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THE AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR 2020 AND THE GENERAL ACCOUNT FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2020

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Purpose

1. The purpose of this paper is to table for the consideration of FAC15 and WCPFC18 the Auditor's Report for 2020 and the General Account Fund Financial Statements for 2020 which are attached to this paper.

Introduction

- 2. The Commission's Financial Regulations require that an independent external auditor issue a report on the audit of the annual financial statements and relevant schedules relating to the accounts of the Commission (Finance Regulation 12.6). Following consideration of the audited financial statements and audit report, the Commission shall signify its acceptance of the audited financial statements or take such other action as it may consider appropriate (Financial Regulation 13.1).
- 3. In undertaking the audit, the auditor is required to report on all relevant matters, including:
 - a) whether the statements are based on proper accounts and records;
 - b) whether the statements are in agreement with the accounts and records;
 - whether income, expenditure and investment of moneys and the acquisition and disposal of assets by the Commission during the year were in accordance with the Regulations; and
 - d) provide observations with respect to the efficiency and economy of the financial procedures and conduct of business, the accounting system, internal financial controls and the administration and management of the Commission.
- 4. The audit and compliance documents, which comprise the formal communications from the external auditor, were circulated to all Commission Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories. The audit, compliance reports and annual financial statements are attached for reference. They show a compliant and unqualified set of accounts and reports.

External Audit Timing Requirements

5. The Commission's annual financial statements for the 2020 financial period were submitted to the Auditor prior to 22 March 2021. Under Finance Regulation 12, the financial

statements are due to the auditor by 31 March 2021. The final audit was circulated to the Commission members on 28 June 2021.

Scope

6. The primary reporting focus of the financial statements is the Commission's General Account Fund established in accordance with Financial Regulation 6.1 (a). However, detailed information about the other funds in existence as at 31 December 2020: the Working Capital Fund; Special Requirements Fund; Chinese Taipei Trust Fund; West Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management Project; the Japan Trust Fund; the Fees and Charges Trust Fund; and the Voluntary Contributions Fund; were also provided to the auditor and addressed in Note 7 to the Financial Statements. These other funds were therefore subject to the same audit process as the General Account Fund. The reporting format for the other funds was adopted on the recommendation of the external auditor.

Audit findings

- 7. The audit report and compliance report provide that:
 - a) the external auditor's opinion was that the "the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the general account fund of the Commission as of December 31, 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year...";
 - a statement that there was no instances of noncompliance with the Commission's Financial Regulation 12.4 (c) which requires an opinion on compliance in relation to income, expenditure, the investment of moneys and the acquisition and disposal of assets; and
 - c) a statement that there was no instances of noncompliance with the Commission's Financial Regulation 12.4 (d) which requires an opinion on efficiency and economy of the financial procedures and conduct of business, the accounting system, internal financial controls and the administration and management of the Commission.

Financial results

8. For the General Account Fund, the financial statements show that there was an excess of income over expenditure of USD837,826. In addition, prior years' contributions of USD1,262,646 were paid by some Members in 2020. In accordance with Financial Regulation 4.4 the balance was transferred to the Working Capital Fund.

Recommendation

9. The Committee is invited to consider the audited financial statements and make the necessary recommendation to WCPFC18.



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June 14, 2021

The Chair Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

Dear Chair:

We have performed an audit of the financial statements of Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (the Commission) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America ("generally accepted auditing standards") and have issued our report thereon dated June 14, 2021.

We have prepared the following comments to assist you in fulfilling your obligation to oversee the financial reporting and disclosure process for which management of the Commission is responsible.

We wish to thank the staff and management of the Commission for their cooperation and assistance during the course of this engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors and others within the organization and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

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cc: To Management of Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

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OUR RESPONSIBILITY UNDER GENERALLY ACCEPTED AUDITING STANDARDS

Our responsibility under generally accepted auditing standards has been described to you in our engagement letter dated October 9, 2020, a copy of which has been provided to you. As described in that letter, the objective of a financial statement audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards is to express an opinion on the fairness of the presentation of the Commission's financial statements in conformity with the financial regulations of the Commission and certain accounting standards adopted by other international organizations, in all material respects. Our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards include forming and expressing an opinion about whether the financial statements that have been prepared by us with the oversight of management and the Board of Directors are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with those accounting standards. The audit of the financial statements does not relieve management or the Board of Directors of their responsibilities.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether caused by fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, we considered internal control relevant to the Commission's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that were appropriate in the circumstances but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the operating effectiveness of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses.

SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Commission's significant accounting policies are set forth in Note 2 to the Commission's 2020 financial statements. During the year ended December 31, 2020, there were no significant changes in previously adopted accounting policies or their application.

We have evaluated the significant qualitative aspects of the Commission's accounting practices, including accounting policies, accounting estimates and financial statement disclosures and concluded that the policies are appropriate, adequately disclosed, and consistently applied by management.

ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared with the oversight of management and are based on management's current judgments. Those judgments are ordinarily based on knowledge and experience about past and current events and on assumptions about future events. We are not aware of any significant changes in accounting estimates or in management's judgments relating to such estimates during the year ended December 31, 2020.

OTHER INFORMATION IN THE ANNUAL REPORT

The 2020 audited financial statements were not included in documents containing other information such as the Commission's Annual Report as of the date of this letter.

DISAGREEMENTS WITH MANAGEMENT

We have not had any disagreements with management related to matters that are material to the Commission's 2020 financial statements.

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OUR VIEWS ABOUT SIGNIFICANT MATTERS THAT WERE THE SUBJECT OF CONSULTATION WITH OTHER ACCOUNTANTS

We are not aware of any consultations that management may have had with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters during 2020.

SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS OR ISSUES DISCUSSED, OR SUBJECT OF CORRESPONDENCE, WITH MANAGEMENT PRIOR TO OUR RETENTION

Throughout the year, no routine discussions regarding the application of accounting principles or auditing standards were held with management in connection with transactions that have occurred, transactions that are contemplated, or reassessment of current circumstances. In our judgment, no such discussions were held in connection with our retention as auditors.

OTHER SIGNIFICANT FINDINGS OR ISSUES ARISING FROM THE AUDIT DISCUSSED, OR SUBJECT OF CORRESPONDENCE, WITH MANAGEMENT

Throughout the period, routine discussions were held, or were the subject of correspondence, with management. In our judgment, such discussions or correspondence did not involve significant findings or issues requiring communication to the Board of Directors.

MANAGEMENT'S REPRESENTATIONS

We have made specific inquiries of the Commission's management about the representations embodied in the financial statements. Additionally, we have requested that management provide to us the written representations the Commission is required to provide to its independent auditors under generally accepted auditing standards. We have attached to this letter, as Attachment I, a copy of the representation letter we obtained from management.

SIGNIFICANT DIFFICULTIES ENCOUNTERED IN PERFORMING THE AUDIT

In our judgment, we received the full cooperation of the Commission's management and staff and had unrestricted access to the Commission's senior management in the performance of our audit.

OTHER MATERIAL WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

There was no other material written communications between management and us related to the audit of the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020.



June 14, 2021

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Gentlemen:

In connection with your audit of the general account fund statement of assets, liabilities and fund balance as of December 31, 2020, and the related statements of income and expenditures and changes in fund balance, of cash flows, and of appropriations and expenditures for the year then ended of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (the Commission or "WCPFC") for the purpose of expressing an opinion as to whether these statements present fairly the financial position, results of operations and cash flows of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission in conformity with accounting principles described in Note 2 to those financial statements, we confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief, the following representations made to you during your audit.

- 1. We are responsible for the fair presentation in the statements of financial position, activities, and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles described in Note 2 to the financial statements. We understand that, as is customary, your audit was made in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as you considered necessary in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements. We note that the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America are consistent with the generally accepted auditing standards mentioned in the Commission's financial regulation 12.4. We also confirm that we are responsible for the design and implementation of programs and controls to prevent and detect fraud. We also understand that certain representations in this letter are being limited to matters that are material. Items are considered material, regardless of size, if they involve an omission or misstatement of accounting information that, in light of the surrounding circumstances, makes it probable that the judgment of a reasonable person relying on the information would be changed or influenced by the omission or misstatement. We confirm, to the best of our knowledge and belief that the financial statements and additional information referred to above are fairly presented on the basis of accounting described in Note 2 to those financial statements.
- 2. We have made available to you all
 - a. Financial records and related data.

- b. Rules of Procedures as adopted at the Inaugural Session, financial regulations, the Headquarters Agreement and the staff regulations pertinent to the operations of the Commission.
- 3. WCPFC has provided to you all relevant information and access as agreed in the terms of the audit engagement letter.
- 4. There has been no
 - a. Fraud involving management or employees who have significant roles in the system of internal control.
 - b. Fraud involving other employees that could have a material effect on the financial statements.
 - c. Communications from regulatory agencies concerning noncompliance with, or deficiencies in, financial reporting practices that could have a material effect on the financial statements.
- 5. There have been no plans or intentions that may materially affect the carrying value or classification of assets and liabilities.
- 6. We have advised you that there are no
 - a. Violations or possible violations of laws or regulations whose effects should be considered for disclosure in the financial statements or as a basis for recording a loss contingency.
- 7. There are no unasserted claims or assessments that are probable of assertion and must be disclosed. We have not consulted the internal legal counsel concerning any such matters as we are not aware of any potential litigation or claims that are outstanding or that have been asserted from January 1, 2020 up to the date of this letter.

Except where otherwise stated below, matters less than \$102,000 collectively are not considered to be exceptions that require disclosure for the purpose of the following representations. This amount is not necessarily indicative of amounts that would require adjustment to, or disclosure in, the financial statements.

