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# ACRONYMS

BALANCED	Building Actors and Leaders for Advancing Community Excellence in Development (USAID/Washington project)
BFAR	Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources of Philippines
BSSE	Bismarck Solomon Sea Eco-region
CI	Conservation International
CMWG	Coordination Mechanism Working Group
CT6	Coral Triangle Countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste)
CTI	Coral Triangle Initiative
CTSP	Coral Triangle Support Partnership Project (USAID/Asia)
CRMP	Coastal Resource Management Project (USAID former project)
CRM	Coastal Resource Management
ECOGOV	Environmental Governance (USAID/Philippines project)
EBFM	Eco-system based Fisheries Management
FISH	Fisheries Improved for Sustainable Harvest (USAID/Philippines project)
GDA	Global Development Alliance
IEC	Information, education and communication
IUU fishing	Illegal, unreported, unregulated fishing
IPOPCORM	Integrated Population and Coastal Resource Management
IR	Intermediate Results
LRFFT	Live Reef Fish Food Trade
LMMA	Locally Managed Marine Area
LGU	Local Government Unit
LMP	League of Municipalities of the Philippines
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MMAF	Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Republic of Indonesia
MOST	Ministry of Science and Technology
MPA	Marine Protected Area
NCC	National Coordinating Committee
NCCC	National CTI Coordinating Committee

NGO	Non-government organization
NOAA	National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NPOA	National Plan of Action
PCG	Program Coordination Group
PEMSEA	Program for the Environmental Management of the Seas of East Asia
PHE	Population, Health and Environment
PI	Program Integrator
PMP	Performance Monitoring Plan
PNG	Papua New Guinea
RDMA	Regional Development Mission for Asia
RPOA	Regional Plan of Action
SRU	Strategic Resource Unit
SSME	Sulu-Sulawesi Seas Marine Eco-region
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
USG	US Government
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
US CTI	United States Support to the Coral Triangle Initiative
USG	United States Government
WWF	World Wildlife Fund

# INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Background

The Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI) is a multilateral partnership founded on the commitment of the six Coral Triangle countries to safeguard coastal and marine resources and communities. Despite increased investment and efforts by governments and organizations to improve management, the condition of the resources continues to decline. Coral reefs and fisheries, the source of invaluable ecological and socioeconomic benefits, are being subjected to increasing threats from population growth in coastal areas, overfishing, and changes in oceanographic conditions, including increase in sea surface temperature and ocean acidification, resulting from climate change.

Regional commitment and cooperation is expected to catalyze, expand, and sustain national and local-level implementation efforts through the CTI Regional Plan of Action. Within the broad framework of the CTI Regional Plan of Action, the six countries have developed National Plans of Action, and are working together to identify and implement those actions that require regional cooperation. CTI thus encompasses a distinctively regional approach, building on country-driven priorities and actions.

## 1.2 Program Overview

The US CTI Support Program represents the US Government's commitment to support the efforts of the six Coral Triangle countries (CT6) Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste plus two additional countries, Fiji and Vanuatu. The Program is composed of team members from USAID, the US State Department and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and projects funded by these entities. USAID RDMA serves as the program lead and provides overall management of the program in coordination with USAID Washington D.C. and other key USAID missions in the Philippines and Indonesia, as well as the U.S. State Department. RDMA supports implementation through the Coral Triangle Support Partnership (CTSP) implemented by a consortium of NGOs composed of the World Wildlife Fund (WWF), The Nature Conservancy (TNC), and Conservation International (CI). The U.S. Department of State supports the CTI Regional Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia through a grant provided to the NGO Consortium and managed by TNC.

As part of the US commitment to CTI, RDMA also supports a US CTI Support Program Integrator (PI). The PI will support the US CTI Support Program by coordinating consolidated planning and reporting, facilitating adaptive management, and providing strategic technical support to the region. The overall objective of the PI is to facilitate a unified USG response to the CTI and regional exchange among all CTI stakeholders to assess status and needs and share lessons learned.

## 1.3 Report Organization

This Quarterly Report for the period of October through December 2009 presents progress achieved within the four tasks provided in the US CTI Support Program Integrator Year 2 Workplan. These task areas ensure that effective coordination strategies and mechanisms are in place to maximize the impact and facilitate the development and communication of a unified USG contribution to the CTI that is technically sound, culturally appropriate, and gender-sensitive

The report also includes progress made towards achieving the following four results statement under the US CTI Support Program Results Framework: regional and national platforms strengthened to catalyze and sustain integrated marine and coastal management in the Coral Triangle; ecosystem

approach to fisheries management improved; marine protected area management improved in Coral Triangle countries, and improved capacity to adapt to climate change in Coral Triangle countries. These result statements have been aligned to match three of the five goals under the CTI Regional Plan of Action and capture the outcomes and impacts of activities over the life of the program.

# II. PROGRAM SUPPORT AND INTEGRATION

The PI provides coordination and integration support to USAID in its management of the US CTI Support Program Team, including CTSP, NOAA and the U.S. Department of State. The PI employs various strategies and mechanisms that maximizes impact and facilitates the development and communication of a unified USG contribution to the CTI that is technically sound, culturally appropriate, and gender-sensitive. PI Program Support and Integration activities are outlined below under four task areas consistent with its original USAID Task Order.

## **2.1 Task I: Coordination of US CTI Support Program and USG Activities in the Region**

### **Progress Update**

In this quarter, the PI worked with the US CTI Support Program Team in finalizing and maintaining a set of management tools that facilitate the consolidation of Program efforts. These included the development of a Consolidated Performance Monitoring Plan (PMP), the finalization of a Consolidated Work Plan as well as the integration of coordinated reporting mechanisms.

