

# Abstract

## SESSION 1:

A Decade of Partnerships in Sustainable Development of the Seas of East Asia: Synergies and Achievements

## WORKSHOP 1.3:

Coastal and Ocean Governance in the Seas of East Asia: from Nation to Region

## Regional Seas Governance Mechanisms: Drivers, Progress and Lesson Learnt



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This presentation overviews at how one regional 'Coral Triangle Initiative' identity has been interacting with several challenges, suggesting that to synergize multi-stakeholders cooperation is a more complex effort, therefore requires strategic approaches to address. The presentation focuses on how CTI-CFF leads the role to coordinate efforts in safeguarding the region's water through provision of 10 years Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) and how to implement the proposed framework at each national level.

A research from World Resources Institute shows that the threats to coral reefs in the Coral Triangle are much higher than the global average. More than 85 percent of reefs within the Coral Triangle Region are currently threatened by local stressors (such as overfishing, pollution, and coastal development), which is substantially higher than the global average of 60 percent. To address this issue, CTI-CFF applies strategies with objective to attain sustainability at three core areas namely institutional sustainability, technical sustainability and financial sustainability.

One of the challenges faced by CTI-CFF with regard the institutional sustainability is to develop a working scheme on how to deal with hierarchical set of affiliations in each member countries' government and authorities. For this, aside from involving high rank officials through decision making at the Ministerial and Senior Officials level, National Coordinating Committee (NCC) is established to mediate and coordinate the day to day implementation of action plan nationwide. CTI-CFF also establishes close communication with developing partners to integrate working initiatives in the region through calls, meetings and joint projects.

In the area of technical sustainability, the CTI-CFF has five (5) working groups to correspond to each of the goals of CTI-CFF, namely SEASCAPE, Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management, Marine Protected Areas, Climate Change Adaptation and Threatened Species. Each Working Group has identified their target actions that will lead towards the achievement of the goals as it is outlined in the RPOA. Furthermore, CTI-CFF starts to function Governance Working Group which consist of Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CNWG), Monitoring and, Evaluation Working Group (MEWG), Financial Resource Working Group (FRWG) to ensure state of the art implementation of the regional and national programs.

For financial sustainability, now that some partners have phased out from the CTI upon completion of the support project, the concerned working groups are experiencing difficulty in sustaining the implementation of their respective targets and priority actions largely due to lack of technical guidance and financial support to fund the logistical requirements of various activities. Now that the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat is established and fully functional, one of its major tasks is to provide support to the five Working Groups by linking them to potential donors or funding agencies in order to continue the implementation of the priority actions and region-wide activities. Thus, the Regional Secretariat is actively seeking partners that can provide technical, financial or logistics.

6 years after the initiative was established, CTI-CFF has reached several notable results including 3 Ministerial Meetings, 10 Senior Official Meetings, 4 Regional Business Forum, 6 National Action Plans at operation, 15 Regional Exchanges and trainings. Many inter-countries projects also are done and under implementation, including Sulu Sulawesi Marine Eco Region and Cooperation on sustainable fisheries management with South East Asian Fisheries Development Center.



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