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To: CTI Townsville Workshop participants
CTI Coordinating Committee
CTI marine resource managers and scientists

Dear Colleagues

The Australian Research Council Centre of Excellence for Coral Reef Studies at James Cook University and the Australian Institute of Marine Science, both based in Townsville, Australia, have been asked to provide scientific expertise to the Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI). As part of our contribution, in early September, we circulated 16 background papers on issues related to achieving the goals of the CTI. The updated versions of these papers are provided here.

These papers will remain living documents and available on the web at www.coralcoe.org.au/events/ctiworkshop/issuespapers.html. We welcome further contributions and discussion to enhance their relevance and quality. We will continue to update these papers to ensure they assist in the development and implementation of the CTI, encourage strong research collaborations and forge productive relationships for the future.

The draft background papers have been written by a range of international experts including from the Coral Triangle countries. Our thanks to these authors.

Many thanks also to WWF and the Queensland Department of Tourism, Regional Development and Industry for their financial support in the development of these papers.

Sincerely,



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