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ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ADB	Asian Development Bank
ATSEA	Arafura Timor Sea Ecosystem Action
BMB-BFAR	Biodiversity Management Bureau - Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources
CBRM	Community Based Resource Management
CCA	Climate Change Adaptation
CCDA	Climate Change Development Authority
CEPA	Conservation and Environmental Protection Agency
CMEMP	Coastal and Marine Ecosystems Management Plan
COASTFISH	Coastal Fisheries
CONMIRA	National Marine Scientific Research Initiatives and Related Activities
CT	Coral Triangle
CTC	Coral Triangle Center
CTCF	Coral Triangle Conservation Fund
CTI-CFF	Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security
CTMPAS	Coral Triangle Marine Protected Area System
DED	Deputy Executive Director
DED-CS	Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services
DED-PS	Deputy Executive Director for Program Services
DENR-BMB	Department of Environment and Natural Resources – Biodiversity Management Bureau
DKP	Dinas Kelautan dan Perikanan
EAFM	Ecosystem Approach for Fisheries Management
ED	Executive Director
EU	European Union
FCF	Fisheries Credit Facility
FMA	Fisheries Management Area
FMP	Fisheries Management Plan
FOM	Finance and Operation Manager
FPPM	Financial Policies and Procedures Manual
FRWG	Financial Resources Working Group
FTT	FAO-Thiaroye Technology
GEF	Global Environment Facilities
GESI	Gender Equity and Social Inclusiveness
GIS	Geographical Information System



GYC	Global Youth Conference
HCA	Host Country Agreement
ICRI	International Coral Reef Initiative
IFAD	Inshore Fish Aggregating Device
INC	International Negotiating Committee
IOTC	Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
IRC	Internal Resource Committee
IRI	International Republican Institute
ISRA	Important Shark and Ray Areas
IUCN	International Union for Conservation of Nature
IUU	Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated
KfW	Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau
LIT	Line Intercept Transect
LMMA	Locally Managed Marine Area
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MEM	Monitoring and Evaluation Manager
MEWG	Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group
MFAET	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade
MFMR	Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
MMAF	Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries
MPA	Marine Protected Area
MSC	Marine Stewardship Council
MSP	Marine Spatial Planning
MSY	Maximum Sustainable Yield
NCC	National Coordinating Committee
NDB	National Development Bank
NFA	National Fisheries Authority
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
NPOA	National Plan of Action
NSOC	National State of the Oceans and Coasts
OECM	Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures
PACRES	Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience Building
PERMEN	Peraturan Menteri
PEUMP	Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership
PIO	Public International Organization
PNG	Papua New Guinea



PWD	Person With Disabilities
RCTF	Regional Conservation Trust Fund
RDMA	Regional Development Mission Asia REX Regional Exchange
RFMO	Regional Fisheries Management Organization
RPOA	Regional Plan of Action
RS	Regional Secretariat
R-SAT	Resilience Self-Assessment Tool SC Steering Committee
SCT	Sustainable Coral Triangle
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
SEACONNECT	Sulu-Sulawesi Seascape Approach to Coral Reef Sustainable Livelihoods
SEAFDEC	South-East Asia Fisheries Development and Education Center
SIIVA	Solomon Islands Integrated Vulnerability Assessment
SOM	Senior Officials Meeting
SOMACORE	Solutions for Marine and Coastal Resilience
SPC	South Pacific Commission/Pacific Community
SPPM	Staff Policies and Procedures Manual
SPREP	Secretariat of the Pacific Environment Programme
SSS	Sulu Sulawesi Seascape
STREIT	Support to Rural Entrepreneurship, Investment and Trade
SUFIA TS	Sustainable Fish Asia Technical Support
SWG	Seascape Working Group
TAC	Total Allowable Catch
TOT	Training of Trainers
TPM	Technical Program Manager
TWG	Technical Working Group
UN	United Nations
UNCBD	United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity
UNDP	United Nations Development Program
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
WCL	Wallacea Conservation Licoupan
WCPFC	Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
WCS	Wildlife Conservation Society
WLF	Women Leaders' Forum
WPS	West Philippine Sea
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature
YAP	Youth Ambassadors Program



REMARKS FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Esteemed Members, Partners, and Stakeholders,

It is my privilege to present the CTI-CFF Annual Report 2024, which captures a year of strong progress and deepened collaboration among our member countries—Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste.

Throughout 2024, the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security continued to serve as a regional platform for advancing marine conservation and sustainable development. The year was marked by renewed commitment at the highest levels, with the successful convening of the 9th Ministerial Meeting (MM-9) and 19th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-19) in December. These meetings reaffirmed our shared priorities under the Regional Plan of Action and strengthened our collective direction.

Regionally, we made major strides through various technical exchanges and working group meetings. The 10th MPA Regional Exchange (MPA REX), hosted by the Regional Secretariat with support from IUCN, advanced regional guidelines for sustainable marine tourism and creative economies in marine protected areas. The 7th Seascapes Working Group Meeting and Seascapes REX in Kota Kinabalu focused on communicating conservation impacts more effectively and enhancing partnerships, particularly with WWF.

In the area of sustainable fisheries, the 9th EAFM Working Group Meeting, held alongside the Sulu-Sulawesi and Bismarck Solomon Sea REX, promoted integrated management approaches, with strong support from USAID SuFiA TS and GiZ SOMACORE. These efforts were complemented by the Threatened Species Working Group Meeting and workshops targeting illegal marine wildlife trade, and the CCA Working Group Meeting in Jakarta, which tackled regional climate resilience planning.

Monitoring and evaluation also took centerstage this year. A regional learning exchange in Papua New Guinea, supported by USAID SCT and SuFiA TS, strengthened use of the CT Atlas and built capacity for tracking progress under the RPOA 2.0. In Cebu, we held our first in-person Financial Resources Working Group Meeting since the pandemic, while Timor-Leste hosted the Internal Resource Committee Meeting, further supporting institutional governance.

Institutionally, we achieved several important milestones. These included finalizing the Host Country Agreement, signing new MoUs with GiZ SOMACORE, IUCN, and the Blue Institute, UNTL, WWF and CTC and maintaining unmodified/clean Opinion Financial Audit Report for 2020–2023.



Cross-cutting priorities such as gender and youth were elevated through a number of initiatives. The GESI Regional Exchange in Bangkok, co-funded by USAID SCT and SuFiA TS, supported the development of regional guidelines for inclusive partnerships. It was held alongside a training on CCA policy and strategy, followed by the Women Leaders' Forum, which explored innovative financing and gender data. The Youth Ambassadors Program continued with its second cohort, building leadership among young ocean advocates.

We proudly celebrated Coral Triangle Day 2024 and CTI-CFF's 15th anniversary with a regional seminar on SDG-14 and a series of public events, including coral planting, under Water photo competitions, beach cleanups, and the "I Love Coral Triangle" fair in Manado, which attracted over 2,000 participants.

The Workshop on Sustainable Financing supported by USAID's Sustainable Coral Triangle (SCT) project, convened stakeholders from the six Coral Triangle (CT6) countries to collectively delve into innovative financial strategies for ocean and coastal conservation. Designed as both a capacity-building and knowledge-sharing platform, the workshop equipped participants with insights into a wide array of conservation finance tools. It also fostered collaboration to address funding gaps and unlock sustainable, long-term solutions for safeguarding marine biodiversity and supporting resilient coastal livelihoods in the region.

The USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle (SCT) Project also saw important progress, with regional trainings on M&E, theory of change, and climate policy helping to align national actions with regional priorities.

Internationally, the Regional Secretariat was invited to speak at several major events, including the South China Sea Fisheries Governance Exchange, UN Ocean Decade Conference, IUCN Regional Forum, ICRI General Meeting, UNCBD, and the High-Level Forum on Blue Natural Capital, highlighting our growing leadership in global marine dialogue.

Looking back, 2024 was a year of important achievements, meaningful transitions, and growing momentum. I extend my sincere appreciation to our National Coordinating Committees, Senior Officials, and partners for their continued trust and collaboration.

As we look ahead, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat remains committed to fostering stronger regional cooperation, advancing marine conservation, and promoting sustainable financing. Together, we will continue to protect the Coral Triangle—our shared natural heritage—for present and future generations.

Sincerely,

Dr. Frank Keith Griffin

Executive Director

Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security Regional Secretariat



REMARK FROM THE CHAIR OF COMMITTEE OF SENIOR OFFICIALS

To the esteemed countries and valued partners of the CTI-CFF,

As we reflect on the milestones achieved by the CTI-CFF in 2024, it is with deep pride and appreciation that I recognize the remarkable collaboration that has propelled our progress. The implementation of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0 continues to be both a challenging and rewarding journey—one that underscores the unwavering commitment and resilience of our member countries, partners, and stakeholders.

I would like to begin by extending my sincere gratitude to the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. Their steadfast leadership and tireless work have been pivotal in facilitating the coordination and execution of our regional initiatives. Through their dedicated support, we have advanced key priorities under the RPOA 2.0 and maintained the momentum needed to translate our vision into measurable outcomes.

The achievements highlighted in this report are a direct result of the active engagement of our six member countries and the invaluable support of development partners. From regional exchanges and capacity-building workshops to joint efforts in international policy arenas, the collaborative spirit that defines CTI-CFF has once again proven essential. It is through these partnerships that we continue to bring in critical technical expertise, deepen regional integration, and ensure the relevance and impact of our work.

In 2024, we witnessed meaningful progress in several core areas. I congratulate the member countries that have met or exceeded their national targets this year—your success reflects the strength of our collective effort. Notably, our collaboration within the region's three priority seascapes—the Sulu-Sulawesi, Bismarck-Solomon Seas, and Lesser Sunda Seascapes—also continued to deepen. These vital areas serve not only as ecological cornerstones for the Coral Triangle but also as key platforms for cross-border cooperation and innovation in marine resource management.

I would also like to recognize the exceptional leadership of Dr. Frank Keith Griffin, whose vision and guidance have been instrumental in strengthening the CTI-CFF's governance and operational effectiveness. His contributions have played a crucial role in sustaining our momentum and in fostering greater unity across the Initiative.



In closing, the progress we made over the past year reflects our shared commitment to ocean health, food security, and resilient coastal communities. As we look ahead, let us build on this foundation, redoubling our efforts and reaffirming our partnership for a sustainable and prosperous Coral Triangle. Together, we can ensure that this globally significant region continues to thrive—for our people, our ecosystems, and future generations.

Sincerely,

Celestino Da Cunha Barreto

Chair of Committee of Senior Officials

Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) proudly presents its Annual Report for 2024, highlighting significant achievements and milestones driven by the Regional Secretariat and the six Coral Triangle (CT6) member countries—Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste. This report captures the collective efforts aimed at advancing marine conservation, sustainable fisheries management, and food security across the region.

