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AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR 2008 AND GENERAL ACCOUNT FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR 2008

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Introduction

1. The Commission's Financial Regulations require that the independent external Auditor issue a report on the audit of the annual financial statements and relevant schedules relating to the accounts (Finance Regulation 12.6) and that 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).

2. In undertaking the audit the Auditor is required to report on all relevant matters, including:

- whether the statements are based on proper accounts and records;
- 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 have been in accordance with the Regulations; and
- 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.

3. The audit and compliance reports, which comprise all of the formal communications from the external auditor, were placed on the Commission's website in June 2009. The website posting was notified in the Secretariat's Second Quarter report. 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

4. In accordance with the requirements of Finance Regulation 11, the Commission's annual financial statements for the 2008 financial period were submitted to the Auditor prior to 31 March 2009. The audit was completed within the prescribed time period of 90 days and a copy of the audit report and audited financial statements was subsequently provided to the Commission within 30 days.

Scope

5. 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 2008, namely the Working

Capital Fund, Special Requirements Fund, Regional Observer Programme Support Fund, Indonesia/Philippines Data Collection Project Fund, Japanese Trust Fund, Headquarters Building Fund and the Voluntary Contributions Fund is given at Note 6 to the Financial Statements. These other funds were therefore subject to the same audit process as the General Account Fund. The reporting format for these funds was adopted on the recommendation of the external auditor.

Audit findings

6. The audit report and compliance report provide:

- the external auditors opinion that the "financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the general account fund of the Commission as of 31 December, 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended..."; and

- a statement that there was no evidence of non compliance with the Commission's Financial Regulation 12.4. in relation to income, expenditure and investment of moneys and the acquisition and disposal of assets.

Financial results

7. The financial statements show that the outcome for the General Account Fund for 2008 was, after providing USD256,000 as an offset against 2009 contributions, a Fund balance of \$6,832 which was transferred to the Working Capital Account in accordance with Financial Regulation 4.4.

Recommendation

8. The Commission is invited to either accept the audited financial statements or take other action as it may consider appropriate.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008



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Independent Auditors' Report

The Chairman Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission:

We have audited the accompanying general account fund statements of assets, liabilities and fund balance of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (the Commission) as of December 31, 2008, and the related statements of income and expenditures and changes in the fund balance, of cash flows and of appropriations and expenditures for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Commission's management. 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing 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 over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

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

In our opinion, such financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the general account fund of the Commission as of December 31, 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 2.

We have also issued our report dated March 23, 2009, 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).

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March 23, 2009

General Account Fund Statement of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

Assets	2008	2007	Note
Cash and short-term deposits	\$ 603,732	\$652,158	3
Contributions receivable Less provision for delayed contributions	\$ 101,895 (101,895) -	. 4	4
Accounts receivable Other assets and advance payments	20,523 66,135	11,610 26,156	
Total assets	<u>\$ 690,390</u>	\$ 689,924	
Liabilities and Fund Balance			
Unliquidated obligations Other accounts payable	\$ 260,711 -	\$227,532 -	
Member contributions in advance	16,005	49,644	
Accrued entitlements Income tax withheld Social security tax withheld Provision for medical expenses Provision for 2008 deferred income Fund balance	117,034 1,471 2,337 30,000 256,000 6,832	44,720 1,130 1,731 30,000 334,000 1,167	r,
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 690,390	\$689,924	i.

Andrew Wright Executive Director

General Account Fund Statement of Income and Expenditure and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2007)

Income	2008	2007	Note
Contributions:			
Assessed contributions	\$ 3,135,264	\$ 2,700,259	4
Japanese Trust Fund	-	215,000	
Transfer from Working Capital Fund	-	85,000	
Income deferred from 2007	334,000	-	-
	3,469,264	3,000,259	
Voluntary contributions	25,544	12,000	-
Total contributions income	3,494,808	3,012,259	
Miscellaneous income:			
Interest	30,604	33,381	
Other	29,380	15,730	-
Total income	3,554,792	3,061,370	_
Less			(refer Statement of Appropriations &
Expenditures	3,342,740	2,664,508	Expenditures, page 5)
Excess of income over expenditure	212,052	396,862	page 0)
Less			
Delayed contributions	101,895	141,475	4
Net excess of income over expenditure <i>add</i>	110,157	255,387	
Prior year contributions paid in current year	141,475	70,772	
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,167	129,258	
Transfer to Working Capital Fund	(1,167)	(129,258)	i i
Savings on prior year obligations	11,200	9,008	
Deferred 2009 income	(256,000)	(334,000)	_
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 6,832	\$ 1,167	=

General Account Fund Statement of Cash Flows Year Ended December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2007)

Cash flows from operating activities:	2008	2007
Net excess of income over expenditure	\$ 110,157	\$ 255,387
(Increase) decrease in other accounts receivable	(8,913)	(8,943)
(Increase) decrease in other assets	(39,979)	(3,953)
Increase (decrease) in advances from member states	(33,639)	48,920
Increase (decrease) in unliquidated obligations	44,379	126,891
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	73,261	25,811
Previous year's contributions paid	141,475	70,772
Deferred income from 2007 included in net excess figure	(334,000)	
Net cash from operating activities	(47,259)	514,885
Transfer to Working Capital Fund	(1,167)	(129,258)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and short term deposits	(48,426)	385,627
Cash and short term deposits at the beginning of the year	652,158	266,531
Cash and short term deposits at the end of the year	\$ 603,732	\$ 652,158

