



**Coral Triangle Initiative  
on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security  
(CTI-CFF)**

**ANNEX 10  
Decision Document on:  
Cross-Cutting Regional Activities**

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## **CROSS CUTTING ACTIVITIES**

**Background:** In addition to the five GOAL themes defined by the Regional Plan of Action for Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security, there are other topics that are noted, three for governance of the CTI-CFF (Coordination Mechanisms, Financial Resources, Monitoring & Evaluation) and a few additional themes that have been emerging as opportunity, priority and funds allowed. These cross-cutting themes are the CTI Business Forum, the Learning Networks, and the Local Government Alliance.

**Business Forum:** In January 2010 in Manila, the CTI Business Summit was conducted, hosted by the Philippines CTI National Coordination Committee and sponsored by WWF. This was held in tandem with a *CTI Regional Exchange on Enhancing Private Sector Engagement to Sustain Marine and Coastal Resources*. The CTI Business Summit brought together senior business leaders, international funding agencies, non-government organizations (NGOs), media and CT6 delegates to build the case for and stimulate green investment in public-private partnerships that secure the sustainability and profitability of key sectors dependent on healthy marine resources. The Summit also provided a venue for public and private sector representatives to forge partnerships and commit to programs or initiatives that will positively impact on the CTI. Twenty-two people from the CT6, in addition to the CTI Secretariat participated in the exchange to develop strategies that engage the private sector, to chart a plan on how to establish public-private partnerships in their countries and to identify regional needs to strengthen private sector involvement in CTI.

This success was repeated in October 2011 in Kuala Lumpur with the 2<sup>nd</sup> CTI Business Forum, hosted by the Malaysia National Coordinating Committee. Almost two-hundred representatives from the private sector, national governments, academia, and nongovernmental organizations from the Asia-Pacific region participated in a two-day business forum. Each of the six CTI countries announced new public-private partnerships (PPPs) or highlighted progress on their private sector programs since the first CTI Regional Business Summit held in the Philippines in 2010.

**Learning Network:** The Regional Plan of Action encourages sharing of lessons learned throughout the Coral Triangle. A Learning Network Planning Meeting was held in March 2011 in Manila to explore the concepts and tools of learning networks

in connection with a meeting on Knowledge Management hosted by the Asian Development Bank. This 2-day Learning Network event recommended the exploration of and development of four Learning Networks: a) an Ecosystem Based Management Learning Network (in the context of the CTI-CFF RPOA integration of the five goals), b) Ecosystem Approach for Fisheries Management (EAFM), c) Marine Protected Areas practitioners, and d) the CTI-CFF National Coordination Committees (NCCs) and Technical Working Groups to share experiences in conducting and linking national and regional CTI programs. In requested MPA network is already under development with the Coral Triangle Center (Bali) in coordination with the Regional Secretariat. The ADB-supported knowledge management materials and platform under development for use by the CTI-CFF countries and stakeholders is also evolving and targeted to support counterparts listed in the proposed Learning Networks. Some form of coordination, and hub, likely based out of the Regional Secretariat to prevent overlap and to enhance collaboration was recommended.

**Local Governance Alliance/Network:** As a result of the first *CTI Regional Exchange on Enhancing Local Government and Stakeholder Capacity for Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management* in 2009 (Cebu, Philippines), the lead Indonesian participant was inspired and motivated to conduct a similar event with municipalities of Eastern Indonesia, hosting a 3 day event that brought together 35 local municipal leaders who quickly adopted the concept of their expanded role in coastal resources management and adaptation to climate change in the *Wakatobi Commitment*. This success led to a plan and implementation of the CTI Mayors Round Table (Wakatobi, Indonesia, May 2011). Jointly convened by the United Cities and Local Governments-Asia Pacific (UCLG-ASPAC), the national association of regencies or districts in Indonesia (APKASI), the association of cities in Indonesia (APEKSI) and the League of Municipalities of the Philippines (LMP), the Mayors Round Table (MRT) was attended by a total of 51 delegates and resource persons, including 30 representatives from 13 CT local governments, four associations of local governments, and the NCCs of the CT6 countries. The Roundtable focused on the following objectives: 1) Discuss common challenges and possible solutions; 2) Develop consensus to prioritize, implement or advocate coastal management; 3) Initiate the formation of a network of local governments in CTI; 4) Formulate a regional roadmap for CTI local government network; and 5) Formulate courses of action to translate regional roadmap into specific country activities. The participants were very enthusiastic and five of the six countries have already conducted follow-up events with groups of municipal leaders in their country and have requested other activities together.

**Information, Data and Knowledge Management System:** Several parties and programs have begun compiling information to prepare and implement Coral Triangle regional actions, to prepare the State of the Coral Triangle Report, and for other knowledge management enhancement. There are web portals and web sites

from the national committees, among the partners and one or more already under the purview of the Regional Secretariat. All supporters of these web portals and websites are interested in linking efforts to avoid duplication and increase effectiveness. This network of web portals/sites would also be linked to the outreach and communications strategy, and the monitoring and evaluation working group.

### **Decision**

Based on the above background information and the presentations made during the meeting and decisions, the 7<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting (SOM7), the Senior Officials take the following decisions:

1. Endorse the concept of forming a CTI Business Council, comprised of private sector champions (identified in cooperation with the CT6) with a chair.
2. Endorse a 3<sup>rd</sup> CTI Regional Business Forum to occur in 2012 with Indonesia as the host.
3. Acknowledge the Learning Networks Planning Meeting (March 2011) and the CTI Mayors Round Table (May 2011) and the value of these approaches in the CTI-CFF.
4. Agree to integrate all activities developed under CTI CFF into a regional portal which will be managed by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat