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Regional Cooperation on Knowledge Management, Policy, and
Institutional Support to the Coral Triangle Initiative

What's NEW?

SOM7 approves CTI-CFF charter; officials elect Malaysia as chair of Council of Ministers

By Lydia Napitupulu and Lourdes Caballero



Ministers of the CT6 countries in a show of unity during the 3rd Ministerial Meeting on the Coral Triangle Initiative. (from L-R) John Moffat Fugui, Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology, Solomon Islands; Thompson Harokaq'veh, Minister for Environment & Conservation, Papua New Guinea; H.E. Sharif C. Sutardjo, Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia; B Datuk Seri Dr. Maximus Johnity Ongkili of the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation, Malaysia; Ramon J.P. Paje, Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines; and Marriano ASSANAMI Sabino, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of Timor-Leste (Credit: MMAF, Indonesia)

Senior Officials from Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste (CT6) approved the charter of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) during the 7th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM7) in Jakarta, Indonesia from 24-28 October 2011.

CT6 officials also gathered for the 3rd Ministerial Meeting (MM3) where they elected Hon. Dr. Maximus Johnity Ongkili, Malaysia's Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI) as the **new Chair of the CTI Council of Ministers (CTI-COM)**.

"The chairmanship will be a challenge, especially as the CTI is in the transition process of establishing a permanent Regional Secretariat, and has sought to achieve sustainable financing of its initiatives," said Dr. Ongkili.

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Introducing the Regional Secretariat's new site - <http://coraltriangleinitiative.org/>

EVENTS

4-10 Nov 2011 - World Ocean Week, Xiamen, China

21-23 Nov 2011 - E-FACT Workshop, Richmond Hotel, Philippines

23-24 Nov 2011 - National Consultation on Climate Change, UP Marine Science Institute Philippines

FEEDBACK

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Interview with CTI pioneers yields stories of hope and determination

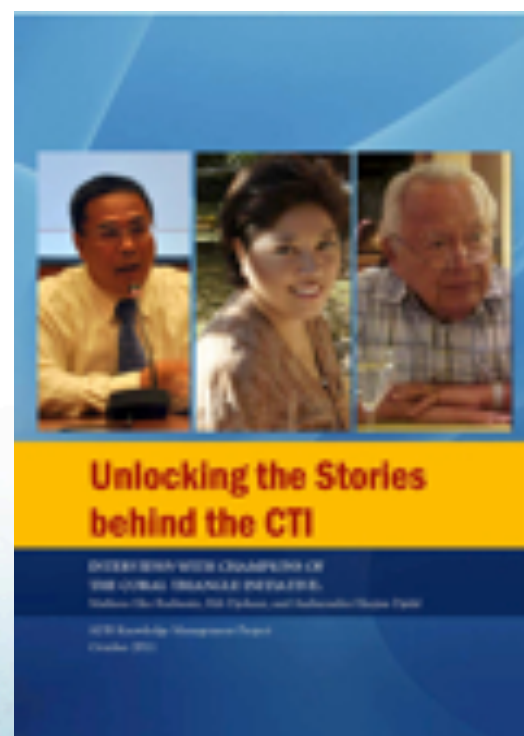
Three CTI pioneers from Indonesia - Rili Djohani of the Coral Triangle Center, Matheus Eko Rudianto of the Regional Secretariat, and Ambassador-at-Large Hasjim Djalal - shared their account of the birth of the CTI during one-on-one interviews with RETA Team members. Their stories will be part of the history section of the Regional Secretariat's second book on the CTI-CFF.

"It is almost four years since the CTI-CFF had its first ever meeting in Bali back in December 2007. Since then, a lot of progress has been achieved by this new regional collaboration. Therefore, the Secretariat believes that there is a need to properly write and document all of those events, activities, and processes towards what we achieved today," said Darmawan of the Regional Secretariat.

The first book about the CTI's achievements was published in 2009 just before the CTI Summit in Manado, Indonesia. The upcoming book will showcase milestones since then and will provide a deeper perspective of the challenges and opportunities in the CTI from the points of view of the interviewees.

The RETA supported the book project since it was an opportunity to document the rich tacit knowledge of those who were involved at the early stages of the initiative. Abbie Trinidad, Rollan Geronimo, and Surie Alip explored with the three pioneers how they got involved with the CTI, the challenges they faced, their hopes for the Regional Secretariat, and their motivation for continuing their work.

***Click [here](#) to download a copy of "Unlocking the Stories behind the CTI: Interviews with CTI Champions."



Ambassador-at-Large and Adviser to the Indonesian Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Hasjim Djalal (second from top), Eko Rudianto from the Regional Secretariat (third from top), and Rili Djohani of the Coral Triangle Center (left) shared their reflections on the birth of the CTI during the interviews for the CTI book. (Credits: Jay Payuyo, Leo Pura, Aaman Sulchan)



Delegates carefully going over project prospectus to determine features that should be in the CTI strategy (Credit: Lydia Napitupulu)

First CTI High Level Financial Roundtable to be held in Manila in May 2012

The CTI Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) agreed to hold the first High Level Financial Roundtable (CTI HLFRT) in conjunction with ADB's 45th Annual Meeting, planned in May 2012, at the Philippine International Convention Center in Manila.

The event will be a venue for the six CT countries and the Regional Secretariat to generate additional funding for the implementation of their NPOAs and the RPOA. It will also give donors a chance to communicate their funding priorities.

The decision was made during the first meeting of the FRWG in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 12–13 October 2011. Representatives from the CT6, the Regional Secretariat, and development partners from ADB, the Government of Australia, and the US CTI Support Program (CTSP) attended the event. Ministers of the CT6 endorsed this plan during SOM7/MM3. Senior officials are still choosing the theme for the HLFRT, and asked that planning be done diligently to ensure a successful outcome.

History of the FRWG and HLFRT

The FRWG was formed in October 2008 during the 2nd Senior Officials Meeting (SOM2) to develop the financial architecture for the CTI-CFF, consistent with the overall fiscal and legal policies of each of the CT6 countries. During the 4th Senior Officials Meeting (SOM4) in October 2009, representatives agreed to hold the HLFRT, which was consistent with the activities identified in the Financial Roadmap for the CTI.

Indonesia leads the working group, headed by Chair Dr. Anang Noegroho. In preparation for the CTI HLFRT, Egide Cantin, Finance Specialist of the ADB RETA and Director of Sustainable Finance, Asia Pacific, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), discussed basic concepts in sustainable finance for the CTI, including the foundation for the financial architecture, scope, planning and implementation, monitoring, and donor coordination. He also stressed that sustainable financing is not about the money, but

rather about trust, and about offering a good product that potential buyers will be interested to invest in.

Ms. Candice Mohan, Assistant Director, Marine Policy Development, Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population, and Communities assisted the participants in identifying the main elements of a financial strategy paper and showed copies of several financial proposals to the group.

As the main discussion document on the HLFRT, the FRWG will also develop the Financial Strategy of the CTI for the first phase (up to 2012–2013), with technical assistance from the Government of Australia.

Next Steps

After the meeting, FRWG Chair Noegroho asked the countries to take steps to identify immediate funding needs for 2012–2013 in relation to their National Plans of Action. He recommended that for this first phase, funding needs for inclusion should be limited to:

- activities which are ready for immediate implementation;
- activities which contribute directly to implementation of the NPOA goals;
- activities which can be costed; and
- activities which have a national institutional lead.

For each of the proposed activities, a short one-page description, a costing sheet, and contact details on the institutional lead should be provided. The aim of the CT6 should be to provide a menu of items that can cater to the different 'appetites' of potential funding agencies.

***Click [here](#) to download the presentations during the 1st FRWG meeting.

Images from SOM7/MM3 and the FRWG meeting



Participants during the first meeting of the CTI Financial Resources Working Group in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia on 12 October 2011



(Top) Abbie Trinidad, ADB representatives Marilou Drilon, Jon Lindborg (Country Director, Indonesia Resident Mission), Bruce Dunn (RSDD), Elvira Ablaza (RETA Project Director), Devy Suradji (WWF-Indonesia), and Dr Efransjah (CEO of WWF-Indonesia) during the CTI Welcome Dinner; Surie Alip (KM Specialist) and Maurice Knight (CTSP) during the launch

(Left) Senior officials unveil WWF's new book on the Coral Triangle (Credit: MMAF, Indonesia)

SOM7 approves CTI-CFF charter...



Outgoing CTI-COM Chair Sutardjo of Indonesia hands over plaque to Incoming Chair, Minister Johnnity Ongkili of Malaysia. Looking on are Minister John Moffat Fugui of Solomon Islands and Minister Thompson Harokaq'veh of Papua New Guinea. (Credit: MMAF, Indonesia)

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Papua New Guinea was chosen for the Vice Chairmanship of the CTI-COM and will be represented by Hon. Thompson Harokaq'veh, MP, Minister for Environment and Conservation, and Hon. Ronald Asik, Vice Minister for Forests and Office of Climate Change and Development. All three officials will serve a two-year term starting from 20 November 2011 to 19 November 2013. Dr. Ongkili took the reins from outgoing chair, Indonesia's Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries (MMAF).

SOM7 Agreements recognize political and economic realities of members

The approval of CTI's charter was a landmark decision since officials deliberated on it for more than two years. It consists of a main text, the Agreement on the Establishment of the Regional Secretariat of the CTI-CFF, and three implementation guidelines (Rules of Procedure, Staff Regulations, and Financial Regulations).

Other major decisions made during SOM7 were the following:

- The permanent secretariat will be based in Manado, North Sulawesi, Indonesia.
- Only four of the CT6 countries are required to complete the ratification process for the Agreement to be enforced.

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Participants to the 3rd Ministerial Meeting (MM3)

- **H.E. Sharif C. Sutardjo**, Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia as then Chair of the CTI Council of Ministers
- **Dr. Maximus Johnnity Ongkili**, J.P., Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation of Malaysia
- **Hon. Thompson Harokaq'veh**, MP, Minister for Environment & Conservation, Papua New Guinea
- **Hon. Ronald Asik**, Vice Minister for Forests and Office of Climate Change and Development of the Independent State, Papua New Guinea
- **H.E. Ramon J.P. Paje**, Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of the Philippines
- **Hon. John Moffat Fugui**, Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology of the Solomon Islands
- **H.E. Mariano ASSANAMI Sabino**, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste

CTI Partners

- **Hon. Tony Burke**, MP, Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, Government of Australia
- **Mr. Juniper Neill**, Deputy Chief of Mission, United States Embassy, Indonesia, Government of USA
- Asian Development Bank
- Conservation International
- The Nature Conservancy
- World Wildlife Fund

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Ministers of the six CT6 countries sign Joint Ministerial Statement (Credit: MMAF, Indonesia)

- The two countries which have not ratified the Agreement at the time it is enforced will still enjoy full rights provided that they “demonstrate progress towards completion of their domestic requirements for acceptance or approval or ratification and act in good faith within their legal capabilities to meet their responsibilities under the Agreement.”
- The 60:40 rule will serve as the guide for the CTI’s Financial Regulations. This means that the operating expense budget for the permanent Regional Secretariat will be borne by the CT6, with 60% of that budget divided equally among them and 40% divided according to the size of their GDP relative to the total GDP of the CT6.

SOM7 also deliberated on the first progress report of the CTI-CFF from 2009–2011, agreed on a roadmap for 2012 (including activities to be taken towards the establishment of a permanent Regional Secretariat in 2013), and chose a logo. The compromises and agreements made during SOM7 were significant because these affirmed the CT6’s commitment as a group and recognized the economic and political realities of each member.



Anang Noegroho, Indonesia and Rence Sore, Permanent Secretary, Solomon Islands deep in discussion to find a compromise on financial sharing. Beside them is Lysa Wini, NCC Solomon Islands (Credit: Lydia Napitupulu)

New resources on the CTI launched

Selected CTI partners also launched knowledge products and resources on the CTI during the welcome dinner on 27 October 2011. ADB/WWF launched the [Coral Triangle book](#), a 272-page book that showcases the people, places, and marine ecosystems in the region.