- 8. There are no material transactions that have not been properly recorded in the accounting records underlying the financial statements.
- 9. WCPFC has satisfactory title to all owned assets and there are no liens or encumbrances on such assets nor has any asset been pledged.
- 10. We have complied with the aspects of contractual agreements that have a material effect on the financial statements in the event of noncompliance.
- 11. WCPFC has not performed a formal risk assessment, including the assessment of the risk that the financial statements may be materially misstated as a result of fraud. However, management has made available to you their understanding about the risks of fraud in WCPFC and do not believe that the financial statements are materially misstated as a result of fraud.



- 12. Contributions receivable recorded in the financial statements represent valid contributions from countries or organizations arising on or before the balance-sheet date and have been appropriately reduced to their estimated realizable value.
- 13. The Commission collected \$58,574 of delayed contributions after December 31, 2020, but before the date the financial statements were available to be issued.
- 14. Transfer of \$2,111,508 did not take place in the 2020 calendar year but will take place at the beginning of the 2021 calendar year.
- 15. Accounts receivable recorded in the financial statements includes longoutstanding balances aggregating \$1,014,888 from countries or organizations arising on or before balance sheet date and have been appropriately reduced to their estimated realizable value.
- 16. No events have occurred subsequent to the balance sheet date and to the date of this letter that could require adjustment to or disclosure in the financial statements.
- 17. In preparing the financial statements in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 2 to the financial statements, management makes estimates. The WCPFC secretariat is aware of its responsibilities to disclose in the financial statements all estimates where it is reasonably possible that the estimates will change in the near future and the effect of the change could be material to the financial statements. However, we do not believe that any events have occurred to the date of this letter, which would require revisions to the estimates used in the preparation of the aforementioned financial statements.
- 18. We have included certain comparative financial information from the prior year's financial statements in accordance with Section 11.2 of the Financial Regulations, which provides that the Executive Director shall give such other information as may be appropriate to indicate the financial position of the Commission.

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Very truly yours,

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020



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Independent Auditors' Report

The Chair Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (the "Commission"), which comprise the general account fund statement of assets, liabilities and fund balance as of December 31, 2020, and the related statements of income and expenditures and changes in fund balance, of cash flows, and of appropriations and expenditures for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the Commission's financial regulation 12.4; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards, which are consistent with the generally accepted auditing standards referred to in the Commission's financial regulation 12.4, require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Commission's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the general account fund of the Commission as of December 31, 2020, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 2.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 2 to the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statements were prepared in conformity with financial regulations of the Commission and certain accounting standards adopted by other international organizations, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

We have also issued our report dated June 14, 2021, on the Commission's compliance with financial regulation 12.4(c) and our consideration of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting as required by the Commission's financial regulation 12.4(d).

June 14, 2021

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General Account Fund Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance December 31, 2020

(With Comparative	Totals as	of December	r 31, 2019)
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<u>Assets</u>		2020		2019
Cash and short-term deposits	\$	2,614,984	\$	812,998
Contributions receivable Less provision for delayed contributions		576,445 (576,445)		1,262,722 (1,262,722)
Due from other funds Accounts receivable Other assets and advance payments		578,395 24,673 11,200	5 <u></u>	422,410 29,545 30,439
Total assets	\$	3,229,252	\$	1,295,392
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balance</u>				
Unliquidated obligations Accounts payable	\$	605,972 13,269	\$	613,742 199,386
Member contributions in advance Due to other funds		72,565 2,145,619		54,276 69,838
Accrued entitlements Income tax payable Capitalized security in social security	<u> </u>	387,635 243 3,949		337,309 24 20,817
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	3,229,252	\$	1,295,392

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

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General Account Fund Statement of Income and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended December 31, 2020

(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2019)

Incomo	 2020	2019
<u>Income</u>		
Contributions:		
Assessed contributions	\$ 7,566,550	\$ 7,536,710
Total contributions income	7,566,550	7,536,710
Miscellaneous income:		
Interest	2,341	3,495
Other	 592,103	671,891
Total income	8,160,994	 8,212,096
Less		
Expenditures	6,746,799	7,442,244
Excess of income over expenditures	1,414,195	769,852
Less		
Delayed contributions	576,369	1,133,263
Net excess of income (expenditures) over expenditures (income)	837,826	(363,411)
Fund balance at beginning of year	-	-
Transfer (to) from Working Capital Fund	 (837,826)	 363,411
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 	\$

General Account Fund Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended December 31, 2020 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2019)

