on 6 June 2017. The world class speakers, i.e. Honorable Milner Tozaka, MP. Minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade, Solomon Islands Government; Gina Green, Senior Associate Tt. Project Manager, ECOFISH Programme; Luigi Cabrini, Chair, Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC); Rindah Melsen, President, Nusatuva Women's Savings Club, Solomon Islands; and Paul Holtus, CEO, World Ocean Council (WOC) highlighted the existing challenges and great opportunities within the Coral Triangle region that need to be addressed together. Such as climate change adaptation issues, potential nature-based tourism, role of women in coastal areas, and sustainable fisheries.



3. As a form of CT Day celebration, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat has organized the celebration event on June 7, 2017 at the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat office in Manado. The concept of the event was to instill awareness to young people about the importance of marine conservation by means of a high commitment to the reduction of plastic waste. For that purpose, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat invites Provincial Government and several schools and universities in Manado to become participants and take an active role in the celebration.



4. A media Luncheon was held in Jakarta 9th September with the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat represented by the Executive Director, Dr. Widi A. Pratikto. Ph.D. This media luncheon also attended by the guests from the media representatives, NCC Indonesia of as well as the honorable interviewees, which are Director General of Marine Spatial Planning of MMAF and Executive Secretary of NCC Indonesia, Mr.



Brahmantya Satyamurti Poerwadi, ST, Head of the Agency of Research and Human Resources Development of MMAF, Mr. M. Zulficar Mochtar, ST., M.Sc., and Director General of Climate Change of Ministry of Environment and Forestry, Dr. Nur Masripatin M.For. Sc., as the representatives of National Coordinating Committee of Indonesia. The Executive Director, Dr. Widi Pratikto, emphasized that Media has a big role in educating the public in disseminating information which expected to be a means of information exchange related to the strategic role of CTI-CFF in encouraging the efforts of marine conservation, sustainable fisheries, food security and climate change at the regional level. This media luncheon also was attended by CTI-CSO of Indonesia along Director General of Environment and Natural Resources and Head of Research and Human Development.

5. The writer of CTI-CFF History Book, Ms. Juita Ramli, visited the Headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in Manado on 23-27 October 2017. During her visit, she interviewed the Executive Director and other staff as resources of the book. Additionally, Ms. Ramli visited Bitung Harbor on the morning of 27 October 2017. The visit aimed to gain the insights for the research for the history books with the Bitung, Harbor near the Headquarter of the CTI to observe the impact of the Fisheries of Bitung and to align with the progress and work of



CTI-CFF and its impact into local communities. The part of the photographs and documentation would be elaborated in the photographs history book of CTI-CFF.

As a summary, below table shows activities held in 2017 under Communication Department:

Activities	Timeline	Status	Support
Meeting with Jakarta Post	10 March 2017	Jakarta, Indonesia	Regional Secretariat
Side event at UN Ocean Conference (SDG 14), New York with Solomon Islands Government and other Development Partners	5-7 June 2017	New York, United States	NCC Indonesia & WWF
CT Day 2017 – including Instagram contest “SayNo2Plastic”	9 June 2017	Manado, Indonesia	NCCs & Regional Secretariat
Coral Triangle Futures Think Tank	15-16 August 2017	Denpasar, Bali, Indonesia	Australia Gov’t via CI
Media Luncheon with Indonesia’s Mass Media	6 September 2017	Jakarta, Indonesia	Regional Secretariat
Regular CTI Partners Call	December 2016 - December 2017	Manado, Indonesia	Regional Secretariat
Supports for internal events and external events (CTI-CFF University Partnership MoUs; CTI-CFF University Partnership Workshop; Inception Workshop; USAID – USDOJ/ITAP Workshop; Pre SOM and SOM 13)	December 2016 - December 2017	Manado, Indonesia	Regional Secretariat
Coordination with the office of NCCs and CTI Partners	Throughout 2017	Manado, Indonesia	Regional Secretariat

Table 7: Communication activities held in 2017

In terms of SWOT Analysis, Communication Department is gradually performing its function in widening publicity of CTI-CFF at national and regional levels. Although it is a steady development with some notes, more resources shall empower the department to work and engage CTI Stakeholders accordingly.

Strengths	Weaknesses
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strong support by the Regional Secretariat by allocating budget to conduct regional-based activities • Strong support of the development partners in conducting some communication-related activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited staff in delivering the programs and support daily activities • lack of outreach to external stakeholders • Low support from CT6 NCC in providing queries

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The annual Coral Triangle Day celebration on June 9th is a great platform to increase the knowledge, understanding and appreciation 	
<p style="text-align: center;">Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work closely with CT6 NCCs in building the awareness of CTI-CFF's roles and activities • With the ever-expanding CTI development partners and collaborators, there are some potentials to work together in some thematic program campaigns • The implementation of a comprehensive communication program can help CTI-CFF to achieve its overarching objectives outlined in the RPOA • Member States and Development partners can expand the understanding of CTI-CFF by organizing and implementing communication and outreach activities related with CTI-CFF issues. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slow response to no response from CT6 NCCs could lead to inactive participation and update on the latest activities and information that could be shared in public • The challenge in requiring data on current condition related coral reefs, and endangered species.

B.3.2 Cross-cutting Themes (CCT)

a) Background

Throughout the lifespan of the Coral Triangle Initiative, several cross cutting themes were established to address elements or issues not identified in the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA), but are critical towards the fulfillment of the goals and objectives of the RPOA. Elements and issues on gender equality; private sector involvement; local communities; promotion of scientific research and findings; and identification of capacity building needs are addressed in the form of the establishment of the Women Leaders' Forum (WLF); Regional Business Forum & Business Advisory Council (RBF/BAC); Local Government Network (LGN); Scientific Advisory Group (SAG); and Capacity Building. These cross cutting themes are mainly led and supported by the CTI-CFF Development Partners in the early years of the CTI-CFF establishment.

b) Objective

The Governance Working Group (GWG) and Cross Cutting Themes (CCT) Division is formed within the Regional Secretariat to work with Development Partners to ensure continued support for the cross cutting themes and at the same time to ensure CT6 Member Parties interest are taken into consideration when designing programs / projects.

c) Function of Division

The GWG and CCT Division is responsible to ensure continued communication between CT6 NCCs and relevant Development Partners interested to support CCT programs and to seek potential partnerships and programs for the respective CCTs. The development of programs and activities must be in the interest of the CT6 Member Parties; or communicate with relevant NCCs when implementing programs within the jurisdiction of CT6 countries.

d) Scope of Activities

The Regional Secretariat seeks ways and means to implement agreed workplans with Partners and also seek potential collaboration with other relevant organizations for its cross cutting themes. Often, the Regional Secretariat and NCC representatives attends and participates in conferences and workshops organized by other organizations with subject matters that are relevant to the cross cutting themes; either through the support of the organizers, Development Partners and the Regional Secretariat. The GWG and CCT Division also facilitates the development of annual reports to SOM and organizing pre-SOM meetings to review and finalize SOM reports for CCTs.

e) Deliverables

Deliverables are in response to the decisions and recommendations made at Senior Officials' Meetings and Ministerial Meetings. Although it is not stipulated in the Regional Plan of Action, the cross cutting themes are crucial towards the implementation of the RPOA goals.

Activities / Deliverable	Rationale / Mandate	Timeline	Status	Assumptions
Women Leaders Forum (WLF)				
Develop gender measures / indicators to be embedded in the M&E Operations Manual	SOM-11 & SOM-12	2018-2019	Not started	Financial & technical support is available
Women participation in TWG events / meetings	SOM-11 & SOM-12	Throughout the life of CTI-CFF	On-going	Financial & technical support is available
Network with women ministries across CT6	SOM-11 & SOM-12	2018-2019	Not started	Support from NCCs and women ministries
Develop long term plan for WLF	SOM-11 & SOM-12	2017-2018	Not started	Financial & technical support is available

Activities / Deliverable	Rationale / Mandate	Timeline	Status	Assumptions
Develop mechanism / framework for sustainable financing for WLF programs	SOM-11 & SOM-12	2017-2018	Not started	Financial & technical support is available
Engagements at national, regional and international forums.	SOM-11 & SOM-12	Throughout the life of CTI-CFF	On-going	Financial support is available
Regional Business Forum (RBF) / Business Advisory Council (BAC)				
Bi-annual organization of CTI-CFF Regional Business Forum on sustainable marine tourism.	NCCs recommendations	Bi-annual (next RBF in 2017)	On-going	Financial & technical support is available
Official launch of the formation of the task force under MPA Technical Working Group	SOM-11 & SOM-12	2017-2018	Not started	Financial & technical support is available
Adoption of the Global Sustainable Tourism Council (GSTC) Criteria across CT6 as baseline standard for sustainability in travel and tourism in MPAs	SOM-11 & SOM-12	Throughout the life of CTI-CFF	On-going	Technical support is available
Establishment of the Business Advisory Council	SOM-11 & SOM-12	2015-2019	On-going	Financial & technical support is available
Local Government Network (LGN)				
Establishment of the Maritime LGN Secretariat	SOM-11 & SOM-12	2018	On-going	Support from USAID/DOI - CTC
Implement LGN Roadmap as endorsed in SOM-11	SOM-11 & SOM-12	Throughout the life of CTI-CFF	On-going	Financial & technical support is available
Scientific Advisory Group (SAG)				

Activities / Deliverable	Rationale / Mandate	Timeline	Status	Assumptions
Establish the Scientific Advisory Group	SOM-11 & SOM-12	2017-2018	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial support for SAG EAFM from USAID/DOI • NCCs & TWGs support
Develop criteria and mechanism for the SAG	SOM-11 & SOM-12	2017-2018	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial support for SAG EAFM from USAID/DOI • NCCs & TWGs support
Capacity Building				
Identification of capacity support gaps across all CTI-CFF goals	SOM-11 & SOM-12	2017 - 2019	Only for MPA TWG; other TWGs not started	Financial & technical support is available
Identification of existing capacity building mechanisms	SOM-11 & SOM-12	2017 - 2019	Only for MPA TWG; other TWGs not started	Financial & technical support is available
Utilize existing capacity building mechanism to a wider audience and promote capacity building opportunities	SOM-11 & SOM-12	2017 - 2019	Not started	Financial & technical support is available
Establishment of an information system to enable countries to inform capacity providers of capacity building needs	SOM-11 & SOM-12	2017 - 2019	Not started	Financial & technical support is available

Table 8: Cross Cutting Themes Deliverables in 2017

f) *SWOT Analysis of Division*

<p style="text-align: center;">Strength</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development Partners are aware of the cross cutting themes • Each theme differs in interest with specific Development Partners • The fact that the CCTs are not part of the RPOA provides greater flexibility in terms of areas for potential collaboration and programs • The Regional Secretariat constantly seeks out ways and means for collaboration with Partners and other relevant organizations. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Weaknesses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are no chairs / leader for the CCTs and it proves to be challenging to maintain momentum of interest and program planning. • Insufficient funds to plan, implement and sustain programs for the CCTs • NCCs are preoccupied with Technical Working Groups activities and pays less attention on cross cutting themes • The participation level at pre-SOM meetings often inadequate and representatives are junior officers thus lack the decision-making capacity.
<p style="text-align: center;">Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunities for Development Partners and relevant organizations to plan and implement CCTs are not limited by the RPOA targets. • CCTs addresses unique audiences / beneficiaries; e.g. women; youth; scientists; business communities and local governments and opportunities for funding for these specific areas is higher as it benefits directly to them. • More opportunities for the beneficiaries to participate in relevant biddings, conference and workshops. • Use of social media and other electronic means of communication such as independent web pages within the Regional Secretariat's website are useful to disseminate information. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Threats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainability of programs due to insufficient funds. • Lack of participation and support from NCCs. • Limited capacity in the Regional Secretariat to coordinate and seek for opportunities for all of the CCTs with the level of attention that it deserves.

g) Budget Implication

Sustainable financing for the CCTs is crucial to maintain the interest and relevancy of the CCTs. Most of CCTs activities are being covered by the CTI Partners. Therefore, the Regional Secretariat's funds for all five (5) CCTs is amounted around US\$ 12,000 from Operations budget (i.e. US\$ 280,356 of adopted total budget US\$ 1,203,483, figure 8) or 4%. The CCTs will allocate around US\$ 8,700 to cover RBF, WLF, SAG to participating in the Pre-SOM and SOM-13 in the Philippines and technical assistance for SAG establishment and CCT administration around US\$4,500. Figure With irregular payment of annual country contribution, it is insufficient for full-fledged program implementation. Past programs for CCTs are implemented with funds from Development Partners for specific programs and when the program cycle ended, so does the CCT programs that it supports. Figure 10 illustrates expenses of CCT Support, as of October 2017.