Dr. Suseno Sukoyono, representing the Regional Secretariat, introduced the parent portal of the CTI (<http://coraltriangleinitiative.org/drupal/>). Meanwhile, Minister John Moffat Fugui of the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster

Management, and Meteorology of Solomon Islands presented ADB’s Coral Triangle Learning Resource Network (CTI-LRN) - <http://www.coraltriangleinitiative.net/>

CTI-LRN serves as a knowledge hub that promotes collective learning and knowledge exchange in the CTI. It provides resources on knowledge management, payment for ecosystem services, sustainable financing, decision support systems, and the State of the Coral Triangle Report. It also has links to CTI sites of the NCCs, as well as connects users to knowledge resources on the CTI and the GEF IW learning community.



JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT

3rd MINISTERIAL MEETING

Endorsed by the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste at the third Ministerial Meeting Jakarta, Indonesia (28 October 2011)

The 3rd Ministerial Meeting (MM3) of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) was held in Jakarta, Indonesia on 28 October 2011, represented by H.E. Sharif C. Sutardjo, Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia; Hon. Datuk Seri Panglima Dr. Maximus Johnity Ongkili, J.P., Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation of Malaysia; Hon. Thompson Harokaq’veh, MP, Minister for Environment & Conservation and Hon. Ronald Asik, Vice Minister for Forests and Office of Environment Change and Development of the Independent State of Papua New Guinea; H.E. Ramon JP. Paje, Secretary of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Republic of the Philippines; Hon. John Moffat Fugui, Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management & Meteorology of the Solomon Islands; H.E. Mariano ASSANAMI Sabino, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste.

WE, THE MINISTERS

1. **Adopt** the Agreement on the Establishment on the Regional Secretariat of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) and the associated documents namely i) Rules of Procedure, ii) Staff Regulations and iii) Financial Regulations.
2. **Approve** the Road Map to a Permanent Regional Secretariat (Annex1) as guidance for CTI-CFF member countries and the interim Regional Secretariat to perform its role and functions to allow countries to complete their respective domestic legal acceptance to effect the “Entry into Force” provision in the Agreement for the establishment of the permanent CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.
3. **Acknowledge** the draft of the First CTI-CFF Annual Report 2009 – 2011 and its plan to be finalized by December 2011.
4. **Express** their appreciation for the ongoing support for CTI-CFF and welcomes further cooperation from partners.
5. **Endorse** the CTI-CFF Roadmap of Activities for 2012, with the following directions:
 - Schedule for each activity should be observed as far as possible to maintain its feasibility and to avoid disrupting synchronization of overall CTI-CFF implementation actions in the region.
 - Country members and partners should coordinate with the interim Regional Secretariat prior to participation in any international events, in order to feature CTI- CFF messages and activities in those events.
 - Implementation of CTI-CFF events and participation in regional/international forum should always consider priority in the implementation of CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action
6. **Note** the progress related to development of the Regional Financial Architecture led by the Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG), and approved the decisions on related issues taken at the 7th Senior Officials Meeting.
7. **Acknowledge** the results of the Regional Business Forum 2011, and support the establishment of CTI-CFF Business Council.
8. **Acknowledge** the progress that has been made with regard to the preparation of the State of Coral Triangle Report (SCTR).
9. **Affirm** the decisions made by SOM6 and SOM7 as referenced in Annex 2.
10. **Recognize** the achievements of Indonesia and Solomon Islands as the Chair and Vice Chair of the CTI Council of Ministers from 20 November 2009 to 19 November 2011.
11. **Elect** Malaysia as the Chair and the Independent State of Papua New Guinea as Vice Chair of the CTI Council of Ministers for the period of two years, from 20 November 2011 to 19 November 2013.
12. **Adopt** the CTI-CFF Logo recommended by the SOM7
13. **Express** our deep appreciation for the excellent leadership of the President of the Republic of Indonesia.
14. **Appreciate** attendance of Hon. Tony Burke MP, Minister for Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, Australia and Mr. Ted Osius, Deputy Chief of Mission, United States Embassy, Indonesia, as partners of the CTI- CFF.
15. **Express** our appreciation for the commendable work of the interim CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and agreed to extend its mandate until a permanent secretariat is formally established and operational.
16. **Express** our appreciation to the government and the people of Indonesia in hosting the 3rd Ministerial Meeting, and the excellent organizational efforts carried out to ensure a productive and successful event.