The year 2024 was a year of progress and renewed commitment for the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF). Throughout the year, the Initiative took important steps to strengthen regional cooperation, improve marine resource management, and promote the long-term sustainability of the Coral Triangle's rich marine biodiversity.

One of the key highlights of the year was the successful convening of the 9th Ministerial Meeting (MM-9) and the 19th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM-19) in December 2024. These high-level meetings reaffirmed the commitment of CTI-CFF's six member countries—Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste—to work together under the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0. The meetings were an important moment for reflection, review, and renewal of joint efforts.

Throughout the year, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat organized and facilitated a wide range of technical meetings, workshops, and learning exchanges to support national and regional implementation of RPOA 2.0. Among the major events was the 10th Marine Protected Area Regional Exchange (MPA REX), which focused on finalizing regional guidelines for sustainable marine tourism and promoting creative economies within Marine Protected Areas. This was followed by the 7th Seascapes Regional Exchange and Technical Working Group Meeting, where countries worked together to develop infographics for priority seascapes and explore stronger cooperation with partners such as WWF.

Fisheries management continued to be a strong focus in 2024. The 9th Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Technical Working Group Meeting was held back-to-back with two regional exchanges focused on the Sulu-Sulawesi and Bismarck Solomon Seas. These events, held in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, were supported by USAID SuFiA TS and GiZ SOMACORE and brought together national agencies and stakeholders to strengthen knowledge-sharing and coordination in managing key marine ecosystems.



Other technical meetings in 2024 included the Threatened Species Technical Working Group Meeting and a series of workshops to address illegal marine wildlife trade and improve species protection. The Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Technical Working Group Meeting was held in Jakarta, Indonesia, to support regional strategies for resilience in the face of climate change. Meanwhile, the Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group Meeting in Papua New Guinea focused on improving the use of the CT Atlas and advancing regional monitoring systems under RPOA 2.0.

In-person coordination meetings also resumed after the pandemic. The Financial Resources Working Group Meeting in Cebu, Philippines, and the Internal Resource Committee Meeting in

Dili, Timor-Leste, provided important platforms for planning and strengthening CTI-CFF's institutional and financial frameworks. The Host Country Agreement was finalized, and new partnerships were formalized with IUCN, GiZ SOMACORE, and Blue Institute, UNTL, WWF and CTC. CTI-CFF continued to promote inclusive and participatory approaches. The Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Regional Exchange and Women Leaders' Forum, held in Bangkok, focused on developing guidelines and tools for promoting gender equity and collecting gender-disaggregated data.

The second cohort of the Youth Ambassadors Program also took place in Bangkok, helping to build leadership and awareness among the next generation of ocean stewards in the region.

Public outreach was another major achievement of 2024. CTI-CFF marked its 15th Anniversary and celebrated Coral Triangle Day through a series of public events, including coral planting, an underwater photo competition, and a large-scale community event in Manado, Indonesia that attracted over 2,000 visitors. The Regional Secretariat also supported the Coral Triangle University Partnership Seminar on SDG-14, which brought together marine scientists and academics from across the region. Confin Report : The USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle (SCT) Project supported key trainings on monitoring and evaluation, the theory of change, and climate change adaptation. These training courses helped member countries strengthen their technical capacity and align their efforts with CTI-CFF's strategic objectives.



CTI-CFF also participated in key global events, including the UN Ocean Decade Regional Conference, the ICRI General Meeting, the UNCBD meeting in Colombia, and the High-Level Forum on Blue Natural Capital. These platforms allowed the Initiative to share lessons, build new partnerships, and highlight the importance of regional cooperation in marine conservation.

The achievements of 2024 reflect the dedication of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, the hard work of the National Coordinating Committees, and the dedicated support of partners and stakeholders. As we look ahead, CTI-CFF remains committed to protecting the Coral Triangle's rich marine ecosystems and supporting the communities that depend on them, ensuring that future generations can continue to benefit from this globally important region.



INTRODUCTION



I.I BACKGROUND & OBJECTIVES

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) is a multilateral partnership established in 2009 through the historic Leaders' Declaration signed by six member countries—Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste (collectively known as the CT6). This unique regional collaboration was founded in recognition of the urgent need to protect the Coral Triangle—the world's epicenter of marine biodiversity—and to address the growing challenges threatening the sustainability of its marine and coastal ecosystems.

Covering just 1.6% of the world's ocean area, the Coral Triangle is home to over 76% of all known coral species, more than 3,000 species of reef fish, and critical habitats such as mangroves and seagrass beds. These ecosystems support the livelihoods, food security, and cultural identity of over 400 million people. However, the region faces increasing pressures from overfishing, habitat destruction, climate change, and unsustainable coastal development.

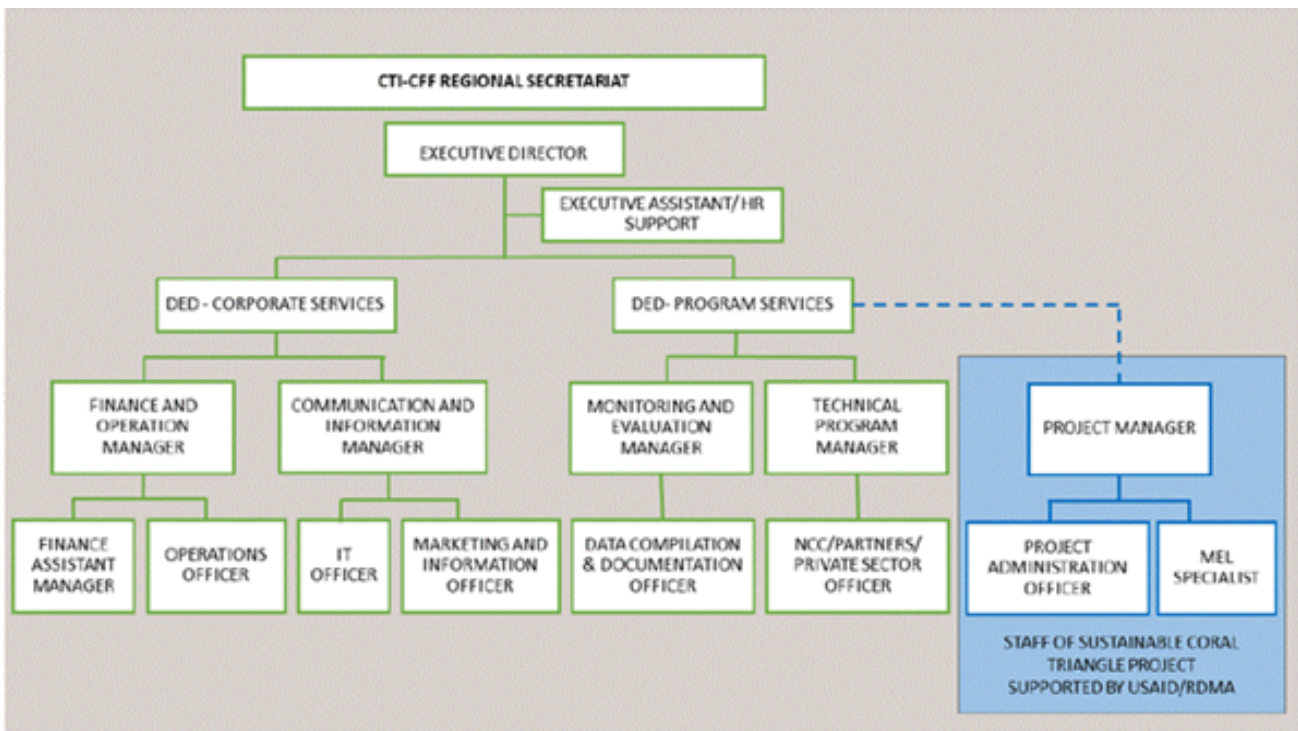
CTI-CFF was created to address these challenges through a collaborative, country-led approach. Its core objectives are to:

- Strengthen regional and national capacity for the sustainable management of marine and coastal resources;
- Promote ecosystem-based management of fisheries and marine biodiversity;
- Foster the establishment and effective management of marine protected areas (MPAs);
- Enhance the resilience of coastal communities to climate change impacts;
- Facilitate knowledge sharing, policy alignment, and collective action across the region.

Guided by the Regional Plan of Action 2.0 (RPOA 2.0), CTI-CFF continues to serve as a platform for shared leadership, innovation, and coordinated efforts to ensure a healthy, productive, and resilient Coral Triangle for current and future generations.



I.2 ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





I.3 STRATEGIC VISION AND GOALS

Strategic Vision

The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) envisions a Coral Triangle region where marine and coastal ecosystems are sustainably managed and protected, enabling the continued flow of benefits such as food security, sustainable fisheries, and resilient coastal livelihoods. This vision recognizes that the health of marine ecosystems is vital to the well-being of communities, particularly in the face of accelerating climate change and environmental pressures.

Strategic Goals under RPOA 2.0

The Regional Plan of Action 2.0 (RPOA 2.0), adopted as the guiding framework for the next decade of CTI-CFF's work, establishes clear and measurable goals to drive regional action and progress.

- Five-Year 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, as a result of strengthened regional collaboration among the CT6 countries and partners, supported by a strong and effective CTI-CFF.
- Ten-Year Goal (by 2030):
- Coastal communities and coastal and marine ecosystems in the Coral Triangle region are more resilient and better able to adapt to the impacts of climate change, natural and anthropogenic threats, through improved food security, sustainable fisheries, and coastal livelihoods.

The implementation of the RPOA 2.0 aims to achieve resilient ecosystems and coastal communities, ensuring food security and sustainable livelihoods through the conservation and sustainable management of the ocean and marine resources across the Coral Triangle region.

Together, these goals reflect CTI-CFF's long-term commitment to fostering regional cooperation, empowering coastal communities, and protecting the rich marine biodiversity of the Coral Triangle for future generations.



II. UPDATES FROM THE CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT



II.1 SOM-18 MANDATES AND TASKS

Along the 2024, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat has done tasks mandated by the 18th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-18). The ratification process and supplementary agreements are on track to be completed, further strengthening the operational framework of the Regional Secretariat.

In early 2024, the Appointment Committee successfully concluded the recruitment process for the Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services (DED-CS). The committee endorsed the recommended candidate, who formally joined the Regional Secretariat in Quarter 1 of 2024. Their expertise will support the advancement of CTI-CFF's programs and services.



II.2 KEY ACTIVITIES OF THE REGIONAL SECRETARIAT

South China Sea Regional Exchange on Fisheries Governance (16–19 January 2024, Manila, Philippines)

In January 2024, CTI-CFF representatives participated in the South China Sea Regional Exchange on Fisheries Governance held in Manila, Philippines. This event brought together stakeholders from various countries to discuss sustainable fisheries management practices in the South China Sea region.

