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Project Title: West Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management Project

Executing Agency: Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

Implementing agency: Department of Capture Fisheries and Resources Protection (DECAFIREP), Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam

Period Covered: 1 January 2010 to 1 July 2010

1. Summary of Completed Activities and Proposed Budget

Activity Title	Objectives	Convened period	Proposed budget	Outputs
Inception workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief review of the structure of tuna fisheries in Vietnam, including key ports and landing sites; • Introduce the Project Results Framework and the first year draft AWP; • Consider selection of National Tuna Coordinator to assist the project and assist to develop project reports; • Prepare a Port Sampling Workshop, including meeting dates and venue and; • Other issues 	4 October 2009	\$7,518	Workshop report
Field visit to three provinces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To evaluate tuna landing sites for possible port sampling activity under the WPEA OFM; • To introduce port sampling and data collection aims and activities to Sub-DECAFIREP (provincial) staff, with a subsidiary aim of publicizing the PTPP programme and; • To encourage tag recovery 	9 - 14 March 2010	\$3,220	Field trip report
Tuna Data Collection Workshop	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To develop a 3-year work plan (or a flow chart) for the implementation of port sampling program and database acquisitions; • To adopt data collection forms, port sampling protocols, audit procedures; and • To discuss/prepare facilities, equipments, and any other requirements for the 	15 - 17 March 2010	\$18, 735	Workshop report

	<p>commencement of port sampling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To introduce the need to select a data/database manager; • To adopt a template [format] for quarterly/annually data summary report; • To develop and maintain database, and to train database management and data analysis for stock assessment. 			
Stakeholders' awareness meeting and workshop for the internal training of enumerators	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To explain and introduce tuna fisheries data collection programmes of the project (port sampling, unloading, observer, logsheet...); • To guide enumerators on how to implement tuna fisheries data collection (training on species identification, filling on the data collection forms, fish measurement methods...); • To raise awareness of relevant stakeholders in the process of implementation of tuna fisheries data collection; • To introduce the project activities to stakeholders (i.e. tuna fishing associations, fishing vessel captains, buyers, processors, etc) at landing sites; • To sign tuna data collection contracts between DECAFIREP and SUB-DECAFIREP 	17 - 18 May 2010	\$6,140	Field trip report and WS report
Participation on the Stock Assessment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand and interpret the results from the Western and Central Pacific regional 	02 - 14 June 2010	???	• Trip report

Workshop and TUFMAN Database Training	<p>tuna stock</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessments and ecosystem science assessments; • Communicate this information to fishery managers within their countries; and • Increase countries future capacity for involvement in Scientific Committee and Commission deliberations 			
Contract and local consultancy on legal and policy field	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review and analyze Vietnam's existing legal, policy and institutional arrangements for the management of Vietnam's tuna fishing operations, trading, and conservation and management activities; • To review and analyze the UN Fish Stocks Agreement, the WCPFC Convention and WCPFC's CMMs; • iii) Analyze and identify gaps and divergences between national and international (especially those of the WCPFC) legal and policy arrangements and requirements and identify how to improve Vietnam's legal, policy and institutional arrangements in order to enhance compliance with international requirements for tuna fisheries and subsequent activities, especially those of the WCPFC; and produce a check-list with these gaps and divergences as well as recommendations to address them 	21 June - 20 August 2010	\$3,150	Consultancy report including check-list with gaps and divergences and recommendations

WS on the review of policy, legal and institutional arrangements in light of the WCPFC requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To improve national legal, policy and institutional capacity in light of the requirements of WCPFC as a cooperating non-member and future potential as a full member 	17 - 18 June 2010	\$7,576	WS report including WS recommendations to the Government of Vietnam.
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2. Completed Activities by Annual Work Plans

Expected outputs	Planned activities	Current status
Indicator 1.3.1 Port sampling and data collection initiated in three provinces.	Activity Y1-01 1) Convene a Port Sampling Workshop (will also cover issues related with logbook programme and national observer programme)	Completed
	2) Convene a Review Workshop on port sampling, logbook programme and observer programme before the end of fishing season; conduct data quality control training for data manager (Activity Y1-07)	Will be held in November
	Activity Y1-02 i) Recruit port samplers (or enumerators); ii) train enumerators by national port sampling instructors (or port sampling supervisors); iii) commence experimental port sampling at one selected port (Khanh Hoa/Phu Yen/Binh Dinh); and iv) produce quarterly data summaries according to the adopted template of data summary report at the Port Sampling workshop	A local training was convened to instruct local enumerators how to collect tuna fisheries data. During the training, a need to produce a manual for tuna data collection by Vietnamese was recommended and the manual was created by the project management board. An experimental port sampling at one landing site of Phu Yen province has been commenced for longline fishery. However, port sampling will be implemented in other provinces (Binh Dinh and Khanh Hoa) in the last

