

**Closing Remarks**  
**Coral Triangle Fishers Forum**  
**On the Implementation of By-catch Reduction Measures**  
**and Fisheries Best Practices**  
**Sanur, 17 June 2010**

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Honorable country representatives,  
Representatives from WWF, SEAFDEC, EDEKA,  
Representatives of Stakeholders, including Fishers and Business Players;  
My colleagues from MMAF;  
Distinguished Participants;  
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good Morning,

On behalf of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of the Republic of Indonesia and in my position as an Executive Secretary of National Coordination Committee for CTI Indonesia, please allow me to deliver this closing remark.

First of all, I would like to thank and appreciate for the strong effort that you have put during this three-day meeting. This appreciation goes to all including speakers, chairs and facilitators, some of whom have made a long journey to come here. I believe that it shows our commitment to maintain the spirit to implement responsible fishing practices, especially in eliminating wasted by-catch.

I understand the discussions have been very productive. The exchanged views and experience as well as lessons learned were very constructive, to increase our understanding the importance of resources conservation to guarantee food security in all relevant countries in the region.

I must convey that I also learn a great deal of lesson in the last three days, especially regarding the circle-hook, or by-catch composition, and other stuffs.

So, I Personally underlined that the meeting has been very useful and meets our goals to be here. I also see that the enthusiasm from all participants reflects our keen interest and strong desire for an enhancement of regional partnership and collaboration in the CTI Region.

I am hoping the result on this three-day discussion will be beneficial to be implemented and considered for further application by all participants, scientists, fishers and businessmen. Moreover, I am sure that it could give advantages for building capacity and networking among participants and even among countries.

The government of Indonesia, through the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries will support the plan of action or roadmap of activities ahead, resulting from this meeting, as this is also in line with the policy of our ministry on by-catch reduction. Several of relevant issues may provide some improvement on the current policies applied in the country.

In this opportunity, allow me to reiterate, our sincere appreciation to WWF, SEAFDEC, EDEKA and others that have contributed to this important event. I also deliver many thanks and congratulate to the organizing committee for this well organized meeting.

To the participants who are going home, I wish you a save trip. But if you have some extra time, allow yourself to enjoy the beauty of Bali.

Finally, with the Grace of Allah and by Saying: Alhamdulillahirobbil'alamin, I now declare "The Coral Triangle Fishers Forum on the Implementation of By-catch Reduction Measures and Fisheries Best Practices" is officially closed.

Thank you.

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