CTI-CFF's involvement underscored its commitment to regional collaboration and knowledge sharing. The exchange provided a platform for discussing challenges and opportunities in fisheries governance, including illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, and the implementation of ecosystem-based management approaches.

Participants shared best practices and experiences, fostering mutual understanding and cooperation. The event emphasized the importance of regional frameworks and agreements in achieving sustainable fisheries and marine conservation goals.

CTI-CFF's contributions to the discussions highlighted its role as a regional leader in promoting sustainable fisheries and marine biodiversity conservation. The exchange strengthened partnerships and set the stage for future collaborative initiatives in the region.



Financial Resources Working Group Meeting (19 March 2024, Cebu, Philippines)

On 19 March 2024, the CTI-CFF convened the Financial Resources Working Group Meeting in Cebu, Philippines. This marked the first in-person meeting of the group since the COVID-19 pandemic, signaling a renewed commitment to collaborative financial planning and resource mobilization.

The meeting focused on exploring innovative financing mechanisms to support marine conservation and sustainable development initiatives within the Coral Triangle region. Discussions included the development of blue economy strategies, public-private partnerships, and the establishment of trust funds.

Participants reviewed the financial status of ongoing projects and identified opportunities for leveraging additional resources. The meeting also emphasized the importance of aligning financial strategies with the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0 objectives.

The gathering fostered a collaborative environment for sharing experiences and best practices in financial management. It laid the groundwork for enhanced financial sustainability of CTI-CFF programs and initiatives.

Second Meeting to Finalize Presidential Regulation on Host Country Agreement (27 March 2024, Manado, Indonesia)

On 27 March 2024, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat hosted the second meeting to finalize the Presidential Regulation ratifying the Host Country Agreement (HCA) between the Government of Indonesia and the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. Held in Manado, Indonesia, the meeting aimed to solidify the legal framework governing the hosting and privileges of the Secretariat.

The event brought together representatives from various Indonesian ministries, including the Coordinating Ministry for Maritime Affairs and Investment, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Ministry of Environment and Forestry. Discussions focused on aligning the draft regulation with national laws and international agreements. Participants emphasized the importance of the HCA in facilitating the effective operation of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and enhancing Indonesia's role in regional marine conservation efforts. The meeting concluded with consensus on the key provisions of the regulation.



USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle Kick-off Meeting (29–30 April 2024, Manado, Indonesia)

The USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle (SCT) project was officially launched during a kick-off meeting held on 29–30 April 2024 in Manado, Indonesia. The event brought together stakeholders from CTI-CFF member countries, USAID representatives, and implementing partners to align project objectives and implementation strategies.

The SCT project aims to enhance the resilience of marine ecosystems and coastal communities in the Coral Triangle region through improved governance, sustainable fisheries management, and biodiversity conservation.

During the meeting, participants discussed the project's theory of change, monitoring and evaluation frameworks, and capacity-building components. Emphasis was placed on integrating gender equality and social inclusion considerations into project activities.

The kick-off meeting set the stage for collaborative implementation of the SCT project, fostering a shared vision for sustainable marine resource management in the Coral Triangle.

Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group Meeting and Workshop (15–17 May 2024, Jakarta, Indonesia)

From May 15 to 17, 2024, the CTI-CFF held the Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Regional Exchange and the 7th CCA Technical Working Group Meeting in Jakarta, Indonesia. The events aimed to advance the region's resilience to climate change through capacity-building and strategic planning.

Supported by USAID Sustainable Fish Asia Technical Support (SuFiA TS), the exchange included sessions on climate change projections, vulnerability assessments, and the development of Communication, Education, and Public Awareness (CEPA) strategies.

Participants engaged in workshops on climate risk management planning, focusing on identifying measures to address and reduce climate risks in the Coral Triangle region.

The CCA Technical Working Group Meeting reviewed progress on the 2024 work plan, discussed the initial draft of the 2025 work plan and budget, and explored potential collaboration opportunities to support CCA-related activities.



Coral Triangle Day 2024 Celebrations (1–11 June 2024, Manado, Indonesia)

From 1 to 11 June 2024, the CTI-CFF celebrated its 15th anniversary with a series of events in Manado, Indonesia, under the theme "Balancing Marine Conservation and Blue Economy." The celebrations aimed to raise awareness about the importance of the Coral Triangle and promote sustainable practices.

Key events included the CTI Science Symposium, the Seminar on Women's Role in Fisheries, the Global Blue Economy Conference, and the Coral Triangle Underwater Photograph and Video Competition. These events engaged stakeholders from government, academia, civil society, and the private sector.

Additionally, a partnership agreement with GIZ was signed to enhance collaboration in marine conservation.

The Coral Triangle Day 2024 celebrations highlighted the achievements of CTI-CFF over the past 15 years and reinforced the collective commitment to preserving the region's marine biodiversity for future generations.





CTI-CFF University Partnership International Seminar: Life Below Water (SDG-14) – Celebrating Coral Triangle Day 2024 (10 June 2024, Manado, Indonesia)

On June 10, 2024, the CTI-CFF University Partnership hosted an International Seminar on Life Below Water (SDG-14) at Sam Ratulangi University in Manado, Indonesia, as part of the Coral Triangle Day 2024 celebrations. The seminar brought together marine experts, academics, and students from the CT6 countries to discuss critical issues facing ocean health and sustainability.

The event featured presentations on various topics, including the conservation of horseshoe crabs in Malaysia, marine biodiversity in Papua New Guinea, the role of plankton in ocean ecosystems, and the impacts of climate change on marine environments in Timor-Leste.

Prominent speakers included Prof. Dr. Farida Binti Mohammad from Universiti Terengganu, Dr. Ralph Mana from the University of Papua New Guinea, Dr. Cristy S. Acabado from the University of the Philippines Visayas, and Dr. Mario M. Cabral from Universidade Nacional Timor Lorosa'e.

The seminar fostered knowledge exchange and collaboration among academic institutions, contributing to the advancement of marine science and conservation in the Coral Triangle region.

Monitoring & Evaluation and CT Atlas Training (15–17 July 2024, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea)

From 15 to 17 July 2024, CTI-CFF conducted a Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) and CT Atlas Training in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The training aimed to enhance the technical capacities of member countries in data collection, analysis, and reporting.

Participants included representatives from CTI-CFF member countries, the Regional Secretariat, and development partners. The training covered topics such as the use of the CT Atlas for tracking progress on RPOA 2.0 goals and the development of country-specific M&E frameworks.

The event provided a platform for sharing experiences and best practices in M&E, fostering a culture of learning and continuous improvement. It also emphasized the importance of data-driven decision-making in marine resource management.

The training contributed to strengthening the overall M&E systems within CTI-CFF, ensuring more effective tracking of conservation outcomes and program impacts.



The 9th Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management Technical Working Group Meeting and Regional Exchanges (12–16 August 2024, Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia)

From 12 to 16 August 2024, the 9th Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Technical Working Group Meeting was held in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia. The meeting was conducted back-to-back with the Sulu-Sulawesi Regional Exchange II and the Bismarck Solomon Sea Regional Exchange.

Supported by USAID SuFiA TS and GIZ SOMACORE, the events focused on advancing EAFM practices, sharing lessons learned, and strengthening regional collaboration. Participants discussed the integration of EAFM into national policies and the development of capacity-building programs.

The meetings provided an opportunity for member countries to assess progress, identify challenges, and explore innovative solutions for sustainable fisheries management. Emphasis was placed on community engagement and the incorporation of traditional knowledge.

The outcomes of the meetings contributed to the refinement of EAFM strategies and the promotion of best practices across the Coral Triangle region.

The 7th Seascapes Technical Working Group Meeting and Seascapes Regional Exchange (Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia)

The CTI-CFF held the 7th Seascapes Technical Working Group Meeting in conjunction with the Seascapes Regional Exchange in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia. The events focused on developing infographics for priority seascapes and strengthening cooperation with organizations like the WWF to drive conservation efforts within the region's three priority seascapes.

Participants engaged in collaborative sessions to design effective communication tools that highlight the ecological and socio-economic importance of seascapes. These infographics aim to raise awareness and support for seascape conservation initiatives.

The meetings also facilitated discussions on enhancing partnerships and aligning conservation strategies with regional and national priorities.

Outcomes included action plans for seascape management and commitments to ongoing collaboration among stakeholders to ensure the sustainability of marine ecosystems in the Coral Triangle.



Threatened Species Technical Working Group Meeting and Workshops (Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia)

In Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, the CTI-CFF conducted the Threatened Species Technical Working Group Meeting along with a series of workshops aimed at addressing illegal wildlife trade and conserving marine species in the Coral Triangle region.

The events brought together experts, policymakers, and enforcement agencies to discuss strategies for protecting endangered marine species and combating illegal activities that threaten biodiversity.

Workshops focused on capacity-building, sharing best practices in monitoring and enforcement, and developing regional action plans to safeguard threatened species.

The meetings reinforced the importance of collaborative efforts and the need for robust legal frameworks to ensure the long-term conservation of marine biodiversity.

Training on Monitoring & Evaluation and Theory of Change (20–22 August 2024, Manado, Indonesia)

A training workshop on Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) and Theory of Change (ToC) was held from 20 to 22 August 2024 in Manado, Indonesia. The training aimed to support the finalization of the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle Project's M&E system.

Participants included project implementers, CTI-CFF member country representatives, and partners. The workshop focused on developing a shared understanding of the project's ToC and aligning M&E indicators with expected outcomes.

The training emphasized participatory approaches to M&E, encouraging stakeholder engagement in the design and implementation of monitoring systems. It also highlighted the importance of adaptive management based on M&E findings.

The workshop enhanced the capacity of participants to design and implement effective M&E systems, contributing to the overall success of the Sustainable Coral Triangle project.



Gender Equality and Social Inclusion Regional Exchange and Training on Climate Change Adaptation Policies and Strategies (9–12 September 2024, Bangkok, Thailand)

From 9 to 12 September 2024, CTI-CFF held a Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Regional Exchange and a Training on Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Policies and Strategies in Bangkok, Thailand. The events were co-funded by USAID SuFiA TS and the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle project.

The GESI exchange focused on developing regional guidelines for partnership and private sector engagement, emphasizing the inclusion of marginalized groups in marine conservation efforts. The CCA training aimed to enhance the capacity of member countries to develop and implement effective adaptation policies.

Participants engaged in interactive sessions, case studies, and group discussions, fostering peer learning and knowledge sharing. The events highlighted the importance of integrating gender and social considerations into climate change policies and programs.

The outcomes included draft GESI guidelines and action plans for strengthening climate resilience in coastal communities, contributing to the achievement of RPOA 2.0 objectives.

