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**JAPAN TRUST FUND STATUS REPORT 2024**

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**Cook Islands, Palau, Samoa, South Pacific Group (SPG<sup>1</sup>), Solomon Islands, Tonga, and Secretariat**

**Introduction**

The majority of the WCPFC Members are developing states including Small Island Developing States (SIDS), whose capacities to implement conservation and management measures are limited and would benefit from strengthened capacity. The WCPFC Project on Capacity Building in Fisheries Statistics, Regulations and Enforcement for SIDS originated from a Japanese funding proposal to the WCPFC made in December 2005, also known as the Japan Trust Fund (JTF). The primary objective of this project is to support capacity building of the developing countries of the WCPFC members, especially SIDS. The initial phase of the project was for 5 years starting from 2006 to 2011 with a total available funding of approximately USD 2 million.

Given the success of and general support for the project in its first 5-year phase, the Fisheries Agency of Japan sought and successfully secured a budget of around USD 2 million in total, for the second 5-year phase. The objectives and terms of reference for the second phase were similar to the previous phase, with an emphasis on enforcement and compliance. In 2016 the Japanese government granted an extension of one year to the second phase, supporting projects in 2017, which was further extended to include another year, 2018.

In 2019, the Japanese Fisheries Agency approved a third phase for the JTF retaining the same objectives and terms of reference for another 5 years. This third phase program is the same as the previous phases in principle with an emphasis on a new fisheries management procedure including harvest strategy and a new monitoring technology-related project. In 2022, there were six (6) successful proposals supported by JTF with a budget allocation of USD 232,821.00.

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<sup>1</sup> Cook Islands, Fiji, Niue, Samoa, Tonga, and Vanuatu

In 2024, the total JTF was around USD168,474. The 2024 JTF was significantly reduced by 28% due to depreciation in the currency exchange rate of Japanese Yen which resulted in budget reduction in terms of US dollars. There were four (4) project proposals approved for 2024 with a total budget of USD 195,643.55. The 2024 fund shortfall was taken from the previous year's JTF balance of around USD 27,169.55. A summary of 2024 approved projects and their status are found in **Annex 1** of this report.

All JTF projects conducted are found on the WCPFC website at [Japan Trust Fund Summary of Projects 2012 to Date](#). Brief country reports of completed JTF projects in 2023 are found in the [Japan Trust Fund Annual Report 2024](#). While the status reports for carried-over projects from previous years are detailed in **Annex 2**.

In general, the new and carried over approved projects funded by the JTF are mainly for SIDS seeking assistance in building their capacities related to data collection, especially in these new emerging technologies such as electronic reporting and electronic monitoring (ER and EM) which will eventually assist in the harvest strategy work being developed by WCPFC.

### **Japan Trust Fund – Objectives and Expected Activities**

The objectives and expected activities for the JTF are contained in the Consolidated Project Document , which provides guidelines for the Steering Committee to select project proposals. They may be conveniently summarized as follows:

*“The basic objectives of this project are, within the purview of WCPFC, to assist SIDS Members, and other developing States Members as appropriate, in improving their capacities in:*

- a. *Data collection and reporting of their fisheries and associated activities, in particular, those required by WCPFC, and*
- b. *Establishment of fisheries regulation and its effective enforcement, in particular, the conservation and management measures adopted by WCPFC*

*In order to pursue these objectives, following activities may be implemented under the Project:*

- a. *Data collection and reporting of their fisheries and associated activities, in particular, those required by WCPFC:*
  - *identify and examine the source of uncertainty in data collection and reporting;*
  - *develop and implement capacity-building programs to improve fisheries data collection and reporting;*
  - *assist if necessary WCPFC to facilitate appropriate opportunities (e.g., meetings, workshops) to consider improved data collection and reporting of their fisheries by developing States and their participation in the Commission.*
- b. *Establishment of fisheries regulation and its effective monitoring, control and enforcement, in particular, the requirements by WCPFC*
  - *review enforcement and monitoring mechanisms in developing states Members in terms of legal, institutional and technical aspects and identify opportunities for strengthening these areas;*
  - *develop and implement capacity-building programs to improve fisheries monitoring regulation and enforcement by developing states members;*
  - *assist if necessary WCPFC to hold appropriate opportunities to consider improved enforcement by developing States under their jurisdiction and through their participation in the Commission.”*