Knowledge Integrators: Rising to the challenge of synthesizing and sharing information in the CTI

The wealth of information within the Coral Triangle presents a big challenge to individuals and organizations. How does one make sense of the massive amount of knowledge resources on the marine and coastal environment? How does one effectively communicate the value of integrating explicit (information we can write down) and tacit knowledge (what we know in our heads)?

A group of researchers working under Uniquest International Development, Australia, are performing the role of knowledge integrators (KI) in the CTI by synthesizing information from

multiple sources and geographical locations, and translating these into useful packets that respond to the needs of specific users. During this process, they collaborate and coordinate with partners, build relationships, and come up with innovative ways to present and use data.

In this issue of Who's Who in the CTI, we introduce four KIs from Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, and Solomon Islands and of UniQuest's Deputy General Manager and ask them about their perspectives on knowledge integration in the context of the CTI.



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The term "knowledge integration" might be hard to understand for some people. How do you explain what you do?

There is a huge amount of information on marine and coastal zone management that already exists that is relevant to CTI. The challenge is to access this information from the vast number of CTI stakeholders and distill the information into meaningful and useful packages for the needs of stakeholders. This is the challenge of knowledge integration.

What do you say to help colleagues understand the value of your work?

The information produced through the knowledge integration process is hierarchical by nature. Coastal communities need clear and simple messages that assist them to better manage their resources. This information is derived from more complex data sets compiled by scientists.

Top end stakeholders such as policy makers need facts upon which to base their policy decisions. Knowledge integration is an essential process in developing these briefs and information packages.



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What is the most enjoyable part of being a KI?

I have both the opportunity and excuse to further explore various aspects and issues related to Coral Triangle beyond my professional background. The position also facilitates meeting and knowing other people of various positions and backgrounds, consulting with and sharing ideas on how to align various elements supporting CTI. Such circumstances indirectly and directly enrich the [Coral Triangle Center](#) (CTC) training and learning team, which is my core portfolio.

What for you is the most challenging or critical part of knowledge integration?

Whenever I introduce myself as KI it always raises eyebrows mainly because the title is a bit unusual. Also particularly that parties always think that the body of knowledge is so vast (even within CT domain) and no one will be entitled to position oneself as its only integrator. In the meantime many parties, particularly those with certain authorities, are still perceiving that each aspect of knowledge is an exclusive domain in itself.

Why is knowledge integration important in the CTI?

Knowledge integration matters in the CTI since: information comes from various sources and forms; work and information are being done and generated at different levels and; all of these are connected to each other within the country and within the CTI.

What is the most enjoyable part of being a KI?

I got to meet and work with very dedicated people who love what they are doing and go the extra mile to make a difference not just for their own country but for the whole of the Coral Triangle.

Cooperation among the different organizations involved has also been apparent and non-governmental organizations and the academe (WWF, CI, MSI, WorldFish, etc.) have contributed a lot towards the goals of the NPOA, even before the goals have been articulated in the document, probably an evidence of the organizations' being in a synergistic relationship with the government and the CTI.



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E-FACT Study can help show the importance of CT6 to global fish supply

Rollan Geronimo, Research Assistant for the E-FACT Study, RETA Team

The E-FACT study was formally introduced to the CT6 countries during the "Second CTI Regional Exchange on the Implementation of EAFM Activities in the Coral Triangle Countries" in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia on 20-23 September 2011. The Regional Exchange aimed to mobilize and operationalize the CTI EAFM Technical Working Group (TWG) and develop a common regional framework for legislation and policy on EAFM.

Mr. Rollan Geronimo, Research Assistant on Fisheries Economics of the ADB CTI KM Project, gave an overview of the study, which included initial results from compiled CT6 fisheries statistics. The presentation highlighted the importance of the CT6 to global fish supply and the need to sustain management and conservation efforts in the region for global food security.