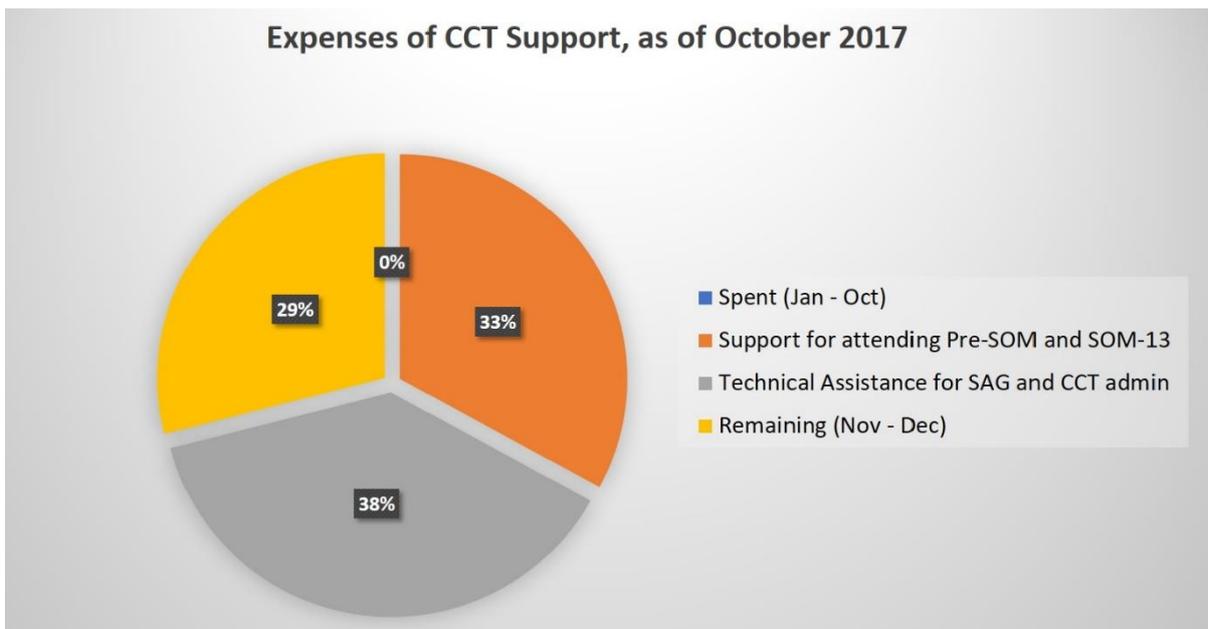


Figure 10: Expenses of CCT Support, as of October 2017

h) Suggestion

The CCTs needs to assess its situation and plan for other means of sustainable financing. Not only from CTI Partners and Regional Secretariat, but also from other interested non-governmental organization, funding entities, and private sectors.

i) Next Steps

The SOM-13 pre-SOM meetings in 2017 seeks to address the financial sustainability issues for each of the CCTs and obtain SOM endorsement for it and enable the appropriate Governance Working Groups to assist CCTs.

j) List of Activities held 2017

The following are, among others, the activities under CCT frameworks:

1. Through the supports of ADB-RETA 7813 and NGOC of ADB, Youth Representative of the CTI-CFF from Regional Secretariat, The office of CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committees that consists of officers of Ministry of Marine Affairs of Indonesia, Ministry of Science Technology and Innovation of Malaysia, as well as representative of Universiti of Malaysia Terengganu were invited and attended the 5th Asian Youth Forum (AYF-5) in conjunction with the 50th ADB Annual Meeting from 1-7 May 2017 in Yokohama, Japan. Through the facilitation of ADB (Youth for Asia), Plan International, and AIESEC, the forum shared lesson learned in mechanism of ADB operations with Youth elements in achieving Sustainable Development Goals through plenaries, knowledge sessions, and opportunity for youth to involve and interact with stakeholders and leaders in various development sectors. 150 delegates including Youth representative of CTI-CFF gathered at the event venue in Yokohama, Japan.



2. The CTI-CFF, as a partner to the Oceans and Fisheries Partnership (Oceans Partnership) shared its Women Leaders' Forum (WLF) Intergenerational Learning program at the Oceans Partnership Regional Gender Workshop held on 20-22 August 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. The workshop was part of its Gender



Strategies Implementation in the Oceans and Fisheries Partnership activity. CTI-CFF participation includes women representatives from Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste. The participants shared their respective experiences, local and national programs; thoughts on capacity building and more importantly, were exposed to the approaches towards developing gender sensitive indicators. In general, the participants acknowledged the need for further capacity building to ensure inclusion of gender issues in all aspects of strategic planning. CTI-CFF, in coordination with the Coral Triangle Centre (CTC) have developed an Intergenerational Learning (IL) program that shall span over 18 months and is expected to cover one pair of mentor-mentee for each CT country selected through an open call / submission of proposals. This program was supported through the USAID / Department of Interior (DOI) grant.

3. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited by SEAFDEC/USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership to participate in the second Technical Working Group Planning Workshop in Bangkok, Thailand on 12-14 July 2017, for the USAID



Oceans Partnership Regional Workshop – Gender and Human Welfare TWG meeting. The workshop was reviewing the progress made over the past year and serve as a venue to plan and discuss activities to be conducted in the program's third year-fiscal year 2017- in both the learning and expansion sites related to the gender and human welfare. In addition, the Activity was present findings from extensive research conducted over the past year in the Philippines and Indonesia to inform the program's approach and catch documentation and traceability system design. Updates on the U.S. Seafood Importation Monitoring Program was also presented.

The summary of activities held in 2017 under CCT frameworks is shown in table below:

Activity	Date	Venue	Support
Women Leaders Forum (WLF)			
ADB's 50 th Annual Meeting	1-7 May 2017	Yokohama, Japan	ADB; The Nature Conservancy
USAID Oceans Partnership Regional Workshop – Gender and Human Welfare TWG meeting	12-14 July 2017	Bangkok, Thailand	USAID Oceans Partnership & Regional Secretariat
Preliminary discussion for potential collaboration with the Women for Organizing Change in Agriculture and Natural Resources (WOCAN)	20 August 2017	Bangkok, Thailand	Regional Secretariat
USAID Gender Workshop	21-22 August 2017	Bangkok, Thailand	Coral Triangle Center (CTC) & Regional Secretariat
Regional Business Forum (RBF)			
Global Tourism Conference	19-22 July 2017	Kuala Terengganu, Terengganu, Malaysia	Regional Secretariat & Universiti of Malaysia Terengganu

Activity	Date	Venue	Support
Courtesy visit to Ministry of Tourism and Culture Malaysia (MOTAC)	18 July 2017	Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia	MOTAC and Regional Secretariat
Scientific Advisory Group (SAG)			
Preparatory Meeting for SOM-13 with NCC Malaysia which includes discussion on the establishment of the SAG – <i>the establishment of the SAG was discussed during the 2nd University Partnership Meeting which was chaired by Malaysia.</i>	19-20 October 2017	Putrajaya, Malaysia	NCC Malaysia & Regional Secretariat
Local Government Network			
Remote communication with Coral Triangle Centre (CTC) on the establishment of a Secretariat for Maritime Local Government Network under the support of USAID – Department of Interior	September – October 2017	Manila, Philippines & Manado, Indonesia	USAID-DOI / Coral Triangle Centre
Capacity Building			
5 th Asian Youth Forum	1-7 May 2017	Yokohama, Japan	ADB RETA 7813 & Regional Secretariat

Table 9: CCT Activities in 2017

B.4 Technical Programs

a) Background

The CTI-CFF is the global epicenter of marine life abundance and diversity. The biogeographical conditions within the region may also enable to maintain its exceptional productivity of marine and coastal resources. However, these resources are under significant and increasing threat. Overfishing, acidification, ocean health, coastal development, water-based pollution and marine debris are examples of threats in the Coral Triangle region. To overcome this, the CTI-CFF produces a living and non-legally binding document, called the

Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) with a view of conserving and sustainably managing marine resources within the Coral Triangle region.

The RPOA is intended to serve as a rallying point for collective and parallel efforts at regional, national and sub-national levels. To achieve the commitment outlined in the RPOA, the Technical Program Division is established to exhaustive potential supports from internal the Coral Triangle region as well as from external resources. These efforts will support the implementation of the RPOA. Thus, the division will play a significant role in exploring collaborative engagement, partnership, and cooperation.

b) Objective

Toward an international-accredited CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to serve the implementation of the CTI-CFF RPOA, the division aims to undertake the function of the Regional Secretariat in supporting the implementation of CTI-CFF RPOA through developing regional plans, programs, and project activities; fostering networking with other organizations and donors; facilitating technical/expert assistance; and performing other duties and functions assigned to it by CSO and COM.

c) Function of Division

The functions of the technical program division are as follows:

1. Support the CTI-CFF Technical Working Groups in the implementation of the CTI-CFF RPOA by facilitating technical/expert assistances,
2. Develop regional plans, programs, and activities in addressing science-based management, enrichment of regional capacity building, and emerging regional concerns;
3. Assist the Executive Director to function the Regional Secretariat as the channel of communication, share information, and fostering networking among the CTI parties and partners, and with other organizations and donors in the efforts to promote the objective of the CTI-CFF and to build mutual collaboration to enrich the implementation of the CTI-CFF RPOA,
4. Perform other duties and technical functions as may be assigned by the CSO.

d) Scope of Activities

The scopes of activities of the division of the technical program include the followings:

1. Facilitate technical/expert support to the NCCs and TWGs;
2. Develop regional plans, programs, and activities;
3. Deliver any task related to the RS function of channeling communication and share information, which is assigned by the Executive Director;

4. Extend and elaborate the communication with existing partners, collaborators, and other organizations, including donors to seek collaboration;
5. Support the relevant tasks of the RS assigned by CSO.

e) Deliverables

The deliverables of the division of the technical program are:

1. Develop mechanism to facilitate technical/expert support to the NCC and TWGs, and platform of which the technical/expert can provide support;
2. Draft proposals for regional plans, programs, and activities;
3. Deliberate function on relevant tasks assigned by the Executive Director,
4. Initiate or concept note on potential engagement and collaboration with existing partners, collaborators, other organizations and donors;
5. Deliberate any assigned task after SOM;

f) SWOT Analysis of Division

This SWOT analysis is intended to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats of the division of the technical program in order to improve its performance in delivering its functions. This analysis is not only related to the internal factors such as human resources, communication mechanisms, and budget availability. But also, it relates to external conditions such as CTI stakeholders, emerging concerns and opportunities.

<p style="text-align: center;">Strength</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competent supporting staff (program assistance) having CTI-relevant educational background, i.e. marine science, ocean, coastal processes and resource management; • Availability of the budget to support functions and deliberation of the division; • Supporting staff can be based on programs and activities; • Regional Secretariat has been acknowledged by the USAID as Public International Organization (PIO), which indicates the ability of the RS to receive direct support from the USAID. 	<p style="text-align: center;">Weakness</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication mechanism and alignment process with NCC and TWGs has not yet established and endorsed by the SOM; • Mechanism to engage collaboration with other organizations/donors has not yet been established; • Engaging with other potential organizations/institutions/donors is a simple process and takes time.
<p style="text-align: center;">Opportunity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various international organizations are having concern in conserving marine 	<p style="text-align: center;">Threat</p>

<p>ecosystems and sustaining the fisheries, which are potential to collaborate;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various scientific-based organization/institution such as Universities and research centers can be called for collaboration; • Regional Secretariat can pursue to be accredited entity for donors, e.g. GEF and GCF; • Alignment with other international commitment such as SDG. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emerging issues (non-RPOA actions) with regards to the CTI needs to be addressed properly; • Maintaining the quality of division performance in delivering donor-support activities such as USAID-support activities in fisheries management (2017 – 2019).
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g) Budget Implication

The budget for the Technical Program division was allocated from Operations budget (i.e. Operations budget US\$ 280,356 of adopted total budget US\$ 1,203,483, figure 11) around US\$ 80,000 or 29%.

