### Marine aggregation

**Partnership in action: What are the Bright Spots?**

**Partnership Fact sheet**

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| **When established** | - March 2006 President SBY announced his intention to form collaboration to protect coral reefs with Coral Triangle Countries at COP-8 CBD in Brazil  
  - August 2007, President SBY sent letters to six CT countries and Partners seeking support to launch CTI  
  - September 2007 in Sydney, APEC Leaders welcomed CTI in their Leaders declaration  
  - December 2007, SBY led the first formal CTI gathering in Bali in the margin of COP13 of UN Climate Change Convention  
  - May 2009 in Manado, Indonesia, six CTI Country Leaders adopted CTI CFF Regional Plan of Action at the first CTI CFF Summit |
| **Membership/Governance/TNC role** | - Members: Indonesia, Philippines, Malaysia, Timor Leste, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands  
  - CTI-CFF Formal Partners: Australia, United States, TNC, WWF, CI, CTC, GEF, ADB  
  - Interim Regional CTI-CFF Secretariat in operation until a permanent CTI CFF Regional Secretariat is established by the CT countries in 2014.  
  - Technical Working Groups (WG) for Seascapes, Fisheries, MPAs, Climate Change and Threatened Species are functioning along with a Coordination Mechanism WG, a Monitoring & Evaluation WG and a Financial WG created to support implementation of the CTI CFF Plan of Action and overall regional governance |
| **Purpose** | - Ensure long term benefits to coastal human communities from improved management of coastal and marine resources across the CT countries |
| **Bright spot: Key result/achievement** | - High level political support and investments by national governments with solid momentum for marine conservation and resource management  
  - CT Countries produced CTI CFF Regional and National Plans of Action with common goals  
  - TWGs produced Coral Triangle MPA System Framework, CT Atlas database, M&E System, 5 MPA Regional Exchanges, EAFM indicators, Climate change early action (regional and local) and more  
  - Indonesia built CTI Secretariat building in Manado |
| **Success factors** | - Immediate financial and technical support from CTI Partners, notably US and Australian governments to enable numerous CTI planning and exchange meetings  
  - Tangible commitments made by the heads of six CT countries during CTI Summit in Manado 2009 with increasing national investments forthcoming  
  - Active roles of CTI CFF Partners to use the momentum to implement CTI CFF Plans of Action with each CT individual country in a coordinated manner |
| **Key learnings** | - Need to set a timeline of action deliverables reasonably, taking into account the complexity of bureaucracy process within the individual CT country government  
  - Need to maintain CTI Championing/leadership continuity at the highest level  
  - Need to follow and implement M&E system to track progress  
  - Developing regional information system (CT Atlas) is a means to a regional identity |