The E-FACT study will produce a compiled and edited publication on the value of fisheries and aquaculture of the Coral Triangle. Mr. Geronimo invited participants from the CT6 (government officials from the fisheries departments/ministries, fisheries experts, and partners from the Australian Government, TNC, CI, and WWF) to contribute to this knowledge product.

Mr. Geronimo and Ms. Nurulhuda Ahmad Fatan, Knowledge Integrator for Malaysia, also participated in the breakout groups for the formulation of a Regional Framework on EAFM. From the initial workshops, all CT6 countries identified the need to

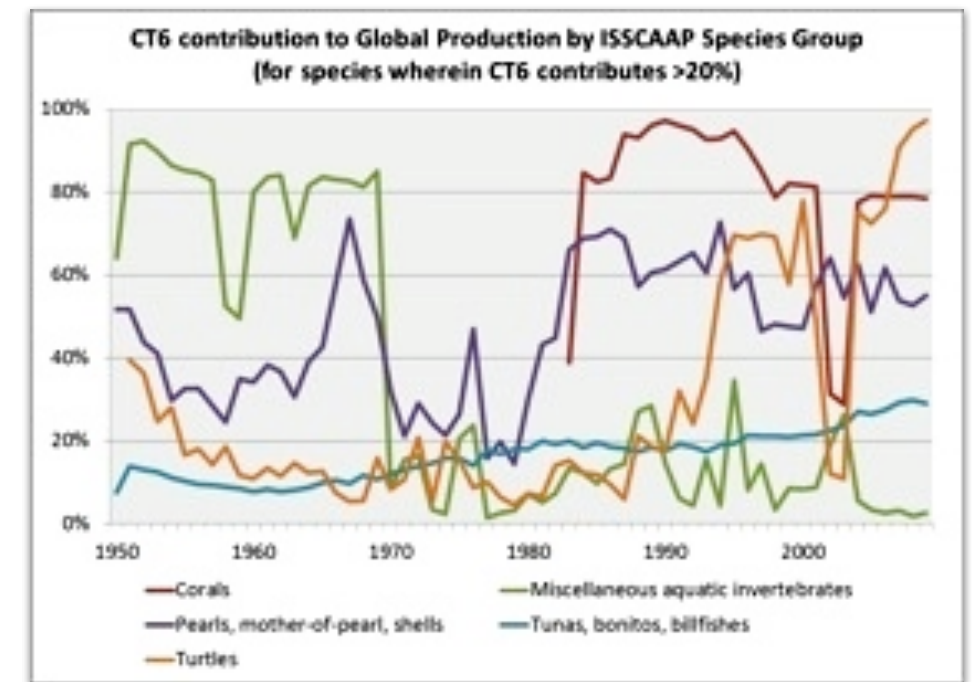


Figure 1. Contribution of CT6 to global production of selected fisheries commodities (developed by R. Geronimo for the ADB KM E-FACT Study). Source of Basic Data: FAO, various years

improve fisheries data collection. It was also necessary to prioritize the development of data and knowledge sharing mechanisms as in the EAFM roadmap and regional framework. The E-FACT study is building an extensive collection of data from various sources, which can be developed into a knowledge sharing system incorporated in the RETA.

Mr. Geronimo also briefed Mr. Eko Rudianto of the Regional Secretariat on the E-FACT study. Mr. Rudianto expressed his hope that the study can help communicate the global importance of the CT6 fisheries through science-based research. Effective communication of this message will help build resources to sustain the CTI.



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How do you explain your work as Knowledge Integrator?

I explain what I do to my friends and colleagues as facilitating the exchange and sharing of information for our practical use.

Why do you think is knowledge integration important in the CTI?

Knowledge integration matters in the CTI because there is so much to learn from each other in the CTI context, whether it be in-country or from the other CT countries. This will not be possible if we do not document and share what we know with others. This brings value to our work as we can learn, use, and adapt knowledge from the region to suit national needs and activities.

