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Concept Note

Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG), NPOA Learning Exchange and
CT Atlas Training Physical Meeting
Hosted by Papua New Guinea
17, 18 and 19 Of July 2024 (TBD)

Title of the event: Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG), NPOA Learning Exchange, CT Atlas Training Physical Meeting

Proposed Date: 17, 18 and 19 of July 2024 (TBD)

Venue: TBD

Organizer: Papua New Guinea (Host) and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat

Participants:

- 1 (one) Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG) Focal Point from Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor Leste
- 1 (one) CT Atlas Focal Point from Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor Leste
- 1 (one) NPOA Focal Point from Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor Leste
- 5 (five) representatives Regional Secretariat of CTI-CFF
- 1 (one) CT Atlas Trainer – Allen Coral Atlas (TBD)
- Strategic Partners – TBD

Background:

The Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG) is among the three Governance Working Groups of the CTI-CFF that is supporting the six member countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor Leste). The primary function of the MEWG, as provided by SOM6, is to provide technical inputs and recommendations to the Regional Secretariat and the National Coordinating Committees of the CT6 in achieving the over-arching goals that have been set forth in the RPOA.

Specifically, the MEWG may also perform the following functions:

1. Develop and oversee the implementation of the CTI M&E System, which will help track and report on progress on the RPOA objectives and targets including alignment to meeting CT6's commitment to international conventions such as the Convention on Biological Diversity

2. Oversee and coordinate with the CTI Regional Secretariat on the preparation of the regional State of the Coral Triangle Report
3. Coordinate with the other WGs and partners the preparation of activity status and output tracking sheets for the regional priority actions
4. Coordinate the organization and conduct of relevant regional exchanges, conferences, or meetings; and
5. In relation to item (i), coordinate the development of a CTI Index.

To ensure the functionality of these functions, the convening of regular MEWG meetings emerges as a pivotal element in fostering coordinated efforts among the CT6 Member Countries during the execution of the Workplan, as acknowledged in SOM-18. As delineated in the Terms of Reference (ToR), the MEWG shall conduct at least one meeting annually to prepare the annual report and submit to the SOM.

Given the forthcoming approach of CTI-CFF towards its RPOA 2.0 – 2025 Goal “By 2025, coastal communities and coastal and marine ecosystems are enabled to cope with the impacts of climate change, natural and anthropogenic threats, in the Coral Triangle region, due to measurable increased regional collaboration between the CT6 and our partners, for the implementation of the RPOA 2.0 facilitated through a strong and effective CTI-CFF”; a measurable regional collaboration between the CT6 Member Countries is imperative.

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat through the Department of the Interior (DOI) funding support will assist the CT6 member countries in the development and finalization of their respective National Plans of Action (NPOAs) in alignment with the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0. This directly links to *Objective 3* of RPOA 2.0, which outlines a target outcome (C1.1) that emphasizes the strengthening of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat's role in coordinating the implementation and monitoring of RPOA 2.0., in this case through the strengthening of the CT6 member countries' NPOA. The objectives of this regional approach are to:

1. Align CT6 member countries' national focus to RPOA 2.0
2. Achieve Target Outcome C1.1 of RPOA 2.0
3. Develop the content outline of respective NPOAs linking it to the RPOA 2.0. Objectives

This multilateral assistance aims to strengthen the governance, leadership, and partnership of the CT6 member countries in 2024.

The Coral Triangle Atlas (CT Atlas) functions as a comprehensive database encompassing the CT6 Member Countries which aims to improve the efficiency of management and conservation planning in

the Coral Triangle region. This resource provides researchers and managers with invaluable access to spatial information, fostering collaboration by encouraging the sharing of data to address existing gaps.

Despite ongoing implementation efforts, the MEWG has identified certain challenges in enriching the CT Atlas, revealing a shortage of essential information crucial for capturing a comprehensive overview of the region.

Recognizing the need to enrich the CT Atlas with more accurate and complete data, it becomes evident that there is a requirement for technical training. This training, supported by Technical Experts, is deemed urgent to bridge the existing information gaps. By empowering the CT Atlas Focal Points with the necessary skills and knowledge, this training aims to equip them to contribute effectively to the enrichment of the CT Atlas.

Considering the pivotal role of the MEWG meeting, NPOA Development and CT Atlas Training in advancing the RPOA 2.0 – 2025 Goal, a physical gathering is deemed essential. For the year 2024, the proposal stands to host the MEWG Meeting back-to-back with NPOA Learning Exchange Workshop and CT Atlas Training in Papua New Guinea. This choice is strategically aligned with our shared commitment to strengthening the MEWG, Development of the NPOA for each country, enriching the CT Atlas and ensuring the achievement of RPOA 2.0 – 2025 Goal.

Objectives

1. Conduct MEWG Meeting to discuss MEWG Workplan and Budget 2024
2. Conduct NPOA Learning Exchange to initiate the creation of NPOAs for each CT6 member state
3. Conduct CT Atlas Training to support data verification with CT6 Focal Point

Proposed Dates & Venue

The Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG), NPOA Learning Exchange, and CT Atlas Training Physical Meeting is proposed to be held 5 (five) days, which consists of 2 (two) days for travel, 1 (one) day for MEWG Meeting, 1 (one) day for NPOA Learning Exchange and 1 (one) day for CT Atlas Training.