Representatives from the PI, CTSP, NOAA and USAID RDMA converged in Bangkok from October 5-9, 2009 to finalize work plans, reporting requirements and work out contract revision issues. Representatives from the Australian government also met with the US CTI Support Program team later in the week to discuss alignment of activities in the Coral Triangle. Outcomes of the meeting include the re-alignment the reporting requirements of NOAA and CTSP to coincide with the PI's reporting deliverables.

In order to maximize impact and facilitate coordination, the Program partners agreed to the harmonization of efforts through a consolidated work planning approach for years two through five. During the reporting period, Program partners were in process of finalizing their individual Year 2 Work Plans and channeling information to the PI to enable consolidation once receiving formal approval from USAID. The consolidated work planning process is anticipated to enhance the Program's capacity to achieve and report on results outlined in the Performance Management Plan (PMP) and capitalize on opportunities over the life of the program.

A shared PMP framework ensures that all activities are channeled to achieving the Program's four goals by tracking achievement of targets under the six shared indicators. The PMP targets will be reviewed and revised on an annual basis as part of the work planning process. In October, 2009 the PI underwent a USAID led Data Quality Assessment (DQA) of its source documentation and collection system, receiving a very positive review. A similar review of CTSP's system by USAID is planned for the first quarter in 2010. NOAA is in the processing of developing its targets and source documentation collection processes which will be completed in the first quarter of 2010. The PI will support both CTSP and NOAA efforts to fully implement their PMP data tracking systems.

The PI also supported the development and coordination of six Regional Activity Area (RAA) teams to lead program efforts under Regional Activity Areas identified for integrated implementation. Four of the RAAs including: Live Reef Fish Trade, Fisheries Enforcement, Marine Protected Area Management, and Climate Change Adaptation, are aligned to regional and national priorities articulated in the CTI Regional Plan of Action (RPoA) and National Plans of Action (NPoA) for each CT country. A fifth

RAA, Public Private Partnerships, is a crosscutting activity. The sixth RAA covers the development of a Three to Five Year Strategy based on the experiences and outcomes of each thematic RAA for inclusion in the FY11 US CTI Support Work Plan.

In this quarter, the PI strengthened its coordination of communication strategies among Program team members. On October 2, the PI hosted the US CTI Support Program's Outreach and Communications team webcast. The one-hour webcast briefed seven communications points-of-contact (POCs) from CTSP and NOAA on the types of communication products to be developed under the program and the process used for submitting materials.

The webcast served as platform for the communications team to review activities that need to be reported on and discussed the possibility of assembling a tracking list of upcoming events that the Program can publicize or promote. The team requested each POC to review and update the tracking list regularly. Tips and strategies in writing updates were also discussed in an effort to generate regular and timely submission of weekly updates which feed into various communications and reporting products such as the USAID Regional Environmental Office's weekly update, fact sheets, monthly updates, presentations and quarterly reports. The POCs were then given a guided online tour of the updated CTI Partner Portal and provided a copy of the portal user's guide. Each participant is to access the site and suggest new content to make the portal relevant, accessible and user-friendly. Common templates for fact sheets and reports were also discussed to ensure a unified look among all Program documents. At the end of the webcast, participants felt that the briefing was useful and suggested that the team reconvene on a quarterly basis to review progress, discuss outstanding issues, and highlight achievements.

Aside from the webcast, the PI hosted bi-weekly Communications Team conference calls attended by the CTSP Communications Officer in Jakarta, the PI Information and Communications Officer in Bangkok and the PI Lead for Outreach and Communications in Virginia. The bi-weekly covered weekly updates, new communication products, portal updates, among others.

As confirmed at the July 2009 Program Coordination Meeting, the PI continued to arrange regular bi-weekly conference calls to facilitate planning, development and coordination of all team activities. From October to December 2009, the PI scheduled and facilitated four Core Team conference calls to coordinate work plan consolidation, PMP development, harmonize field visits and enhance support to the CT6 countries during the Senior Officials Meeting in Kota Kinabalu in October and the Senior Officials and Ministerial Meetings in Honiara and Gizo, Solomon Islands in November. Core Team call attendees include representatives from USAID RDMA, PI, CTSP, and NOAA.

On **November 18**, the Core Team call discussed updates from the recently-concluded Fifth Senior Officials Meeting in Honiara, Solomon Islands and the succeeding Second Ministerial Meeting in Gizo, Solomon Islands which was to be held the following day. It was reported that the CT6 have agreed to locate the permanent CTI Secretariat in Indonesia. The tentative schedule of country trips to launch the Regional Activity Areas and Small Grants Program was discussed. Timor-Leste will be on the first half of December, followed by trips to Indonesia, Philippines and Malaysia. To ensure time for CTSP Pacific reorganization, trips to the Solomon Islands and PNG will be scheduled in 2010. The charging documents to launch the Regional Activity Areas were also discussed as well as updates from the US CTI Support Program-supported Live Reef Fish Trade workshop in Hong Kong on November 10-12. Initial preparations for the Private Sector Regional Exchange and CTI Business Summit were also tabled.

On **November 25**, a Core Team call was organized to specifically to further a three-way perspective on the consolidation of the NOAA, CTSP and PI workplans and as a way of identifying points of intersect that will require coordination. It was agreed that the consolidated work plan format include country work plan sections given the desire of country partners to see the work plan for their country in one place. It was agreed that even if Regional Area Activity strategies were not submitted by the respective teams until January, and final confirmation of geographic priority sites may continue until that time, we could move forward on drafting and confirming other sections of the consolidated plan before then. The team also urged the approval of their work plans so they can get activities moving on the ground.

On **December 2**, the Core Team call agenda focused on updates on the consolidation of the workplan and the submission of revised individual workplans. Updates from the Regional Activity Team and the initial conceptualization of a CTI Science Advisory Board were also discussed.

On **December 18**, the NOAA representatives reported on their recent meeting with USAID Indonesia clarifying which activities will be implemented in-country and in the region. CTSP reported positive results from the recently-concluded site visit to Timor-Leste together with the PI team. Updates from various Regional Activity Area teams were also discussed as well as progress on the consolidation of the workplans, which was due on January 7. It was reported that a template for the priority geographic sites which would reflect the PMP is still in the process and there be limits to getting new data incorporated before January 15. It was agreed that such document can evolve as the program continues.

Apart from the regular Communications and Core Team Calls, the PI also conducted regular Regional Activity Team calls during the quarter to support the coordination and work of the regional teams.

On **November 19**, the first RAA team call was organized to introduce the concept to various team members. The overall goal of the theme teams is to have a core group of US CTI Support Program Partners, NOAA, CTSP, and PI to work effectively together to plan and conduct regional activities to support the CT6 and RPOA implementation. The short-term needs is to develop a draft concept to the regional activity for the remaining 4 years while designing specific activities, including regional exchanges that would be implemented in this fiscal year.

On **November 25**, the LRFT Regional Activity Team organized a conference call to discuss program priorities, idea of regional and national alliances of stakeholders, use of best practices in the industry, and issue of consumer awareness and campaigning.

On **November 25**, the Climate Change Adaptation Regional Activity Team also organized a call to discuss the priorities of the CT6 as they relate to climate change adaptation. The team identified the following the two targets in the CTI Regional Plan of Action related to climate change adaptation that the team will support. These targets include the following: Target 1: Development and implementation of a region-wide early action plan for climate change adaptation for near-shore marine and coastal environment and small island eco-systems and Target 2: Establishment of fully-operational networks of national centers of excellence on climate change adaptation for marine and coastal environments. The team decided to develop framework for regional early action plan, identify tools needed for training and design a regional exchange on climate change adaptation.

Leads from the PI, USAID, and CTSP met with a range of national actors involved in the CTI and related marine and coastal system management in Timor-Leste from December 4-12, 2009. The consultation was consider extremely successful and assisted in highlighting the capacity challenges faced by Timor- Lest and the national commitment to conservation efforts in the newly established Nino

Konis Santana (NKS) National Park a CTSP Priority Geography Site. The consultation also identified avenues for support through the Small Grants and Exchange Programs and provided a template for planning similar trips to Malaysia, PNG and the Solomon Islands in the third quarter.

## **Next Steps**

Based on USAID and PI meetings with CT6 country representatives at the Fourth CTI Senior Officials Meeting in Malaysia in October 2009, the PI will conduct country visits and reviews of regional activities assessments in the second quarter. The PI will also coordinate activities for each Regional Activity Area with NCCs and government agencies. The assessments will further identify resource organizations to engage in regional learning network activities and provide small grants assistance.

## **2.2 Task 2: Coordination with non-USG Coral Triangle Programs**

### **Progress Update**

Task 2 is designed to facilitate information sharing with non-USG programs to avoid duplication of efforts, leverage funding, and plan activities to achieve overall CTI goals and objectives defined in the CTI Plan of Action (POA). This is to ensure that all CTI-related programs that are being developed by organizations such as the Asian Development Bank (ADB) with funds from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), and country-specific bilateral donor agencies such as Australia will align with each other.

On October 7-8, the PI together with USAID RDMA, CTSP and NOAA representatives, met with officials from the Australian government and the ADB in Bangkok, Thailand in an effort to harmonize activities supporting the CTI. The meeting reviewed respective plans and priorities, discussed opportunities for collaboration and prepared for meeting with partners and the CTI Secretariat. Outcomes of the meeting include the development and release of a joint communiqué on Climate Change released by the CT6 at the Copenhagen Climate Change talks in December 2010

The PI team met with Australian representatives during the Fourth Senior Officials Meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia on October 20-22, 2009 to update on priorities and 2010 activities. In addition to these meetings, donor agency representatives were invited to US CTI Support Program workshops and activities to share information.

Aside from these meetings, donor agency representatives were invited to US CTI Support Program workshops and activities to share information. Program planning and implementation data, including point of contact, technical and geographic scope, status, and implementation timeline from ongoing and proposed non-USG Coral Triangle programs, are being compiled from program design documents and implementation plans.

The CTI Project Map was also updated during the quarter to reflect changes in status and donor funding among the various projects being implemented in the Coral Triangle Region. A second round of data collection from partners to update the contents of the map will be conducted to include the various assessments and studies being conducted in the region. The updated project map is maintained and made available through the CTI Partner Portal.

The PI also maintains an updated calendar of all CTI-related conferences, meetings, events, symposium and forums in the CTI Partner Portal. The calendar, which is updated weekly, helps ensure that partners' activities do not overlap and highlight windows of collaboration with other organizations.

## Next Steps

The PI will meet with representatives from ADB and the Government of Australia in the next quarter to coordinate and align donor support to the CTI based on the activities stated in 2010-2011 CTI Roadmap.

## 2.3: Task 3: Internal and External Communications

### Progress Update

In this quarter, the PI developed and distributed new outreach materials for a broader set of audiences that include other USG agencies, national governments, NGOs, regional exchange participants and international donors. These materials include the US CTI Support Program Monthly Update, the CTI Partner Portal user's guide, the Partner Portal marketing cards and social media platforms such as Facebook.

The Monthly Update highlights the outcomes achieved from program activities and shares progress made in working towards achieving results. It has a section that focuses on new resources uploaded and added in the CTI Partner Portal. Meanwhile, the US CTI Support Program Facebook page contains a detailed description introducing the program and a link to the website and Partner Portal. It contains photos from program events, announcements for upcoming events and workshops, links to videos and news items related to the CTI. It links to CTI-focused websites ran by WWF, CI and TNC and serves as a catch-basin of all the latest multi-media reports and information on the CTI and then amplifying these to a larger audience.