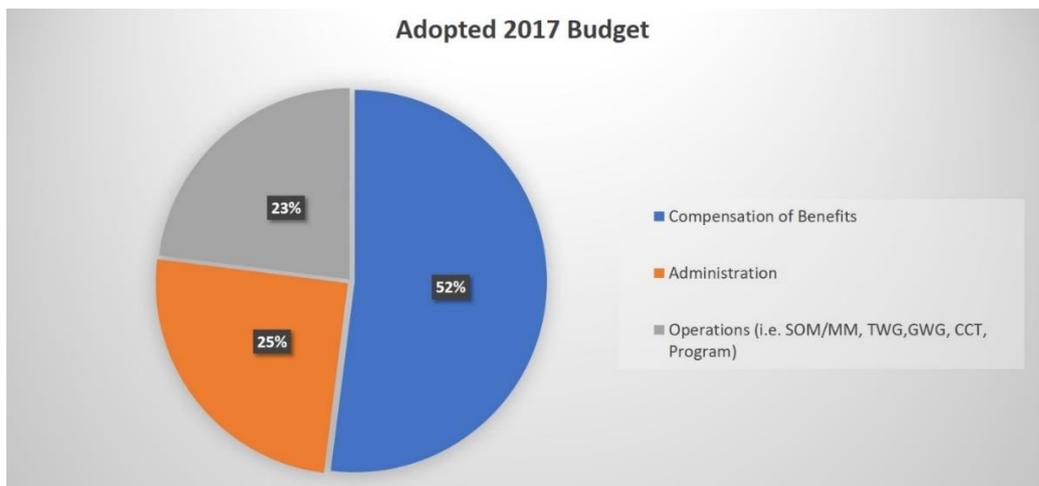


Figure 11: Adopted 2017 Budget

The budget is, among others, for the 1st Meeting of CTI-CFF University Partnership, supports for program initiation and potential collaboration with other regional/international organizations, fostering collaboration with CTI Partners, and supports for Scientific Advisory Groups (SAG). As of October 2017, the realization of the Technical Program budget has reached US\$50,789 or 64%, as shown in figure 12. The division has planned to support the Coordinator of CTI-CFF University Partnership and consultant of Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) for participating in the pre-SOM and SOM-13 in the Philippines. They will play a vital role to proceed the session of University Partnership and SAG respectively. The remaining balance will be used to follow up immediate action that needs to be taken after the SOM-13.

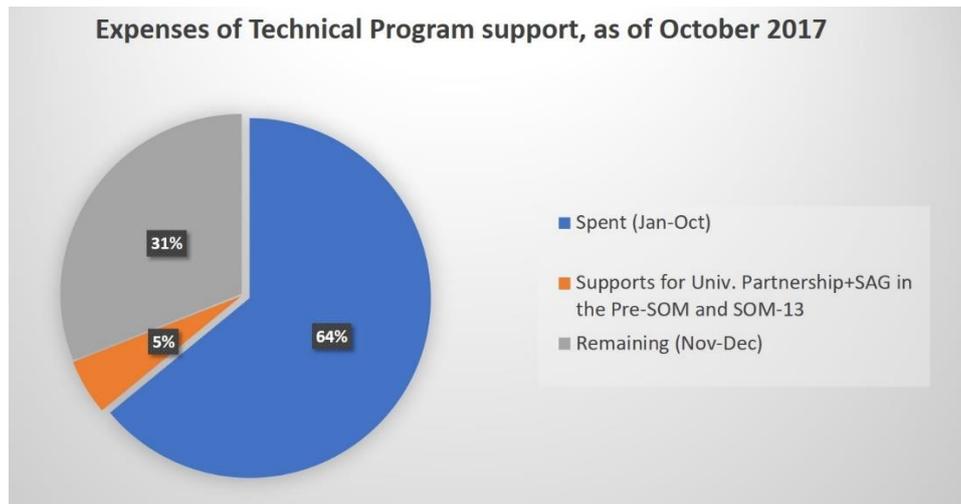


Figure 12: Expenses of Technical Program support, as of October 2017

h) Suggestion

Based on the qualitative analysis, the SWOT Analysis (condition) can be used to define the strategy development. These strategies come from the elaboration of Strengths and Opportunities (SO), Strength and Threats (ST), Weaknesses and Opportunities (WO) as well as Weakness and Threats (WT). The following are suggestions for further consideration:

- 1) Staff involvement related to marine science, ocean, coastal processes and management as well as the others related knowledge with the activities from existing donors, NGO, government institution as well as similar initiative;
- 2) Obtaining potential budget support to improve the technical program activity from existing and/or potential donors, NGO, government institution as well as similar initiative;
- 3) Aligning the identified program with others program beyond the CT region;
- 4) Prioritizing the collaboration activities together with existing and/or potential donors, NGO, government institution as well as similar initiative;
- 5) Developed the competitive working life within NCC, donors, NGO, government institution as well as similar initiative;
- 6) Encouraging the staff related to marine science, ocean, coastal processes and management as well as the others related knowledge to take roles on the implementation of programs in national level;
- 7) Improving the way of program implementation based on the time and budget constraint

i) Next Steps

To carry on the message from the strategies as mentioned in the Suggestion section, the following are the next steps which need to be pursued accordingly:

- 1) Alignment mechanism and process between program division and technical working group needs to be worked out, as to get better program development.
- 2) Proposed activities of the program division need to be well-prepared.
- 3) On-going USAID-support activities needs to be worked out by having a tangible timeline and define proper PIC for each activity.

- 4) Initiation with other organizations, e.g. SEAFDEC, SPREP, FAO or other potential organization such as national meteorological agency (linked to WMO) needs to be more explored in order to have potential collaborative programs or collaborative project proposals to support the RPOA goals.
- 5) CTI-University Partnership should exercise their planned action and activities.
- 6) Improve the capacity of program division in organizing and preparing plans and on-going activities by creating an “almost free-of-charge” internship program in collaboration with University Partnership.

j) List of Activities held in 2017

The following are, among others, activities held in 2017 under the Technical Program division:

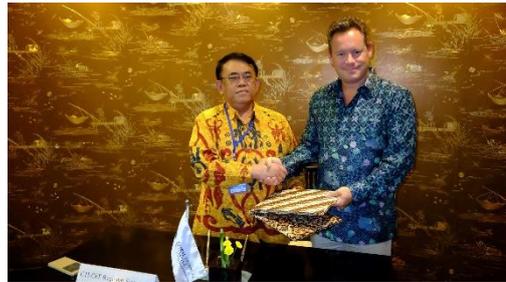
1. The 1st CTI-CFF University Partnership Meeting was held on 28 February - 1 March 2017 at the CTI-CFF Headquarters, Manado. Prominent Universities from six (6) CTI-CFF Member States (particularly focusing on fisheries and marine resources) attended the event: four (4) from Indonesia (IPB, ITS, UNHAS, UNSRAT); University Malaysia Terengganu (UMT); University Of Papua New Guinea (UPNG); University of the Philippines Diliman (UPD); Solomon Islands National University (SINU); Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosa'e (UNTL); and James Cook University (JCU), Australia; and five (5) representatives from the respective Member States' National Coordinating Committees (NCCs). The Meeting provided the participants with sharing their insights and provided inputs on conceptual framework and mechanism of the CTI-CFF University Partnership; building tangible and collaborative programs on capacity building, research and outreach; as well as identifying possible support and mechanism to strengthen capacity and quality of Regional Secretariat, Technical Working Groups and NCC.



2. Mr. Widi A. Pratikto, the Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited and sponsored as a speaker at the Second IORA Ministerial Blue Economy Conference: “Financing Blue Economy”. This Conference was held on 8 - 10 May 2017 in Jakarta and attended by the relevant Ministries/Agencies of 21 IORA member states, 7 IORA Dialogue Partners and observers. The main aim of this conference was to strengthen current cooperation in the maritime sector, in particular, the Blue Economy, among IORA Member States and Dialogue Partners. The first day of the conference was focused on the Working Session related to fisheries and aquaculture, marine tourism, network and marine plastic debris. The second day was Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) and the third day was the Ministerial Meeting.



3. On 8 May 2017, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat officially signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with The University of Queensland (UQ), one of Australia's leading research and teaching institutions in Sari Pan Pacific Hotel, Jakarta. The MoU signing would provide a platform for both parties to strengthen, promote and develop cooperation and exchanges in areas of mutual interest of capacity-building, technical assistance, and research collaboration throughout the CTI regions in the area of marine and coastal resource management. This signing also marked the University of Queensland joins to the CTI-CFF University Partnership.



4. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited by the United Nations (UN) as Panelist to participate in the 18th meeting of the informal consultative process focused its discussions on the topic "the effects of climate change on oceans". The meeting was held at the United Nations Headquarter in New York from 15 – 19 May 2017. The Consultation Process brought together representatives from various



institutions, including governments, non-governments, intergovernmental organizations, and academic institutions. Various aspects of the effect of the climate change on oceans were discussed during the meeting, including environmental, social, and economic aspects. This meeting was a strategic multinational forum under the UNCLOS. It gave benefits to the CTI-CFF to interact with UN process, and promote what CTI-CFF has been done so far to maintain the sustainability of the CT marine resources, particularly under the challenges of the climate change. This meeting was strategic for the CTI-CFF to engage with other international organization. By attending this meeting (i.e. by invitation and sponsor from the UN) it implied that CTI-CFF already considered worldwide as potential initiative for better resource management. The message that the Secretariat delivered the result of all efforts by CTI member countries and partners in assuring the sustainability of the CT resources. However, the UN attention on supporting all efforts made by such multi-lateral initiation should be encouraged, particularly in building capacity, knowledge, and financing efforts to adapt the effects of the climate change on the oceans. Communication with FAO and GEF should be proceeded, as they welcomed with further collaboration. GEF emphasized that they have some regional training programs on how to access the GEF.

5. The CTI-CFF Partners' Meeting was held on 23-24 May 2017 in Manila, the Philippines. The meeting opened by the Undersecretary for International Affairs and Foreign-Assisted Programs, Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines, H.E. Atty. Jonas R. Leones as the Chair of CTI-CFF Committee of Senior Officials followed by a speech from the Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto. Prof. Pratikto's welcome focused on the benefits to



be achieved by coordination and partnership and encouraged the exchange of information to that end. The CTI-CFF Partners-Regional Secretariat Coordination Meeting specifically sought to accomplish the following objectives: 1) Coordinate and communicate with Development Partners on key programs/actions and support extended to NCCs / CT6 Member Countries as to address the SOM-12; Decision No. 9.4 and 14.5, and engagement strategy to facilitate nations to achieve the RPOA's higher outcomes; 2) Discuss the strategy for the review the RPOA (SOM-12; Decision 14.6); and 3) Discuss other matters related to revitalizing the important role of CTI-CFF in conserving the coral reefs, sustaining the fisheries, and securing food from the ocean. Among others the outcomes were as follows: 1) The session agreed that a Development Partners meeting (with the RS and Chair CSO) be scheduled for at least once a year.; 2) The group agreed that the scope outline of the evaluation could follow that of the RPOA document itself, and examine each of the program mechanisms established therein without turning into a full examination of the degree to which the CTI Goals and Targets have been reached (that to be left to a later full M&E review); 3) The meeting agreed that the review should be implemented as soon as possible to ensure sufficient time for substantive draft findings to be presented at SOM-13 in November 2017; 4) It was agreed that Partners confirmed that they are willing and able to assist in the drafting of the TOR pending guidance from the Chair of the CSO; 5) Participants reviewed the content of an earlier letter on the RPOA review sent to the CSO Chair in March 2017 and endorsed its content as regards its independence, scope, purpose, timeline and suggested governance arrangements; 6) The meeting formally recommended that the Partners write to the Chair of the CSO via the Philippines NCC, copying the Regional Secretariat, referencing the earlier Partner letter and requesting the Chair indicate how the Partners may assist in supporting next steps.