Women Leaders' Forum Meeting (11 September 2024, Bangkok, Thailand)

On September 11, 2024, the CTI-CFF convened the Women Leaders' Forum (WLF) Meeting in Bangkok, Thailand. This meeting focused on discussing innovative financial resources and tools for collecting gender-disaggregated data to enhance gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) in marine conservation efforts.

Participants included women leaders from the CT6 countries, who shared experiences and strategies for empowering women in the fisheries sector and coastal communities. The discussions emphasized the importance of integrating gender perspectives into policy making and program implementation.

The meeting highlighted successful case studies and best practices in promoting women's participation in marine resource management. It also identified challenges and opportunities for advancing GESI objectives within the CTI-CFF framework.

Outcomes from the meeting contributed to the development of regional guidelines and action plans aimed at strengthening the role of women in achieving sustainable marine ecosystems.



2nd Cohort of Youth Ambassadors Program (11–13 September 2024, Bangkok, Thailand)

From September 11 to 13, 2024, the CTI-CFF co-hosted the Regional Youth and Young Professionals Workshop with USAID SuFia-TS in Bangkok, Thailand, marking the initiation of the 2nd Cohort of the Youth Ambassadors Program (YAP). This workshop aimed to empower young leaders from the Coral Triangle region by enhancing their understanding of sustainable fisheries management, climate change, and marine conservation.

The workshop provided capacity-building sessions on coastal and marine ecosystems, addressing issues such as unsustainable and illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing, coastal livelihoods, and fair labor practices. Participants engaged in interactive discussions, sharing experiences and aspirations to tackle challenges in marine biodiversity conservation and fisheries management.

A significant outcome of the workshop was the collection of inputs from youth and young professionals for the development of the 2030 CTI-CFF Young Professionals and Youth Development Roadmap. This roadmap aims to guide future youth engagement and leadership in marine conservation efforts within the region.

The event also facilitated networking among participants, fostering a regional community of young conservation advocates committed to sustainable marine resource management.





Internal Resource Committee Meeting (25–26 September 2024, Dili, Timor-Leste)

On September 25 and 26, 2024, the CTI-CFF convened its Internal Resource Committee (IRC) Meeting at the Novo Turismo Hotel in Dili, Timor-Leste. The meeting brought together representatives from the six member countries of the Coral Triangle (CT6) and the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat team.

The meeting focused on informing and updating IRC focal points on actions implemented following the 18th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) decisions, the status of 2024 country contributions, the 2023 Audit Report, and 2024 financial utilization.

Presentations included newly appointed staff of the Regional Secretariat, proposed 2025 organizational and salary structures, the proposed 2025 budget and forecasted budgets for 2026 and 2027, and the draft Joint Ministerial Statement.

10th Marine Protected Area Regional Exchange (MPA REX) (7–10 October 2024, Manado)

From October 7 to 10, 2024, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat conducted the 10th Marine Protected Area Regional Exchange (MPA REX). This event focused on finalizing regional guidelines for sustainable marine tourism and promoting creative economies within Marine Protected Areas (MPAs).

Supported by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the exchange brought together MPA managers, policymakers, and stakeholders from the CT6 countries to share experiences and best practices in sustainable tourism development.

Discussions centered on balancing conservation objectives with economic opportunities, ensuring that tourism activities within MPAs contribute to biodiversity protection and community livelihoods.

The event culminated in the endorsement of regional guidelines that will serve as a framework for sustainable marine tourism practices across the Coral Triangle region.



Workshop on Knowledge Exchange on Sustainable Financing and Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) Meeting (6–8 November 2024, Manila, Philippines)

From 6 to 8 November 2024, the Workshop and Knowledge Exchange on Sustainable Financing was held in Manila, Philippines, under the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle (SCT) initiative and facilitated by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. This vibrant workshop aimed to strengthen the understanding and capacity of stakeholders from the CT6 countries in applying innovative financing mechanisms to support marine biodiversity and sustainable fisheries across the Coral Triangle. Key themes included conservation finance, public and private sector engagement, fiscal instruments, and emerging approaches such as blue and green financing.

The workshop also served as a strategic platform to deepen understanding of the Coral Triangle Conservation Fund (CTCF), covering its legal structure, grant mechanisms, and upcoming financing priorities. Through interactive sessions and group exercises, participants and experts collaboratively identified and prioritized feasible financial solutions to support the implementation of RPOA 2.0. The outcomes of this workshop will lay the groundwork for future feasibility studies and the development of a robust regional resource mobilization strategy. The workshop was held in synergy with the Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) meeting, linking technical insights with institutional governance.

During the FRWG meeting on November 8, key decisions were endorsed, including the legal establishment of the CTCF's US-based Settlor and the initial endorsement of the Grant Management Manual. The meeting reflected a strong commitment to ensuring transparency, representation, and strategic focus in the fund's development. With aligned priorities and continued support from partners like USAID and WCS, the Coral Triangle region is poised to unlock new opportunities in sustainable financing for ocean conservation.



19th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-19) and 9th Ministerial Meeting (MM-9) (2–6 December 2024, Dili, Timor-Leste)

From December 2 to 6, 2024, Dili, Timor-Leste, hosted the 19th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-19) and the 9th Ministerial Meeting (MM-9) of the CTI-CFF. These meetings served as pivotal platforms for the six member countries to review progress, discuss challenges, and set strategic directions for regional marine conservation efforts.

The meetings commenced with a Pre-SOM on December 2–3, followed by the SOM on December 4–5, and concluded with the MM-9 on December 6. High-level representatives from Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste participated, reflecting the collective commitment to the CTI-CFF's objectives.

Key discussions centered on enhancing regional cooperation, strengthening governance mechanisms, and mobilizing resources for effective implementation of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0. The meetings also addressed emerging challenges such as climate change impacts, illegal fishing, and marine pollution, emphasizing the need for adaptive and integrated management approaches.

The outcomes of SOM-19 and MM-9 included the adoption of joint statements reaffirming the member countries' commitment to sustainable marine resource management and the endorsement of strategic initiatives aimed at bolstering regional resilience and food security.





II.3 ORGANIZATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat bid farewell to key staff, including Ms. Dewi Satriani (Communication and Information Manager) and Mr. Agostinho Andy Irmawan (Monitoring and Evaluation Manager). New team members welcomed in 2024 include Dr. Frank Keith Griffin (Executive Director), Mr. Hanung Cahyono (Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services), Mr. Fitzgerald Wenur (Marketing and Information Officer), Mr. Dave Senewe (Finance Assistant Manager), and Ms. Cristel Amarilo (Data Compilation and Documentation Officer).



II.4 THE 19TH SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING

The 19th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-19) of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) was a pivotal event that reinforced regional unity and strategic planning toward marine conservation. Held on December 4–5, 2024, in Dili, Timor-Leste, the meeting was chaired by His Excellency Mr. Celestino Da Cunha Barreto, General Director for Fisheries, Aquaculture, and Aquatic Resources Management of Timor-Leste. The gathering brought together delegations from the six member countries—Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste—alongside various development partners and observers, reflecting the ongoing commitment to shared stewardship of the Coral Triangle.

One of the key highlights of SOM-19 was the formal introduction of new leadership within the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. Dr. Frank Keith Griffin of Papua New Guinea assumed the role of Executive Director on March 11, 2024, while Mr. Hanung Cahyono of Indonesia officially became Deputy Executive Director of Corporate Services on January 22, 2024. These leadership transitions signified a fresh phase for the Secretariat, promising strengthened operational efficiency, and renewed direction under the Regional Plan of Action 2.0 (RPOA 2.0). Further strengthening this transformation, SOM-19 formally approved the restructuring of the Secretariat, adding four new managerial positions—Human Resources Manager and Information and Data Manager under Corporate Services, and Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) Manager and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Manager under Program Services. These positions are to be funded externally, ensuring no increase in Country Contributions.

Financial sustainability and transparency were major themes of the meeting. Member countries reaffirmed their commitment to fulfill their annual contributions for 2024, acknowledging delays due to internal processes. As of November 30, 2024, the CTI-CFF had a restricted fund balance of USD 269,495, with plans to replenish USD 200,000 once all national contributions were remitted. These discussions highlighted the importance of collective financial responsibility in ensuring the continuity and impact of regional initiatives.



SOM-19 also provided a platform to evaluate progress and plan ahead across CTI-CFF's technical and cross-cutting working groups. Reports and recommendations from various thematic areas were reviewed and endorsed, emphasizing collaborative approaches to address the region's environmental challenges. Strategic partners such as Conservation International, Coral Triangle Center, IUCN, GiZ, USAID, WCS, WWF, and University Partnerships presented updates on their initiatives. The meeting welcomed their continued support and adopted their recommendations for enhanced cooperation moving forward.

During the 19th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-19) of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF), held on 4–5 December 2024 in Dili, Timor-Leste, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat signed three strategic Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with key partners: the National University of Timor-Leste, Coral Triangle Center (CTC), and World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). These MoUs aim to formalize and deepen institutional collaboration across education, outreach, and conservation programs within the Coral Triangle region. A press conference followed the signing, publicly underscoring the commitments and shared vision toward sustainable marine governance and community engagement.

SOM-19 itself served as a pivotal platform for CT6 member countries to reaffirm regional commitments and adopt key governance and operational decisions. The meeting endorsed substantial outcomes, including the restructuring of the Regional Secretariat, approval of the 2025 budget, adoption of Internal Control Committee and amendment to CTI CFF policies, and the endorsement of the Coral Triangle Conservation Fund (CTCF) as a legally recognized funding entity. Member countries also accepted all reports and agreed to finalize their updated National Plans of Action (NPOAs) by 2025, reinforcing the collective drive to achieve sustainable marine resource management under the RPOA 2.0 framework.

As the Coral Triangle region prepares for future challenges, SOM-19 laid the groundwork for the 9th Ministerial Meeting (MM-9), in Dili. With renewed leadership, financial commitments, and strengthened partnerships, SOM-19 demonstrated the unified resolve of CTI-CFF member countries and partners to protect one of the most biodiverse marine regions on Earth while supporting the communities that rely on its resources.





II.5 THE 9TH MINISTERIAL MEETING

The 9th Ministerial Meeting (MM-9) of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) was held on December 6, 2024, in Dili, Timor-Leste, following the 19th Senior Officials' Meeting. This high-level event brought together the Ministers and senior representatives from the six member countries—Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste—

highlighting the region's strong political will and unified commitment to advancing marine conservation and sustainable resource management across the Coral Triangle.

A significant focus of MM-9 was on sustaining the institutional and financial health of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. The Ministers commended the successful transition of leadership, officially welcoming Dr. Frank Keith Griffin as the new Executive Director and Mr. Hanung Cahyono as the Deputy Executive Director of Corporate Services. They also acknowledged the service and contributions of the previous leadership team, underscoring the importance of stable governance for effective program implementation.