What for you is the most challenging or critical part of knowledge integration?

The most challenging or critical aspect of knowledge integration, especially in the context of Solomon Islands, is that often it is hard to locate sources of information, or, if it is located, is hard to obtain.



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How do you explain what you do as KI to colleagues?

My work is mainly updating the ReefBase website on publications, online GIS map, produce [ReefBase](#) newsletter and etc. I am also working on the [Coral Triangle Atlas](#) project which is an online Geographical Information System (GIS) database to provide scientists and NGOs with a view of spatial data of CT6 countries at the regional scale.

What for you is the most challenging part of knowledge integration?

The most challenging or critical part of knowledge integration is that sometimes there is lack of knowledge sharing culture among colleagues within the organization and this will be a major obstacle in implementing the knowledge management strategies.



SCTR Country Updates



INDONESIA (Lead Writer: Dr. Dirhamsyah, LIPI)

Dr. Suharsono, Director of the Research Center for Oceanography of the Indonesian Institute of Sciences (*Lembaga Ilmu Pengetahuan Indonesia* [LIPI]), and Dr. Dirhamsyah, LIPI Researcher, met with Ms. Abbie Trinidad, RETA Team Leader, and Dr. Porfirio Aliño, DSS Specialist, in a series of meetings in Jakarta from 3-5 October 2011. Dr. Dirhamsyah was designated as the writer of Indonesia's SCTR. During a formal meeting with other SCTR contributors, Dr. Aliño discussed decision support systems and tools as a complement to the SCTR writing process. LIPI and the Coral Triangle Support Partnership (CTSP) sponsored the gathering. Indonesian officials also held an internal consultation to draft a matrix of agency assignments and a work plan to guide the writing of the report. A writeshop is planned in November 2011 to complete their report.



MALAYSIA (Lead Writer: Jasmin Saad, OceanResearch)

Lead writer has been identified and internal processes have started to precede a bigger writeshop.



PAPUA NEW GUINEA (Lead Writer: Augustine Mungkaje, University of Papua New Guinea)

The SCTR working group started their meeting in July 2011. TNC funded a writer's workshop in August 2011, which was attended by the chapter and section writers. The writers have been invited to spend some time at the Motupore Marine Station so that they can write their respective sections which will be integrated subsequently. The NCC reported that a first version of the SCTR will be ready by early December. This version can be uploaded on the project portal to invite comments.



PHILIPPINES (Lead Writer: Samuel Mamauag, University of the Philippines-MSI)

The SCTR working group had a planning meeting on 26 August, which was attended by representatives of the various agencies. A technical assistant has been identified to help the SCTR writers, and the agencies involved have started gathering data for the planned writeshop in November. Also, Mr. Jake Meimban, Director of the Coastal and Marine Management Office, Department of Environment and Natural Resources, has been designated as the new focal person for the Philippine SCTR. He replaced Ms. Norma M. Molinyawe, OIC-Chief, Biodiversity Management Division, Protected Area and Wildlife Bureau. A writeshop is being planned for 16-18 November 2011, which will result in a first draft of the document.



SOLOMON ISLANDS (Lead Writer: Dr. Reuben Sulu, University of South Pacific)

Since July 2011, the writing team for the SCTR country section has met thrice. These meetings in July, August, and October were held for the purpose of sharing status reports, research data, and other results and to set small targets in writing. Lead author, Dr. Reuben Sulu, provided updates at the monthly meetings of the NCC. Although progress has been slow, mostly due to other work commitments, the team continues to write their respective sections.

One reason for the slow progress of the team is the unavailability of recent data, although NGO partners will make these available at a later date. Some partners have requested for a memorandum of understanding before they can make the data available. The team aims to have a final draft by mid- December 2011 and a final draft by January 2011.



TIMOR LESTE (Lead Writer: Rui Pinto, CTSP/UniQuest)

Knowledge Integrator Rui Pinto has committed to writing the report. Government will assess whether further assistance is required in completing the report.



SCTR to be launched in ICRS, Australia

The RETA Team is organizing a Pre-Conference Symposium to launch the State of the Coral Triangle Report (SCTR) as part of the International Coral Reef Symposium (ICRS) on 7 July 2012 from 1:30–5:30 pm in Cairns, Queensland, Australia.

