

## **Commitments made at the Coral Triangle Fishers Forum II Fiji, 2012**

The Forum considered the role of CTFF participants in addressing IUU fishing and in responding to the information provided and issues identified at CTFFII. The following commitments were made.

**Cook Islands Fishing Association** will organise a meeting of the Association to discuss CTFF outcomes, can lobby the government on CTFF recommendations and will meet with Government with a view to revising, updating and implementing the NPOA on IUU fishing.

**FAO Regional Fisheries Livelihood Program**, can, **funds permitting**, sponsor participants from Indonesia, the Philippines and Timor-Leste to attend WWF IUU and traceability workshops and/or training within the region. The RFLP will discuss CTFF outcomes with the Asia-Pacific Fishery Commission (APFIC) Secretary and the national agencies responsible for fisheries in Cambodia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste and Viet Nam, and will highlight the CTFF outcomes and the report on the RFLP website and explore highlighting them on the APFIC website.

**FAO GEF Tuna Project** will be conducting work on traceability in the WCPFC region as part of the GEF project and report progress to CTFF.

**FFA** can, potentially, share resources and expertise and promote the CTFF recommendations through regional meetings.

**Indonesian MMAF** can participate in the development of programs and policies related to “statement of origin” (catch location) for small scale fisheries, support the RPOA on combating IUU fishing, support enabling community-based surveillance groups to combat IUU fishing through information systems such as SMS gateway, support fishing industries that have implemented traceability and support trials of simple traceability systems in small scale fisheries.

**Marine Stewardship Council** will request that MSC share the findings of an investigation into online traceability opportunities and involve fishers. MSC can provide guidance on chain of custody assessments as part of Fisheries Improvement Projects and will report outcomes of CTFF meeting in its regional newsletter.

**Solomons Island Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology** will deliver the outcomes of the CTFF to the National Coordinating Committee of the Solomon Islands for discussion.

**NOAA** will highlight CTFF outcomes within NOAA’s Coral Triangle group.

**Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resource Authority** will promote CTFF initiatives through regional fisheries bodies and work with NGOs to apply pressure on WCPFC members outside the region.

**NORPAC Fisheries Export** can make presentations to industry on the business reasons to embrace traceability and will continue to promote traceability and engage service providers to improve systems and lower costs.

**Philippines Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources Regional Office** will inform management of the outcomes of the meetings and develop an action plan on implementation of traceability for consideration by management.

**PITIA** will consider the outcomes of the meeting and continue to be involved in pursuit of the outcomes.

**PNA** will circulate the outcomes of the CTFF workshop and consider them in its deliberations.

**PNG National Fisheries Authority** will include CTFF outcomes in internal discussion for consideration.

**SEA Quest (Fiji) Ltd** will represent the outcomes of CTFF to the industry and lobby government agencies.

**Sea Delight** will participate in regional Seafood Savers Programme and Vietnam FIP, will apply pressure on the Indonesian and Viet Nam governments to initiate traceability and will actively lobby the large retail food chains in the US to support the action plans of the CTFF. It will recruit representatives of the major food chains to sign a Letter of Support or to even send representatives/observers to petition the upcoming WCPFC meeting. Sea Delight is willing to send a representative as well.

**Solomon Islands Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources** will reflect CTFF outcomes in its National Plan of Action and in national policies and ensure active participation of extension officers in CTFF programs.

**Solander Pacific** will provide a vessel for trailing traceability devices and systems.

**Thailand Department of Fisheries** will share expertise on combating IUU fishing in tuna fisheries and share outcomes of the Forum with Departmental officers.

**Tuvalu Fisheries Department** will support the implementation of CTFF goals through the sharing of work and expertise.

**University of the South Pacific** can assist in awareness raising programmes, outreach, research and training.

**Vanuatu Fisheries Department** will seek departmental support for implementation of the recommendations and, if forthcoming, will discuss the CTFF recommendations with industry and other relevant agencies and allocate implementation across these groups. It will inform the CTFF of progress with implementation and seek assistance where required.

**Widegrowth Marine Products** will advise associations of development in CTFF.

#### **i) CTFF-III**

The Forum considered briefly possible themes for the third CTFF in 2014, noting that it was proposed that the Forum be held in the Philippines. The following themes were proposed:

1. Anchored fish aggregating devices ( FADs) in small scale fisheries, noting that a forthcoming report from the FAO RFLP would help inform such a discussion
2. Food security (including as an overall theme with FADs and/or other issues as sub-themes)
3. Energy optimisation and carbon emissions from fishery products
4. Sharing best practices and shared solutions across a range of issues

The need to encourage greater fisher participation in the next Forum was highlighted.

## **ii) Next steps for CTFF platform**

Next steps for the platform include:

- 1) Communicating the results of the CTFF II meeting, including report and Call to Action, to wide spectrum of stakeholders and decision-makers
- 2) Revamping CTFF website for new communication functions
- 3) Establishing a communications platform within CTFF for regular email alerts, two-way updates and reporting to CTFF group
- 4) Prioritizing Action Plan activities, using the CTFF webpage and questionnaire, including roles and timelines
- 5) Maintaining a monitoring function of progress on the Action Plan as well as identifying and developing opportunities for joint advocacy based on CTFF consensus/outcomes