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**CTI Regional Governance Structure Confirmed**  
On October 20-22 in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, senior officials from the six Coral Triangle countries adopted the CTI regional governance structure confirming how the countries will

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**Indonesian Local Governments Move to Incorporate Coastal Resource Management into Basic Municipal Services**  
Representatives from more than twenty Indonesian coastal districts across Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia met from December 14-16 to draft the "Wakatobi Commitment" – a ground breaking proposal that promotes the inclusion of coastal resources management as a basic municipal service. Inspired by his participation in the US CTI Support Program's Regional Exchange in June 2009 in the Philippines, Mr. Huguia, the Regent of Wakatobi, hosted the symposium on Coastal and Marine Resources Management, a National Dialog for Local Government Leaders. The draft Wakatobi Commitment, a key result from the symposium, will be presented formally to the full national association of mayors and regents of Southeast Sulawesi in early 2010 when it is anticipated to be universally approved and adopted. The U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia, Cameron Hume, provided supporting remarks at the event which was funded by the Wakatobi Regency, the US CTI Support Program, the Coral Triangle Conservation Foundation (a newly formed NGO in Indonesia), and the governments of all participating municipalities.

**Coral Triangle Highlighted During Copenhagen Climate Change Talks**  
More than 150 participants from 39 countries attended the Oceans Day, held on December 14 in conjunction with the UNFCCC framework discussions in Copenhagen, to highlight the direct link between climate change and the health of the oceans. Representatives from the Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI), Dr. Fajdi Muhammad, the Indonesian Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, and Mr. Gordon Darcy Lilo, Solomon Islands Minister of Environment, Conservation and Meteorology, participated on a panel to stress the important role oceans play in global climate change. "Oceans play a critical role in our lives, and impacts brought about by climate variability and change has become one of the greatest threats to the survival of the Coral Triangle," Mr. Lilo said. The ministers also presented a joint communique on oceans and climate change signed by the six Coral Triangle countries. The communique underlined the concern over sea level rise and ocean acidification and called for the inclusion of a marine

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**Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines Launch Joint Plans to Protect the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion**  
On November 24, the Governments of the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia launched three action plans at the East Asian Seas Congress in Manila, with assistance from USAID's Coral Triangle Support Partnership (CTSP) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID). These plans, which include marine protected areas management, protect threatened species across the vast Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion (SE). The eco-region covers 950,000 square kilometers, Indonesian and Malaysia. The plans include the region and advance conservation of the Sulu-Sulawesi Marine Ecoregion, an area within the center of global marine biodiversity.

**Regional Secretariat**  
Environment, Conservation and Meteorology, Gordon Darcy Lilo, opened the Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI) held in Gizo, Solomon Islands, on November 19 by announcing the future of the CTI. "What needs to be done immediately?" The CTI (CT6) quickly reached a consensus to locate the CTI Regional Secretariat in the Philippines. The CTI Regional Secretariat announced its commitment to mobilize resources for physical hosting the secretariat, including its transition from interim to permanent status by an Executive Director and governed by a charter, will be announced by the CTI Senior Officials. The US CTI Support Program provided financial support for the Secretariat.

**Stakeholders Develop Roadmap to Address Live Reef Fish Trade**  
The US CTI Support Program, sponsored the first of several stakeholder workshops to address the live reef fish trade in the Philippines. The workshop was held in Manila, Philippines on November 19, 2009.

**Hand-line tuna enters EU market | Manila Bulletin**  
The first-ever shipment of freshly caught Mindoro tuna through hand-line fishing has successfully entered the European market, international conservation group World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) said.

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**US Coral Triangle Initiative Support Program Partnerships were forged and past practices were shifted at the first CTI Summit in Manila, Philippines.**

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The PI is further developing and utilizing the CTI Partner Portal as a platform to support information sharing, online real-time planning and collaboration among partners supporting the CTI. The Portal posts announcements, hosts work spaces and contains a documents library, the CTI Project Map, a contacts database, events and travel schedules, and a geographic information system (GIS) mapping interface to allow partners to view and map site-specific activities conducted across the Coral Triangle. The GIS interface tracks the Regional Exchange focal sites and the priority geographic sites supported by the program. While access to certain work spaces and folders in the documents library maybe limited to specific users for security or site integrity reasons, Portal users using a generic username and password can read and download all documents from all other folders in the site. To further increase awareness and use of the Portal, the PI circulates a User's Guide, Portal marketing cards and regular Portal Updates to its network highlighting new resources, announcements and updates in the Portal.

During its communications workshop in October in Bangkok, the US CTI Support Program Communications team developed a Partner Portal Strategy to address issues and maximize the use of the CTI Partner Portal. The strategy covered the following areas: increase access, encourage more usage of resources in the portal and improve portal contents.

**CTI Partner Portal USER GUIDE**

**What is the CTI Partner Portal?**

The CTI Partner Portal is a web-based platform to support information sharing and online planning and collaboration among partners supporting the Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI). The Portal posts announcements, hosts work spaces and contains a documents library, the CTI Project Map, a contacts database, events and travel schedules, and a geographic information system (GIS) mapping interface to allow partners to view and map site-specific activities conducted across the Coral Triangle.

The Portal is hosted by the US CTI Support Program, which launched a new phase in August 2009, including improvements to simplify access for CTI partners and stakeholders interested in using the Portal. While access to certain work spaces and folders in the documents library maybe limited to specific users, Portal users using coral as username and triangle as password can read and download all documents from all other folders in the site.