	2020		2019	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net excess of income (expendiures) over expenditures (income)	\$	837,826	\$	(363,411)
(Increase) decrease in other accounts receivable		(151,113)		328,479
Decrease in other assets and advance payments		19,239		19,126
Increase (decrease) in advances from member states		18,289		(214,216)
Decrease in unliquidated obligations		(7,770)		(193,826)
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities		1,923,341		(380,124)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities		2,639,812		(803,972)
Transfer (to) from Working Capital Fund		(837,826)		363,411
Net change in cash and short-term deposits		1,801,986		(440,561)
Cash and short-term deposits at beginning of year		812,998		1,253,559
Cash and short-term deposits at end of year	\$	2,614,984	\$	812,998

Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Year Ended December 31, 2020

•	eneral Account	Approved budget 2020	Transfers	Revised Budget	Total Expenditures 31/12/20	Balance of Budget
Fund Expenditure	a wint	buuget 2020	Hallsters	buuget	31/12/20	buuget
Part 1 - Administrative Expenses of the Secreta	ariat					
Sub-Item 1.1 Staff Costs		025.262	(46.200)	000.460	227 226	4.007
Professional Staff Salary		925,363	(16,200)	909,163	907,236	1,927
Professional Staff Benefits and Allowances		822,987	15,200	838,187	838,044	143
Professional Staff Insurance		131,040	24,000	155,040	154,420	620
Recruitment/Repatriation		25,565	(23,000)	2,565	704	1,861
Support Staff		469,026	-	469,026	422,790	46,236
Total, sub-item 1.1		2,373,981	-	2,373,981	2,323,194	50,787
Sub-Item 1.2 Other Personnel Costs						
Temporary Assistance/Overtime		16,500	-	16,500	2,736	13,764
Chairs Expenses		-	-	-	-	-
Consultants		138,000	-	138,000	79,292	58,708
Total, sub-item 1.2		154,500	-	154,500	82,028	72,472
Sub-item 1.3 Official Travel		210,000	-	210,000	33,796	176,204
Sub-item 1.4 General Operating Expense	?5					
Electricity, Water, Sanitation		50,000	(8,000)	42,000	36,002	5,998
Communications/Courier		76,000	8,000	84,000	83,914	86
Office Supplies & Fuel		41,000	-	41,000	28,420	12,580
Audit		7,000	-	7,000	7,000	-
Bank Charges		9,500	-	9,500	9,070	430
Official Hospitality		10,000	-	10,000	4,918	5,082
Community Outreach		8,000	-	8,000	4,400	3,600
Miscellaneous Services		6,400	(1,400)	5,000	1,684	3,316
Security		96,500	1,400	97,900	97,804	96
Training		10,000	-	10,000	4,889	5,111
Total, sub-item 1.4		314,400	-	314,400	278,101	36,299
Sub-item 1.5 Capital Expenditure						
Vehicles		-	-	-	-	-
Information Technology		56,753	(25,000)	31,753	26,128	5,625
Website New Projects/Enhancements		8,000	6,000	14,000	13,705	295
Furniture and Equipment		32,000	(13,000)	19,000	18,730	270
Total, sub-item 1.5		96.753	(32.000)	64.753	58,563	6.190
Sub-item 1.6 Maintenance			(0-)000)			
Vehicles		6,000	-	6,000	4,538	1,462
Information and Communication Technology		129,714	57,000	186,714	183,570	3,144
Buildings & Grounds		56,500	11,000	67,500	67,024	476
Gardeners and Cleaners		82,500	(7,000)	75,500	75,098	402
Insurance		26,500	1,000	27,500	27,385	115
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Sub-item 1.7 Meeting Services		301,214	62,000	363,214	357,615	3,333
Annual Session		165,000	(10,000)	155,000	5,664	149,336
Scientific Committee		212,000		202,000		200,835
Northern Committee			(10,000)	18,000	1,165	
		18,000	- (10,000)		2 610	18,000
Technical and Compliance Committee		159,800	(10,000)	149,800	2,619	147,181
Total, sub-item 1.7		554,800	(30,000)	524,800	9,448	515,352
Total, sub-item 1.8 Future Work - Commission		184,010	-	184,010	2 4 4 2 7 4 7	184,010
TOTAL, Section 1/Item 1		4,189,658	-	4,189,658	3,142,745	1,046,913

Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Year Ended December 31, 2020

