

RI INTERVENTION: SESSION 5

Excellencies,

1. As an archipelagic state, ocean shares 2/3 (two-third) of the overall territory of Indonesia. Large portion of the Indonesian sea territory are located within the heart of Coral Triangle Area, a strategic region that contains the highest diversity of marine life in the world with 2.5 million ha of coral reefs and closely associated ecosystem and 569 species and 4 endemic species.
2. Since 2014, the President of Indonesia has shifted the national development policies with more concerted focus on maritime, hence enacted the Presidential Decree on the Indonesian Ocean Policy in 2017. This law includes the national strategy to secure food security from the ocean.
3. For Indonesia, coral reefs has pivotal role in sustaining the health of our ocean and our economy. Furthermore, it serves as the source of food security for our large population. On a global scale, the value of the total economic goods and services provided by coral reefs is estimated around USD 375 billion per year, that equals an average value of USD 6,075 per hectare of coral reef per year. During 2014-2018, Indonesia exported around 16 million live reef fish.
4. Indonesia believes that the issue of maritime cannot be addressed by 1 country alone, since it is borderless and the impact is trans-boundary. On regional level, our membership in and contribution to CTI-CFF serves as an important and constructive platform to work together with other CT6 countries to preserve the ecosystem and secure food security for the future.
5. For Indonesia, CTI-CFF has a complete package to ensure the prosperity, maintain sovereignty and sustainability of resources for generations to come. Therefore, we highly value the noble purpose and the goal of this auspicious organization.
6. As reflected by the level of participation in the Indonesian NCC activities, the involvement of relevant stakeholders is outstandingly high for a regional organization that consists of only 6 member countries. As many as 10 Ministries, 6 NGOs partners, alongside private sectors, and other stakeholders sit together almost every month to design, create, and review programs based on Indonesia National Plan of Action of CTI-CFF. This cooperation sets an example to discussions on other issues at national level, including the prevention of IUU fishing, illegal live reef fish trading, and controlling marine debris.
7. We urge CTICFF to employ more inclusive, bottom-up nature of design and the awareness raising of its programs in securing sustainable management of marine ecosystem for food security and poverty alleviation. Only by doing this, we will be able to renew our commitment made in 2009 in Manado, namely to safeguard the livelihoods of those who depend on resources provided in the Coral Triangle area.
8. If water is the blood of our planet flowing through veinous rivers, streams, and into our oceans, coral would be our heart. We simply cannot survive without our heart. Therefore, it is our obligation to heal and protect our coral reefs.

Thank you.