For more information regarding the Portal, write an email to [info@uscsti.org](mailto:info@uscsti.org)

**How can I access the Portal?**

- To access the Portal, go to the US CTI Support Program website at [www.uscsti.org](http://www.uscsti.org)
- Log-on using username coral and password triangle (not case sensitive) in the CTI Partner Portal Box in the upper right corner of the website.
- US CTI Support Program partners and stakeholders who will be uploading and editing documents on the portal need to complete the registration process to obtain this editor access. Once registered, a confirmation message will be sent via email with detailed instructions on portal access and how to upload and edit documents on the site.

**What is inside the Portal and where can I find the information that I need?**

Once logged on, users will find the main page with an array of menu items.

- Document Library:** This contains public documents from regional CTI meetings, CTI Development Partners and the US CTI Support Program. The library also contains resources and tools used in training programs and a photo gallery of images from US CTI Support Program events as well as related logos, graphics and maps.
- Announcements:** This shows the latest files and resource items added to the Portal and their location in the portal. This section also contains updates on meetings, workshops and other events. Users will find it useful to check this section first before browsing the Portal.

**How can I get help?**

If you have any questions or need assistance, please contact the US CTI Support Program at [info@uscsti.org](mailto:info@uscsti.org) and we will help you post it.

**The Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI) Partner Portal is an online gateway to a wide array of information that promotes sustainable management of the marine and coastal resources in the Coral Triangle region.**

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- US CTI Support Program
- Climate Change Resources

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- State of the Coral Triangle Initiative
- Information Management Working Group
- CTSP Workspace
- CTSP Thematic Workshops
- Regional Activity Areas
- Consolidated Work Plans
- Consolidated Performance Management Plan

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Eco-Asia Newsletter First Quarter 2010 @ 2/2/2010 1:09 AM by Lesliani Gallardo
- Environmental Cooperation-Asia (ECO-Asia), a program of the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), promotes regional cooperation on the environment by demonstrating best practices and sharing experiences across Asia. Focus areas include...
- USAID Regional Environmental Office Weekly Update, Jan. 29, 2010 @ 1/31/2010 7:08 PM by Lesliani Gallardo
- Updates from USAID REO programs across Asia as of Jan. 29, 2010
- USAID Regional Environmental Office Weekly Update, Jan. 22, 2010 @ 1/25/2010 7:15 PM by Lesliani Gallardo
- Updates from USAID REO programs across Asia as of Jan. 22, 2010
- CTI Business Summit and Private Sector Exchange Photos by Lesliani Gallardo 1/24/2010 8:24 PM
- Photos from the CTI Business Summit and Private Sector Exchange are now in the Photo Gallery inside the Events sub-folder.
- Four Public-Private Partnerships Signed at First CTI Business Summit by Lesliani Gallardo 1/21/2010 11:29 PM
- On January 20 in Manila, Philippines, the private sector demonstrated its

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- National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- ONEOCEAN
- ReefBase
- South Pacific Regional Environment Programme
- The Nature Conservancy - Coral Triangle Center
- The Wildlife Conservation Society

Aside from the new materials, the PI continued to coordinate the collection and submission of weekly program updates that contribute to the USAID Regional Environmental Office weekly update and the

broader quarterly Eco-Asia Newsletter. The Program was able to submit eight weekly updates for this quarter compared to five in the previous quarter. The US CTI Support Program fact sheet was also updated to highlight priority geographic areas and the achievements and headways made during the previous year.

### **Next Steps**

The PI is working with other Program Team members to review US CTI Support Program work plan activities and develop and implement communication strategies for priority events and achievements that would benefit from special media outreach planning and support. The PI will also hold regular training webcasts with US CTI Support Program country teams on communication products and processes.

## **2.4 Task 4: USAID Administrative Support**

### **Progress Update**

The PI is worked with USAID RDMA on a daily basis by providing regular and special reports, updates and analyses; scheduling, preparing and conducting meetings; preparing briefs, speeches, talking points and other materials; completing requests for information; and supporting US participation in CTI meetings, events and activities.

The PI supported USAID RDMA in its engagement with the CT6 during the Fourth Senior Officials Meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia in October and in finalizing work plans and in aligning and consolidating reporting requirements.

### **Next Steps**

Annual planning and reporting workshops will be regularly held to develop “out year” Consolidated Annual Work Plans and to incorporate changes in technical, management, and administrative approaches based on lessons learned. The PI will continue to support USAID RDMA in the conduct of various meetings with USG officials, CT6 representatives and other development partners.

# **3. REGIONAL SUPPORT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

Within the US CTI Support Program Team, the Program Integrator provides regional support and technical assistance to CTI bodies. This support is aligned to the US CTI Support Program Results Framework primarily under Result 1. The PI works with the other Program Team member to develop and implement a number of Program strategies to achieve the four results set out in the framework.

Each result includes a set of more specific Intermediate Results (IRs) that when implemented, will roll up and contribute to meeting the broader result statement. In addition, USAID has provided a common set of program indicators that have been tagged to each IR and will be used in report on progress of the US CTI Support Program. US CTI Support Program goals have been aligned to match three of the five goals under the CTI RPOA. Two CTI goals, those addressing seascapes and endangered species, are outside of the scope of the US CTI Support Program and therefore not specifically addressed

within the Results Framework, although elements of these two goals will be supported at the country level. Progress made towards achieving intermediate results under the scope of the PI are discussed below.

### **3.1 Result 1 - Regional and National Platforms Strengthened to Catalyze and Sustain Integrated Marine and Coastal Management in the Coral Triangle**

Platforms are defined as multi-country associations of agencies, organizations, and/or individuals for the purpose of sharing experiences, information, and best practices and developing common approaches, action plans, and policies for addressing regional challenges and issues. Strengthening of a platform refers to improved organizational structure, clarification of platform goals and vision, development of platform organizational structure, development of platform agenda action items, training of platform members, or increased awareness of platform activities including workshops and forums. Under the US CTI Support Program, support to platforms may include the CTI bodies (Council of Ministers, Regional Secretariat, NCCs, Working Groups), academic or thematic institutes, thematic committees within inter-governmental or non-governmental bodies and organizations, among others.