WCPFC Budget Items 2020 Assessed and Voluntary Contributions General Account Fund Expenditure	Approved budget 2020	Transfers	Revised Budget	Total Expenditures 31/12/20	Balance of Budget
Part 2 - Science & Technical & Compliance Programme					
Section 2 (Item 2)					
Sub-item 2.1 Scientific Services (SPC)	924,524	-	924,524	924,524	_
Sub-item 2.2 Scientific Research					
Additional Resourcing SPC	241,480	-	241,480	166,480	75,000
P35b Maintenance of WCPFC Tissue Bank	99,195	-	99,195	99,195	-
P42 Pacific Tuna Tagging Project	645,000	-	645,000	645,000	-
P60 Improving purse seine species composition	40,000	-	40,000	40,000	-
P88 Acoustic FAD analyses	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	-
P90 Fish weights/lengths for scientific analyses	30,000	-	30,000	30,000	-
P97 - SRP 2021-2025	46,000	-	46,000	46,000	-
P98 - Radiocarbon aging WS	35,000	-	35,000	35,000	-
P99 - SWP MLS population biology	33,000	-	33,000	33,000	-
P100 - Close-kin mark-recapture	7,500	-	7,500	-	7,500
P103 - LRPs for WCPO elasmobranchs	25,000	-	25,000	25,000	-
Total, sub-item 2.2	1,232,175	-	1,232,175	1,149,675	82,500
Sub-item 2.3 Technical & Compliance Programme					
ROP - Audit/Remediation	15,000	(15,000)	-	-	-
ROP - Special Projects and Research Activities	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000
ROP - Training, Assistance & Development	10,000	-	10,000	-	10,000
ROP Data Management	923,904	-	923,904	923,904	-
Vessel Monitoring System - Capital Costs	20,000	-	20,000	1,000	19,000
Vessel Monitoring System	235,000	50,000	285,000	277,928	7,072
Vessel Monitoring System - Airtime	204,600	-	204,600	194,806	9,794
Vessel Monitoring System - Security Audit	8,400	-	8,400	-	8,400
CCM/Staff VMS Training	25,000	-	25,000	-	25,000
Information Management System	100,000	-	100,000	93,407	6,593
Workshops/IATTC Cross Endor. Train.	10,000	-	10,000	5,066	4,934
AR Part 2/CMS Online Host. and Pub.	18,000	15,000	33,000	31,482	1,518
Targeted Capacity Building	40,000	(20,000)	20,000	-	20,000
E-Monitoring and E-Reporting Activities	30,000	-	30,000	2,262	27,738
Regional Capacity Building Workshops	130,000	(30,000)	100,000	-	100,000
Total, item 2.3	1,771,904	-	1,771,904	1,529,855	242,049
TOTAL, Section 2/Item 2	3,928,603	-	3,928,603	3,604,054	324,549
Total, Parts 1 & 2	8,118,261	-	8,118,261	6,746,799	1,371,462

Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2020
(With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

1. Organization

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (the Commission) is an international organization established under the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the western and central Pacific Ocean. The Commission came into existence on the 19th of June 2004 through force of the Convention. The Secretariat was established in September 2005 when the Executive Director took up his post.

The Commission is the organization through which state parties to the Convention seek to ensure, through effective management, the long term conservation and sustainable use of highly migratory fish stocks in the western and central Pacific Ocean in accordance with the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 and the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks.

The subsidiary bodies of the Commission are a Scientific Committee, a Technical and Compliance Committee, a Northern Committee and a Finance and Administration Committee.

The Commission is currently concentrating on:

- (i) Implementing the decisions of the Annual Sessions of the Commission in relation to conservation and management measures;
- (ii) Monitoring the effect of the conservation and management measures adopted in terms of supporting the sustainable use, conservation and management of western and central Pacific fish stocks and improving data acquired from fisheries in the Convention Area as a basis for monitoring the fisheries supported by members;
- (iii) Operationalising an integrated system for monitoring, control and surveillance, as provided for in the Convention, including establishment of the Commission's Vessel Record and Authorizations to Fish, Procedures for Listing Vessels that have undertaken IUU fishing activities in the Convention Area, implementation of the High Seas Boarding and Inspection scheme, the satellite-based vessel monitoring system and the Regional Observer Programme;
- (iv) Administration of relationships with other Regional Fisheries Management Organizations;
- (v) Supporting efforts to improve data collection and research associated with tuna fisheries and the WCPO ecosystem including initiatives to scale up tuna tagging programmes;
- (vi) Supporting efforts to promote an ecosystems approach to fisheries (EAF) and its application to WCPO;
- (viii) Supporting efforts to mitigate the impacts of tuna fishing on non-target species and the marine ecosystem;
- (ix) Supporting initiatives to evaluate management options for WCPO tuna resources including the matter of allocation;
- (x) Monitoring and engagement with global efforts to address tuna fishing capacity concerns;
- (xi) Monitoring developments in the tuna industry.

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2. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting and Financial Reporting Policies of the Commission Scope</u>

These financial statements primarily reflect the assets, liabilities, and transactions relating to the General Account Fund. The Commission administers the following other funds:

- Working Capital Fund;
- Western Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management Project Fund;
- Special Requirements Fund;
- Japanese Trust Fund;
- Fees and Charges Trust Fund;
- Voluntary Contributions Fund;
- Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (ABNJ) Tuna Project Fund; and
- Chinese Taipei Trust Fund

The accounts of the Commission are maintained in accordance with the financial regulations of the Commission and administrative instructions issued by the Executive Director of the Commission. The Commission also take into account certain accounting standards adopted by the United Nations Common System.

The Commission accounts are maintained on a fund accounting basis. The funds are maintained as distinct financial and accounting entities.

