



SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

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Summary Report of 2009 Steering Committee Meeting on Japanese Trust Fund (JTF)

WCPFC-SC5-2009/GN-WP-19

19 Aug 2009

Opening of Meeting

1. The first meeting of the Steering Committee on Japanese Trust Fund (JTF) was held at 12:40, 18 August 2009 during the fifth Scientific Committee meeting at Port Vila, Vanuatu. The meeting was chaired by Dr Ziro Suzuki, coordinator of the JTF. Participants include A. Wright, Z. Suzuki, J. Hampton, T. Fukuda, M. Ogura, SK Soh, E. Pangelinan, L. Manarangi-Trott, and R. Tumo. Adopted agenda is annexed.

Review the past project performances

Z. Suzuki introduced the provisional agenda (WCPFC-SC-2009-11) and briefed past project performances (SC5-GN-IP-12), status of call for proposals for 2010 JTF, current financial status, review of the JTF Steering Committee members. He noted the projects have been well appreciated by the recipients and implementation of the individual projects is satisfactorily made.

J. Hampton reported that the fund has been used to fund important SPC activities to build the capacity of small island developing states and participating territories of the WCPFC, including stock assessment and tuna data workshops, observer training and development of the database system TUFMAN. He expected that observer programme capacitybuilding would receive a greater focus of future SPC projects, while acknowledging the importance of the ongoing stock assessment and tuna data workshops.. L. Manarangi-Trott reported that FFA remains very supportive of the SPC activities funded under JTF, noting that they contribute directly to FFA island members capacity building. In 2008, the co-funding of USD80,000 from the JTF was used for the 2008 High Seas Boarding and Inspection Scheme Training Workshop for FFA members. This workshop assisted FFA members in considering the practical and legislative requirements to implement the WCPFC High Seas Boarding and Inspection Scheme. It was noted that three island FFA members are currently authorized to conduct High Seas Boarding and Inspections, and more are expected once legislative requirements have been fulfilled. A. Wright reminded the Committee that a part of the JTF for 2009 was funded to the West Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Project that will replace ongoing IPDCP

Briefing of call for proposals for 2010 JTF

The Committee agreed to delay the deadline date for proposal of the 2010 JTF from 31th October 2009 to 31th of December 2009, noting the WCPFC meeting schedule, and so that more time can be given for completion of proposals. It was suggested to show the templates of proposals to facilitate the submission of the proposals.

Review of the SC members

The Steering Committee reviewed its membership and there is no change of the members.

Others

No other matters proposed.

Close of the Meeting

The meeting closed at 13:20, 18 August 2009.

ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Review the past project performances

The Steering Committee (SC) of the Japan Trust Fund (JTF) will review the past performances of the projects which started from 2008 and now in its second year. A list of past and ongoing projects is attached in the Tables 1a, 1b and 2. Note that the 2007 and 2008 Projects were shown combined due to late start of the 2007 JTF and partial appropriation of the JTF to Core WCPFC budget. For all Projects shown in Tables 1a and 1b, narrative and full financial reports have been provided to the SC. Participants to the SC Meeting will report on the implementation of their Projects noting outcomes and effectiveness. The status of the ongoing Projects may also be reported to the SC.

2. Briefing of call for proposals for 2010 JTF

Call for proposals to the 2010 JTF has been made through the WCPFC Circular and WCPFC website (see **Opportunities**). The SC invites discussion on implementation issues such as the objectives of the JTF, criteria of selection of the proposals, and the timetable of the JTF during 2009 and 2010.

3. Review of the SC members

The SC will review the SC membership and make change if necessary.

4. Others

Any other matters will be discussed if necessary.