**Annex 1. Status of Approved Projects for 2024 (Phase 4, Year 1 Program)**

#	Beneficiary Member(s)	Contacts	Project Title	Objectives	Budget (USD)
1	South Pacific Group (SPG) <sup>2</sup>	<p><b>Roseti Imo</b> – Chair of the South Pacific Group Email: <a href="mailto:roseti.imo@maf.gov.ws">roseti.imo@maf.gov.ws</a></p> <p><b>Lars Olsen</b> - SPG Technical Adviser Email: <a href="mailto:olsenpacific@gmail.com">olsenpacific@gmail.com</a></p>	<p>Development of a Register of Fishing Rights and a Catch Estimation and Visualisation Tool to enable zone-based management of south Pacific albacore by the South Pacific Group</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Develop the system specifications through consultation with SPG, FFA, and SPC.</li> <li>2. Develop the Register of Fishing Rights and the Catch Estimation and Visualisation Tool in consultation with SPG, FFA, and SPC.</li> <li>3. Test, demonstrate the system, and train parties on use of the system.</li> </ol>	50,000.00

**Status:** The funds for this activity were transferred to FFA (to manage for SPG) in April 2024. The first Catch Estimation and Visualisation Tool (CEVT) planning meeting with SPC occurred on 23 April which set the project in motion with SPC. It was agreed that a broader in-person meeting at SPC was required to address the complexities of the application development. Due to the civil unrest in Noumea that began on 13 May, this application development meeting was delayed until 11 June. A key outcome of this meeting was that SPC will focus on the development of the CEVT and that SPG will need to work with FFA and/or contractors to develop the RFR. A SPG development meeting with FFA is still outstanding but will be scheduled soon. Following the initial planning meeting, a draft work plan was developed for the CEVT part of the project:

Activity	Provisional date	Personal
Clean data and improve modelling		
Get clean datasets to test different modelling options	25 June	SM/TV
Develop initial catch-per-day models	1 August	SM/TV
Develop initial forecasting rest of year models	8 August	SM/TV
Investigate data problems		
Annual catch estimates vs corrected logsheets	July 25	PW
Port sampling vs reported logsheets investigation	August 15	TBD
VMS fishing day prediction	August 15	BP
Produce working example app for Tonga and 1 other	Mid-August	SM/TV
Present to members (SPG initially) for initial feedback	Late-August?	SM/LO?
Roll out preliminary app to other SPG members	Late in year?	SM/TV

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		Continue to correct data problems and refine modelling to produce more accurate results	SC to end of year	All	
		Develop the framework for a final app – platform, security etc.	?	?	
		Develop documentation of the app for users	End of year?	SM	
		Link with register of fishing rights system	When both ready		
<p>The target for the completion of both the RFR and the CEVT is the end of 2024. This may be ambitious, but all efforts will be made to attain this goal.</p>					
2	Tonga	<p><b>Dr. Sione Vailala Matoto</b> CEO for Fisheries Email: <a href="mailto:ceo@tongafish.gov.to">ceo@tongafish.gov.to</a>; <a href="mailto:vailala@yahoo.com">vailala@yahoo.com</a></p> <p><b>Mr. Poasi Ngaluafe</b>, Head of Fisheries Science Division Email: <a href="mailto:poasi.ngaluafe@tongafish.gov.to">poasi.ngaluafe@tongafish.gov.to</a></p> <p><b>Ms. Lavinia Vaipuna</b>, Head of Offshore Section Email: <a href="mailto:lavinia.vaipuna@tongafish.gov.to">lavinia.vaipuna@tongafish.gov.to</a>; <a href="mailto:nia.vaipuna@gmail.com">nia.vaipuna@gmail.com</a></p>	Support and maintain high level data collection and to improve management of tuna fisheries in Tonga, as well as providing timely feedback through monitoring programs on conservation of tuna Species ( <i>Port Sampling</i> )	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To fund tuna data collection (port sampling) over one full calendar year (2024) in Tonga</li> <li>2. To fund artisanal tuna data collection over one full calendar year (2024) in Tonga.</li> <li>3. To empower staff capacity to enable collection of data and enter into database.</li> <li>4. To conduct E-Reporting training of all new tuna vessel masters, port samplers and artisanal data officers.</li> <li>5. That the excess amount from each month (when estimated number of vessels not reach target which means less than 20 unloading duties on tuna vessels per month) will be available to improve management and provide awareness of data collection.</li> <li>6. To enhance the capacity of fisheries personnel on data management and reporting by attending the annual Tuna Data Workshop at SPC Noumea.</li> </ol>	46,508.00
<p><b>Status:</b> The funds for this project were received in April 2024 and the activities (port sampling, e-reporting) are ongoing.</p>					