The Ministers representatives reviewed key outcomes from SOM-19, endorsing strategic priorities and collaborative actions proposed by the Senior Officials. These included continued development of the Coral Triangle Conservation Fund, enhanced implementation of capacity-building initiatives, and expanded engagement with development partners. The meeting also endorsed strengthened coordination mechanisms across working groups and partner institutions to ensure better integration of science, policy, and community-level action.

MM-9 concluded with a joint Ministerial Statement, reaffirming the countries' collective commitment to protect the Coral Triangle's rich marine biodiversity while supporting livelihoods and food security for millions of people. The Ministers expressed appreciation to the Government of Timor-Leste for its hospitality and leadership and reiterated their shared resolve to accelerate regional cooperation. The outcomes of MM-9 reinforced the momentum for 2025 and beyond, setting a clear course for continued collaboration in safeguarding the Coral Triangle for future generations.





II.6 PROGRAMMATIC ACHIEVEMENTS

In pursuit of achieving the goals and objectives outlined in the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0, which serves as a guiding framework for the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the six member countries, the RPOA 2.0 provides the foundation for activities from 2021 to 2030. Each Working Group will agree on an annual work plan, which will then be implemented at the national level. The progress achieved by each country will contribute to the regional targets established in the RPOA 2.0.

The USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle (SCT) project was launched during a kick-off meeting in Manado, Indonesia, bringing together CTI-CFF member countries, USAID, and partners. The meeting outlined shared objectives focused on marine ecosystem resilience, governance, and biodiversity conservation. Key topics included the project's theory of change, M&E frameworks, and capacity-building plans. Gender equality and social inclusion were emphasized as cross-cutting themes. The event marked the beginning of coordinated regional efforts under the SCT initiative.

CTI-CFF hosted the 7th Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) Technical Working Group Meeting and a regional exchange in Jakarta to strengthen regional climate resilience. Supported by USAID SuFiA TS, the event included sessions on climate projections, risk assessments, and CEPA strategies. Participants worked on climate risk planning and reviewed the 2024 CCA work plan and early drafts of the 2025 agenda. Opportunities for cross-country collaboration were also explored. The event reinforced CTI-CFF's commitment to climate-adaptive management in the Coral Triangle.

Held in Port Moresby, the MEWG and CT Atlas training enhanced member countries' capacities in M&E and use of the CT Atlas. Participants learned to track RPOA 2.0 progress and develop country-specific monitoring systems. The event fostered knowledge exchange and emphasized data-driven decision-making. Practical exercises and best practices were shared to improve conservation impact tracking. The training contributed to stronger, more aligned M&E frameworks across the region.



The 9th EAFM Technical Working Group Meeting, along with the Sulu-Sulawesi and Bismarck Solomon Sea Regional Exchanges, was held in Malaysia. Co-supported by USAID SuFiA TS and GIZ SOMACORE, the events aimed to advance sustainable fisheries through shared learning and policy integration. Key discussions focused on EAFM in national policies, traditional knowledge, and community participation. Participants assessed implementation progress and challenges. The meetings led to the refinement of EAFM strategies across the region.

CTI-CFF conducted the 7th Seascapes TWG Meeting and Regional Exchange to support communication and collaboration in managing priority seascapes. Participants developed infographics to raise awareness of seascapes' ecological and socio-economic value. Collaboration with WWF and others was discussed to enhance conservation impact. Action plans and commitments were agreed upon to ensure continuity. The event highlighted visual storytelling as a tool for conservation advocacy.

The Threatened Species TWG meeting and workshops addressed illegal wildlife trade and marine species conservation. Stakeholders shared best practices in enforcement, monitoring, and legal frameworks. Regional action plans were developed to protect endangered species in the Coral Triangle. Emphasis was placed on cross-border cooperation and capacity building. The event reinforced the importance of joint action to safeguard biodiversity.

The training on MEL and Theory of Change focused on finalizing the SCT project's M&E system and shared understanding of its Theory of Change. Attendees aligned project indicators with expected results and explored participatory M&E methods. The workshop promoted adaptive management and stakeholder engagement. Practical sessions strengthened capacity in designing effective monitoring systems. The training aimed to enhance the SCT project's overall accountability and learning processes.



CTI-CFF held a GESI Regional Exchange and a training on CCA policies in Bangkok, supported by USAID SuFiA TS and the SCT project. The GESI sessions focused on regional guidelines and private sector engagement, while the CCA training aimed to boost adaptation policy capacity. Case studies and peer learning were used throughout. Outputs included draft guidelines and climate resilience action plans. These initiatives support inclusive conservation aligned with RPOA 2.0.

The 2nd Regional Youth and Young Professionals Workshop launched the new cohort of the Youth Ambassadors Program. Participants explored issues such as IUU fishing, climate change, and coastal livelihoods. The workshop encouraged peer exchange and built leadership capacity. Inputs gathered contributed to the draft 2030 Youth Development Roadmap. The event fostered a regional network of young marine conservation leaders.

The Women Leaders' Forum met in Bangkok to discuss gender data collection tools and innovative financing. Women leaders shared experiences and best practices in integrating gender into marine conservation. The meeting emphasized policy influence and empowerment at the community level. Regional guidelines and action points were developed. This gathering reinforced the WLF's role in advancing GESI within the CTI-CFF.

The 10th MPA REX in Manado focused on sustainable marine tourism and creative economies within MPAs. Supported by IUCN, the exchange facilitated knowledge-sharing among MPA managers and stakeholders from CT6. Discussions aimed to balance conservation with community benefits. Finalized regional guidelines for marine tourism were endorsed. The event underscored the role of MPAs in driving ecological and socio-economic resilience.



II.7 INTERNATIONAL ENGAGEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

South China Sea Regional Exchange (REX) on Fisheries Governance, January 16-19, 2024 – Manila, Philippines

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat actively participated in the South China Sea Regional Exchange on Fisheries Governance held in Manila. As invited speaker and panel members, they contributed valuable insights on sustainable fisheries management practices within the Coral Triangle region. The event provided a platform for regional stakeholders to discuss challenges and collaborative

strategies to enhance fisheries governance. This exchange emphasized the importance of cross-border cooperation in ensuring sustainable livelihoods and marine biodiversity protection. The Secretariat's involvement underscored its commitment to regional dialogue and knowledge-sharing.

The 2nd UN Ocean Decade Regional Conference & 11th WESTPAC International Marine Science Conference, April 22-25, 2024 – Bangkok, Thailand

At the combined 2nd UN Ocean Decade Regional Conference and the 11th WESTPAC International Marine Science Conference, the CTI-CFF Secretariat contributed as panelists and keynote speakers. This prestigious event gathered leading marine scientists, policymakers, and practitioners to discuss ocean science advancements supporting the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development. The Secretariat highlighted regional initiatives aimed at strengthening coral reef resilience and fisheries sustainability. Participation in this conference helped foster science-policy integration critical to advancing the Coral Triangle's Ocean stewardship goals. The event also provided networking opportunities to align regional efforts with global ocean agendas.



The 8th IUCN Asia Regional Conservation Forum

During the 8th IUCN Asia Regional Conservation Forum, the CTI-CFF Secretariat shared its experiences in marine biodiversity conservation and ecosystem management. The forum brought together conservationists, government officials, and NGOs to discuss pressing environmental challenges in Asia. Presentations by the Secretariat focused on marine protected areas and community-based resource management within the Coral Triangle. Engagement at the forum strengthened partnerships and highlighted the region's contribution to broader Asian conservation priorities. The Secretariat's role emphasized the importance of inclusive approaches to sustainable marine governance.

The 38th General Meeting of the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI), Jeddah, Saudi Arabia
At the 38th ICRI General Meeting in Jeddah, the CTI-CFF Secretariat represented the Coral Triangle's interests in global coral reef conservation discussions. The meeting convened international experts to review progress and strategize for the protection of coral reefs worldwide. The Secretariat showcased the Coral Triangle's innovative programs to combat reef degradation and promote ecosystem resilience. This engagement reinforced CTI-CFF's status as a key player in coral reef science and policy. It also allowed for the exchange of best practices and collaboration on reef restoration initiatives.

UN Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD), October 2024 – Cali, Colombia

The CTI-CFF Secretariat participated in the UNCBD meeting held in Cali, Colombia, bringing regional biodiversity priorities to the international stage. The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss global targets for nature conservation and sustainable use of marine resources. The Secretariat highlighted the Coral Triangle's successes and ongoing challenges in implementing marine protected areas and community engagement. This presence reinforced the alignment of regional efforts with global biodiversity frameworks. It also strengthened partnerships for financing and technical support.

Women in Fisheries Seminar, June 5, 2024

The Women in Fisheries seminar convened more than 150 participants, predominantly women from local fishing communities and NGOs. This seminar focused on empowering women as vital contributors to fisheries management and marine conservation. Discussions emphasized gender-responsive approaches, capacity building, and leadership development. The CTI-CFF Secretariat facilitated sessions that highlighted successful women-led initiatives and strategies for greater inclusion. This event strengthened gender equity efforts within the Coral Triangle fisheries sector.



High-Level Forum on Blue Natural Capital, June 7-9, 2024

The High-Level Forum on Blue Natural Capital brought together over 120 delegates including corporate leaders, government officials, and international organizations. The forum centered on sustainable management and investment in marine resources as critical natural capital assets. The CTI-CFF Secretariat contributed by highlighting regional efforts to integrate blue economy principles with conservation objectives. Discussions emphasized innovative financing, governance, and public-private partnerships. This forum highlighted the growing recognition of the Coral Triangle as a priority area for blue natural capital development.

International Conference on Sustainable Coral Reefs, December 13-15, 2024 – Indonesia

Hosted by Indonesia's Coordinating Ministry of Maritime Affairs and Investment with support from the CTI-CFF Secretariat, this conference gathered experts and policymakers to discuss coral reef sustainability. The event focused on innovative management strategies, scientific research, and financing mechanisms to protect coral reef ecosystems. It facilitated multi-sectoral dialogue aimed at balancing economic development and conservation. The Secretariat's role ensured the Coral Triangle perspective was prominently featured. Outcomes included strengthened regional cooperation and actionable commitments.



III. COUNTRY REPORTS AND NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

The following country reports outline significant achievements in the protection of critical ecosystems, improvement of fisheries practices, conservation of endangered species, climate change adaptation strategies, cross-border cooperation, and the implementation of Gender Equity and Social Inclusiveness (GESI) policies, as indicated in the RPOA 2.0. This year, each member country is required to begin developing a National Plan of Action, derived from the RPOA 2.0.



