



# **CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE**

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

**Annex –6**  
**Decision Document on:**  
**Threatened Species Working Group and Reports**

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**The 9<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING (SOM9)**

**26 - 27 NOVEMBER 2013  
MANILA, PHILIPPINES**

**Adopted on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2013  
by the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,  
The Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

## I. Background

SOM6 in Manado endorsed the establishment of thematic WGs on all of the CTI-CFF RPOA Goals except Goal 5 on Threatened Species, which was temporarily placed under the purview of the MPAWG. In 2012, SOM8 endorsed the request of the MPA WG Chair (Philippines) to provide a renewed mandate to the MPA WG to serve as the Threatened Species WG. However, noting the MPA WG's understandable focus on MPA activities, the Meeting encouraged the MPA WG to also speed up activities on Threatened Species.

At the RPW-2 on 20-22 August 2013 in Manado, the CT6 and Development Partners manifested their commitment to implement the regional actions and activities set out in the RPOA related to the Threatened Species goals. They agreed to prioritize, for the period 2014-16, the following activities needed "to complete and implement region-wide threatened species conservation and management action plans (sea turtles, marine mammals, sea birds, sharks)":

- Conduct REXs to complete the Conservation Action Plans for sharks, marine turtles, mammals and seabirds
- Undertake baseline assessments of existing initiatives on the conservation and management of sharks, marine turtles, seabirds, marine mammals, corals, seagrass, and mangroves
- Expand to the full breadth of the CTI-CFF jurisdiction the implementation of the SSME Comprehensive Action Plan for Charismatic, Threatened and Migratory species.
- Initiate sustainable financing and partnership-building for the implementation of said action plans.

Following these developments, Indonesia has taken the initiative to propose that a Threatened Species WG (TS-WG) independent of the MPA WG be organized from among representatives of the CT6 and Development Partners with competence in Threatened Species matters. Indonesia, Malaysia and other countries have offered to chair the TS-WG as soon as its ToR is finalized and endorsed by the CTI-CSO.

## II. Decisions

Based on the presentations on Threatened Species made by the MPA WG and discussions during the session on *Thematic Working Group Reports (Threatened Species)* at SOM9, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Endorse the establishment, at the Special SOM/MM5 in May 2014, of a new working group, to be called the "Threatened Species Working Group (TS-WG)," that will immediately assume responsibility for Threatened Species;
2. Endorse the Philippines to lead the drafting of the ToR of the TS-WG;
3. Endorse the Threatened Species Roadmap that came out of the RPW-2;
4. Call on Development Partners to support the implementation of the Threatened Species Roadmap.