Statement of Appropriations and Expenditures Year Ended December 31, 2008

WCPFC Budget Items 2007	Approved			Total	
Assessed and Voluntary Contributions	Budget		Revised	Expenditure	Balance of
General Account Fund Expenditure	(USD)	Transfers	Budget	31/12/08	Budget
Part 1 Section 1 (Item 1) Administrative Expenses					
Sub-item 1.1 - Staff costs					
Established Posts	1,407,664	(107,800)	1,299,864	1,299,846	
General temporary assistance	2,000	2,427	7,427	1,711	289
Overtime	5,000 206,000	(11,700)	194,300	7,427	17
Consultants Total sub-item 1.1	1,620,664	(117,073)	1,503,591	1,503,267	324
Sub-item 1.2 : Staff Travel	140.000	16,262	156,262	156,262	0
Sub-item 1.2 - General Operating Expenses	110,000			100,202	
Electricity, water, sanitation	60,000	(3,931)	56,069	55,948	121
Communications	30,000	406	30,406	30,406	0
Office supplies & fuel	25,000	6,662	31,662	31,662	0
Publications & Printing	31,200		31,200	31,200	0
Audit	7,000		7,000	7,000	
Bank charges	5,200	2,018	7,218	7,218	0
Official hospitality	15,600		16,162	16,162	0
Security	30,000	18,681	48,681	48,681	0
Training	5,000	1,400	6,400 9,600	6,400 9,544	
Miscellaneous	13,000	22,398	244,398	244,221	177
Total sub-item 1.3 Sub-item 1.4 - Capital expenditure	222,000	22,390	244,390	244,221	1//
Information & communications technology	35,000	13,716	48,716	48,716	0
Fencing	50,000		47,250		
Furniture and Office Equipment	25,000	16,241	41,241	41,241	
Total sub-item 1.4	110,000	27,207	137,207	137,207	0
Sub-item 1.5 - Maintenance					
Vehicles	2,600	(1,400)	1,200	1,151	49
Information & communications technology	15,000	(956)	14,044	14,044	0
Buildings & grounds	40,000	108,362	148,362	1.0,001	
Insurance	39,000		24,200		
Total sub-item 1.5	96,600	91,206	187,806	187,681	125
Sub-item 1.6 - Meeting services					
Annual session	139,000		132,100		
Scientific Committee	129,000		122,600		
Northern Committee	10,000		·		
IWG-ROP	130,000		128,300	2 1,1 00	
Technical and Compliance Committee Total sub-item 1.6	468,000	(40,000)	428,000	427,001	999
Sub-total Section 1 (Item 1)	2,657,264	0	2.657.264	2,655,639	
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Part 2 (Item 2) Science & Technical & Compliance Programme					<u> </u>
Sub-item 2.1 - Scientific services (OFP-SPC)	325,000	0	325,000	325,000	0
Sub-item 2.2 - Scientific research	10.000	0	10,000	10.000	0
Regional tagging	10,000				
Training publications and educational materials	7,500		7,500		
Revised stock assessment on Sthn. Swordfish Refinement of tuna biological parameters	7,500				
Stock structure & life histor of S. Pacific Albacore	25,000				
Characterise FAD related tuna composition & distribution	5.000				
Scoping the use of reference points & MSE	10,000		10,000		0 0
Ecological risk analysis-including PSA	100,000		100,000		0 0
Turtle/seabird interactions and fishery overlaps	30,000				
Indonesia/Philippines data collection project	115,000				
Data Gaps	15,000				
Total sub-item 2.2	340,000	0	340,000	340,000	0 0
Sub-item 2.3 - Technical and Compliance Programme		ļ			<u> </u>
Implementation issues- by catch mitigation	15,000		15,000		
Vessel Monitoring System	157,000				
Total sub-item 2.3	172,000				
Total Section 2/Item 2	837,000				
Total Parts 1 and 2	3,494,264	0	3,494,264	3,342,739	151,525

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

1. Organization

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (the Commission) is an international organisation 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 upon entry into force of the Convention. The Secretariat was established in September 2005 when the Executive Director took up his post.

The Commission is the organisation 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 Commission, 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;
- 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) Monitoring initiatives to establish an international convention for straddling fish stocks and discrete high seas fish stocks in the southern Pacific Ocean;
- (vi) Supporting efforts to improve data collection and research associated with tuna fisheries and the WCPO ecosystem including initiatives to scale up tuna tagging programmes;
- (vii) 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; and
- (xii) The establishment of a fully functional Secretariat.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

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

<u>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;
- Special Requirements Fund
- Regional Observer Programme Support Fund
- Indonesia Philippines Data Collection Project Fund
- Japanese Trust Fund
- Headquarters Building Fund
- Voluntary Contributions Fund

The Voluntary Contributions Fund was established in 2008 to facilitate the administration of earmarked contributions not directly related to any of the existing funds.