6. Attending Coral Triangle Fishers Forum III - Sustainable Coastal Fisheries through Local Innovation: Scaling Up Effective Models for IUU Reduction, Catch Documentation and Traceability in Support of Sustainable Local Fisheries Production held on 3-6 July 2017 in Iloilo City, Philippines, organized by the EAFM Technical Working Group and WWF. As for the results, the summary or outputs of this 3rd FF could become a basic reference for the member countries further discussion on the development of the catch documentation and traceability, including how to secure financial support for the implementation. In addition to that, involvement of private sectors in the development of CDT technology and application in the 3rd FF was likely to be extended to any potential PPP program developed by member countries

7. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat met with the Chair of Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG), Anang Noegroho, Director of Investments of National Planning Bureau of Indonesia on 7 July 2017 in Jakarta. Among others of key discussion are the following: 1) Proposal for PPP arrangement to the USAID in the area of fisheries management, in particular for CDT system should be elucidated as soon as possible, whether the proposal was accepted and necessary step can be taken; 2) Extensive discussion and talk with FRWG member, e.g. Indonesia, should be undertaken to prepare the PPP arrangement including identifying potential private sectors to be involved, in what sectors the PPP should be focused, and how the arrangement can be made. At the same time, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat met with Director of Investment Unit, Mr. Syarial from the Ministry of Marine Affairs of Fisheries of Indonesia, as part of seeking support from the National Coordinating Committee (NCC). At this meeting, the discussion was more about on a consultation process to support PPP activity under CTI-CFF within the framework of the SOACAP-IFM.



8. On 10 July 2017, Regional Secretariat represented by Dr. Muhammad Lukman, Technical Program Senior Manager held a meeting with Dr. Andi E Sakya Head of Indonesian Agency for Meteorology, Climatology and Geophysics (red. BMKG). CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat explored the potential of Global Climate Fund (GCF) scheme to initiate regional programs to support the implementation of the CTI RPOA, particularly in Climate Change Adaptation. Since the proposal should be country-based proposal, the CTI Regional Secretariat could propose to the CTI-CFF Climate Change Working Group to put on their agenda to consider CGF schemes. BMKG could be a channel or partner with regards to approach to WMO as GCF-AE. Exploring potential collaborative programs between CTI-CFF and BMKF-involved international organization (for Asia Pacific) in addressing the climate change challenges in the CT region was also raised and the BMKG expressed their interest and support accordingly.



9. Participation in the Oceans and Fisheries Partnership Technical Working Group Planning Workshop held on 12 – 14 July 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand organized by SEAFDEC and the USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership. This meeting was important for the Regional Secretariat in order to align its program with the Oceans, and a concrete plan with SEAFDEC related to follow-up collaborative program initiation for implementation, especially related to SOACAP-IFM, funded by USAID fund.

10. The CTI-CFF University Partnership on Program Development was held in the Headquarter of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Manado, Indonesia, on 7 – 8 August 2017. This meeting aimed at (1) developing collaborative



program actions for the year 2017 and 2018 as the continuation of the results of the 1st CTI-CFF University Partnership 28 February – 1 March 2017; (2) identifying mechanism in developing a joint-program and proposals on capacity building, research and outreach; (3) securing financial supports. The Workshop consisted of nine (9) sessions, five (5) sessions on the first day and four (4) sessions on the second day. The sessions on the first day include the introduction to CTI-CFF University Partnership Workshop on Program Development, Capacity Building, and on Research for 2017-2018. On the second day, the sessions cover the discussion on Program Priority of CTI-CFF University Partnership 2017-2018 for the community outreach, Integration on Program Priority of CTI-CFF University Partnership 2017-2018. The meeting concluded with the MoU Signing ceremony between CTI-CFF and UNTL (Universidade Nacional de Timor-Lorosa'e) as well as between CTI-CFF and UPNG (University of Papua New Guinea).

11. On the occasion of the University Partnership Workshop, the Regional Secretariat of Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) and University of Papua New Guinea signed the Memorandum of Understanding in the framework of University Partnership on 8 August 2017. Executive Director and Prof. Samuel Saulei of University Papua New Guinea signed the MOU, witnessed by the Chair of the Meeting, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ramzhan Dambul, Chair of the University Partnership, Prof. Grevo Gerung, NCC of Papua New Guinea Focal Points and Technical Program Senior Manager.



12. The Regional Secretariat of Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) and the Universidade Nacional de Timor-Lorosa'e (UNTL) formalizes their cooperation through signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 8 August 2017. The MoU provided the collaboration on research, capacity building and in the provision of the technical assistance in support of the sustainable management of the marine and coastal resources in the Coral Triangle region. Dr. Francisco Miguel Martins, Rector of UNTL with Prof. Dr.



Widi A. Pratikto, Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat signed the MoU witnessed by Deputy Secretary General Office (Science, Technology & Innovation) of Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation of Malaysia.

13. During the occasion of the University Partnership Workshop on 7-8 August 2017 in Manado, Indonesia, National Coordinating Committee (NCC) of Malaysia, represented by Assoc. Prof. Ramzah Dambul, Universiti Malaysia Sabah and James Cook University held a side meeting with CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat team as a follow up of a discussion with respective on the follow up of collaboration and discussion of the Memorandum of Understanding in the framework of University Partnership with a view of the capacity building of CTI-CFF Member countries.



14. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat's Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto together with CTI-CFF Head of Program and Project Initiation Specialist of ADB witnessed the MoU signing Ceremony between Institute Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember (ITS) and Universiti Malaysia Trengganu on 11 August 2017, Surabaya, Indonesia. Both of these prominent universities are the members of the CTI-CFF University Partnership with the agreement with CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat signed in 2016. Apart from the MoU Signing ceremonial, CTI-CFF also had a thematic discussion with ITS to improve Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation efforts in CTI-CFF Member Countries.



15. Under the University Partnership framework, the Regional Secretariat of Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) sealed a cooperation with University of Padjajaran, Bandung to reach the preservation of the marine environment, sustainable fisheries and food security through a framework of cooperation to strengthen, promote and develop exchange of cooperation in the field of science and marine research as outlined in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at University of Padjajaran, Bandung, August 18, 2017. In the perspective of Coral Triangle region, the signing of the MoU had a strategic value to increase research activities as well as skills capacity of Human Resources in the field of marine and fisheries through the exchange of researcher, visitation of the Researcher among the CT6 countries. Moreover, the signing of the MoU resulted to the development of capacity through education and training where the purposes are intended to achieve the extended of technology development and social development, promotion and social economic welfare by means of the regional training, seminar and symposium. Lastly, The MoU signing provided the cooperation through an agreement of consultation in cooperation to utilize the expertness as well as cooperative research by both parties.

16. The 11th International Conference on Artificial Reef and Related Aquatic Habitats 2017 (MyCARAH 2017) held in Terengganu, Malaysia from 11 to 13 September 2017. The event was organized by the University Malaysia Terengganu and supported by other stakeholders, including the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. The Objective of the event was to create - for the first time ever - a platform for sharing between important stakeholders in artificial reef development, i.e. researchers,



managers and small-scale fishers, in the Coral Triangle region. It was hoped that the workshop would assist in ensuring that the best knowledge, of both scientific and traditional origins, could be amalgamated towards the successful enhancement and sustainability of the marine and fisheries resources in our region.

17. The USAID/RDMA and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat held the CTI-CFF/USAID Inception Workshop: Building-Up a Regional Catch Documentation and Traceability (CDT) System and Advancing Fisheries Management for Strengthening Food Security in Coral Triangle Region in the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Manado, on 25-26 September 2017. The



USAID/RDMA through the US Department of Interior (DOI) for the period of 2017 – 2019 supports CTI to introduce and develop fisheries related activities that can promote sustainable fisheries practices in the CTI region, in order to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUUF), promote sustainable fisheries, and conserve marine biodiversity. The attendances were from the NCC CTI-CFF Member states, and the resource persons such as NOAA, the Oceans Partnerships, SEAFDEC, USDO-IITAP, Universities, and some private sectors related to the CDT as the work plan program. The outcomes were the following: 1) Country analysis on the existing traceability system and the need of the country on traceability system development; 2) Recommendation on the development of countries-specific CDT System; and 3) TOR of EAFM task force on CDT System.

C. COOPERATION DEVELOPMENT: EXTERNAL RELATIONS AND ENGAGEMENTS

Post the occasions of the 12th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-12) and the 6th Ministerial meeting (MM-6) held on 1 – 2 November and 3 November 2016 respectively, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat has continued to strengthen its networking efforts with external counterparts. This section enlightens external relations and engagements of the Regional Secretariat from post SOM-12 and MM-6 to 17 November 2017.

The following are activities on external relations and engagements of the Regional Secretariat in November and December 2016:

1. CTI-CFF's Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D had a fruitful meeting with Ms. Melanie King, Chief Operations Officer of The University of Queensland, Australia to discuss future collaboration between the two institutions on 14 November 2016 in Jakarta, Indonesia. This meeting was a follow up of the previous meeting with Prof. Peter Mumby (Marine Spatial Ecology Lab) on 16 September 2016 and was part of the final step toward official cooperation through MoU soonest. The University of Queensland, Australia is a well-known University in research and innovation and included as one of top 50 World's Universities.

2. The Headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in Manado, Indonesia received a courtesy visit of Director General of Policy Analysis & Development Agency of Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia (MOFA), Dr. Siswo Pramono accompanied by Director of Secretariat for Policy and Development Agency, Dr. Bambang Susanto and his staff on 26 November 2016. During the visit, Dr. Siswo and his staffs had a warm discussion with CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D. The Director General expressed his full support to the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in strengthening relation and any potential cooperation activities within both institutions soon.



3. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A Pratikto Ph.D. was invited by Center for Coastal and Marine Resources Studies – Bogor Agricultural University (CCMRS/PKSPL – IPB) as a Keynote Speaker on “the role of CTI-CFF in the management of coral reef ecosystems and fisheries in the CTI-CFF Member States” at the International Conference on Integrated Coastal Management and Marine Biotechnology (ICM-MBT 2016) held on 29 November 2016. During the session, Prof. Widi emphasized the basic component of integrated coastal and marine management, which involved the environment, economic, and social aspects. He also shared CTI-CFF Goals 1, “ Priority Seascapes” Designated and Effectively Managed and Goal 3, Marine Protected Area Established and Effectively Managed under the Regional Plan of Actions that practically aligned with Integrated Coastal Management frame which implemented by the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) through their National Plan of Actions (NPOA). For instance, three out of six CTI-CFF Member States, which consist of Government of Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines, have developed Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape (SSS). The SSS has become one of world seascape and serves as a geographic focus on investments, actions, conservation and climate change, particularly with ecotourism in the Coral Triangle Region.



4. The CTI-CFF Executive Director, Prof. Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D. accompanied by Head of Program paid a working visit to Timor-Leste on 5-7 December 2016. They had productive consolidation meetings with the CSO of Timor-Leste along with staff from NCC Timor-Leste, WorldFish officials, Conservation International (CI) as well as with University of Timor-Leste. The aim of the meeting was to strengthen the collective works between Regional Secretariat and NCC in Timor-Leste in preserving the Coral Triangle Region that can give benefits for the communities particularly who lives in the Timor-Leste's coastal area. On the other occasion, they also had working visit with Indonesian Embassy officials in Dili, Timor-Leste, which represented by Education and Cultural Attache officials, among other things that have been discussed are opportunities for scholarships and University partnership among higher education institutions in Timor-Leste and other CT Member States.



5. The CTI-CFF's Executive Director, Widi Agus Pratikto Ph.D. was invited and supported by The United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDES A) and the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) to become one of the panelist experts at the Expert Group Meeting (EGM) at the UNIDO Headquarters in Vienna, Austria on 14-16 December 2016. The EGM is held in preparation the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on sustainable development 2017. Fully supported and accommodated by UNIDO, Dr. Pratikto had a session on Integrated actions for oceans (i.e. panel 7) that can contribute to achieving SDG 14 on oceans and seas. The discussion on panel 7 was led by Ms. Asha Singh, Head, Oceans Governance, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States Commission and accompanied by Mr. Julian Barbière, Head, Marine Policy and Regional Coordination Section, Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission, UNESCO as the moderator during the meeting. The session had a fruitful discussion, in particular the role of CTICFF in articulating its goals to achieve SDG 14. In addition, Dr. Pratikto also delivered two (2) critical points (i.e. solid partnerships to support marine resources and initiatives of communities; solid and effective Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) systems to determine what structure is most practical and to track progress towards the goals of the regional and national plans of action) and two (2) action points (i.e. properly integration between policies/approaches and the outcomes/impacts to national socio-economic development; the M&E shall overview indicators based on outcomes and impacts) of the ocean governance to the session as part of his contribution to the EGM. On the other occasion, Dr. Pratikto also had a courtesy visit to H.E. Mr. Rachmat Budiman, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to the Republic of Austria, Republic of Slovenia and Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna.