		months of the year since presently there is no unloading longline vessel
<p>Indicator 1.3.2 Enhanced capacity in monitoring and data collection and analysis.</p>	<p>Activity Y1-03 i) Database development covered by Port Sampling WS (Activity Y1-01); ii) Produce a quarterly data summary report and submit to WCPFC</p>	<p>NTC has been trained for TUFMAN database use and management. However, currently there is very little data to make quarterly data summary in order to submit to WCPFC and the report will certainly be submitted to WCPFC quarterly.</p>
<p>Indicator 1.3.3 Pilot operational-level data collection, with progression to expanded data collection. Annual Targets: National logbook program for tuna fisheries developed and commenced to selected vessels/gears</p>	<p>Activity Y1-04 In conjunction with Port Sampling WS (Activity Y1-01), combined activities include: i) review the existing logbook forms and sampling protocols and those from the “<i>Workshop on the Implementation of a Logbook Programme for the fisheries of Indonesia</i> (May 2009); ii) adopt applicable logbook forms and sampling protocols for implementation; iii) commence logbook program to longline vessels in Khanh Hoa; iv) conduct data entry into database; v) produce quarterly/seasonal data summary reports; and vi) conduct review of operational level data collection</p>	<p>The existing logsheet form and sampling protocols have been reviewed during Port Sampling Workshop (Activity Y1-01). Currently a logsheet form and relevant sampling protocols were established in conjunction with national logbook programme. However logsheet have not yet been delivered to fishers because of delaying at local levels (provincial staffs) and also due to lack of financial resource for implementation.</p>
<p>Indicator 1.3.4 Develop a plan for, and implementation of, an observer program. Annual Target: (i) A plan for the implementation of an observer program developed, (ii) Preliminary observer program initiated</p>	<p>Activity Y1-05 In conjunction with the Port Sampling WS, prepare preliminary arrangements for the initiation of observer programme, including: i) Contact the Commission’s Regional Observer Programme Coordinator (Karl Staisch) for implementation of national observer programme compatible with the Commission’s Regional Observer Programme; ii) review/refine and implement a preliminary observer program in longline fishery; iii) submit a progress report of the preliminary observer programme to</p>	<p>The issues of collaboration between implementation of national observer programme compatible with the Commission’s Regional Observer Programme were discussed during the Port Sampling WS. However, the national observer have not been implementing since lack of financial resources. On the other hand, a need to have a training workshop of regional observer (Karl Staisch) for local observers is absolute necessary</p>

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Indicator 1.3.5. Study tour of port sampling, database manipulation, observer program in Philippines	Activity Y1-06 Study tour of port sampling program, operational data collection, database management, and collection of observer data in Philippines	Not yet implemented
2.1 Improved data for stock assessment Indicator 2.1.1 Data quality control training	Activity Y1-07 In conjunction with a Review Workshop, conduct data quality control training (refer to Activity Y1-01)	Completed
Indicator 2.1.2 Collaborative tuna tagging activity. Annual Target: Coordination of publicity and tag recovery	Activity Y1-08 Collect information on tuna tag recovery from SPC and strengthening communities' cooperation to collect tuna tags (SPC may provide materials related to tag return activities); on-board tagging activity on tagging vessels, if available	A raising awareness has been conducted at three provinces and some materials were also provided for stakeholders to introduce regional tagging activities.
Indicator 2.1.3 National data coordination and research. Annual Target: National Tuna Coordinator (NTC) recruited; A system for national-level data and tuna research coordination arranged by the NTC	Activity Y1-09 i) Prepare TOR for the NTC and select NTC; ii) NTC coordinates national tuna data and tuna research, including tagging project for stock assessment process; and iii) NTC coordinates National Advisory Committee for WPEA, if needed, and monitors and maintains WPEA Project outputs including managing project related documents. TOR for NTC may include: a. Coordination of national data and research at national level, b. Supervision on the provision of project-related reports, including quarterly data summary report, 6-month progress report, activity-based project report, annual project report, etc. c. Overseeing the submission of Annual Report-Part 1 and Part 2 to the	- NTC has selected - A proposal to recruit NTC have been submitted to WCPFC through project manager (SungKwon Soh)

	Commission; d. Management of WPEA project related documents.	
3.1: Training of national fishery monitoring and stock assessment staff Indicator 3.1.1 Data analysis and stock assessment training.	Activity Y1-10 i) (Year 2 and 3) Participate in regional (ie, three countries WS)/ international training programs on tuna stock assessment, workshops and/or meetings (venue either in Philippines or Indonesia); ii) Participate in SPC's stock assessment workshop; iii) Produce activity report; iv) (Year 2 and 3) Convene a national-level tuna stock assessment training workshop.	Coordinate a staff of Research Institute for Marine Fisheries participation on regional stock assessment at SPC (7-14 June 2010)
Indicator 3.1.2 Database and analytical training	Activity Y1-11 In conjunction with a Port Sampling WS, provide opportunity to data/database manager for data analysis as described in Activity Y1-01	Completed
Indicator 3.1.3 Preparation of WCPFC Annual Reports- Part I and Part 2.	Activity Y1-12 Produce and submit Annual Report – Part 1 and Part 2 to the WCPFC Secretariat (Templates are available from the WCPFC website)	So far, there is no Annual Report – Part 1 to be prepared to submit to WCPFC since Vietnamese tuna fisheries data is lacked. Hopefully a tuna fisheries profiles funded by the Netherland project will provide similar information as annual report – Part 1 and these profiles will be available in the end of this year.
4.1. Review of policy and institutional arrangements for oceanic fisheries management Indicator 4.1.1 Review of policy and legal arrangements for WCPFC-related	Activity Y1-13 i) Review national policy and legal arrangements to determine compliance with the requirements of the WCPFC, eg, WCPFC Convention and its CMMs; ii) Convene a Policy, Legal and Institutional Workshop (PLI-WS), combining with Activity Y1-14 under Indicator 4.1.2, to: a) discuss the project review report which may include a checklist of shortcomings in compliance with WCPFC requirements;	A local legal consultancy contract was also signed between WCPFC and the local legal consultants. A consultancy report is preparing and will be submitted to WCPFC on 20 August 2010 due the deadline. The PLI-WS was convened from 17 – 18 June. A checklist of shortcomings in