The financial period of the Commission consists of a calendar year. The financial statements presented are for the calendar year 1 January to 31 December 2020.

Generally, income, expenditure, assets, and liabilities are recognized on the accrual basis of accounting (please refer to "Assets" hereunder).

The accounts of the Commission are presented in United States Dollars (USD). Accounts maintained in other currencies are translated into USD at the time of the translation at the current rates of exchange.

Income

The amounts necessary to finance the activities of the Commission are assessed to Member States according to the agreed scale of assessments set out in the Commission's Financial Regulations. Interest income includes interest earned on various bank accounts and term deposits.

Expenditure

All General Account Fund expenditures are recorded against allocated lines of budgetary appropriation.

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2. <u>Summary of Significant Accounting and Financial Reporting Policies of the Commission Scope, Continued</u>

Assets

Cash and short-term deposits comprise of funds on deposit in operating accounts, interest bearing bank accounts, and petty cash holdings.

Contributions receivable are matched by a provision for delays in collection of the outstanding contributions, in accordance with United Nations System Accounting Standards. This is done in the interest of prudence and no judgment is made about collectability.

Acquisition of capital assets are charged against expenditure accounts in the year of purchase, hence, furniture, equipment and other non-expendable property are not included in the assets of the Commission appearing in the Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance. The estimated total of non-expendable property held by the Commission is stated in Note 6.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements may require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from these estimates and any adjustments that may be necessary would be reflected in the year in which actual results are known.

Taxation

The Commission is exempt from taxes and custom duties as follows:

Within the scope of the official activities, the Commission, its property, premises and assets and its income, including contributions made to the Commission under the Convention, shall be exempt from all national taxes. Goods, including the Commission's publications, motor vehicles and items for official entertainment purposes that are intended for the official use of the Commission shall be exempt from all customs and excise duties payable at customs, except payment for services.

Goods imported or purchased under an exemption shall not be sold or otherwise disposed of in the Federated States of Micronesia, except under conditions agreed in advance with the Government.

The Commission is subject to Pohnpei State Tax but has an arrangement in place with the national government for that tax to be reimbursed.

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3. Fund Balance

Funds being held in the name of the Commission but which are not included in the General Account Fund statements amounted to \$9,508,744 as of December 31, 2020. These funds are:

Eund	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Fund</u>		
Working Capital Fund	\$ 3,481,012	\$ 1,663,417
Western Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries		
Management Project Fund	2,310,609	2,966,110
Special Requirements Fund	423,355	236,140
Japanese Trust Fund	272,661	39,729
Fees and Charges Trust Fund	146,716	159,257
Voluntary Contributions Fund	2,133,047	1,559,519
FAO - ABNJ Project Fund	-	56,919
Chinese Taipei Trust Fund	741,344	<u>1,026,618</u>
Total	\$ <u>9,508,744</u>	\$ <u>7,707,709</u>

4. Provision for Delays in the Receipt of Contributions Receivable

The provisions of \$576,445 and \$1,262,722 in 2020 and 2019, respectively, are derived as follows:

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Assessed member contributions for the approved current year budget	\$ 7,566,550	\$ 7,536,710
<u>Add</u> outstanding contributions as at beginning of year	<u>1,262,722</u>	539,114
Total member contributions available for collection	8,829,272	8,075,824
<u>Less</u> current year contributions received	6,990,181	6,403,447
Provision for delayed contributions	1,839,091	1,672,377
<u>Less</u> prior year contributions received in current year	<u>1,262,646</u>	409,655
Total provision as at end of year	\$ <u>576,445</u>	\$ <u>1,262,722</u>

The Commission collected \$58,574 of delayed contributions after December 31, 2020, but before the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

5. Transfer of excess funds to the Working Capital Fund

Transfers of \$2,111,508 did not take place in the 2020 calendar year but will take place at the beginning of the 2021 calendar year.

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6. Non-Expendable Property

A lease and grant for the Commission's headquarters building were obtained at no charge during 2007. The cost value of the building has been estimated at \$2.9 million.

7. Other Funds

Working Capital Fund

The balance of the Working Capital Fund at December 31, 2020 totaled \$3,481,012. A copy of the financial statements related to the Working Capital Funds is on page 13.

Western Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management Project Fund

The balance of the Western Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management Project Fund at December 31, 2020 totaled \$2,310,609. A copy of the financial statements related to the fund is at page 14.

Special Requirements Fund

The balance of the Special Requirements Fund at December 31, 2020 totaled \$423,355. A copy of the financial statements related to the fund is on page 15.

Japanese Trust Fund

The balance of the Japanese Trust Fund at December 31, 2020 totaled \$272,661. A copy of the financial statements related to the fund is on page 16.

Fees and Charges Trust Fund

The balance of the Fees and Charges Trust Fund at December 31, 2020 totaled \$146,716. A copy of the financial statements related to the fund is on page 17.