The following are activities on external relations and engagements of the Regional Secretariat from 1 January 2017 to 17 November 2017:

1. The Headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat received a courtesy visit from Prof. Thomas Hilde, a Senior Professor and Director of Indonesia and Peru Programs at the University of Maryland School of Public Policy along with his 20 graduate students on 10 January 2017. They were briefed about Regional Secretariat CTI-CFF and engaged in a discussion with Dr. Muhammad Lukman, Head of Program CTI-CFF related issues of reef and fisheries management and conservation, particularly how Intergovernmental Organization like CTI-CFF protecting and conserve the reefs in Coral Triangle Region.



2. Regional Secretariat CTI-CFF, represented by Head of Program, Dr. Muhammad Lukman, signed MoU with Australian Consortium for 'In-Country' Indonesian Studies (ACICIS), represented by ACICIS Resident Director, Ms. Elena Williams regarding ACICIS Development Studies Professional Practicum (DSPP) Internship Program on 11 January 2017 in Jakarta, Indonesia.



ACICIS was established with Australian government support to provide a unique support network for students from 26-member universities in Australia, the UK and the Netherlands wishing to experience living and studying in Indonesia. The MoU outlined supports learning experiences of ACICIS's 'in-country' program and its students to be placed in the Headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in the form of internships.

3. Beside the five (5) thematic goals of the RPOA, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat needed to also robust their effort on the emerging issues in the Coral Triangle Region. Marine debris is an issue which needs to be carried on, particularly for the Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines. Those three countries have been said as the top ten (10) countries that generate debris in the ocean. To continue the endeavor on the reducing marine debris, Head of Program Division of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Dr. M. Lukman paid a courtesy visit to World Bank office on 12 January 2017 in Jakarta, Indonesia. During the meeting, Dr. Lukman sought potential support and further possible collaboration with the World Bank in term of Marine Debris and its effects in the Coral Triangle region.
4. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited by GIZ to participate in the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape Project Coordination Meeting on 12 – 13 January 2017 in Quezon City, Philippines. This meeting intended as preparation for the Sulu Sulawesi Seascapes Project Coordination Meeting held on 12 – 13 July 2017 in Nasugbu, Batangas. The meeting would report on the progress of implementation based on the management framework goals, outputs and indicators of the respective work plans; and update on areas of collaboration among project within the Sulu-Sulawesi region.

5. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat paid a courtesy visit to meet with the Chair of Council of Minister (COM) of CTI-CFF, Hon. Regina L. Lopez, Secretary of Department of Environment and Natural Resources as well as with the Chair of CTI Committee of Senior Officials (CTI-CSO), H.E. Atty. Jonas R. Leones, Undersecretary for International Affairs and Foreign Assisted Programs, Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) of the Philippines along with the officers of the National Coordinating Committee (NCC), on 17 January 2017. This visit was to establish a solid relationship with the Government of the Philippines as the new Chair of CTI-CFF for a two-year period (2016-2018). During this visit, Mr. Widi A. Pratikto, Executive Director of CTI-CFF highlighted the importance of the overall framework of the CTI-CFF, including the role of chairmanship, updates from recent CTI-CFF development and challenges ahead. Both parties exchanged their views on pragmatic approaches to strengthen CTI-CFF in the region as well as the relation between the NCC of Philippines and Regional Secretariat.



6. During the working visit to the Philippines as the Chair of CTI-CFF for the period of 2016-2018, the Regional Secretariat led by the Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto had a chance to have a courtesy visit with the Ambassador of Indonesia to the Philippines, Marshall Islands and Palau, H.E. Lt. Gen. (Ret) Johny Lumintang on 18 January 2017 at the Embassy of Indonesia in Manila. Mr. Pratikto briefed the Ambassador on the CTI-CFF and its updates and development. He also emphasized the important role of CTI-CFF in the region and highlighted the role of the Philippines as the new Chair of CTI-CFF, including the occasion of the 13th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-13) to be held in 2017 as well as SOM-14 and the 7th Ministerial Meeting (MM-7) to be held in 2018 in the Philippines. The Ambassador expressed his full support to the CTI-CFF and remained hopeful for the success of CTI-CFF activities at the level of regional, national and local government.



7. Regional Secretariat led by CTI-CFF Executive Director, Dr. Widi A Pratikto met with Mr. Adrian Ross, Executive Director of PEMSEA on 20 January 2017. The fruitful meeting was intended to seek possible areas of cooperation between CTI-CFF and PEMSEA for further collaboration, including possible for having a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between CTI-CFF and PEMSEA.



8. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat participated in monthly Beach Cleaning Movement with Manado municipality and North Sulawesi provincial administration under #SaveBunaken initiatives. The beach cleanup was held surrounding waters of Bunaken National Marine Parks from the estuaries, beach, until Bunaken Island in North Sulawesi, Indonesia. The beach clean-up aimed to protect the well-known waters of Bunaken - one of the world's most beautiful marine park and home to rich marine species and coral reefs, from trash pollution.



9. CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited to the Regional Workshop on Developing the State of Oceans and Coasts Report held on 24 – 25 January 2017 in the Philippines. This workshop aimed to discuss the transboundary environmental state, ecosystem status, economic and cultural values, and progress of strategies and action plans, including those that address sustainable fisheries, the joint protection of biodiversity and shared resources, networking of marine protected areas and climate change. The work of CTI-CFF, the three countries and other development partners in the SSME would be of great value to the development of the SOC report. In addition, blue economy initiatives, conservation finance solutions, management mechanism, private sector participation and potential investments in the SSME would be of significant interest.



10. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat led by Executive Director, Dr. Widi A. Pratikto, paid a courtesy visit to meet with Honorable Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs, H.E. Luhut Binsar Panjaitan as the National Chairman of National Coordinating Committee (NCC) of Indonesia at the office of Ministry of Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs in Jakarta on 6 February 2017. The meeting highlighted several important progresses of CTI-



CFF, the ongoing programs under the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) and the important role of the NCC Chairmanship. Minister Luhut expressed a positive response that CTI-CFF has strategic roles in addressing global, regional and national issues related to the marine environment, fisheries and food security. Additionally, Minister Luhut emphasized that the CTI-CFF was important in supporting the plan to make Indonesia as the reputable world's maritime axis, especially in creating more potential engagements and regional partnerships on marine resources, fisheries, environmental services and maritime transportation. Further discussion was about collective efforts in addressing issues and challenges in protecting marine and fisheries resources from pollution, marine debris and climate change impact.

11. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, led by Widi A. Pratikto, Ph.D, Executive Director, paid a courtesy visit to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MFA) of Indonesia in Jakarta on 7 February 2017 to meet with Head of Policy Analysis and Development Agency, H.E. Siswo Pramono. Two nomenclators discussed issues related to the development of CTI-CFF and valuable supports from MFA of Indonesia. They also underlined several important issues, among others, the possibility to conduct an international conference of Small Island Developing States(SIDS) and the climate change impact for Pacific countries in Manado, Indonesia; Depository document of ratified agreement of establishment of CTI-CFF for registration purpose to the United Nation); High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development participation by CTI-CFF in June 2017 in New York, USA; The possibility of CTI Summit; and the Host Country Agreement finalization support from MFA. The meeting also discussed a possibility of Indonesian Foreign Minister visit to CTI-CFF Headquarter in Manado where Her Excellency Mrs. Retno L.P. Marsudi to speak about the Indonesian diplomatic policy in front of the city's University students and academicians.



12. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, led by Widi A. Pratikto, Ph.D., Executive Director, paid a courtesy visit to the Indonesian Deputy Cabinet Secretary for Maritime Affairs, Mr. Satya Bhakti Parikesit in Jakarta on 8 February 2017. The meeting aimed to accelerate the implementation process of the Host Country Agreement (HCA) that was signed by the Government of Indonesia and the Regional Secretariat on 1st December 2015 in Manado, Indonesia. The implementation of HCA process would be strengthening the role of the Regional Secretariat in carrying out its main functions legally, financially, and institutionally. Among others decision included privileges and immunities, exemption from taxation and customs duties.



13. The office of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat received a courtesy visit from Dr. Honzawa, Senior Research Scientist from Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) from Tokyo, accompanied by Dr. Osawa, Vice Director of CReSOS (Center for Remote Sensing and Ocean Sciences), Udayana University. The Executive Director, Widi A Pratikto Ph.D. and staff, welcomed Dr. Honzawa and Dr. Osawa and had a lively discussion regarding the CTI-CFF, JAXA and CReSOS program, especially on possible collaboration in the future. Dr. Honzawa explained the current project between JAXA and an Australian institution in establishing a demonstration project of a satellite remote sensing, particularly its application in the ocean. In another part, Dr. Osawa



highlighted CReSOS capacity in using satellite remote sensing technology that provide a variety of data which are useful for climate forecasting, ocean phenomenon monitoring and exploration, and coastal area observation, as well as their graduate program in the field of environmental sciences and marine science at Udayana University by using the satellite information in strengthen their study.

14. Following up the meeting on 6 February 2017, the meeting between the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat led by the Executive Director, Widi A Pratikto Ph.D, and the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) of Indonesia, led by the national chairman, H.E. Luhut Binsar Panjaitan, Honorable Minister for Maritime Affairs took place on 14 February 2017 in Jakarta. The meeting aimed to set concrete actions and policies of Indonesia to strengthen the CTI-CFF partnership. During the meeting, the Coordinating Minister highlighted the importance of integrated programmatic action across ministries and institutions for strong consolidation and policy implementation. In addition, The Regional Secretariat CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A Pratikto, shared the latest development of CTI-CFF and the importance of second track diplomacy toward solid engagement and relation within CTI-CFF Member States.



15. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat participated in the Scoping Workshop "Designing Future German – Indonesian Coastal Research" on 14 February 2017 in Jakarta. The aim of this scoping workshop is to discuss the most pressing coastal issues in Indonesia and how bilateral research can contribute to potential solutions. Furthermore, we aim to jointly develop a strategy for future collaborations between Indonesian and German research institutions and other relevant stakeholders. The following key themes will be addressed, based on previous bilateral consultation in 2016: Sustainable Resource Use, Pollution, Global Climate Change, Marine Biodiversity and Ecosystem Function as well as Governance Structure and Processes.



16. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat had a meeting with its one of CTI Partners, USAID led by Mr. Alfred Nakatsuma, in Jakarta on 15 February 2017. The Meeting was intended to streamline collective efforts in strengthening relation with USAID, in particular for



CTI-CFF/USAID Project for two years. During the meeting, the implementer agency, the Oceans and Fisheries Partnership attended and conveyed their support toward the project. At the same day, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat also had a meeting



with another CTI Partner, ADB, through its implementer agency, PRIMEX led by Mr. Emong Morales. During the meeting, the following were discussed: the selection process of candidate for Financial Adviser/Project Initiation Specialist position, supported by RETA 7813; the possible support for Youth activities under CTI-CFF; and the plan of action for the tri-national meeting on NMPA and IUU Fishing.

17. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat attended "Maritime and Fisheries Business and Investment Forum" on 17 February 2017 in Jakarta. The forum was organized by the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia and aimed to enhance cooperation and investment interest in accelerating industrial and fishery development in twelve (12) integrated marine and fishery centers in Indonesia (i.e. Natuna, Saumlaki, Morotai, Merauke, Biak Numfor, Mentawai, Nunukan, Talaud, Mimika, Rote Ndao, East Sumba and Sabang). The event was attended by Heads of Representatives / Ambassadors, Central and Regional Government Agencies, Law Enforcement Agencies, State-Owned Enterprises, Banking, Chamber of Commerce, Associations and Business Actors. At the same day, the Regional Secretariat was invited by the Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs for participating in the Coordination Meeting on Plastic Waste Control Policy at Sea. The meeting aimed to increase awareness, synergize various government policies and recommend pragmatic approaches regarding plastic waste pollution. It should be mentioned that protection of the marine environment from the effects of plastic waste pollution was a global challenge of nations. Indonesia was no exception faced with these challenges. As the largest archipelagic country in the world and as one of the potential contaminants of plastic waste contamination in the sea, Indonesia needed to show leadership in handling the issue in government programs.