The JTF project has made significant strides since funding was received in April 2024. Key activities, including port sampling and e-reporting, are ongoing, and data collection efforts are yielding positive results across various sectors.

Component	Status	Progress	Next Steps
<b>Port Sampling</b>	Ongoing	Active	Continue monitoring and sampling
<b>E-Reporting</b>	Ongoing	Active	Enhance submission processes
<b>Artisanal Fishery Data</b>	Ongoing	100% coverage	Expand data collection efforts
<b>Capacity Training</b>	Completed	Ongoing	Plan additional training sessions

**Fishing Vessels Activity:**

- Domestic Vessels : 4 vessels engaged in tuna fishing operations
- Foreign Vessels : 7 foreign vessels operating in our waters
- Total trips: 75 trips undertaken by these vessels with 100% logsheets coverage maintained since January 2024.

**Tuna Artisanal fishery Data collection:**

- Logsheets submitted :
  - o Ha’apai Islands : 30 logsheets
  - o Vava’u Island : 55 logsheets
  - o ‘Eua Island : 242 logsheets
  - o Niua : 12 logsheets

**Capacity Training Initiatives:**

- TAILS refresher training conducted in Ha’apai (June 4th – 8th 2024)
- In house e-reporting training completed for onshore applications
- SPC training conducted for Close Kin Mark Recapture (CKMR) data collection

**E-Reporting Submissions:**

- OnBoard : 65 submissions
- OnShore : 120 submissions
- TAILS : 339 submissions
- Ollo : 10 trips submissions

Close Kin Mark Recapture (CKMR): New data collection initiative utilizing the OnShore application for data entry and submission.

Tuna Data Workshop: Successfully enabled an additional participant from the Observer team to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> Tuna Data Workshop 2024 in Noumea New Caledonia.

Daily Data Collection Monitors: Currently maintain 7 monitors actively assisting with the data collection efforts.

The JTF Project is on track to achieve its objectives with substantial progress in data collection and capacity building. Continued collaboration and proactive engagement will be essential for maintaining momentum and addressing any emerging challenges.

3	Samoa	<p><b>Moli Amosa Iakopo</b> Samoa Principal Fisheries Officer- Offshore and Compliance Units Email: <a href="mailto:moli.iakopo@maf.gov.ws">moli.iakopo@maf.gov.ws</a></p> <p><b>Roseti Imo</b> Samoa Fisheries ACEO-MAF Email: <a href="mailto:roseti.imo@maf.gov.ws">roseti.imo@maf.gov.ws</a></p>	Enhancing Capacity and Strengthening Samoa National Observer Program	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Expand the observer program to include certified observers from the public.</li> <li>2. To Identify and train an individual for the role of a debriefer and Develop and implement standardized debriefing procedures.</li> <li>3. Create SOPs for various aspects of observer tasks, ensuring consistency and compliance.</li> <li>4. Formulate a comprehensive emergency action plan to guide observers in crisis situations.</li> <li>5. Develop a Fisheries Observer Policy tailored to Samoa's context and in line with ROP requirements.</li> </ol>	33,000.00
<p><b>Status:</b> The funds were received in April 2024 and activities to enhance and strengthen Samoa's national observer program are ongoing.</p>					
4	Palau	<p><b>Ms. Persis Omelau</b>, Acting Director Bureau of Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Environment P.O. Box 117, Koror, Palau, 96940 Email: <a href="mailto:omelaupersis@gmail.com">omelaupersis@gmail.com</a></p>	Supplementing the continued Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring (ER/EM) Program for the Division of Oceanic Fisheries of the	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Palau's local fishing company will be compliant with national regulations, WCPFC CMM 2013-05 on Catch and Effort Reporting, CMM 2014-03 on Standards, Specifications and Procedures for</li> </ol>	53,500.00