The US CTI Support Program is assisting in the identification of key themes and directions for policy development, supporting the selection of appropriate national and regional institutions to strengthen and network for sustained advisory services on CTI issues, and aiding the CTI bodies in building skills and information networks that can apply science-based knowledge. The Program will work to expand stakeholder engagement to include private sector and communities in coastal resource management, and will help develop business plans with sustainable financing to achieve these regional goals. These forms of technical assistance will lead to the five Intermediate Results (IRs) defined under Result, that when put together are expected to achieve the intended result.

#### **Progress Update**

##### **Intermediate Result 1.1: Policies developed and advanced**

*Support meeting of CT6 country representatives to the UNFCCC to discuss climate change negotiations and impact on CT*

The Interim CTI Regional Secretariat conducted a briefing on the CTI and the impacts of climate change on coastal and marine ecosystems on October 7-8 during the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Preparatory Meeting for COP 15 in Bangkok. The meeting with the UNFCCC delegates from the CT6 countries was followed by an informal meeting with partners, including representatives from the US CTI Support Program, Australia and ADB. The PI supported these activities by coordinating the venue and logistics and preparing a technical presentation on the structure and background of the CTI and the impacts of climate change on tropical coastal and marine ecosystems. The presentations were used by the CTI Secretariat in the meetings. At the request of the CT6 delegates to the UNFCCC and the Regional Secretariat, the partners compiled key regionally-relevant scientific papers and references on marine issues and climate change for distribution by the Secretariat to its members and posting on the CTI Partner Portal.

*Provide scientific expert and information on climate change at SOM4 to help prepare CT6 government officials for COP15*

The materials prepared for the meetings in early October for the climate change negotiators was adapted and presented as a core element of the presentation by the CTI Regional Secretariat at the

Fourth Senior Officials Meeting in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia in late October. This presentation and the comprehensive set of materials compiled by the partners was used as a basis for discussing the need for and content of the Joint Communiqué on Climate Change prepared for the COP 15 meetings in Copenhagen in December 2009.

Following technical support from the US CTI Support Program and other partners, the effects of Climate Change on the Coral Triangle were highlighted during *The Oceans Day*, a widely-attended side-event held on December 14 in conjunction with the UNFCCC framework discussions in Copenhagen. CT6 representatives Dr. Fadel Muhammad, the Indonesian Minister of Marine Affairs and Fisheries, and Mr. Gordon Darcy Lilo, Solomon Islands Minister of Environment, Conservation and Meteorology, presented the Joint Communiqué and participated on a panel to stress the important role oceans play in global climate change. The communiqué underlined the concern over sea level rise and ocean acidification and called for the inclusion of a marine component within the negotiation text of the UNFCCC.

*Conduct post-COP15 strategic planning exercise with CT6 countries to develop specific regional activities related to RPOA Goal 4*

In October, a RAA team was formed to discuss specific regional-level activities related to addressing Climate Change Adaptation. The team, which includes representatives from the PI, NOAA and CTSP, has drafted a concept for a sequence of regional activities focused on climate change adaptation that will be rolled out beginning January 2010.

### **Intermediate Result 1.2: Institutional capacity and collaboration strengthened**

*Provide technical support and capacity building to permanent CTI Regional Secretariat*

In November, the CT6 agreed that Indonesia will host the permanent CTI Regional Secretariat. This was announced during the Fifth Ministerial Meeting and Second Ministerial Meetings in the Solomon Islands in November. In the same meetings, the CT6 also approved the organizational structure and general descriptions of the permanent Secretariat. In line with this, the PI has continued to participate and support the development of the permanent Secretariat by providing review and comment as requested in discussions related to the organizational structure. The PI coordinated with the Australian government-supported consultants to assist the Coordination Mechanisms' Working Group (CMWG) to develop the specific materials for presentation to the Senior Officials and Ministers. In December, representatives from the Regional Secretariat requested for US CTI Support Program assistance in defining more fully some of these function and key operational activities of the Interim Secretariat as it transitions to a more permanent secretariat.

### **Intermediate Result 1.3 Learning and information networks strengthened**

*Select priority themes and opportunities for Regional Exchanges in consultation with CTI national and regional CTI bodies*

Each of the six RAA teams is tasked to develop three-year strategy that includes identifying concrete activities that strengthen regional learning networks and promote the implementation of the CTI Regional Plan of Action. The PI will support the activities identified by the RAA teams through regional exchanges and a small grants mechanism that will be developed in the second quarter of 2010.

*Identify and establish agreements with organizations to serve as Learning Network Resource Organizations for Regional Exchanges*

The PI, together with CTSP and NOAA, conducted a week-long consultation process in Timor-Leste in October as part of a six country consultation process to identify key CT6 priorities for Program support for learning network, regional exchanges, small grants and other activities. During the consultation process in Timor-Leste, the PI conducted a site visit at the Nino Konis Santana National Park, one of the US CTI Support Program priority geographic areas. The PI also met with national government officials, village representatives and non-government organizations to identify and explore areas of possible regional exchange and small grant program opportunities.

*Provide small grants to Resource Organizations to support regional exchange activities and support local implementation*

In November, the PI Deputy Chief of Party, whose primary task is to manage the Small Grants Program, came on board. In the following month, the PI reviewed and refined its small grants program strategy to align it with its revised Year 2 workplan. The small grants program will be a significant tool in assisting the implementation of the RAA team strategies and providing a foundation for various learning network platforms. The grants program will also be a key element that will contribute in achieving the PI's results indicator targets for the life of the program.