18. The Regional Secretariat CTI-CFF led by the Executive Director, Widi A Pratikto Ph.D. had a meeting with several Deputies of Coordinating Ministry of Maritime Affairs, Secretary General of Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries and staff, and the 3rd Secretary of Philippines Embassy. The meeting was chaired by the Deputy Coordinating Ministry of Maritime



Affairs H.E. Amb. Arif Havas Oegroseno on 20 February 2017. The meeting highlighted some crucial matters, among others, potential economies approach around Coral Triangle Region, expanding CTI-CFF Member States and the possible plan of CTI Summit in 2018. On the different occasion, the Regional Secretariat was invited by the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) of Indonesia to the

Meeting of Seascope Document Enhancement. The Meeting was a follow up of the SOM-12 and CTI-CFF Seascope Working Group Writeshop. On the same day, the CTI-CFF Executive Director, Widi A Pratikto Ph.D., had an informal dinner meeting with Mr. Jason

Patlis, Executive Director of Marine Conservation Program of Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and Mr. Maurice Knight, former Regional Director USAID Pacific Islands. The highlight of the lively discussion was the keen interest of WCS to become one of the Development Partners of CTI-CFF. WCS was in the position to strengthen engagement and cooperation under the framework of the Regional Plan of Actions (RPOA) and they also addressed their previous works related to the success story of the WCS project in the Pacific countries.

19. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, led by Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., the Executive Director, received a courtesy visit from ADB-RETA 7813 at the CTI-CFF Headquarters in Manado, Indonesia ON 27-28 February 2017. The visit was intended to further coordinate, consolidate and finalize the preparation of Capsule Project for the Tri-national meetings on NMPA and IUU Fishing. It was planned that there would be a consultative meeting in April 2017 in Jakarta and the Meeting in June 2017 at the CTI-CFF Headquarters in Manado.



20. The Headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in Manado received a courtesy visit Trade Commissioner Embassy of Canada, Ms. Dian Martosuebrotto and accompanied by her assistant Ms. Natalia D. Ambasari on 3 March 2017. The visit was intended to strengthen the economic relations between Canada and Indonesia, especially in North Sulawesi province. Areas of interests were marine and sustainable technologies.

21. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat had a fruitful discussion with the Chair of Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) and the Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG), Mr. Anang Noegroho on 6 March 2017 in Jakarta. The meeting was a follow up of the outcomes of 12th Senior Official Meeting (SOM-12) related to FRWG and CMWG. The meeting also aimed to consolidate activities under FRWG and CMWG so that strong coordination would be established.

22. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat participated in the Workshop SDGs Goal 14 and Ocean Health Index on 8 March 2017 in Jakarta. In the implementation of the SDGs, including Goal 14, several efforts have been made, including the drafting of the Presidential Decree, the preparation of the SDGs metadata, and a planned Action Plan for SDGs. At the international level, it would be held UN Conference on SDG 74 with the theme of our ocean, our future: pottering for the implementation of SDG 14 on 5-9 June 2017 in New York. Currently the Indonesian Marine Research and Rehabilitation Center (BPOt)-Caltbang KKP in collaboration with Conservation International (CI) and related agencies is implementing OHI in Bali, as a follow up of the OHI workshop held in April 2016 at the Balitbang KKP office in Ancol. The workshop provided feedback on call for action on SDG 14 and provides information on the implementation of Ocean Health Index (OHI) in various countries including Bali province.



23. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat led by Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D., the CTI-CFF Executive Director had a coordination meeting with H.E. Mr. Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan, Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia on 9 March 2017 in Jakarta. The meeting was a continuation of series meeting between the Coordinating Ministry of Maritime Affairs, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries as well as related government institutions in regard to the implementation of the National Plan of Action CTI-CFF and strengthening the CTI-CFF as a model of Indonesia leadership in ocean management. During the lively dialogue, Minister Luhut appreciated



the efforts of the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) of Indonesia in implementing the NPOA that align with the Regional Plan of Action and delivered some guidance for the upcoming actions such as Leader Summit, and strategic actions to eradicating the marine debris. He concluded the importance of concrete action follow up from the action plan. On the same day, the

CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat met with Mr. Hideki Matsuda, Mission leader/Water Resource Specialist of ADB Southeast Asia Department Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture Division accompanied by Mr. Guillermo Morales, Mr. Subhat Nurhakim, and Ms. Linda Ginting from ADB RETA 7813 project. This meeting was a follow up of the coordination meeting of ADB's review mission of projects in Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines. Aside the discussion on updates of the ongoing project, both institutions also discussed the development of the capsule projects within RPOA goals and youth project that would be coordinated by ADB through its RETA support.

24. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat had a fruitful discussion with the Secretary General of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia on 10 March 2017 in Jakarta. The meeting was intended to discuss the process of handling products from the Host Country Agreement (HCA) such as the organization's tax status, residence permit for foreign staff. Furthermore, the meeting also discussed the



process of registering the status of CTI-CFF to the United Nations as an international organization through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in view of the ratification of the Agreement on the establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, which had has been ratified by all Member States. On the same day, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat also had a fruitful meeting with Editor in Chief of the Jakarta Post, Mr. Endy Bayuni. The Jakarta Post is the most famous newspaper in Indonesia with English

language. This initial engagement was intended to broaden the news of CTI-CFF activities at national and regional levels.

25. The Headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat received the USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership representatives on 15-16 March 2017. This meeting was aimed to align program and activities under CTI-CFF/USAID project. Through constructive discussion, the meeting produced a better understanding on how the best planned-project implementation could benefit the target stakeholders. The meeting also highlighted several challenges and opportunities to strengthen the capacity building in CT6 Member States.



26. The government of Indonesia, as its capacity as the Host Country of CTI-CFF, invited the Regional Secretariat to participate in a coordination meeting between the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and relevant Ministries/institutions. The meeting was conducted to follow up a letter from the Cabinet Secretary of Indonesia concerning the HCA implementation as well as the acceleration on completion of post-ratification stages with the relevant Ministries / Institutions, especially on the facilities for the staff of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.

27. One of CTI-CFF Collaborator, GIZ paid a working visit to the Headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 30 March 2017 for Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project - Capacity Needs Assessment Interview of partner institutions supporting the CTI RPOA. The Assessment interview of partner institutions supporting the CTI-RPOA reviewed available information as provided by the project team. This included capacity development activities carried out so far, such as knowledge reports, relevant studies and other available information. An initial needs overview had been obtained through discussions in GIZ national and regional planning workshops. For the MPAs, a first assessment had been carried out by the Coral Triangle Centre (CTC) and CTI-CFF. The assessment covered the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat (RS), the CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committees in Malaysia, Indonesia and the Philippines and the relevant national implementing agencies focusing on the implementation to achieve their objectives related to the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Project (MPA, EAFM and CCA) and the related CTI- CFF RPOA and respective NPOAs.



28. On 2 April 2017, the Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Mr. Widi A. Pratikto held the breakfast meeting with Director of Transport, Energy and Natural Resources of Asian Development Bank (ADB), Dr. Olly Norojono. The meeting aimed to explore possible supports and assistance of ADB toward CTI-CFF Pacific countries through its through ADB-RETA 7753. Mr. Norojono confirmed his commitment to seek possible



supports under ADB-RETA 7753 for supporting activities in Papua New Guinea, Solomon Island and Timor-Leste.

29. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited by the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) of Indonesia for participating the Meeting on Review of Decision Making Seascope Working Group and Determination of RI Delegation held on 6 April 2017 in Jakarta. The meeting was coordinated by the Deputy of Natural Resources and Services Coordination, the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs. The meeting aimed to prepare substantive matters for the meeting on 4th CTI-CFF Seascope Working Group Meeting and the 2nd Regional Exchange on Seascope to be held on 15-19 May 2017 in the Solomon Islands.



30. The Headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat received a courtesy visit of His Excellency Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs, Luhut Binsar Panjaitan, National Chair of NCC Indonesia as well as Mr. Olly Dondokambey, Governor of North Sulawesi. During his working visit, Minister Luhut Binsar Panjaitan confirmed his full support on CTI-CFF efforts in protecting the marine environment, including the way forward to achieve concrete actions in eradicating the threats of the oceans that includes marine debris. He also appreciated the efforts made by North Sulawesi Province in increasing the awareness of the threat of debris in provincial level and how to curb the marine debris threats locally.



31. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited to a meeting between the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Sustainable Ecosystems Advanced (SEA) under USAID and its stakeholders in Jakarta on 10 April 2017. The meeting was intended to discuss the development of Seafood Import Monitoring Program (SIMP) and its benefits toward the sustainability of marine resources. This platform could be exercised by the CTI-CFF to initiate its Catch and Documentation Traceability (CDT) within the Coral Triangle region.



32. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited to the Seminar National of Blue-Economy on 20 April 2017 in Bandung, Indonesia. National Seminar held by the Deputy of Maritime Sovereignty Sector in cooperation with Padjadjaran University. The purpose of this seminar was to strengthen Indonesia's leadership in IORA and CTI-CFF. The Government of the Republic of Indonesia through the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs would hold the Second IORA Ministerial Blue Economy Conference (BEC) on 8 - 10 May 2017 in Jakarta.



33. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was invited by the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) of Indonesia to participate in the meeting of the Indonesian National Commission for UNESCO and the Ministry of Education and Culture. The meeting aimed to prepare substantive matters for the acceptance of the proposed Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Conference 2020. The issues discussed at this meeting included reporting on meeting results in Qingdao, China on 21 - 23 April 2017 and also the determination of the 29th Indonesia delegation Session of the IOC Assembly of Paris, 21 - 29 June 2017. The meeting also highlighted the role of the NCC of Indonesia that need to be strengthened at the national level as well as in the Coral Triangle region.



34. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat had a coordination meeting with the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) of Indonesia, including officers responsible for the five (5) Technical Working Groups (TWG) on 26 April 2017 in Jakarta. The meeting discussed among others preparation of CTI-CFF Seascape Rex in Solomon Islands, issues related to marine debris, climate change adaptation and mitigation.



35. On April 28, 2017, Head of Human Resources and Community Empowerment Board of Marine and Fisheries, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia as Chairman of Scientific Advisory Committee NCC-CTI Indonesia invited the Regional Secretariat to a meeting in the framework of preparation of national implementation action plan in terms of National Plan of Action (2016 - 2020). This meeting discussed about CTI-CFF's scientific activities review as well as strategic issues of CTI-CFF activities, related to the five goals of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA).



36. The United States Department of Interior of International Technical Assistance Program (U.S. DOI-ITAP) along with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID)'s based Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and representatives from the Oceans and Fisheries Partnership team had a working visit to the Headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 2-3 May 2017 in Manado. The visit was intended to discuss and finalize the CTI-CFF RS's aligned work plan on Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management in support of the Regional Plan of Action.



37. The Students and lecturers of Architecture, Department of University of Tadulako, Palu, Central Sulawesi, Indonesia paid a courtesy visit to the Headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 2 May 2017 in Manado. The visit was intended to learn about the thermal and the structure of the CTI-CFF Secretariat building as well as to learn more about the CTI-CFF activities.



38. Following WWF Annual Conference 2017 held in Mercure Hotel, Tateli, Manado, Ms. Jackie Thomas (WWF Coral Triangle Team Leader) and Mr. Jose A. Palma (President and CEO, WWF Philippines) paid a courtesy visit to the Headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 11 May 2017 in Manado. The meeting provided updates on several issues and progresses made by both respective organizations: WWF and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. WWF also reported its readiness to support and conduct a side event during the UN Ocean Conference SDG 14 on 6 June 2017 titled "The Coral Triangle – Partnership to Achieve SDG 14 (and more!!!) in the World's Epicenter of Marine Biodiversity".



