



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES
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Subject: Official Invitation to the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape (SSS) Regional Exchange 2 and the Bismarck Solomon Sea (BSS) Regional Exchange, back-to-back with the Ecosystems Approach to Fisheries Management Technical Working Group Meeting on **12-16 August 2024 in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.**

Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Technical Working Group

Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security

(Distribution list can be found in “Attachment 1”)

Dear Distinguished Representatives,

Let me first express my gratitude to all of you for the continued support and cooperation extended to the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, particularly to the Ecosystems Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Technical Working Group (TWG).

I have the honor to inform you that as part of the ongoing implementation of the Regional Plan of Action 2021-2030 (RPOA 2.0), under the activities of the EAFM – TWG workplan as approved during the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)-18, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in partnership with USAID – Sustainable Fish Asia Technical Support (SuFiA-TS) are pleased to inform you of the Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Regional Exchange 2 (SSS REX 2) and Bismarck Solomon Sea Regional Exchange (BSS REX), back-to-back with the EAFM, Seascape, and Threatened Species Technical Working Group Meetings on 12-16 August 2024 in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.

In partnership with USAID SuFiA-TS the SSS REX 2 and the BSS REX are anticipated to be technical events with the specific objectives to:

- i. Support the strengthening of the Sulu Sulawesi Seascape (SSS) EAFM Plan and COASTFISH Framework implementation among CTI-CFF member countries,
- ii. Initiate the development of a sub-regional EAFM plan for the Bismarck Solomon Seascape (BSS) for the relevant countries to benefit equitably from the technical expertise and experiences on EAFM and other sustainable fishing practices; and
- iii. Build technical capacity and knowledge on topics relevant to fisheries management and governance, including climate risk assessment in the CTI region.

This event will consist of technical workshops and capacity-building training focusing on relevant topics related to fisheries management in these sub-seascape regions and the Coral Triangle Region. In addition, we hope to ensure the expertise and human resources present in this event are captured within the planned concurrent sessions relating to the specific activities under the EAFM TWG. This event will culminate with a Technical Working Group Meeting on Thursday 15 August 2024.



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I am excited to convey that with the support from our development partners, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat wishes to invite the **EAFM TWG focal point** and one **National Coordinating Committee (NCC) representative** from each of the CT6 member countries to attend this exciting event.

This event and other logistical arrangements will be mainly co-funded between the CTI – CFF Regional Secretariat and the USAID – SuFiA-TS. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat will coordinate closely with the USAID SuFiA-TS to finalize the event agenda and circulate it soon for your perusal. In the meantime, we kindly request to receive the **confirmed nominations of the representative participants before 26 July 2024**.

For any further technical inquiries please contact the Regional Secretariat through Corzzierrah Posala corzzierrah.posala@cticff.org, or USAID SuFiA-TS jasmin@oceanresearch.biz, and for any logistical-related questions please kindly direct to the Regional Secretariat through Michael Tampongangoy michael.tampongangoy@cticff.org.

Thank you and we look forward to your participation and valuable contribution to this exciting combined event in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Frank Keith Griffin

Executive Director

CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat

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1. Alternative EAFM TWG Focal Points from the CT6
2. NCCs from CT6 member countries
3. USAID SuFiA TS
4. GIZ SOMACORE
5. ADB
6. CI
7. WWF
8. CTC
9. TNC
10. CTCF
11. USAID SCT
12. CTI-CFF CORAL Fellows

Attachments:

1. Distribution List of EAFM TWG Focal Points

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The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) is a multilateral partnership of six countries working together to sustain extraordinary marine and coastal resources by addressing crucial issues such as food security, climate change and marine biodiversity.



Attachment 1
Distribution List

Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Technical Working Group
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