III. 1 INDONESIA

Indonesia's journey in marine conservation has been one of determination, innovation, and inclusive action. Located in the heart of the Coral Triangle, Indonesia is home to extraordinary marine biodiversity and vast ocean resources that are vital for national food security, economic growth, and community livelihoods. Balancing ecological protection with sustainable use remains a central challenge. Yet, through progressive policies, cross-sector collaboration, and strong community engagement, Indonesia continues to make significant strides in protecting its oceans for present and future generations.

In 2024, Indonesia reaffirmed its leadership in regional marine conservation through robust implementation of its National Plan of Action (NPOA) under the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF). As the largest archipelagic nation in the world, Indonesia's strategic position in the Coral Triangle and its immense marine biodiversity makes it a critical contributor to regional and global ocean sustainability. With over 17,000 islands, 108,000 km of coastline, and a marine area of 6.4 million km², the country continues to align its development priorities with ocean health and food security.

Indonesia's Blue Economy policy formed the backbone of its 2024 marine and fisheries strategy, focusing on five key pillars: expansion of marine protected areas (MPAs), quota-based sustainable fisheries, development of sustainable aquaculture, strengthened surveillance and control in coastal zones, and community-based plastic waste reduction. Notably, the national target to designate 10% of Indonesian waters as MPAs by 2030 is well underway, with 29.3 million hectares already protected and a vision to reach 32.5 million hectares by 2030 and 97.5 million hectares by 2045. Indonesia also identified 382 Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs), covering 10.2 million hectares, enhancing conservation beyond traditional MPAs.



Progress in implementing the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) was driven by key regulations, including Presidential Decree No. 11/2023 on quota-based sustainable fisheries. Fisheries Management Plans (FMPs) were reviewed across all 11 Fisheries Management Areas (FMAs), with specific strategies developed for coastal tuna, snapper, grouper, and small-scale fishers. EAFM capacity-building activities continued, with multiple training programs conducted and national learning centers strengthened. Technological innovations such as e-logbooks, OBOR apps, and an official EAFM website supported transparency and decision-making.

Indonesia advanced its marine spatial planning (MSP) agenda through a series of national and regional engagements. MSP enactments were expanded to cover inter-regional and provincial zones, aligning marine and terrestrial spatial planning in 13 provinces and several strategic national areas. Indonesia took an active role in international MSP forums and knowledge exchange, hosting the 6th International MSP Forum in Bali and participating in MSP training across Southeast Asia. Efforts to integrate climate-smart MSP frameworks continued, supported by partnerships with the Global Ocean Accounts Partnership (GOAP).

The country's marine biodiversity conservation efforts extended to threatened species such as sharks, rays, marine mammals, and sea turtles. Updated National Plans of Action (NPOAs), training modules, and technical guidelines were developed and implemented. Notable achievements included the launch of the Elamso Data Center for shark and ray catch monitoring, and the deployment of the SIDA KO platform for biodiversity tracking and conservation effectiveness evaluations.

Indonesia's achievements were underpinned by strengthened monitoring and evaluation frameworks, including E-PANJII, EVIKA, and command center tools for surveillance. Regional collaboration was enhanced through active participation in CTI-CFF meetings and the Coral Triangle Day celebration, which featured public engagement in reef transplantation, mangrove restoration, and beach clean-ups. Community initiatives, such as the Kampung Nelayan Maju and seaweed cultivation programs in Alor, NTT, demonstrated Indonesia's commitment to inclusive, locally driven conservation models.

Looking ahead, Indonesia's 2025 roadmap focuses on accelerating the gazettelement and effective management of MPAs, strengthening fisheries governance through improved harvest strategies, advancing MSP integration, and mainstreaming climate change adaptation into marine policies. Continued regional cooperation and support—particularly in EAFM training, digital MSP tools, and blue carbon inventories—will be instrumental in sustaining Indonesia's momentum as a regional steward of marine resources.



III. 2 MALAYSIA

Malaysia's commitment to marine sustainability continues to be shaped by its unique coastal heritage, rich biodiversity, and deep cultural ties to the sea. Located on the western edge of the Coral Triangle, the country's coral reefs, mangroves, and seagrass beds support not only marine life but also coastal communities and economies. Managing these ecosystems amid growing environmental and socio-economic pressures demands both innovation and resilience. In 2024, Malaysia demonstrated this resolve through coordinated policy action, grassroots initiatives, and active regional collaboration, charting a course toward a sustainable and inclusive marine future.

Malaysia's National Plan of Action (NPOA) under the Coral Triangle Initiative provided the framework for continued progress in 2024. Government agencies, academic institutions, and local authorities worked in tandem to address core NPOA pillars—seascapes, marine protected areas (MPAs), climate change adaptation, threatened species protection, and sustainable fisheries. Significant achievements were made in expanding MPA coverage, enhancing enforcement, and deepening community participation in marine conservation.

Malaysia actively engaged in regional and national seascape initiatives, notably through the SEACONNECT project focused on sustainable livelihoods and the SOMACORE program for marine and coastal resilience. The country facilitated participatory stakeholder dialogues, promoted eco-tourism as an alternative livelihood for small-scale fishers, and shared innovations such as fish bombing detection technologies across the region. These efforts strengthened ecosystem-based management and reinforced Malaysia's leadership in seascape-scale conservation.



The nation managed 51 MPAs spanning over 25,358 square kilometers (5.3% of national waters), with an ambitious target of 10% coverage by 2030. In 2024, progress was made on the gazettelement of Darvel Bay Park, Mantanani Islands Park, and Tun Juhar Park, each supported by zoning plans, management frameworks, and community consultation. Malaysia's internationally recognized sites, Tun Mustapha Park and Turtle Islands Park, were nominated for the IUCN Green List and ASEAN Heritage Parks, underscoring exemplary governance.

Innovative public engagement through programs like Coral Frame Adoption and Turtle Nest Adoption raised conservation funding and awareness. Corporate partnerships, such as the Malaysian Navy's "Borneo Ultra Ocean Cleanup," and youth education initiatives like Junior Park Rangers and Ocean Explorer enriched community stewardship and outreach.

Vulnerability assessments addressing coastal erosion, mangrove ecosystem services, and sea-level rise informed targeted nature-based solutions. Mangrove planting campaigns and seagrass awareness programs in Sabah fostered community involvement. Youth participation was bolstered through educational outreach, and corporate and NGO collaborations helped amplify climate action.



Malaysia achieved significant enforcement successes against illegal wildlife trade, including seizures of dried sea turtle meat, helping protect endangered species. Scientific research and monitoring expanded, enhancing data collection on sharks, rays, marine turtles, and dolphins. Adoption of Turtle Excluder Devices (TEDs) and electronic monitoring cameras reduced bycatch in high-risk fisheries. The establishment of Important Shark and Ray Areas (ISRAs) such as East Tun Mustapha Park strengthened species-specific conservation efforts.

The development of the Malaysia Fisheries Resource System, with a focus on Marine Biodiversity Management, is expected to be operational by mid-2025, offering a vital tool for integrated fisheries governance.

Malaysia produced a suite of educational materials including films, reports, newsletters, and media campaigns targeting various stakeholders. These resources highlighted threats to marine biodiversity and promoted conservation awareness in coastal and fishing communities. Public engagement and knowledge dissemination remain central to Malaysia's approach to marine stewardship.

With these accomplishments, Malaysia's 2024 marks a year of tangible progress and sustained leadership in the Coral Triangle. The country's strategic integration of science, policy, community action, and technology provides a robust foundation for scaling marine conservation efforts. Moving forward, Malaysia's 2025 roadmap prioritizes finalizing national action plans for sharks, turtles, and dugongs, expanding OECMs and community marine areas, strengthening MPA governance, and mainstreaming climate resilience.

Malaysia's integrated approach reinforces its vital role in achieving the CTI-CFF vision for healthy, productive, and climate-resilient marine ecosystems that support sustainable livelihoods and regional cooperation.



III. 3 PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Located at the core of the Coral Triangle, Papua New Guinea (PNG) continues to uphold its vital role in marine conservation, driven by its extraordinary biodiversity and the deep connections of its coastal communities to the ocean. In 2024, the country made significant progress towards sustaining its rich marine ecosystems, with a clear focus on expanding protected areas, promoting sustainable fisheries, adapting to climate change, and safeguarding threatened species.

PNG's Marine Protected Area (MPA) network has grown with the establishment of new MPAs, particularly in important ecological zones such as the Bismarck Sea and Manus Province. These efforts not only protect critical habitats but also foster co-management partnerships where government agencies and local communities collaboratively oversee conservation activities. This shared stewardship ensures that protection measures are culturally appropriate and gain the support of those who depend on the sea for their livelihoods.

In fisheries management, Papua New Guinea advanced the integration of Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management (EAFM) principles, which emphasize sustainable harvests while maintaining the health of marine ecosystems. Capacity building was a key component, with training provided to fishers and resource managers to improve understanding and practical application of sustainable fishing practices. These efforts help secure the future of fisheries that are crucial to food security and economic wellbeing.



Climate change adaptation emerged as a priority, with PNG undertaking detailed vulnerability assessments to understand how coastal communities and marine habitats are impacted by climate risks. These studies have informed the implementation of on-the-ground measures such as mangrove restoration and the development of climate-resilient livelihood options, strengthening the resilience of vulnerable populations.

Conservation of threatened species, including sea turtles and dugongs, was reinforced through improved monitoring, law enforcement, and direct involvement of local communities. Community participation in protecting nesting sites and monitoring species populations has helped foster a stronger sense of responsibility and local ownership of conservation outcomes. Public awareness and education formed an important part of PNG's 2024 efforts. Outreach campaigns reached diverse audiences, while schools and community groups engaged in programs to deepen understanding and appreciation of marine biodiversity and the importance of its conservation.

Looking forward to 2025, Papua New Guinea aims to build on these successes by further expanding its MPA network, enhancing the application of EAFM in fisheries management, advancing climate change mitigation and adaptation initiatives, intensifying threatened species protection, and empowering communities through ongoing capacity building. PNG's integrated approach, combining scientific knowledge, community partnerships, and effective governance, continues to set a strong example within the Coral Triangle region. The country's 2024 achievements underscore its dedication to balancing conservation imperatives with sustainable development goals to protect its marine heritage for generations to come.



III. 4 PHILIPPINES

The Philippines continued to lead marine conservation efforts in 2024, achieving significant milestones that demonstrate the country's deep commitment to protecting its rich marine biodiversity within the Coral Triangle. This year marked important progress in expanding Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), enhancing fisheries management, driving climate resilience, and engaging communities, all of which are pivotal for sustainable ocean stewardship.

A standout achievement was the recognition of the Siete Pecados Marine Park with the prestigious Blue Park Award. This accolade reflects the park's exemplary management and biodiversity conservation, positioning it as a flagship site and an inspiration for other marine parks nationwide. Building on this, the Philippines actively contributed to the ASEAN ENMAPS project, focused on improving the management and connectivity of MPA networks across the region. These efforts are critical steppingstones toward the nation's ambitious goal of protecting 30% of its marine and coastal areas by 2030.