39. The Headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat received a courtesy visit from Mr. Stuart Kaye, Professor from Wollongong University, Australia on 11 May 2017. Mr. Kaye was the conceptor of the establishment of CTI-CFF in the legal field. He was one of the writers of "The Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF)". His visit was part of the Government of Indonesia (GOI) invitation to provide training to several high rank officials of marine authorities on marine law in Manado.



40. In conjunction of the CTI-CFF Partners' Meeting on 23-24 May 2017 in Manila, the Philippines, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat paid a courtesy visit to ADB Headquarters and met with Mr. Olly Norojono, Director for ADB-RETA 7753 for Pacific countries. During the discussion, the Regional Secretariat sought further follow up and commitment from ADB-RETA 7753 to support CTI-CFF Pacific countries. Mr. Norojono updated Mr. Partikto that the supports were in the pipeline and waiting for finalization, especially for the support on the National Plan of Action (NPOA) costing.

41. Workshop on Traditional Zone Utilization held by Balai Bunaken National Park, Directorate General of Natural Resources and Ecosystem Conservation, Ministry of Environment and Forestry on Thursday, June 8, 2017. This workshop was one of cooperation effort and strategic partnership of sustainable money between Balai Taman Nasional Bunaken and Stakeholders in the region, especially the people who do activities in the traditional zone in the Bunaken Marine Park area. The purpose of this Workshop was to get the similarity of perceptions and recommendations of the parties related to the improvement of Bunaken National Park area management especially in the Traditional Zone to a better direction.



42. The Integrated Stakeholders Consultation Workshop was held on 19-21 June 2017. The 3-day workshop was a collaboration between the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia (i.e. NCC of Indonesia), USAID Oceans and Sam Ratulangi University. The Workshop was intended to support the policies of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (i.e. NCC of Indonesia) and USAID Oceans who have undertaken a number of activities in Bitung, North Sulawesi on chain analysis, human welfare, gender and labor analysis and rapid appraisal for tuna and small pelagic fisheries management in WPP 716.



43. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat paid a Courtesy Visit to the Office of National Coordinating Committee (NCC) of Timor-Leste on 20-21 June 2017. On the first day, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat visited the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia in Dili and met with the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Timor-Leste, H.E Sahat Sitorus. The next day, the Regional Secretariat met with the Director of Fisheries Resources Management, the Ministry of Fisheries of Timor-Leste, Mr. Calestino da Silva and Member of Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) Director General of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture of Timor-Leste, Mr. Acacio Guterres, as well as with the Director of Aquaculture, the Ministry of Agriculture of Timor-Leste, Horacio Amaral Dos Santos Gutteres. The discussion was intended to highlight several developments such as supports for NPOA Timor-Leste, strengthening the NCC office, improving coordination between the Regional Secretariat and NCC Timor-Leste.



44. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat attended the meeting on the Establishment of a management committee for data of tuna, skipjack and tongkol held by the Department of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, North Sulawesi Provincial Government in cooperation with Yayasan Masyarakat dan Perikanan Indonesia (MDPI) on 22 June 2017 in Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia. The meeting reviewed the activities of management and utilization of Fish Resources in Fisheries Management of the Republic of Indonesia 715 and 716, as emanated in EAFM plan of action of NCC of Indonesia. The purpose of this meeting, among others, was to facilitate meetings to increase understanding of the importance of data and information and learning and challenges of managing fishery data.



45. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, led by the Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto, Ph.D. had a courtesy visit to the office of the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) of Malaysia on 17 July 2017 in Putrajaya, Malaysia. During the visit, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat met with Member of CTI-CSO, Prof. Ramzah Dambul and H.E. Datuk Dr. Abu Bakar bin Mohamad Diah, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation as well as Minister of Tourism and Culture, H.E. YB Dato' Seri Mohamed Nazri bin Abdul Aziz and Deputy Secretary General, YBhg. Datuk Rashidi bin Hasbullah for preparation of Regional Business Forum (RBF) in Malaysia in 2018. The visit was intended to seek valuable support, advice and guidance as part of coordination and consultation with the office of the NCC of Malaysia in coordinating activities under CTI-CFF umbrella as well as strengthening regional cooperation among the CTI-CFF Member States.



46. University Malaysia Terengganu (UMT) together with CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat held Global Tourism Conference (GTC) on 19-22 July 2017 in Kuala Terengganu, Malaysia. GTC 2017 was an international conference specialized in tourism and hospitality. The event took "Tourism Development and Innovation: A catalyst For Sustainable Environment and Livelihood" as the theme of the conference. The GTC 2017 was intended to promote tourism and hospitality development, including tourism in the Coral Triangle region. UMT, as the host event and member of the CTI-CFF University Partnership, expressed their gratitude to the keynote speakers and participants for valuable contribution extended during the event and expected that the knowledge and lesson-learned regarding tourism and hospitality would be benefits to increase investments in the tourism sector.



47. Hideki Matsuda, the mission leader of Asian Development Bank (ADB) project RETA 7813 (Coastal and Marine Resources Management in the Coral Triangle of Indonesia, Malaysia and Philippines) paid a visit to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Headquarters in Manado, Indonesia on 23 August 2017 in a bid to review some program activities in the respective



regions. On the other side, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat highly acknowledges ADB's supports, which include: the conduct of the Consultative Meeting in March 2017 and Tri-National Workshop on the Establishment of a Sea Turtle Marine Protected Area Network and Monitoring, Controlling, and Surveillance in the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion priority seascape in June 2017. In addition to staff supports for NCC Malaysia, MPA TWG Coordinator, and Event Organizer officer during SOM 12 preparation in PNG, back in 2016.

48. CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat participated in 3-day workshop to participate in the discussion of lessons learned of CBRM success and opportunities to scale up at low-cost. The Workshop, was hosted by Conservation International with funding support from the Australian Government in Bali, Indonesia on 21-23 August 2017. The Workshop was attended by marine management practitioners, including representatives of each of the CT country National Coordinating Committees, NGOs, community organizers and global participants representing global or regional organizations, such as one from Madagascar. The workshop recommended to develop Success Story Case Studies through a platform to share lessons learned from CBRM practitioners, either through existing platforms or create dedicated one for CTI, and lastly the workshop prepared a brief recommendation and presentation for SOM, and outreach to NCC representatives to promote marine CBRM as a priority in CTI-CFF.



49. CTI-CFF participated in a 3-day intensive workshop that was supported and organized by the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) in partnership with USAID Oceans on 23-25 August 2017 in Bangkok, Thailand. The Workshop was intended to lay out the foundation for sustainability and replication of fisheries management initiatives in the Southeast Asia region. The Workshop objectives were to: Determine the status of fisheries management implementation modalities with a focus on EAFM (Ecosystem Approach to Management of Fisheries) in the Southeast Asia region; Develop/revisit/finalize/ agree on sub-regional fisheries



management framework and modalities; Strengthen human and institutional capacity of regional organizations to conserve marine biodiversity, including actions to combat IUU fishing; and Share experiences and lessons of fisheries management implementation in the Southeast Asia region.

50. The Kick-off “Fish for Good (FfG) project” in Indonesia funded by the Dutch Postcode Lottery (DPL) from the Netherlands held on 25 August 2017 in Jakarta, Indonesia. The DPL has awarded Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) funding, in total Euro 1.75 million for this project over four years in Indonesia, Mexico and South Africa. In these countries, the participants received knowledge regarding scale-up involvement and fishery improvements in order



to protect both marine biodiversity and fishing communities. To briefly state the aim of this exciting four-year project, it was to accelerate the building of a fisheries sustainability infrastructure in Indonesia that in the longer run would deliver sustained environmental gains on the water. “Fish for Good project” would be delivered in partnership with local NGOs, academics, government and supply chain who would provide local knowledge, networks and expertise in ocean conservation, helping independent experts to map and benchmark fisheries to MSC Fisheries Standard.

51. As part of RS ongoing effort to improve coordination at the national and regional level to implement CTI-CFF activities by strengthening the relationship between the Regional Secretariat and National Committee of CTI-CFF, Executive Director met with CTI-CSO of Indonesia, Brahmantya Satyamurti Poerwadi, S.T (Director General of Marine Spatial Management, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries) on Monday, 4 September 2017. The meeting discussed several things,



including briefing and preparation for the 13th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) and the discussion on the challenges of marine debris as part of threats the CTI-CFF region. In



addition, The Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF, represented by the Executive Director, Dr. Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D met Mr. Zulficar Mochtar, ST., M.Sc as Head of Research and Human Resource of Marine and Fisheries Agency, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries. The meeting discussed on the possible support from Agency of Research and Human Resource of Marine and Fisheries on establishing the Scientific Advisory

Group and strengthening CTI-CFF University Partnership. This meeting also discussed strategic approach to include the Vocational High School of Fisheries (Sekolah Tinggi Perikanan) to collaborate in the framework of CTI-CFF University Partnership. Finally, the

Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF, represented by the Executive Director, Dr. Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D has conducted a productive meeting with Anang Noegroho Setyo Moeljono, M.E.M., the Director of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesian Ministry of National Development Planning, (BAPPENAS) and his capacity as the Chair of Financial Resources Working Project Group (FRWG) to discuss about the FRWG activities and deliverables and way forward in CTI-CFF. The Regional Secretariat expected Mr. Anang to continue his leadership in FRWG and expected to deliver the expected output of FRWG. In addition to that,

Mr. Anang was briefed to chair the pre-SOM session of FRWG and 13th SOM, which will be held in November 2017, in the Philippines.



52. The Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF, represented by the Executive Director, Dr. Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D held a meeting with Dr. Gellwynn Hamzah, the Secretary of Minister and Dr. Arifin Rudiyanto, Deputy of Maritime and Natural Resources, both from the Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS) on 6 September 2017. The meeting discussed, among others, CTI-CFF University Partnership's role to establish capacity building in Coral Triangle region CTI-CFF area, as well as follow up and working progress development of CTI-CFF Working Group on Government Working Group (GWG) & Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG), and other matters related to cooperation between the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat regional and national committees of CTI-CFF National Coordination Committee/NCC Indonesia, including the recognition of and also develop CTI-CFF roles cooperation in national, regional and international scopes.



53. The Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF, represented by the Executive Director, Dr. Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D conducted a productive meeting with Director General of Capture Fisheries, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Prof. Sjarief Widjaja, Ph.D. In his briefing, Dr. Pratikto expected both Dr. Toni Ruchimat and Director of Fisheries Resources, Dr. Reza Pahlevi, could support EAFM in national and regional scope as a Coordinator of focal points of EAFM in Indonesia. Besides, Dr. Pratikto briefed the Director General on the Eastern Pacific Marine Corridor (CMAR) held in 2016 as part of the continued collaboration with CMAR. One of the part of the discussion was a follow up of the TWG Focal Points visit to Tayrona Nature National Park, Mexico Santa Marta, Colombia on 2-7 October 2016 that was attended by Pak Toni Ruchimat. It was agreed to hold the CMAR-MMAF CTI-CFF workshop that will be held in Jakarta.



54. The Regional Secretariat CTI-CFF represented by The Executive Director, Mr. Widi A. Pratikto, Ph.D held a meeting with the Director of Tierra Mar, Ms, Annisa Lawrence on 9 September 2017 in Jakarta. The result of the meeting was to follow up discussion on Blue Carbon and Marine Debris. There would be a National Secretary of Blue Carbon, which will be placed under the Ministry of National Development Planning, (BAPPENAS). The issue of marine debris would play a significant role toward the implementation of RPOA.



55. To develop the Sam Ratulangi University (UNSRAT) to the international level, the International Master Program of "Indo-Pacific Coral Reefs Biodiversity and Conservation" (IPCRBC) was established at the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences (FoFMS), UNSRAT. It included the CTI-CFF University Partnership Program in UNSRAT. Additionally, a Workshop on Building Up International Master Program, sponsored by DAAD-Germany, held on 14 to 17 September 2017. The Executive Director of CTI-CFF, Prof. Dr. Widi A. Pratikto was invited to give a presentation in this workshop regarding lesson-learn Four institutions in Germany joined; they were the University of Oldenburg, University of Bremen, University of Bonn, and Zoological Museum Alexander Koenig (ZFMK).