Voluntary Contributions Fund

The balance of the Voluntary Contributions Fund at December 31, 2020 totaled \$2,133,047. U.S. Funds for E-Monitoring and E-Reporting were transferred to Voluntary Contributions Fund during 2019. A copy of the financial statements related to the fund is on page 18.

FAO - ABNJ Project Fund

The balance of the FAO-ABNJ Project Fund at December 31, 2020 totaled \$0. A copy of the financial statements related to the fund is on page 19.

Chinese Taipei Trust Fund

The balance of the Chinese Taipei Trust Fund at December 31, 2020 totaled \$741,344. A copy of the financial statements related to the fund is on page 20.

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7. Other Funds, Continued

Working Capital Fund
Schedule of Income and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Year Ended December 31, 2020
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2019)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Income and other additions:		
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$ 1,663,417	\$ 2,145,521
General Account Surplus, savings on prior year obligations and prior year contributions received Interest	2,166,101 1,544	132,392 2,129
Total income and other additions	3,831,062	2,280,042
Expenditures	350,050	616,625
Fund balance	\$ <u>3,481,012</u>	\$ <u>1,663,417</u>

Working Capital Fund
Schedule of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance
December 31, 2020
(With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Cash at bank Money market account Due from General Account Fund Due from ABNJ Fund Due from Chinese Taipei Trust Fund	\$ 931,137 742,815 2,111,508 25,613 19,939	\$ 966,490 741,120 14,374 - 68,016
Total assets	<u>3,831,012</u>	<u>1,790,000</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Due to General Account Fund	350,000	126,583
<u>Fund balance</u>	\$ <u>3,481,012</u>	\$ <u>1,663,417</u>

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7. Other Funds, Continued

Western Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management Project Fund Schedule of Income and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended December 31, 2020 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2019)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Income and other additions:		
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$ 2,966,110	\$ 3,677,050
Contribution for WCPFC GAF co-financing Interest	1,079	1,158
Total income and other additions	<u>2,967,189</u>	<u>3,678,208</u>
Expenditures	656,580	712,098
Fund balance	\$ <u>2,310,609</u>	\$ <u>2,966,110</u>

Western Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management Project Fund Schedule of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance December 31, 2020 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Assets		<u> </u>
Cash at bank - NZ account	\$ 849,729	\$ 911,612
Money market account	71,388	168,208
Due from General Account Fund	34,111	29,614
Tranche payment from NZ	<u>1,397,434</u>	<u>1,961,268</u>
Total assets	<u>2,352,662</u>	3,070,702
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Unliquidated obligations	31,587	-
Due to General Account Fund	10,466	104,592
Total liabilities	42,053	104,592
Fund balance	\$ <u>2,310,609</u>	\$ <u>2,966,110</u>

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7. Other Funds, Continued

Special Requirements Fund
Schedule of Income and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Year Ended December 31, 2020
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2019)

Income and other additions:	2020	<u>2019</u>
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$ 236,140	\$ 89,270
Donation from Australia Donation from USA Donation from Canada Donation from Korea Transfer from Fees Trust Fund Transfer from Working Capital Fund Transfer from Voluntary Contributions Fund Interest	66,780 47,500 75,000 - - - 254	71,570 50,000 50,000 30,000 50,000 90,000 10,000
Total income and other additions	<u>425,674</u>	441,016
Expenditures	2,319	<u>204,876</u>
Fund balance	\$ <u>423,355</u>	\$ <u>236,140</u>
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Special Requirements Fund
Schedule of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance
December 31, 2020
(With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

	<u>2020</u>	<u> 2019</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash at bank	\$ 425,523	\$ 236,140
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Due to General Account Fund	2,168	_
Fund balance	\$ <u>423,355</u>	\$ <u>236,140</u>

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7. Other Funds, Continued

Japanese Trust Fund
Schedule of Income and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Year Ended December 31, 2020
(With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2019)

language and other additions.	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Income and other additions:		
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$ 39,729	\$ 259,812
Savings on prior year obligation Contribution from Japan Interest	465,642 111	24,457 - <u>271</u>
Total income and other additions	<u>505,482</u>	<u>284,540</u>
Expenditures:		
Payments for projects Administrative expenditures	215,359 _17,462	216,917 _27,894
Total expenditures	<u>232,821</u>	<u>244,811</u>
Fund balance	\$ <u>272,661</u>	\$ <u>39,729</u>

Japanese Trust Fund
Schedule of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance
December 31, 2020
(With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

	<u>2020</u>	<u> 2019</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash at bank	\$ 290,113	\$ 67,618
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Due to General Account Fund	17,452	27,889
<u>Fund balance</u>	\$ <u>272,661</u>	\$ <u>39,729</u>

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7. Other Funds, Continued

Fees and Charges Trust Fund Schedule of Income and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended December 31, 2020 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