In fisheries management, 2024 saw the expansion and deepening of Ecosystem-Based Fisheries Management (EAFM) practices. Through targeted capacity-building programs, local fishers and resource managers gained enhanced skills to implement sustainable fishing techniques that safeguard marine ecosystems while securing livelihoods. This reflects a vital shift toward ecosystem-wide thinking in resource governance.



Climate change adaptation efforts also made notable strides. The Philippines completed comprehensive vulnerability assessments, providing critical data to tailor effective adaptation strategies. Practical actions such as mangrove restoration projects and the promotion of climate-resilient livelihoods were implemented, strengthening both ecosystems and coastal communities against the growing impacts of climate change.

The year further witnessed strengthened community engagement and inclusive governance. The country expanded initiatives to involve local communities, indigenous groups, and stakeholders in decision-making processes, ensuring conservation measures are equitable and culturally relevant. Complementary awareness campaigns across diverse media heightened public understanding and fostered a strong stewardship ethic nationwide.

As the Philippines looks ahead, the momentum gained in 2024 provides a solid foundation for scaling up efforts. Planned expansions of the MPA network, further integration of EAFM principles, intensified climate resilience programs, and sustained regional cooperation will be vital in meeting conservation targets and supporting sustainable livelihoods.



III. 5 SOLOMON ISLANDS

The Solomon Islands, renowned for its vast and pristine marine environments, continued to demonstrate leadership in marine conservation throughout 2024. As a key Coral Triangle country, the Solomon Islands' efforts have focused on protecting biodiversity hotspots, strengthening community-based resource management, and integrating scientific discovery into conservation policy.

A landmark achievement in 2024 was the discovery of the world's largest known coral colony, a giant *Pavona clavus*, located in Solomon Islands waters. Measuring approximately 183 meters in circumference and estimated to be between 300 to 500 years old, this extraordinary coral formation highlights the exceptional biodiversity found within the Solomon Islands' reefs. The discovery has not only drawn international scientific attention but also reinforced the country's role as a critical refuge for marine biodiversity in the Coral Triangle.

Building on this foundation, the government formally launched the National Plan of Action for Marine Turtles (NPOA-MT) for 2023–2027 in July 2024. This comprehensive plan is designed to conserve marine turtle populations, which are culturally and ecologically significant to Solomon Island communities. The plan emphasizes reducing incidental capture in fisheries, protecting nesting beaches, and fostering community stewardship through awareness campaigns and capacity-building programs.



The Solomon Islands also advanced marine spatial planning (MSP) initiatives aimed at balancing ecological protection with sustainable resource use. MSP efforts actively involve local communities, ensuring their voices and traditional knowledge shape marine governance. This inclusive approach strengthens community ownership and helps resolve conflicts over marine resource use while safeguarding vital habitats.

In 2024, the Solomon Islands took part in Coral Triangle Day celebrations, a flagship regional event emphasizing marine ecosystem resilience and sustainable fisheries. Through forums and workshops, stakeholders exchanged knowledge on protecting blue natural capital—the ocean’s vital ecosystems and resources—thereby enhancing regional collaboration and commitment to sustainable ocean management.

Marine biodiversity conservation continued to be prioritized through the protection of Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) and Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). Sites such as the Arnavon Community Marine Conservation Area, one of the longest-running community-managed marine areas in the Pacific, and the Marovo Lagoon, known for its extraordinary coral diversity, received sustained attention and management support. These areas provide essential habitats for endangered species and support sustainable livelihoods for local populations.

Looking forward, the Solomon Islands plan to build on these successes by scaling up MPA coverage, strengthening enforcement against illegal fishing, enhancing climate change adaptation measures, and deepening community engagement in marine governance. The country’s integrated approach—rooted in science, tradition, and inclusive policy—positions it to continue as a beacon of marine conservation in the Coral Triangle.



III. 6 TIMOR-LESTE

In 2024, Timor-Leste made significant strides in advancing marine conservation, emphasizing the critical roles of scientific innovation, inclusive community participation, and regional collaboration. As one of the youngest members of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF), Timor-Leste continues to lay strong foundations for sustainable marine resource management that balances environmental protection with socio-economic development.

Central to these efforts was the continued expansion and strengthening of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). Recognizing MPAs as essential tools for conserving biodiversity and sustaining fisheries, Timor-Leste partnered closely with local communities and conservation organizations to ensure that MPAs are not only designated but actively managed and monitored. This collaborative approach encourages local stewardship, integrates traditional knowledge, and promotes sustainable livelihoods linked to healthy marine ecosystems.

Scientific capacity building was a hallmark of 2024 activities, notably through training 11 fisheries officers on environmental DNA (eDNA) sampling at Atauro Island. This cutting-edge technique, facilitated by the University of the South Pacific under the Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership (PEUMP) program, enables non-invasive biodiversity assessments by detecting genetic material shed by marine organisms in water samples. The adoption of eDNA technology equips Timor-Leste with powerful tools to monitor marine species diversity and ecosystem health more efficiently and accurately, informing adaptive management strategies.



Community outreach and youth engagement were further enhanced through the launch of the “Diskusaun Konservasaun” (Conservation Discussion) series by the Coral Triangle Center (CTC). These interactive discussions provided a platform for young people and community members to explore marine conservation topics, including the protection of endangered sea turtles and cetaceans, and the economic benefits of sustainable whale watching. By fostering awareness and dialogue, these forums empower communities to actively participate in marine conservation and stewardship.

In December 2024, Timor-Leste highlighted its growing regional leadership by hosting the 19th Senior Officials’ Meeting (SOM-19) and the 9th Ministerial Meeting (MM-9) of the CTI-CFF. These pivotal gatherings brought together leaders and technical experts from member countries to coordinate regional strategies, share knowledge, and reinforce commitments toward sustainable coral reef and fisheries management. Hosting these high-profile meetings not only positioned Timor-Leste as a key player in regional marine governance but also facilitated national visibility and momentum for ongoing conservation initiatives.

Looking ahead, Timor-Leste aims to build on these achievements by expanding scientific monitoring programs, enhancing community-based management of MPAs, integrating climate change adaptation into marine policies, and strengthening regional partnerships. The country’s integrated approach—grounded in science, tradition, and inclusive governance—positions Timor-Leste to protect its valuable marine resources while supporting the wellbeing of coastal communities.



IV. FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat's financial report for the year ended 31 December 2024 offers a comprehensive and transparent account of its financial performance and position. The Statement of Financial Position outlines the Secretariat's asset and liability structure, while the Statement of Activities presents the detailed of revenues and expenditures. The Statement of Changes in Net Assets captures fluctuations in reserves, and the Cash Flow Statement reveals fund utilization across operating and investment activities. All reporting adheres to Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards (IFAS), underscoring CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat commitment to fiduciary accountability and robust financial governance.



IV. 1 INDEPENDENT AUDIT REPORT

The Audit Board of the Republic of Indonesia (BPK), serving as the independent external auditor, has issued an “unmodified or clean audit opinion” on the 2024 financial statements. The audited statements comprising the financial position, activities, changes in net assets, and cash flows, are presented fairly in all material respects and in full compliance with IFAS. The audit was conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA), with full observance of auditor independence and ethical compliance. This affirms the Secretariat’s sound financial stewardship and operational transparency.

In the fiscal year 2024, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat recorded total revenues amounting to USD 1,401,768. USD 1,057,589, was sourced from country contributions and the remaining, totaling USD 344,179, was derived from external partners and collaborators. This included significant support from the United States Department of Interior (US-DOI) and the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle Project.

On the expenditure side, the Secretariat incurred total expenses of USD 1,768,815 over the year. Of this amount, USD 1,337,885 was funded through country contributions, USD 310,887 was supported by the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle Project, and USD 132,677 was allocated for CT6 NPOA and CTCF activities, with support from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

The financial health of the Secretariat remained stable, as reflected in several key financial ratios. The current ratio stood at 19.17, indicating a strong ability to meet short-term obligations using current assets. The assets-to-liabilities ratio was recorded at 9.81, suggesting a high level of solvency and financial resilience. The cash ratio, which measures the ability to cover current liabilities, was 16.20, further reinforcing the Secretariat’s strong liquidity position.



THE AUDIT BOARD OF THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA

AUDIT OPINION

CERTIFICATE OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF
THE CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES, AND FOOD
SECURITY (CTI-CFF) REGIONAL SECRETARIAT AS AT AND FOR THE FINANCIAL
PERIOD ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2024

To the Coral Triangle Initiative Committee of Senior Officials

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) Regional Secretariat (the Regional Secretariat), which comprise the Statement of Financial Position as at 31 December 2024; and the Statement of Activities, the Statement of Changes in Net Assets, and the Statement of Cash Flows for the year then ended; and Notes to the financial statements.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position as at 31 December 2024, and financial activities and cash flows for the year then ended of the Regional Secretariat in accordance with Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards (IFAS).

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Regional Secretariat, in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

We draw attention to Note 21, which describes a subsequent event that occurred after the reporting date. On 20 January 2025, the President of the United States issued an Executive Order titled "Re-evaluating and Realigning United States Foreign Aid," mandating a 90-day pause on U.S. foreign development assistance. In response, USAID issued a suspension notice on 26 January 2025, affecting the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle (USAID-SCT) Project and related grants from the United States Department of Interior (US-DOI). Subsequently, on 26 February 2025, USAID formally terminated Award No. 72048624IO00001, citing realignment with U.S. foreign policy priorities.



CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat
Statement of financial positions
As of 31 December 2024 and 2023

(Expressed in United State Dollar, unless otherwise stated)

	Notes	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	2c, 3	1,286,148	1,387,975
Accounts receivable	4	218,121	387,794
Prepaid expenses	5	12,147	10,615
Advances	6	5,758	1,427
Total current assets		1,522,174	1,787,811
Noncurrent assets			
Fixed assets – net	2g, 7	24,670	31,737
Intangible assets - net	2g, 7	601	2,166
Total noncurrent assets		25,271	33,903
Total assets		1,547,445	1,821,714
Liabilities and net assets			
Liabilities			
Current liabilities			
Accounts payable	8	34,433	17,465
Accrued expenses	9	24,748	11,239
Unearned revenue		20,219	-
Non-Current liabilities	10	78,314	-
Total liabilities		157,714	28,704
Net assets			
With restriction from donors:			
- Temporary restricted	2f	1,389,731	1,793,010
Total net assets		1,389,731	1,793,010
Total liabilities and net assets		1,547,445	1,821,714

The accompanying notes to financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.



CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat
Statement of activities
For the year ended 31 December 2024 and 2023

(Expressed in United State Dollar, unless otherwise stated)

	Notes	31 December 2024			31 December 2023		
		Without restriction from donors	With restrictions from donors – Temporary restricted	TOTAL	Without restriction from donors	With restrictions from donors – Temporary restricted	TOTAL
Revenues							
Country contributions	2d, 11	-	1,057,589	1,057,589	-	1,143,900	1,143,900
Grants	2d, 12	-	310,887	310,887	-	220,850	220,850
Other income		-	33,292	33,292	-	1,495	1,495
Total revenues		-	1,401,768	1,401,768	-	1,366,245	1,366,245
Expenditures							
Program services	2d, 13, 14	(194,643)	-	(194,643)	(29,384)	-	(29,384)
Communication information	2d, 13, 15	(50,079)	-	(50,079)	(27,106)	-	(27,106)
General administration	2d, 13, 16	(855,487)	-	(855,487)	(821,601)	-	(821,601)
Governance and others	2d, 13, 17	(209,331)	-	(209,331)	(54,172)	-	(54,172)
Recruitment	2d, 13, 17	(131)	-	(131)	(17,296)	-	(17,296)
Others (depreciation and exchange rate)	13, 18	(20,956)	-	(20,956)	(23,944)	-	(23,944)
USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle Project	12, 13	(275,121)	-	(275,121)	-	-	-
US Department of Interior	12, 13	(132,677)	-	(132,677)	-	-	-
CT Day	13	(30,390)	-	(30,390)	-	-	-
Total expenditures		(1,768,815)	-	(1,768,815)	(973,503)	-	(973,503)
Surplus/ (deficit)		(1,768,815)	1,401,768	(367,047)	(973,503)	1,366,245	392,742
Other comprehensive income		-	-	-	-	-	-
Total comprehensive income (loss)		(1,768,815)	1,401,768	(367,047)	(973,503)	1,366,245	392,742

The accompanying notes to financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.

Total revenue for the period amounted to USD 1,401,768, comprising USD 1,057,589 from country contributions and USD 344,179 from various donors and collaborators. Notably, donor contributions increased by 41% compared to 2023.

On the expenditure side, total spending reached USD 1,768,815. Key expenditures included:

- USD 275,121 is the direct costs for the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle Initiative,
- USD 132,677 allocated to CT6 NPOA and CTCF activities supported by the U.S. Department of the Interior,
- USD 30,390 to support the Coral Triangle Day (CT Day).



CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat
Statement of changes in net assets
For the year ended 31 December 2024 and 2023

(Expressed in United State Dollar, unless otherwise stated)

	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Net assets without restrictions from donors		
Beginning balance	-	-
Surplus (deficit) - current year	(1,768,815)	(973,503)
Net assets released from restrictions - current year (note 12)	1,768,815	973,503
Ending balance	-	-
Other comprehensive income		
Beginning balance	-	-
Surplus (deficit) - current year	-	-
Ending balance	-	-
Net assets with restrictions from donors		
Temporary restricted		
Beginning balance	1,793,010	1,400,268
Adjustment on Net Assets	(36,232)	-
Changes of net assets – current year		
Surplus (deficit) - current year	1,401,768	1,366,245
Net assets released from restrictions - current year (note 12)	(1,768,815)	(973,503)
Net changes of net assets - current year	(367,047)	392,742
Ending balance	1,389,731	1,793,010
Total net assets	1,389,731	1,793,010

The accompanying notes to financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.



CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat
Statement of cash flows
For the year ended 31 December 2024 and 2023

(Expressed in United State Dollar, unless otherwise stated)

	31 December 2024	31 December 2023
Cash flows from operating activities		
Changes in net assets	(367,047)	392,742
Additional (deduction) of items that is not affecting operating cash flow:		
Depreciation expenses	15,890	23,756
Adjustment on Net Assets	(36,232)	-
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	169,673	227,418
Prepaid expenses	(1,532)	(2,313)
Advances	(4,331)	(914)
Accounts payable	18,836	175
Accrued expenses	11,641	8,379
Unearned revenue	20,219	-
Non-current liabilities	78,314	-
Net cash flows provided from (used in) operating activities	(94,569)	649,243
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of fixed assets	(7,258)	(5,451)
Net cash flows provided used in investing activities	(7,258)	(5,451)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(101,827)	643,792
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning	1,387,975	744,183
Cash and cash equivalents - ending	1,286,148	1,387,975

The accompanying notes to financial statements form an integral part of these financial statements.



IV. 2 BUDGET UTILIZATION AND FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

In line with the SOM18 decision, the total budget from member contributions for 2024 amounts to USD 1,057,589 and USD 669,282 drawn from the 2023 surplus.

The total expenditure under country contribution for 2024 is USD 1,361,017, resulting in an budget surplus of USD 399,146.

Supplementary Information CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat For CTI-CFF Members' Contributions Fund Accountability Statement For the year ended 31 December 2023		Attachment I		
<i>(Expressed in United State Dollar, unless otherwise stated)</i>				
		2024		
	Budget	Actual	Under (over)	
Revenues				
Country contributions	1,057,590	1,057,589	1	
Surplus	669,283	669,282	1	
CT Day Donor Funding	-	31,121	(31,121)	
Interest income	-	2,171	(2,171)	
Total revenues	1,726,873	1,760,163	(33,290)	
Expenditures				
A. Program services	270,000	194,643	75,357	
B. Communication information	68,556	50,079	18,477	
C. General administrations	1,157,273	855,487	296,938	
D. Governance & others	208,500	209,331	(831)	
E. Recruitment	5,000	131	4,869	
F. Capital Expenditure	7,544	7,258	285	
G. Appropriation	10,000	-	10,000	
H. Others (depreciation and exchange rate)	-	20,956	(20,956)	
Total	1,726,873	1,337,885	384,139	
CT Day		30,390		
Total Payment		1,368,275		
Purchase of fixed assets	7,544	7,258		
Total expenditures		1,361,017		
Excess of receipts over expenditures		399,146		



Total expenditures for 2024 amounted to USD 1,768,815, reflecting the implementation of several externally supported programs, including the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle (SCT) Project and initiatives funded by the U.S. Department of the Interior.

A substantial portion of the spending was also driven by the full transition from virtual to physical formats for all official meetings. This included Technical Working Group meetings, Cross-Cutting Initiatives meetings, and all levels of governance engagements such as Monitoring and Evaluation Working Group meeting, Internal Resources Committee Meeting, the Senior Officials Meeting (SOM), and the Ministerial Meeting (MM).

Supplementary Information		Attachment II		
CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat				
<i>A Project Administered By CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat</i>				
<i>SUFIA SOAC IFM Activity</i>				
<i>Under USAID Award Number AID-486-T-13-00002</i>				
Fund Accountability Statement				
For the year ended 31 December 2023				
<i>(Expressed in United State Dollar, unless otherwise stated)</i>				
		2024		
		Budget	Actual	Under (over)
Revenues				
	Grants	220,850	220,850	-
	Total revenues	220,850	220,850	-
Expenditures				
	a. CT6 National Plan of Action Development	170,000	104,429	65,571
	b. Coral Triangle Conservation Fund (CTCF) CEO Compensation Package	50,850	28,248	22,602
	Total Expenditure	220,850	132,677	88,173

In 2024, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat implemented the SUFIA SOAC IFM Activity under USAID Award No. AID-486-T-13-00002, with total grant revenue of USD 220,850 fully received and recorded. Actual expenditures amounted to USD 132,677, allocated across two key components: USD 104,429 for the CT6 National Plan of Action (NPOA) Development, and USD 28,248 for the Coral Triangle Conservation Fund (CTCF) CEO Compensation Package. The financial execution reflects the Secretariat's focused disbursement aligned with the planned technical activities under this funding stream.



Supplementary Information
CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat
USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle Project
Agreement No 72048624IO00001
Fund Accountability Statement
For the year ended 31 December 2024

Attachment III

(Expressed in United States Dollar)

	2024		
	Budget	Actual	Under (over)
Revenues			
Grant	1,057,590	1,057,589	1
Total revenues	1,057,590	1,057,589	1
Expenditures			
I. Labor	330,222	54,331	275,891
II. Fringe Benefit	40,230	3,134	37,096
III. Allowances	135,667	12,482	123,185
IV. Travel	159,219	26,251	132,968
V. Equipment	4,419	-	4,419
VI. Supplies	6,689	4,725	1,964
VII. Other Direct Cost	1,093,465	174,198	919,267
Total Cost Before Indirect Cost	1,769,911	275,121	1,494,790
Indirect Cost (13%)	230,089	35,766	194,323
Total Expenditure	2,000,000	310,887	

In 2024, under USAID Agreement No. 72048624IO000001 for the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle Project, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat received total grant revenues amounting to USD 1,057,589. Actual expenditures recorded during the year totaled USD 310,887, comprising USD 275,121 in direct costs and USD 35,766 in indirect costs. Direct expenditures were distributed across various categories, with key allocations including USD 54,331 for labor, USD 26,251 for travel, and USD 174,198 under other direct costs, supporting program operations and implementation.



IV. 3 RESOURCE MOBILIZATION AND FUNDING SOURCES

In fiscal year 2024, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat demonstrated significant progress in resource mobilization efforts, underscored by diversified funding sources and robust financial management.

Total Revenues:

The Secretariat reported a total revenue of USD 1,401,768, reflecting an increase of 2.60% from 2023.

- 75.45% for USD 1,057,589 was sourced from country contributions, maintaining its status as the primary funding source.
- 24.55% for USD 344,179 was mobilized from external partners and collaborators, reflecting 41% increase in donor contributions compared to 2023. This growth highlights the Secretariat's enhanced engagement and credibility with international development partners.

Key External Funding Partners:

- USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle (SCT) Project, providing USD 310,887, and
- United States Department of the Interior (US-DOI), contributing USD 132,677 specifically for CT6 NPOA and CTCF activities.

These strategic partnerships underline the Secretariat's ability to attract programmatic funding aligned with its regional conservation and governance mandates.



V. APPENDICES

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat's financial report for the year ended 31 December 2024 offers a comprehensive and transparent account of its financial performance and position. The Statement of Financial Position outlines the Secretariat's asset and liability structure, while the Statement of Activities presents the detailed of revenues and expenditures. The Statement of Changes in Net Assets captures fluctuations in reserves, and the Cash Flow Statement reveals fund utilization across operating and investment activities. All reporting adheres to Indonesian Financial Accounting Standards (IFAS), underscoring CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat commitment to fiduciary accountability and robust financial governance.



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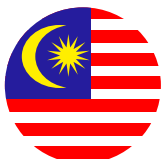


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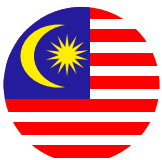
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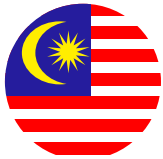
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