56. In the effort to establish a potential collaboration between CTI-CFF and The Leibniz Centre for Tropical Marine Research (ZMT), a courtesy visit of ZMT to the headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat held on 17 September 2017. ZMT were a German research institute aiming to investigate tropical marine ecosystem and understanding the drivers for their change and current threats. The meeting discussed regarding many mutual interests with potential joint research and capacity building projects (e.g. in the field of): 1) Threats to coral reef ecosystems, potential phase-shifts and method for sustainable use and management; 2) Seaweed farming impacts and benefits to Society; 3) Ecosystems monitoring and establishment of data infrastructure to aid sustainable use; 4) Marine pollution and effects on biodiversity ecosystems function; 5) Governance systems, livelihood in marine environments and marine spatial planning to mitigate resource use conflicts.

57. The Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Dr. Widi Pratikto welcomed the guests from the Ministry of Research and Technology of Indonesia on 22 September 2017 at the Headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. This meeting aimed to accept the proposal for a group interview with the CTI-CFF in the means of a research study with the title: "Development of Research Cooperation with Industry & International World for



Science, Technology and Innovation Researchers" carried out by the Research and Innovation in Science and Technology Project (RISET-Pro) Program.

58. The National Coordination Committee (NCC) of Indonesia held a Technical Guidance on Communication Strategy and on Proposal Writing. The event took place at the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF) training facility in Depok on 27-29 September 2017. The event encouraged the participants to maximize their learning, and emphasized on the importance of having excellent communication skill. Such skills were highly needed, especially in the context of NCC Indonesia when they are partaking at the CTI-CFF regional forum. Participants of the technical guidance were from across directorates of the MMAF, NCC Indonesia Secretariat, and 2 staff from the Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF. The target participants are those who are responsible for internal and external communication of their directorate, for inter/external agency cooperation, and program and technical units.



59. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat had plans to have working visit to Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands in September 2017. However, due to national election in Papua New Guinea in August, the visit is still pending for more appropriate time.

60. As part of the Monitoring and Evaluation of the Australian Government's support to the establishment of Permanent CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Griffin Natural Resource Management as the Australian independent monitoring and evaluation team had visited the RS CTI-CFF Headquarters in Manado on 2-3 October 2017. The visit aimed at finding the effectiveness of the aid to the organization's operational, including notable progresses achieved by the RS CTI-CFF. Several interviews with key management and related staffs were conducted accordingly.



61. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat met with the independent auditor, Syarief Basir & Co. on 12 October 2017 in Jakarta, Indonesia to discuss the finalization of the report and recommendation of CTI-CFF RS 2016 Financial Audit. This meeting was to wrap-up the auditing process and to move forward for finalization of Audit Report. In addition, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat paid a visit to NCC of Indonesia and met with the CTI-CSO of Indonesia, Director General of Marine Spatial Management of Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, Mr. Bramantya Satyamurti





Poerwadi, who act as the Executive Secretary of NCC Indonesia. The meeting was an effort to strengthen coordination and to brief the preparation to the 13th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM13) in Manila, Philippines from 27-30 November 2017. Another point of discussions was the Host Country Agreement (HCA) along with its implementation.

62. On 13 October 2017, the CTI –CFF Regional Secretariat represented by the Executive Director had a meeting with Dr. Christopher Merritt, Maritime Technical Advisor of US Mission to ASEAN on future potential collaboration in future activities that engages Women and Youth within the framework of WLF and Capacity Building.



63. Subsequently, the Executive Director visited the Deputy Minister of Coordinating Minister of Maritime Affairs and Resources, H.E. Amb. Arief Havas Oegroseno, representing the respective Coordinating Minister as a Chairman of NCC Indonesia. Point of discussions included potential marine debris issue inclusion in SOM- 13 and potential to conduct a CTI-CFF Leaders' Summit in 2018.



64. The Regional Secretariat team had a productive a two-day working visit to the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI), as the NCC of Malaysia from 19 – 20 October 2017. The meeting discussed updating the NCC Malaysia on the preparation for pre-SOM and SOM-13 in Philippines; Regional Secretariat's Financial Rules and Procedures; highlight on the 2016 Audit process; Work plan for Coordination Mechanism Working group (CMWG) and its alignment with the Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG). The meeting also discussed the preparation for the next 5th CTI-CFF Regional Business Forum/RBF and the development towards the establishment of the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) with the support from the newly established CTI-CFF University Partnership.



65. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the U.S. Department of Interior-International Technical Assistance Program (DOI-ITAP) organized a 5-day training on organizational capacity and system from 23-27 October 2017 at CTI-CFF Headquarters, Manado – Indonesia. The DOI-ITAP grants team was represented by Mr. Peter Fricke, Ms. Kristina Bliss, and Ms. Susan Boring to assist in strengthening the



capacity of the Regional Secretariat's staffs. This included amongst others, review of USAID's internal controls, policies, and procedures for program and project planning, utilization and responsible utilization of Central Federal funds, finalization on the quarterly report and guide for future reporting, as well as presentation & facilitation skills. This activity was part of the continued support from the United States Government through the USAID Regional Development Mission Asia (RDMA) to support Coral Triangle countries. More importantly, the training aimed to improve Regional Secretariat organization system's efficiency and strengthen cohesiveness in its function to serve the Coral Triangle Member Parties. The workshop also produced a mission statement of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, written as follows: *The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat's mission is to initiate, to coordinate, and to facilitate communication and activities across CTI-CFF Member Parties (Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste). These efforts will implement the goals and objectives of the Regional Plan of Action to address emerging and transboundary issues on sustainable management of marine resources and food security in the Coral Triangle Region.*

66. Adaptation of Coastal Community within the South China Sea held on 25-27 October 2017 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Though this event was targeted for ASEAN member countries, however, Malaysia as the Chair of the ASEAN Sub Committee on Marine Science and Technology (SCMSAT) and the Chair of Climate Change Adaptation Working Group of CTI-CFF extended the invitation to CTI-CFF Member States for participating in the event. The 3-day workshop aimed to share knowledge and best practices on climate change assessment. In addition to that, the event also discussed Identify human and climate change impacts to marine ecosystem and coastal communities in South China Sea and Identify and propose climate change adaptation to project sites.

67. The Government of the Philippines hosted the 12th Conference of Parties to the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS-COP12) on 23-28 October 2017 at the Philippine International Convention Center, Manila, Philippines. In this event, the Sulu- Sulawesi Seascape Project, a Project implemented under the CTI-CFF framework through a MOU signed between CTI Regional Secretariat and GIZ, held a side event titled "Establishing a network of safe havens for green turtle, *Chelonia mydas*, in Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape". This side event was organized by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources - Biodiversity Management Bureau (DENR-BMB), Conservation International-Philippines and GIZ in close coordination with the CTI-CFF Threatened Species Working Group chaired by the Government of Malaysia as co-convener. This event aimed to highlight the progress made in initiating the establishment of a trans boundary network of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) for a Migratory and Endangered species in this CTI-CFF priority seascape. A special focus was the commitment of the Philippines government in establishing its part of the transboundary MPA network for green turtles, which was also a pioneering conservation initiative in the country and very well contributes to the CTI-CFF goals for protected areas and threatened species.



68. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, led by the Executive Director, Widi A. Pratikto Ph.D, has a working visit to the Australian Government in Canberra; James Cook University (JCU) and Townsville's based-institutions to seek potential funding and assistance in the framework of cooperation for CTI-CFF on 6-11 November 2017. The first visit was for a series of meetings with Professor Chris Cocklin, Senior Deputy Vice



Chancellor of James Cook University, Townsville, Australia on 6-8 November 2017. The meeting was intended to follow-up with previous discussions on potential collaborations and support to CTI-CFF; as well as discussions on CTI-CFF University Partnership for a joint-proposal between James Cook University and University of Queensland. In addition, the Regional Secretariat had the opportunity to visit

the Australian Institute of Marine Sciences (AIMS) to discussed with Dr. Paul Hardistry, the CEO; WorldFish Colleagues and met with Dr. David Mills; WorldFish's Director of Timor Leste and Dr. Philippa Cohen, WorldFish's research leader for small scale fisheries primarily on the Solomon Island projects; the Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies with prof. Dr Alana Grech, Dr Rebecca Weeks, Dr Georgina Gurney, and Mrs. Jennifer Lappin; and finally working visit to the



Great Barrier Reef Marine Park Authority (GBRMPA) met with Mr. Ben Palmer, GBRMPA's International Business Manager. The meetings were purely on information exchanges between the institutions and CTI-CFF to initiate more cooperation between them. The visit continued to Canberra, Australia from 8-11 November 2017 to follow up discussions with Dr. Andrew Edge, Director of Environment Unit and his assistant Director, Ms. Heidi at the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT); Ms. Nicole Coombe at Department of Environment and Energy (DoEE) and Ms. Kate Duggan at Griffin nmr, an evaluator institution assigned by the Australian Government to review Australia's support towards

nature research management. The meeting was aimed at implementing cooperation and the continuation of support between CTI-CFF and the Australian Government. Both DFAT and DOEE welcomed the initiative to bring forward emerging issues such as marine debris and plans for potential support in the near future. Finally, the Regional Secretariat met with His Excellency Y. Kristriato S. Legowo, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Australia and Indonesian Student Association in Australia where the group discussed on the future of CTI-CFF and implementation challenges in the region.

69. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat is invited and fully sponsored by Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO to attend 2 (two) events: 1) "Building International Partnership Meeting to Enhance Science Based Ecosystem Approaches in Support of Regional Ocean Governance in the Context of 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" on 27-28 November 2017; and 2) "The 19th Large Marine Ecosystem and Coastal Partners Meeting" on 29 November – 1 December 2017; All is conducted in Cape Town, South Africa. The goal of the first meeting is to enhance cross-sectoral, science based ecosystem approaches in support of regional ocean governance by strengthening coordination and collaboration between/among Large Marine Ecosystem (LME) programmes, Regional Seas Programmes and Regional Fisheries Organizations. The primary objective of the Annual Meeting (the second meeting) is to provide global forum for GEF-funded marine and coastal leaders and institutions, aimed at sharing experiences and lessons with respect to ecosystem-based governance. The Annual LME Consultation contributes to the development of the LME Partnership by engaging marine, coastal, biodiversity and coastal climate change adaptation project leaders in meeting those objectives, in accordance with the GEF LME: LEARN project. CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat will reap the benefits of the two meetings by tapping and exchanging the latest knowledge and information on the best practices from other participants, including from the IOC and GEF LME through LEARN project.

70. The office of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat received a working visit of Mr. Robby Fadillah, from Ministry of National Development Planning, on behalf of the Chair of Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG), Mr. Anang Nugroho on 20 November 2017 in Manado, Indonesia. The visit was intended to exchange of views regarding the preparation for the session FRWG during the Pre-SOM of FRWG to be held on 27 November 2017 in Manila, Philippines. Among others the discussion includes the role of Project Initiation Specialist (PIS), draft Terms of Reference (ToR) of FRWG, status of NPOA Costings, scheme for seeking potential funding resources and 2019 workplan.



D. CONCLUSION

The activities of CTI-CFF and Regional Secretariat in 2017 has indicated that the two and half years of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat has made substantial, solid progress in a number of fields and areas. The gradual but increase progress in the organizational development has been quite promising and challenging in terms of laying down the groundwork and at the same time providing a platform for further programs and activities set-out in the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA).

The year of 2017 has also proved that CTI-CFF and Regional Secretariat has received more international recognition by its direct involvement with the United Nations. This is part of collective efforts to align CTI-CFF goals and activities with other regional and international commitment within the framework of RPOA. Therefore, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat has strategically expanded networking efforts with external

counterparts and partnership to raise the profile of CTI-CFF at the regional and international arena by being relevant, effective and efficient body and to be able to play a bigger role it deserves.

The Regional Secretariat believe that CTI-CFF need to be realistic and objective, especially with regard to the challenges lying ahead and what we as a group need to do in the future. CTI-CFF as an organization have to grapple with the multi-dimensional impact of the still unfolding globalization process. This would call, to be as frank and forthright as it can be, for a higher degree and level of actual commitment within the Organization, individually as well as collectively, to the implementation of our past decisions.

The CTI-CFF, in its entirety, offers tremendous potential in various fields and areas; scientific to management of resources, and, as a collective bloc have the capability and capacity to take advantage of these potentials to further improvise the current state of marine resources cooperation towards conservation and sustainable use of marine resources in the Coral Triangle region.