**Intermediate Result 1.4 Public and private sector partners engaged**

*Launch efforts to engage public and private sectors through a regional learning and planning exchange at the CTI Business Summit and identify existing and potential linkages between public and private sectors*

In this quarter, the PI began engaging private sector representatives and other partners in the region to participate in the first US CTI Support Program Private Sector Regional Exchange held in conjunction with the CTI Business Summit on January 20-21, 2010. The summit, which was to be held in Manila, Philippines, was organized by WWF and the Philippine government. From November to December, the PI worked with WWF and the Philippine NCC to identify and support the participation of CT6 representatives who will attend in the Business Summit and the Regional Exchange. The PI also coordinated with private sector partners such as Philippine property developer SM Land Inc. and other partners such as the ADB and the Sustainable Fisheries Project to serve as resource persons in the Exchange. The objective of the first Private Sector Regional Exchange is to support country planning to initiate public-private partnership activities in the CT6 countries.

**Next Steps**

During the next quarter the PI will fully activate a PPP Team including representatives from the Program team and other experienced CT6 and international partners in the region. As a part of this process, the PI will build on its Private Sector Engagement concept paper and develop a strategy to map out activities through the life of the Program. The PI will also support Malaysia in fulfilling its commitment to host the second CTI Business Summit in early 2011.

**3.2: Result 2 - Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management**

The US CTI Support Program will focus its efforts on building capacity in the ecosystem-based approach to fisheries which is still a new concept in fisheries management in the region.

At the regional level, approaches will include facilitating regional policy dialogues and exchange activities to build capacity and regional collaboration in ecosystem approaches to fisheries management in CT countries and in key regional supporting institutions. National level activities will focus on capacity development in priority geographies through strategic local Action Plans emerging from Regional Exchange activities and strengthening of national and regional institutions to support those Action Plans, as needed with small grants and mentoring.

## **Progress Update**

### **Intermediate Result 2.4: EAFM applied in priority geographies**

*Support resources organizations and exchange participants in applying lessons from regional exchanges through technical assistance and small grants*

Representatives from more than twenty Indonesian coastal districts across Southeast Sulawesi, Indonesia met from December 14-16 to draft the “Wakatobi Commitment,” a ground breaking proposal that promotes the inclusion of coastal resources management as a basic municipal service. Inspired by his participation in the US CTI Support Program’s Regional Exchange in June 2009 in the Philippines, Mr. Hugua, the Regent of Wakatobi, hosted the symposium on *Coastal and Marine Resources Management, A National Dialog for Local Government Leaders*. The draft *Wakatobi Commitment*, a key result from the symposium, will be presented formally to the full national association of mayors and regents of Southeast Sulawesi in early 2010 when it is anticipated to be universally approved and adopted. The U.S. Ambassador to Indonesia, Cameron Hume, provided supporting remarks at the event which was funded by the Wakatobi Regency, the US CTI Support Program, the Coral Triangle Conservation Foundation, a newly formed NGO in Indonesia, and the governments of all participating municipalities.

## **Next Steps**

A Regional Activity Team focused on specific EAFM issues such as Live Reef Fish Trade (LRFT) and Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing has been formed. The team, composed of representatives from the PI, NOAA and CTSP, plans to conduct a needs assessment on IUU threats and capabilities of each CT6 country and hold a regional workshop to jump start activities to address IUU. As IUU is one of the most politically charged issues in the region, a planned regional exchange in IUU is expected to lead to a policy dialogue that can harmonize regulations on IUU enforcement.

### **3.3: Result 3 - Marine protected area management improved in CT countries**

The US CTI Support Program will focus on facilitating that coordination of design and practice through supporting development of a regionally appropriate framework for coordinated MPA management; institutionalizing capacity to host good practices, training and advisory services for small, medium and cross boundary MPAs in the region; and developing relevant case studies and consensual knowledge that will ease debates and discussions to improve marine conditions.

## **Progress Update**

### **Intermediate Result 3.3 MPA effectiveness improved in priority geographies**

*Support resources organizations and exchange participants in applying lessons from regional exchanges through technical assistance and small grants*

A Regional Activity Team on MPA composed of representatives from the PI, NOAA and CTSP was formed in October. In the last quarter, the team developed a concept note for a three-four year regional plan of activity focused on MPAs which will be presented to the Regional Secretariat and circulated to other partners for review and further development. The team has also made significant progress in identifying an approach for a regional exchange on MPA management effectiveness which will be held in this year in Malaysia, pulling in expertise from Indonesia and the Philippines.

### **Next Steps**

The PI and the Regional Activity Team on MPA is expected to move forward with the planned regional exchange in Malaysia this year in collaboration with the Malaysian NCC and other partners in Indonesia and the Philippines. Planning meetings to establish the MPA network design activity will be held in February 2010.

## **3.4 Result 4 - Capacity to adapt to climate change improved in CT countries**

The CTI has prioritized action to adapt to the impacts of climate change, such as fisheries shifts, sea level rise and coastal hazards. The PI proposes to address this critical and overwhelming need with two approaches, 1) building capacity in the CT6 countries and at the regional level to adapt to the impacts of climate change, and 2) applying that capacity to immediately support coastal communities and the CT6 to become more resilient and able to resist or reduce the impacts of the changes ahead.

### **Intermediate Result 4.2 Climate adaptation strategies applied in priority geographies**

#### **Progress Update**

*Support resources organizations and exchange participants in applying lessons from regional exchanges through technical assistance and small grants*

The PI together with the Regional Activity Team on Climate Change has decided to develop framework for regional early action plan, identify tools needed for training and design a regional exchange on climate change adaptation.