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<p><b>Status:</b> The funds were received in April 2024 and activities are ongoing. Recently on mid-July this year, Palau's Bureau of Fisheries obtained six tablets to be used for this project. Palau is now in preparation for its App installations and working internally and with companies setting in-country workshops to gain understanding and knowledge of its utilization and making progress for implementation.</p>					
	<b>Sub-total</b>			<b>Sum of project budget requested</b>	<b>183,008.00</b>
	WCPFC	Aaron Nighswander <a href="mailto:aaron.nighswander@wcpfc.int">aaron.nighswander@wcpfc.int</a>	7.5% administrative fee	Overhead	12,635.55
	<b>JTF 2024</b>				<b>168,474.00</b>
	<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>Total JTF for 2024</b>	<b>195,643.55<sup>3</sup></b>

<sup>3</sup> The USD 27,169.55 will be taken from the remaining Japan Trust Fund from previous years (Refer to WCPFC20-2023-FAC17-07).

**Annex 2. Carried over projects from previous years**

#	Beneficiary Member(s)	Contacts	Project Title	Purpose/Summary	Budget (USD)
1	Palau	<p><b>Ms. Persis Omelau</b>, Acting Director Bureau of Fisheries Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, and Environment P.O. Box 117, Koror, Palau, 96940 Email: <a href="mailto:omelaupersis@gmail.com">omelaupersis@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Keith Mesebeluu, Policy Specialist/Acting Chief Email: <a href="mailto:keithmesebeluu@gmail.com">keithmesebeluu@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Ms Zilah D. Oiterong Licensing and Revenue Officer Email: <a href="mailto:dirremeang@gmail.com">dirremeang@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Mr. Everson Sengebau EM Officer Observer</p>	Development of Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring (ER/EM) Program for the Division of Oceanic Fisheries of the Bureau of Fisheries, Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Environment	<p>1. To assess and develop a fisheries electronic reporting and electronic monitoring program for information gathering and sharing.</p> <p>2. To address known gaps in data collection in the longline fishery and enhance the capacity of fisheries personnel on proper methods of data collection through ER/EM.</p> <p>3. To work in line with the newly amended and adopted WCPFC CMM 2013-05 on Catch and Effort Reporting, CMM 2014-03 on Standards, Specifications and Procedures for the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels, FFA's Regional LL EM objectives, and Palau's Blue Prosperity Plan to improve the availability and Accessibility of quality-assured information for scientific and compliance purposes and contribute to improving economic viability of longline fisheries.</p>	45,500.00

**Status:**

Palau conducted two (2) workshops related to this project in September and December 2023. There were remaining funds for this project but Palau seeks to use the remaining balance to supplement the ongoing work of the development of the EM and ER operational procedures, and further



supplement the new proposed ER/EM Program for the Division of Oceanic Fisheries. Please refer to the [JTF Annual Report 2024](#) for more details on the project and further updates at the 2024 Steering Committee this August.