<p>matters</p> <p>Annual targets: To review national policy and legal arrangements and produce a checklist of shortcomings to be addressed</p>	<p>b) review recommendations in addressing the checklist;</p> <p>c) agree on recommendations to improve the policy, legal, and institutional arrangements in compliance with WCPFC</p> <p>d) produce WS report for submission to WCPFC</p>	<p>the light of WCPFC convention and its CMMs and recommendations to address in preparation to submit to Vietnamese Government.</p>
<p>Indicator 4.1.2 Review of institutional arrangements</p>	<p>Activity Y1-14 Review national institutional arrangements to determine compliance with the requirements of the WCPFC, eg, WCPFC Convention and its CMMs and review report will be presented at PLI-WS</p>	<p>Will be completed in the consultancy report mentioned above</p>
<p>4.2 Strategy to support national reform Indicator 4.2.1 Identify reform necessary to existing arrangements</p>	<p>Activity Y1-15 The PLI-WS will identify areas to reform necessary to existing arrangements (covered by the PLI-WS)</p>	<p>The PLI-WS was convened</p>
<p>5.1 Implementation of the WCPF Convention and related instruments Indicator 5.1.1 Prepare checklist of compliance shortfalls.</p>	<p>Activity Y1-16 A checklist of compliance shortcomings and recommendations to address the shortcomings produced under Activity Y1-13 (PLI-WS)</p>	<p>Completed</p>
<p>6.1 Knowledge management system for dissemination of Project-related information, lessons and best practices Indicator 6.1.1 Establish appropriate KLM</p>	<p>Activity Y1-17 i) Convene a national inception workshop to introduce WPEA OFM Project to all tuna fisheries related stakeholders in Vietnam ii) Develop a WPEA website (developing a design/flowchart and a website demo period included) iii) Share WPEA project information through mass media and brochure distribution</p>	<p>A national inception workshop was conducted.</p>

in all countries		
6.2 Establish and develop Tuna Associations (Vietnam, Indonesia) to fully involve industry Indicator 6.2.1 National body coordinating provincial and national work.	Activity (Year 2) Assist the establishment of a national level Vietnamese Tuna Association and support its involvement in WCPFC activities, including support the Association to participate in WCPFC meetings	Not yet implemented
7.1 Development of National Tuna Management Plans Indicator 7.1.1 Assistance provided to develop NTMPs in two countries and revise in the third	Activity (Year 2) i) Develop a strategic plan including a template for the NTMP ii) Develop a draft NTMP iii) Convene a workshop for the government to adopt the NTMP	Not yet implemented

3. Further Activities in This Year

- Implement tuna fisheries data collection at Binh Dinh and Khanh Hoa whenever tuna longline fishery is started;
- Convene a Review Workshop to review tuna fisheries data collection (challenges, issues and solutions);
- Conduct more raising awareness and dissemination strategies for relevant stakeholders;
- Build capacity for fisheries staffs at the local and central levels.

4. Challenges/Issues Encountered

- Administrative procedures are complicated and difficult: Since we are now using a separate bank account of the project and thus the DECAFIREP (MARD) have established a project management board with a project director, a vice project director

and a project accountant. Moreover, to withdraw the budget from this bank account we need to have a signature of the project director however this is very difficult because he is not always available and therefore it is hard for project coordinator to active implementation of project activities. WCPFC should consider discussing with DECAFIREP to solve this issue.

- Lack of compliance of stakeholders: Logsheet programme will potentially be possible encountering this problem.

- Lack of human resources: at the provincial level, fishery staffs are not enough because they have to response for other duties in the department. Each province we can allocate 2 enumerators and this is impossible to cover a large area such as Binh Dinh province where landing sites are located far from the fisheries department office and thus the enumerators have to be stationary at the landing sites.

- Lack of financial availability: UNDP funding is not ready and thus it might be a problem for implementation processes. However, WCPFC has tried to secure the budget as much as they can from other available cofounding over the last period and thus this problem can be reduced.

5. Solutions Applied (to address issues and challenges)

More raising awareness strategies should be conducted to ensure that activities for relevant stakeholder awareness are fulfilled to be able to get their full compliances and liaison.

Allocate budget to conduct further activities of the project.

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