



**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
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Port Vila, Vanuatu
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**WEST PACIFIC EAST ASIA OCEANIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PROJECT
PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE**

**WCPFC-SC5-2009/GN-WP06
13th August 2009**

Opening of Meeting

1. The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Executive Director, Mr Andrew Wright, welcomed participants and observers to the first meeting of the Steering Committee on the West Pacific East Asia (WPEA) Oceanic Fisheries Management Project, the successor to the Indonesia Philippines Data Collection Project (IPDCP). He noted that this was a transitional meeting that would support the phase-out of the IPDCP and the formal establishment of the WPEA OFM. A list of participants and observers is appended at **Attachment 1**.

2. Mr Wright noted that this project, designed to address gaps in the data for the WCPO tuna fisheries, has been financially supported by voluntary contributions since 2002. He advised that the Global Environment Facility (GEF) has committed to provide USD1.0 million to the WPEA subject to finalization of annual work plans by Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam, and a successful inception meeting with UNDP, Manila on 25 August 2009. He further advised that the support of the GEF would not have been possible without the formal involvement of several significant partners in the Project. In addition to in-kind and cash contributions by the participating countries the Project had secured co-financing or funding in-kind partnership arrangements with the Australian International Development Assistance Agency (AusAID), the US National Marine Fisheries Service, the Government of Japan (through the WCPFC Japan Trust Fund), the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), the Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research (ACIAR) and the Commission. On behalf of the Project, Mr Wright expressed appreciation to all partners for this support noting that the Project would welcome additional partnerships throughout implementation.

3. A summary of Project-related activities during the last 12 months, including a summary of activities undertaken under the auspices of the Project Preparatory Grant (PPG) which was used to draft the Project Document, was available to the meeting (WCPFC-SC5-2009//GN-IP-05). The Final Project Document for the WPEA OFM was included at Attachment B of GN-IP-05.

Appointment of Chairman and Rapporteurs

4. Mr Andrew Wright was appointed as Chair for this meeting. The WCPFC Secretariat provided rapporteur assistance.

Adoption of the Agenda

5. The draft meeting agenda, appended at **Attachment 2**, was used to guide discussion.

Transition of IPDCP-SC to WPEA-PSC

Review of Membership

6. The following composition of the PSC was endorsed:
 - a. Philippines;
 - b. Indonesia;
 - c. Vietnam;
 - d. WCPFC Secretariat;
 - e. UNDP;
 - f. United Nations Office of Project Services (UNOPS);
 - g. The GEF, and
 - h. Partner governments/agencies.

Review of the IPDCP activities

7. The WCPFC Science Manager, Dr SungKwon Soh, provided a brief description on project activities to date, including a description of the Project Inception Workshop held at Cebu, Philippines from 2-4 July 2009. A summary of 2008/2009 IPDCP/WPEA activities supported by the WCPFC Secretariat is presented in WCPFC-SC5-2009/GN-IP-05.

Finance and Administration

Financial Status of the WPEA

8. The Chair advised that the financial status of the WPEA for 2009 as at 31 July 2009 is presented in WCPFC-SC5-2009/GN-IP-06. This was accepted by the PSC.

Establishment of Project Steering Committee (PSC)

9. The meeting formally agreed to the re-designation of the IPDCP Steering Committee as the WPEA Project Steering Committee.

Chairmanship

10. The PSC agreed that the WCPFC Secretariat chair the PSC for an initial period of 12 months and that, at PSC-2, one of the participating countries be invited to provide a Chair for the second year of the Project.

Pending administrative matters

11. The Chair noted that outstanding work included the finalization of annual work plans by Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam, the establishment of financial, administration including audit arrangements for each country and the convening of a Project Appraisal Committee (PAC) by UNDP (Manila). Noel Barut, Philippines has agreed to represent the Project at the PAC in Manila and the WCPFC secretariat will participate by telephone link.

Other Matters

12. The Chair noted that one of the more significant challenges for the Project was identifying all stakeholders currently engaged in, or planning to be involved in, initiatives and activities related to the WPEA in the three participating countries. He suggested that it is in the interests of all stakeholders, particularly the participating countries, to promote collaboration and coordination on project-related activities so as to avoid duplication and competition. He appealed to all Project stakeholders to promote this endeavor.

Adoption of Report

13. This summary of discussions during the first meeting of the WPEA OFM PSC was [adopted].

Close of the Meeting

14. In closing the meeting, the Chair thanked the FFA Secretariat for its support in the initial stages of the project, including the provision of co-financing. The meeting commended the WCPFC Secretariat for its hard work in developing and initiating this Project.

List of Participants

Naozumi Miyabe (SC Chair)
David Wilson (Australia)
Miki Ogura (Japan)
Hitoshi Honda (Japan)
Takumi Fukuda (Japan)
Steven Retalmai (FSM)
Doo-Hae An (Korea)
Chiguk Ahn (Korea)
Ludwig Kumoru (Papua New Guinea)
Lara Manarangi-Trott (FFA Secretariat)
Peter Williams (SPC)
Ferral Lasi (Solomon Islands)
Kevin Kuo-nan Chung (Chinese Taipei)
Ren-Fen Wu (Chinese Taipei)
Elaine Garvilles (Philippines)
Noel Barut (Philippines)
Kim Duckworth (New Zealand)
Andrew Wright (WCPFC Secretariat)
SungKwon Soh (WCPFC Secretariat)
Karl Staisch (WCPFC Secretariat)
Andrew Richards (WCPFC Secretariat)



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