Agenda

Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group (MEWG), NPOA Learning Exchange, and CT Atlas Training Physical Meeting

17 of July 2024

DAY 1

PAPUA NEW GUINEA TIME	ACTIVITY	PIC
8:30 – 9:00 am	Participants Check-In	RS
9:00 – 9.30 am	Welcome and Introduction	RS
	Welcome Remarks from CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat	
	Opening Remarks from MEWG Chair	
	Introduction of Participants and Official Photo Session	
9:30 – 9:45 am	Opening	
	Review and Adoption of Agenda	
	Focal Point of MEWG	
9:45 – 10:00 am	Morning Break	
10:00 – 11.00 am	Session 1: RS Update SOM18	RS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update the progress based on the country reports 	
	Session 2: M&E Plan Framework	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Template and tools presentation to acknowledge 	
	Discussion	
	SOM18 Decision	
11:00 – 12:30 pm	Session 3: CT6 Update	Chair of MEWG
	CT6 Update Presentations: ID, MY, PG, PH, SB, TL (each 15 minutes)	
	Discussion CT6 Update	
12:30 – 1:30 pm	Lunch Break	
1:30 – 2:30 pm	Session 4: Partner Update	RS
2:30 – 3:30 pm	Session 5: Workplan and Budget	Chair of MEWG
	MEWG Workplan for 2024 and Budget 2025	
3:30 – 4:00 pm	Short Break / Preparation for Chair Summary	RS
4:00 - 4:30 pm	Chair Summary	Chair of MEWG
4:30 – 5:00 pm	Closing Remarks	Chair of MEWG

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18 of July 2024

DAY 2

PAPUA NEW GUINEA TIME	ACTIVITY	PIC
8:30 – 9:00 am	Participants Check-In	RS
9:00 – 9:15 am	Welcome and Introduction	RS
	Welcome Remarks from CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat	
	Opening Remarks from MEWG Chair	
9:15 – 9:30 am	Introduction of Participants and Official Photo Session	RS
	Opening	
	Review and Adoption of Agenda	
9:30 – 9:45 am	Focal Point and or representative from the taskforce for the NPOA	RS
	Morning Break	RS
9:45 – 10:30 am	Session 1: NPOA Presentation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ToC and the content outline of the NPOA linking it to the RPOA 2.0) Mr. Ichsan Overview of the ToC Ms. Abby 	Consultant SuFIA TS
10:30 – 10:45 am	Session 2: CT6 NPOA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CT6 with existing NPOA will present 	Consultant
10:45-11:45 am	Discussion for Session 1 and 2	Consultant
11:45 – 12:45 pm	Lunch Break	RS
12:45 – 1:45 pm	Session 3: CT6 NPOA workshop Discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SB, MY, and PH will be 1 team and will discuss among themselves PNG, ID, TL and will be 1 team and will discuss among themselves 	Consultant + RS
1:45 – 2:30 pm	Session 3 presentation (ID, MY, PNG, PH, SB, TL)	Consultant
2:30 – 2:45 pm	Afternoon Break	RS
2:45 – 4:45 pm	Session 4: Discussion	Consultant
4:45 – 5:00 pm	Closing Remarks	RS

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19 of July 2024

DAY 3

PAPUA NEW GUINEA TIME	ACTIVITY	PIC
8:00 – 8:15 am	Participants Check-In	RS
8:15 – 8:30 am	Welcome and Introduction	RS
	Welcome Remarks from CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat	
	Opening Remarks from MEWG Chair	
	Introduction of Participants and Official Photo Session	
8:30 – 8:45 am	Opening	RS
	Review and Adoption of Agenda	
	Focal Point of CT Atlas	
8:45 – 9:00 am	Morning Break	RS
9:00 – 9:30 am	Session 1: Overview of features and datasets included in the Atlas and some specifics about their size/utility/limitations	Allen Coral Atlas
9:30 – 10:00 am	Session 2: How to create a login and save particular areas of interest to you (i.e. your EEZ or a particular reef or beach)	Allen Coral Atlas
10:00 – 11:00 am	Discussion and Practice	Allen Coral Atlas
11:00 - 11:30 am	Session 3: How to analyze data with particular areas, including habitat and threats	Allen Coral Atlas
11:30 – 1:00 pm	Lunch Break	RS
1:00 – 1:30 pm	Session 4: How to download datasets for use in a GIS product.	Allen Coral Atlas
1:30 – 2:00 pm	Discussion and Practice	Allen Coral Atlas
2:30 – 3:00 pm	Afternoon Break	RS
3:00 – 4:00 pm	CT Atlas	ITO Mr. Solomon
4:00 - 5:00 pm	Discussion and Practice	ITO Mr. Solomon
5:00 - 5:15 pm	Closing Remarks	RS