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Income and other additions:		
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$ 159,257	\$ 162,265
Contributions from non-members Observer fees Interest	179,824 5,890 <u>250</u>	149,210 9,054 <u>370</u>
Total income and other additions	<u>345,221</u>	<u>320,899</u>
Expenditures:		
Transfer to General Account Fund Transfer to Special Requirements Fund Bank fees and other charges Write off of CNM prior year unpaid contributions	198,310 - 120 <u>75</u>	101,542 60,000 100
Total expenditures	<u>198,505</u>	161,642
Fund balance	\$ <u>146,716</u>	\$ <u>159,257</u>

Fees and Charges Trust Fund Schedule of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance December 31, 2020 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

	2020	2019
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash at bank Due from General Account Fund	\$ 345,146 ————————————————————————————————————	\$ 260,109 <u>850</u>
Total assets	<u>345,146</u>	<u>260,959</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Due to General Account Fund Advance payments by CNMs	198,310 120	101,542 <u>160</u>
Total liabilities	<u>198,430</u>	<u>101,702</u>
Fund balance	\$ <u>146,716</u>	\$ <u>159,257</u>

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7. Other Funds, Continued

Voluntary Contributions Fund
Schedule of Income and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Year Ended December 31, 2020
(With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

Income and other additions.	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Income and other additions:		
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$ 1,559,519	\$ 1,418,477
China United States Korea European Union Canada Interest Miscellaneous	22,000 163,500 166,952 495,965 270,000 792	25,000 104,000 166,045 198,400 - 1,122 5,000
Total income and other additions	<u>2,678,728</u>	<u>1,918,044</u>
Expenditures	<u>545,681</u>	358,525
Fund balance	\$ <u>2,133,047</u>	\$ <u>1,559,519</u>

Voluntary Contributions Fund Schedule of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance December 31, 2020 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

	<u>2020</u>	<u> 2019</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash at bank - USD accounts Cash at bank - Euro accounts Tranche payment owed to Commission Due from General Account Fund	\$ 1,277,925 523,235 497,478 	\$ 984,176 271,321 765,421 25,000
Total assets	<u>2,298,638</u>	<u>2,045,918</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Unidentified deposits Unliquidated obligations Due to General Account Fund	15,332 150,259 	17,732 406,863 <u>61,804</u>
Total liabilities	<u> 165,591</u>	486,399
Fund balance	\$ <u>2,133,047</u>	\$ <u>1,559,519</u>

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7. Other Funds, Continued

FAO - ABNJ Project Fund Schedule of Income and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended December 31, 2020 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

Income and other additions:	2020	2019
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$ 56,919	\$ 168,590
Savings on prior year obligations Interest	34	484,975 <u>617</u>
Total income and other additions	<u>56,953</u>	<u>654,182</u>
Expenditures	<u>56,953</u>	<u>597,263</u>
Fund balance	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>56,919</u>
FAO - ABNJ Project Fund Schedule of Assets, Liabilities and Fund December 31, 2020 (With Comparative Totals as of December		

	<u>2020</u>	<u> 2019</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash at bank	\$ 25,613	\$ 56,919
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Due to Working Capital Fund	<u>25,613</u>	
Fund balance	\$ <u> </u>	\$ <u>56,919</u>

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7. Other Funds, Continued

Chinese Taipei Trust Fund
Schedule of Income and Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
Year Ended December 31, 2020
(With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Income and other additions:		
Balance brought forward from prior year	S 1,026,618	\$ 1,336,434
Interest	541	610
Total income and other additions	<u>1,027,159</u>	<u>1,337,044</u>
Expenditures	285,815	310,426
Fund balance	\$ <u>741,344</u>	\$ <u>1,026,618</u>

Chinese Taipei Trust Fund
Schedule of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance
December 31, 2020
(With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2019)

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash at bank Tranche payment from Chinese Taipei	\$ 589,635 400,000	\$ 515,794 <u>800,000</u>
Total assets	<u>989,635</u>	<u>1,315,794</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Unliquidated obligations Due to Working Capital Fund	228,352 _19,939	221,160 <u>68,016</u>
Total liabilities	<u>248,291</u>	289,176
<u>Fund balance</u>	\$ <u>741,344</u>	\$ <u>1,026,618</u>

Assets of \$989,635 and \$1,315,794 as of December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively, comprised \$989,635 and \$915,794 of current assets, respectively; and \$0 and \$400,000 of noncurrent assets, respectively.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 12.4(C) OF THE COMMISSION'S FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

The Executive Director
Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission:

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We have audited the general account fund statement of assets, liabilities and fund balance of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (the Commission) as of December 31, 2020 and the related statements of income and expenditures and changes in fund balance, of cash flows, and of appropriations and expenditures for the year then ended, and have issued our report thereon dated June 14, 2021.

As a result of our audit, no instances came to our attention to indicate noncompliance with the Commission's financial regulation 12.4(c).

June 14, 2021