H.E. Bernard Fautrier  
Minister Plenipotentiary  
Special Adviser to the Prime Minister on Sustainable Development issues  
Principality of Monaco/  
Chair, International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI)

Excellency,

I have the honour of writing on behalf of the Coral Triangle Initiative for Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) to express our interest in applying for membership in the International Coral Reef Initiative (ICRI).

The CTI-CFF is a multilateral partnership formed by the governments of the six Coral Triangle countries – Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste. The six countries are committed to implement the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) with five goals: designation of effectively managed seascapes; application of an ecosystem approach to fisheries management; establishment of a fully functional marine protected area system; strengthening climate change adaptation and resilience; and improving the status of threatened marine species. I have attached a copy of our Annual/Activity Report from 2015-2016 for your perusal (Attachment 1). Alternatively, you may visit our website at www.coraltriangleinitiative.org to learn more about our organization.

The CTI-CFF through the Regional Secretariat wishes to be part ICRI because of its interest in sustainable management of coral reefs and marine resources not only at the regional but global level. We hope to engage with other like-minded organizations to exchange insights, research, tools and related resources that could help in the formulation of policies and behaviours that will result in viable and sustainable solutions for coral reefs and marine ecosystems.

May we note that the CTI-CFF shares and supports the objectives of the ICRI of encouraging the adoption of best practices in sustainable management of coral reefs and
associated ecosystems; building capacity; and raising appreciation and awareness at all levels on the condition of coral reefs around the world.

Should you need further information about our organization, I am open to have discussion with you or any member of the ICRI Secretariat. Alternatively, you may reach us at regional.secretariat@cticff.org with carbon copy to nora@cticff.org.

I thank you in advance for considering CTI-CFF as a member of ICRI. We look forward to hearing from you regarding our request.

Sincerely,

Dr. Sharifah Nora S. Ibrahim
Acting Executive Director,
CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat

Attachment 1: RS Activities Report 2015-2016