2	Solomon Islands	<p>Mr. Derrick Tagosia          Electronic Reporting and Monitoring Coordinator          Email: DTagosia@fisheries.gov.sb          Phone: +677 39143/30264</p>	<p>Training of Solomon Islands Fisheries Compliance Officers in Honiara and Noro on the use of Fisheries Information Management System (FIMS) Compliance Module to create, record and manage non-compliance cases and incidences electronically and the training of the Industries Officers and the Fishing Vessels Captains on the use of iFIMS new eForms (Transshipment and Unloading) to record, send and manage catch data electronically.</p>	<p>1. To train our Compliance Officers on the FIMS Compliance module to;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Receive GEN 3 reports from the Observers.</li> <li>o Create new Incidences based on GEN 3 reports.</li> <li>o Create new Cases based on Incidences created from GEN 3 reports from Observers.</li> <li>o Update cases, upload documents and evidence to the Cases management module in FIMS.</li> <li>o Change cases status based on the progresses, depending on the progress of the case, either, start investigation, start interviewing, court hearing, or fined and settled and complete.</li> </ul> <p>2. To train the Fishing Companies on how to use the FIMS Transshipment and the Unloading modules to record, report and manage catch data as well as viewing status of cases in FIMS.</p>	34,965.00
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**Status:**

The funds were received by Solomon Islands in late October 2023 and the training for their MCS Officers in Noro on the FIMS Compliance Module was conducted in November 2023, and then the training of their Honiara-based MCS Officers is yet to be conducted this year 2024. Solomon Islands is planning to conduct the training before the end of March or early April 2024. Solomon Islands further informed that the remaining funds will be used to conduct the remaining activities. Please refer to the [JTF Annual Report 2024](#) for more details on the project and further updates at the 2024 Steering Committee this August.

3	Solomon Islands	Mr. Derrick Tagosia Electronic Reporting and Monitoring Coordinator Email: DTagosia@fisheries.gov.sb Phone: +677 39143/30264	Training of the Longline Fishing Companies Technical people on the basic Electronic Monitoring (EM) Systems troubleshooting processes and support to the Ministry's technical officers to travel down to Noro port to fix failed EM systems.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To train the Fishing companies technical officers on how to; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Inspect and check for hardware and software faults and errors.</li> <li>o Remove and replace full hard drives in port when vessels arrive back in port.</li> <li>o Shuts down and start EM systems to try and hard reset EM systems.</li> <li>o Reset systems by pressing the reset button.</li> <li>o Check to see if dates and positional data are updated.</li> <li>o Report faults and errors to the Ministry and plan for EM team to travel down to Noro to fix any serious faults and errors.</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. To travel down to Noro once every 2 months (6 times to Noro) this year 2023 to fix hardware and software faults; the faults to be fix when traveling to Noro include but not limited to;</li> </ol>	24,675.00
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				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Fix fault hardware</li> <li>o Remove and replace hardware spare parts including; cameras, antennas, cables, screen/server and UPS</li> <li>o Install software upgrades</li> <li>o Install updates</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Status:</b>  The Solomon Islands had conducted an onsite technical support training for their Industries in Noro last November 2023. They had a technical support trip on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024 and will be having follow-up technical support trips in the coming weeks/months until July 2024. The remaining funds will be used to conclude the outstanding project activities. Please refer to the <a href="#">JTF Annual Report 2024</a> for more details on the project and further updates at the 2024 Steering Committee this August.</p>					
4	Solomon Islands	<b>Mr. Derrick Tagosia</b> Electronic Reporting and Monitoring Coordinator Email: <a href="mailto:DTagosia@fisheries.gov.sb">DTagosia@fisheries.gov.sb</a> Phone: +677 39143/30264	Support to Solomon Islands National Electronic Monitoring (EM) Policy Consultations, Drafting and Launching	To provide financial support for Solomon Islands National Longline EM Policy internal and external consultations with the industries and stakeholders.	48,247.50
<p><b>Status:</b>  Solomon Islands (SI) recognizes that monitoring of fishing activities and operations of fishing vessels remains a big challenge, especially for longline fishing vessels, thus, the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR) viewed electronic monitoring (EM) as the solution to these challenges of monitoring longline fishing vessels activities and operations. As EM is an emerging management tool in tuna fisheries monitoring utilizing new available technologies in gathering data that will help in the verification and validation of fisheries' logbook information, leading to enhanced data, which will support improved fisheries management and help verify and monitor implementation of CMMs. In WCPFC, EM data could be a source of independent and impartial data which will supplement the ROP and other data sources, that will eventually support the harvest strategy work that is currently being developed. In this regard, the support provided to Solomon Islands for this project is essential to guide Solomon Islands EM program implementations.</p>					