The symposium, which is tentatively entitled, "Harnessing Knowledge in the Coral Triangle: Learning from the Past, Looking to the Future," will be held before the scientific sessions scheduled from 9-13 July 2012. Representatives from the National Coordination Committees (NCCs) will present highlights of their respective SCTR, and a member of the Science Advisory Committee (SAC) will give the commentary.

The last presentation will discuss the results of the Study on the Fisheries and Aquaculture Economics of the Coral Triangle (E-FACT Study), which will be presented by a senior official from one of the CT6.

SCTR intended to be a "living document" to support monitoring and evaluation

The SCTR covers the status of critical ecosystems, species, resources, threats, and progress towards the CTI goals and targets. It is intended to be an evolving report instead of a one-time initiative.

RETA Team Leader Abbie Trinidad referred to the SCTR as a "living document that can serve as a benchmark for the CT6 countries in monitoring and evaluating their progress vis-à-vis the National and Regional Plans of Action."

"It is unique because it builds an engagement process with CTI stakeholders and serves as a forum to

Features of the SCTR

- Country-owned report
- Acts as a **platform to engage stakeholders** in knowledge capture, creation, storage, sharing, and use
- Serves as a **learning process** for country teams as they link their M&E efforts with relevant sections of the report
- **Help the CT6 track their progress** vis-a-vis their NPOAs and the RPOA
- Provides opportunity to **give structured feedback** to government processes

strengthen communication of science and policy," said Dr. Porfirio Aliño, Decision Support System Specialist of the RETA Team.

The symposium, which is being organized in coordination with the Australian Government, is expected to gather together at least 75 participants from the Regional Secretariat, the NCCs, and development partners, among others.

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Dr. Suharsono of LIPI leading the meeting between the RETA Team and SCTR writers. Beside him is Ms. Silvianita Timotius of Indonesia Coral Reef Foundation (Terangi)



Dr. Aliño discussing how decision support systems and tools can contribute to the writing of the SCTR



MMAF participants Mr. Tomi Supratomo, Mr. Permana Yudiarto, Mr. Rizki Andhitya Yunanto, and Ms. Lourdes Caballero of the ADB RETA after the presentation of the CT-LRN

Meeting with RSEC and INO NCC clarifies links between DSS, SCTR, and CT-LRN portal

RETA Team Leader Abbie Trinidad, Decision Support System (DSS) Specialist Perry Aliño, Web Writer Lourdes Caballero, and IT Specialist Jay Payuyo met with the Regional Secretariat and members of the Indonesia NCC working on the country website in a series of meetings in Jakarta, Indonesia on 2-5 October 2011.

The group aimed to formally present the Coral Triangle Learning Resource Network (CT-LRN) and how it supports the learning and collaboration process needed to build the State of the Coral Triangle Report (SCTR).

Dr. Aliño gave an overview of the range of DSS tools and explained how these complement the writing of the SCTR. A decision support framework is a tool used to identify and clarify problems, help organize available data, and evaluate possible scenarios to help communities choose and take the best decision to act on.

“The SCTR is a living document and among its purposes is to engage stakeholders and forge partnerships with them. DSS tools, such as ReefGame, provide an entry point for communities to talk about marine ecosystems, livelihoods, illegal fishing, and local development initiatives by playing a board game.”

Ms. Caballero and Mr. Payuyo said that the CT-LRN was designed to help users learn more about the different resources that can help them write the report. “CT-LRN is a knowledge hub where researchers can upload DSS tools that they have developed and share their experiences and lessons learned in using these through the Learning Notes and Experience Notes,” said Ms. Caballero. CT-LRN can also help users collaborate by providing a facility to discuss and reach out to like-minded practitioners through the Community of Practice (COP) section.

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[Setting the Long-term Vision for the Financial Future of the CTI](#)

Decision Support Systems and Tools (DSS)

[Fisheries Information for Sustainable Harvests-Bio Economic Model \(FISH-BE\)](#)

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