#### **Next Steps**

The Regional Activity Team will bring together the CT6 delegates from the Climate Change negotiations in Copenhagen and the CTI representatives to hold a cross learning and policy discussion on climate change adaptation and develop a paper that will be presented at the United Nations Environmental Programme (UNEP) Governing Council/ Global Ministerial Environment Forum in Bali on February 24-26 The US CTI Support Program in Bali, Indonesia.

## 4. WORKPLAN ACTIVITY AND STATUS TABLES

ACTIVITY	Lead Organization	Individual Lead	Partner	Level	Relevant Indicator	FY10			
						Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
<b>R1. Regional and national platforms strengthened to catalyze and sustain integrated marine and coastal management in the Coral Triangle</b>									
<b>IR 1.1 Policies developed and advanced</b>									
Support meeting of CT6 country representatives to the UNFCCC to discuss climate change negotiations and impact on CT	PI	P. Collier	N/A	Region	PM5	■			
Provide scientific expert and information on climate change at SOM4 to help prepare CT6 government officials for COP15	PI	P. Collier	NOAA	Region	PM5	■			
Conduct post-COP15 strategic planning exercise with CT6 countries to develop specific regional activities related to RPOA Goal 4	PI	P. Collier	NOAA	Region	PM5				
Develop a strategy to address priority issues of regional concern for conducting policy forums in consultation with CTI bodies	PI	K. Courtney	WWC, NOAA	Region	PM5		■	■	
Develop policy briefs on priority policy issues of regional concern in consultation with regional experts and CTI bodies	PI	K. Courtney	NOAA	Region	PM5			■	■
Conduct regional policy forum at Woodrow Wilson Center on one policy issues of regional concern	PI	K. Courtney	WWC, NOAA	Region	PM5-1				■
<b>IR1.2 Institutional capacity and collaboration strengthened</b>									
Provide technical support and capacity building to permanent CTI Regional Secretariat	PI	S. Tighe	CTSP	Region	PM4				■
Conduct organizational and training needs assessment for permanent CTI Regional Secretariat with CTI bodies and partners	PI	S. Tighe	CTSP	Region	PM4				■
Conduct Development Partners Meeting as requested by USAID	PI	P. Collier	CTSP	Region	PM4	■		■	

	ACTIVITY	Lead Organization	Individual Lead	Partner	Level	Relevant Indicator	FY10			
							Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	Compile and analyze project mapping information from CTI partners	PI	P. Collier	CTSP	Region	PM4	■	■	■	■
	<b>IR1.3 Learning and information networks strengthened</b>									
	Select priority themes and opportunities Regional Exchanges in consultation with CTI national and regional CTI bodies	PI	P. Collier	CTSP	Region	PM4	■			
	Identify and establish agreements with organizations to serve as Learning Network Resource Organizations for Regional Exchanges	PI	P. Collier	CTSP	Region	PM4	■	■		
	Conduct the regional exchange activity on live reef fish trade	PI	S. Tighe	NOAA, CTSP	Region	PM4			■	■
	Conduct the regional exchange activity on fisheries enforcement	PI	S. Tighe	NOAA, CTSP	Region	PM4			■	■
	Conduct the regional exchange activity on marine protected area management	PI	S. Tighe	NOAA, CTSP	Region	PM4			■	■
	Conduct the regional exchange activity on climate change adaptation	PI	S. Tighe	NOAA, CTSP	Region	PM4			■	■
	Support networking of regional exchange participants to continue sharing lessons learned	PI	S. Tighe	CTSP	Region	PM4			■	■
	Provide small grants to Resource Organizations to support regional exchange activities and support local implementation	PI	P. Collier	CTSP	Region	PM4	■			
	Monitor and evaluate implementation of grants to capture and report results achieved	PI	DCOP	CTSP	Region	PM4-100		■	■	■
	<b>IR1.4 Public and private sector partners engaged</b>									
	Launch efforts to engage public and private sectors through a regional learning and planning exchange at the CTI Business Summit	PI	C. Macpherson	CTSP	Region	PM6		■		
	Identify existing and potential linkages between public and private sectors	PI	C. Macpherson	CTSP	Region	PM6	■	■		

	ACTIVITY	Lead Organization	Individual Lead	Partner	Level	Relevant Indicator	FY10			
							Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
	Form public-private sector strategy development team with CTI bodies and partners	PI	C. Macpherson	CTSP	Region	PM6	■			
	Develop public-private sector strategy including GDA, recognition program, regional, and public awareness campaign	PI	C. Macpherson	CTSP	Region	PM6		■		
	Recruit initial partners to the Public-Private Sector Program	PI	C. Macpherson	CTSP	Region	PM6			■	
	Launch public-private sector program with partners in conjunction with key event	PI	C. Macpherson	CTSP	Region	PM6-3				■
	<b>R2. Ecosystem approach to fisheries management improved in CT countries</b>									
	<b>IR2.4 EAFM applied in priority geographies</b>									
	Support resources organizations and exchange participants in applying lessons from regional exchanges through technical assistance and small grants	PI	S. Tighe	CTSP	CT6 Countries	PM2			■	■
	<b>R3. Marine protected area management improved in CT countries</b>									
	<b>IR3.3 MPA effectiveness improved in priority geographies</b>									
	Support resources organizations and exchange participants in applying lessons from regional exchanges through technical assistance and small grants	PI	S. Tighe	CTSP	CT6 Countries	PM1			■	■
	<b>R4. Capacity to adapt to climate change improved in CT countries</b>									
	<b>IR4.2 Climate adaptation strategies applied in priority geographies</b>									
	Support resources organizations and exchange participants in applying lessons from regional exchanges through technical assistance and small grants	PI	S. Tighe	CTSP	CT6 Countries	PM5			■	■