Solomon Islands has completed the internal consultations within the Ministry and the external consultations with the companies and already has a draft SI EM Policy to review and submit to the management for their input before the validation workshop, printing, and dissemination.

Solomon Islands was not able to finalize and launch their draft EM policy last year 2023. The Solomon Islands will have the final consultation with their Industries and the management and they should have their final draft for the executive management to approve before they go for printing and launching sometime in June 2024. The balance of USD13,247.50 is for the final consultations, printing, and launching. The project activities are still ongoing and are expected to be concluded in June 2024.

Please refer to the [JTF Annual Report 2024](#) for more details on the project and further updates at the 2024 Steering Committee this August.

5	Cook Islands	Mr Andrew Jones Senior Fisheries Officer <a href="mailto:A.Jones@mmr.gov.ck">A.Jones@mmr.gov.ck</a>	Development of National Competent Authority [HACCP strategy] for Cook Islands Offshore Fisheries	This project seeks to support a comprehensive review of Ministry of Marine Resources (MMR) Competent Authority programs to ensure that current systems respond to the needs of MMR's fisheries management framework.	74,500.00
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**Status:**

Cook Islands had challenges securing expertise in a timely manner to complete the Competent Authority (CA) policy elements of this work. Cook Islands had to engage in a procurement process and an expert from New Zealand (NZ) that will be visiting the MMR office in Rarotonga to complete this work. Cook Islands' new timeline for this project is to be completed by December 2024, due to travel schedules for the training elements. Cook Islands was able to supplement the budget to have more staff trained on this CA work. FFA has also offered its assistance for Cook Islands related to this project. Limited staffing capacity and competing priorities caused delays in progressing the work. The majority of this work is still ongoing. Please refer to the [JTF Annual Report 2024](#) for more details on the project update and further updates at the 2024 Steering Committee this August.

6	Cook Islands	Ms Pamela Maru Secretary MMR <a href="mailto:P.Maru@mmr.gov.ck">P.Maru@mmr.gov.ck</a>	Improving participation and engagement in international fisheries forums	The Ministry of Marine Resources (MMR) intends to implement a series of training sessions to engage and prepare staff to participate in regional fisheries meetings. This work supports professional development, including working	62,886.10
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**Status:**

In December 2022, Cook Islands informed that the project activities have been completed such as course material development (9 modules, study guide plus quiz/test materials), in-country delivery of courses to two cohorts (with 1 expert only) during a single visit to Rarotonga. Some of the activities have been undertaken in a reduced capacity given travel, expert availability, and other factors during the COVID-19 pandemic. In this case, the total received budget of NZD 92,406 has some savings of about NZD 22,515. The Cook Islands requested that the remaining funds be used to update the training materials and digitize the said materials (e.g. videos) to provide for self-learning. The Cook Islands prepared a proposal related to this request which was approved by Japan.

As noted above, Cook Islands requested to utilize the remaining funds from the original project to continue to enhance the training materials and then position the modules where they will be accessible online for new/other Cook Islands participants. The Cook Islands informed that the project manager on this related work has retired so there was a gap in implementation to complete this work. The Cook Islands has re-engaged the consultant who will be digitizing the materials (videos) as per the approved use of the remaining funds. Due to the number of modules, Cook Islands plans for this work to be completed in the next 4 months (until December 2024). The Cook Islands have not made any payments as yet until we receive an invoice from the consultant. Please refer to the [JTF Annual Report 2024](#) for more details on the project and further updates at the 2024 Steering Committee this August.