

THE PHILIPPINES



CORAL TRIANGLE
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ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES
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SOM13

SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING
MANILA, 29 - 30 NOVEMBER 2017

6th session

Admission of Wildlife
Conservation Society
(WCS) as CTI-CFF Partner

CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat

Background:

The CTI-CFF 6th Ministerial Meeting (MM-6) held on 3 November 2016 in Papua New Guinea; the Joint Ministerial Statement, No. 23, stated as follows:

“ Tasked the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to further explore new parties, and new partners as well as new cooperation arrangements among CTI-CFF and other international and regional fora and organizations;”

Legal Basis : Admission of CTI-CFF Partners

CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure

Rule 20

CTI Partners

1. A CTI Partner is any State, inter-governmental organization or non-governmental organization who:
 - a) was invited to be a CTI Partner at the initiation of the CTI-CFF; or
 - b) meets the criteria and goes through the established process to become a CTI Partner

2. The CTI COM may accept applications from a State, inter-governmental organization or non- governmental organization, including private sector entities, to become a CTI Partner.

3. A State, inter-governmental organization or non-governmental organization seeking to become a CTI Partner must:
 - a) be approved by consensus resolution of the CTI COM;
 - b) be able to meet a set of criteria for CTI Partner membership as agreed by the CTI COM;
 - c) have stated its support for the principles and objectives of the CTI-CFF, the Rules of Procedure and the CTI-CFF Secretariat Agreement within a Ministerial Meeting;
 - d) A State, inter-governmental organization or non-governmental organization seeking to become a CTI Partner may be permitted to have a representative attend the CTI COM and CTI CSO Meetings as an observer pursuant to Rule 19.

Development on New Partner Application

- ❑ The Regional Secretariat has explored some potential organizations with intention to promote and support CTI-CFF along with its Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) and National Plan of Action (NPOA).
- ❑ On 1 December 2016, the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) sent a formal letter on their interest and commitment to become as one of CTI Partners.

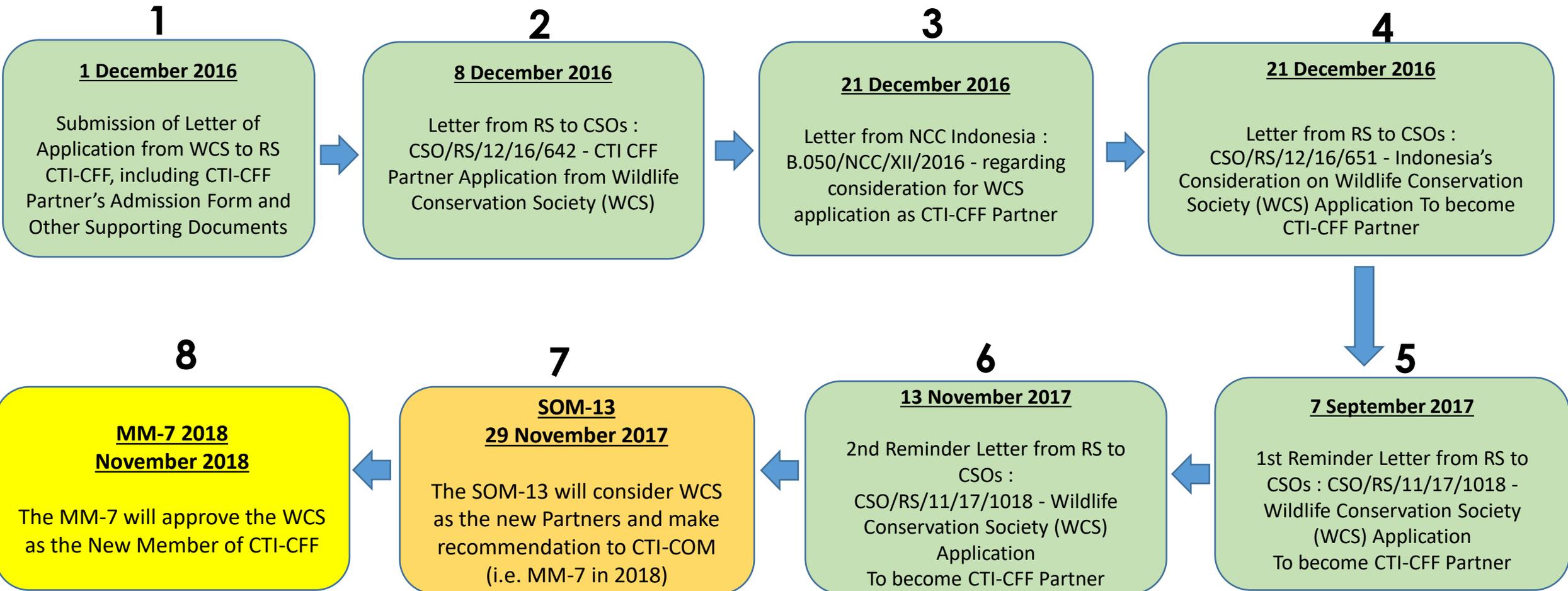
Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) at Glance



- ❑ Founded in 1895 as the New York Zoological Society (NYZS), WCS's goal is to conserve the world's largest wild places in 16 priority regions, home to more than 50% of the world's biodiversity.
- ❑ WCS has worked in the Coral Triangle for Over 20 years. WCS marine and terrestrial programs in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Malaysia and Fiji are nationally and internationally recognized. WCS programs in the region have grown across to include more seascapes, more local partners including new initiatives in Solomon Islands.
- ❑ WCS have technical strength in protected areas designation and management, species conservation (with special expertise in sharks/rays, cetaceans and wildlife trade), small-scale fisheries management, ridge-to-reef management, integrated coastal management, community-based resource management, and climate change adaptation.

Source: "On the ground and in the water in the Coral Triangle: WCS in Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Fiji", WCS publication 2016

Flowchart for WCS Application Process



Flowchart for WCS Application Process (Cont'd)

Based on the Flowchart for WCS Application Process, the current process is No. 7 - 8

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SOM-13
29 November 2017

The SOM-13 will:

- Consider WCS as the new CTI-CFF Partner;
- Make recommendation on WCS to CTI-COM (i.e. MM-7 in 2018)



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MM - 7
November 2018

The MM-7 will:

- Approve the WCS as the new CTI-CFF Partner;

Recommendations

The SOM-13 is expected:

1. To acknowledge and appreciate the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)' interest and commitment to become a new member of CTI-CFF;
2. To consider the application of the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) to become a new Partner of CTI-CFF has met the CTI-CFF Partner criteria
3. To recommend the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) as New Member of CTI Partners for CTI-COM approval in its the 7th Ministerial Meeting (MM-7);
4. To welcome any potential support from the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) that might be extended toward CTI-CFF prior to their approval as the new member of CTI Partners by CTI-COM

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