



coral triangle initiative

CHAIRMAN'S SUMMARY

**Second Senior Official Meeting
(SOM2)**

**CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY
(CTI-CFF)**

Adopted on 23 October 2008

By the Governments of Philippines, Indonesia, Malaysia,
Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Timor Leste

I. Opening Session

The Second Senior Official Meeting (SOM2) was held in Manila on October 23, 2008. This Second Meeting of Senior Officials representing the six Coral Triangle governments, along with partners, was designed primarily to focus on finalizing the CTI Regional Plan of Action (RPoA). At this meeting, the Senior Officials reviewed the result of discussions and the recommendations from the Third CTI Coordination Committee (CCC3) Meeting on the development of comprehensive final draft of the Regional Plan of Action.

Dr. Mundita Lim, Director, Protected Areas & Wildlife Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Philippines formally welcomed the delegates to the Philippines and elaborated on the state of the Philippine marine environment and that the Philippine Government was pleased to host the CTI SOM 2.

The meeting was formally opened by Prof. Dr. Syamsul Maarif in behalf of the CTI Regional Secretariat. In his presentation, Prof. Maarif reiterated the commitments made by SOM1 delegates in Bali, which should be implemented using a comprehensive guideline as reflected by the CTI Plan of Action.

United States Ambassador to the Philippines Kristie Kenney congratulated the six CT countries for coming together in planning for the CT. She also stated that the US Government was committing the initial amount of USD40 Million to support start up activities of the CTI countries including support for the Regional and National CTI Secretariats. She thanked the CTI countries on behalf of the American people for the commitment and cooperation of the 6 countries to protect and manage the globally significant resources.

Angela Williamson, Australian Government's team leader on the Task Force on the CTI. She also stated that Australia will be hosting the Coral Triangle Protection and Management Conference in Townsville in November 2008.

Secretary Jose L. Atienza Jr. of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, Government of the Philippines, welcomed all the delegates to the SOM.

II. Overview of SOM 2

The meeting was formally opened by Prof. Maarif In this session, Chairman of the Secretariat explained the goal of the Meeting. He also presented the proposed Agenda and reported the result of CCC3.

III. Decisions

1. The SOM 2 approved the changes proposed by the CCC3 on the Honiara Draft of the Regional Plan of Action. With the SOM 2 approval of the changes on the Honiara Draft, the revised CTI RPOA was accepted, and is now referred to as the *Manila Draft*. The SOM 2 agreed that *any unresolved and outstanding* issues will continue to be discussed by CT6 governments through the facilitation of the Secretariat.
2. The SOM 2 agreed with the recommendation of the CCC3 to move all of the National Actions listed under targets in **Section III** ("Commitments to Action"), as an annex at the end of the Manila Draft.
3. The SOM 2 approved the *Manila Draft*, with the following substantive sections:
 - Section III: Commitments to Action (Goals, Targets and Regional Actions)
 - Section IV: Coordination Mechanisms and Implementation Partners (General Approach, Coordination at Regional and Sub-Regional Level, Coordination at the Country Level)
 - Section V: Financial Resources (Context and Short-Term Next Steps)
 - Section VI: Monitoring and Evaluation (Goals, Indicators and Process)
4. The SOM 2 approved the recommendations of the CCC3 to:

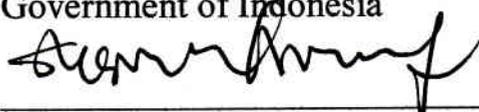
- Establish a working group to develop a proposal for coordinating mechanisms of the CT cooperation and implementing partners. It was agreed for Indonesia to lead the working group.
 - Establish a working group to finalize the monitoring and evaluation plan and develop a set of measurable indicators with tentative numerical targets for each indicator. Indicators will be devised for quantitative targets under the goals in the Regional Plan of Action. The Philippines will lead the working group.
 - Establish a Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) to collect and analyze relevant information, conduct preliminary assessments & feasibility studies, and develop financial management tools. Indonesia will lead the working group.
 - Outputs from all working groups will be ready in time for the CCC4 which is planned to take place in January 2009.
5. The SOM 2 approved the proposal for the Ministerial Meeting on 19 February 2009 in Madang, Papua New Guinea and the Summit on 15 May 2009 in Manado, Indonesia.
 6. The SOM 2 agreed on the need for a 4th CTI Coordination Committee Meeting to accept the submissions of the National Action Plans to be attached to the CTI Regional Plan of Action including drafting of the joint ministerial statement and leaders declaration. The Meeting proposed for Malaysia to host the event. Malaysia will consult the cabinet on the availability of time and budget prior to responding to the proposal. The other option is for Indonesia to host the event.
 7. The SOM 2 instructed the Secretariat to hold a special consultation meeting in the coming days with the government of Papua New Guinea, to assist in the preparation for the Ministerial Meeting.
 8. The SOM 2 agreed for Indonesia to provide leadership, in the interim at the Ministerial Level, through the CTI Coordination Committee until the coordination mechanism is finalized.
 9. The SOM 2 delegates the authority to approve new projects or activities proposed from governments and other parties at the regional level to the CTI Coordination Committee.

10. The SOM 2 welcomed the signing of the Manila Resolution which embodies the agreements and outcomes of the Meeting.

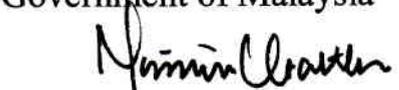
11. The Senior Officials thanked the Government of the Philippines for hosting the CCC3 and SOM2.

Signed by:

Government of Indonesia



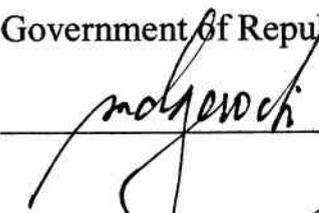
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