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. They 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 January 1 to December 31, 2008.

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

The accounts of the Commission are presented in United States Dollars (\$). Accounts maintained in other currencies are translated into \$'s 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.

Expenditures

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

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

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

Assets

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

The asset Contributions receivable is 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.

Acquisitions 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, Reserves and Fund Balance. The estimated total of non-expendable property held by the Commission is stated in note 5.

Provisions

In addition to the Provision for delays in collection of the outstanding contributions mentioned above, provision has been made to return \$256,000 to members by way of reduced contributions in 2009 as a result of a WCPFC5 budget financing.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements can 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 revenues and expenses 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 (FSM), except under conditions agreed in advance with the FSM National Government.

The Commission is subject to Pohnpei State Tax and is working with the national government to implement a reimbursement arrangement for those taxes.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

3. Cash and Term Deposits

Funds being held in bank accounts in the name of the Commission but which are not included in the General Account Fund statements amounted to \$899,914 in 2008 and \$746,404 in 2007. These funds are in respect of:

	<u>2008</u>	2007
Fund		
Working Capital Fund	\$ 476,019	\$ 461,073
Indonesia-Philippines Data Collection Project	104,665	7,659
Regional Observer Program Support Fund	92,930	132,985
Special Requirements Fund	143,394	96,517
Headquarters Building Fund	30,033	30,004
Japanese Trust Fund	25,564	18,166
Voluntary Contributions Fund	27,309	
Total	\$ <u>899,914</u>	\$ <u>746,404</u>

4. <u>Provision for Delays in the Receipt of Contributions Receivable</u>

The provisions of \$101,895 in 2008 and 141,475 in 2007, respectively, are derived as follows:

	2008	2007
Assessed member contributions for the approved current year budget <u>Add</u> Outstanding Contributions as at beginning of year	\$ 3,135,264 \$ <u>141,475</u>	2,700,259 <u>70,772</u>
Total member contributions available for collection	3,276,739	2,771,031
Less current year Contributions received	<u>3,033,369</u>	<u>2,558,784</u>
Provision for delayed contributions	243,370	212,247
Less prior year contributions received in current year	141,475	70,772
Total provision as at end of year	\$ <u>101,895</u> \$	141,475

5. <u>Non-Expendable Property</u>

At December 31, 2008 and 2007, the estimated value at cost of non-expendable property totalled \$527,060 and \$329,817, respectively. The 2008 figure includes the gifts of furniture, artworks and curtains of a value estimated as \$100,000 that was provided by the Government of PNG during 2008 and reported to WCPFC5.

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 dollars.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

6. Other Funds

Working Capital Fund

The Commission's Working Capital Fund at December 31, 2008 and 2007 totaled \$462,232 and \$461,065, respectively. A copy of the financial statements related to the Working Capital Funds is at page 11.

Indonesia-Philippines Data Collection Project

The balance of this fund at December 31, 2008 and 2007 totaled \$87,856 and \$7,659, respectively. A copy of the financial statements related to the Fund is at page 12.

Regional Observer Program Support Fund

The balance of this fund at December 31, 2008 and 2007 totaled \$92,930 and \$132,985, respectively. A copy of the financial statements related to the Fund is at page 13.

Special Requirements Fund

The balance of the Special Requirements Fund at December 31, 2008 and 2007 totaled \$139,284 and \$96,517, respectively. Financial statements related to the Fund are presented on page 14.

Japanese Trust Fund

The balance of the Japanese Trust Fund as at December 31, 2008 and 2007 totaled \$25,277 and \$6,699, respectively. A copy of the financial statements related to the Fund is at page 15.

Headquarters Building Fund

The balance of the Headquarters Building Fund as at December 31, 2008 and 2007 totaled \$30,033 and \$30,004, respectively. A copy of the financial statements related to the Fund is at page 16.

Voluntary Contributions Fund

The balance of the Voluntary Contributions Fund as at December 31, 2008 was \$25,822. A copy of the financial statements related to the Fund is at page 17.

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

6. Other Funds, Continued

Working Capital Fund Schedule of Income and Expenditure and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2007)

Income and Other Additions:	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Balance b/fwd from prior year Transfer of General Account Surplus	\$ 461,065 <u>1,167</u>	\$ 416,807 <u>129,258</u>
Total income and other additions	462,232	<u>546,065</u>
Less Transfer: To General Account Fund		85,000
Net transfers		85,000
Fund Balance	\$ <u>462,232</u>	\$ <u>461,065</u>

Working Capital Fund Schedule of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

	2008	2007
Assets		
Cash at bank Interest bearing deposit Accrued interest	\$ 11,237 451,000 <u>13,782</u>	\$ 10,073 451,000
Total assets	476,019	461,073
Liabilities		
Interest due to General Account Fund	13,787	8
Fund balance	\$ <u>462,232</u>	\$ <u>461,065</u>

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

6. Other Funds, Continued

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Indonesia Philippines Data Collection Project Fund Schedule of Income and Expenditure and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2007)

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Income and Other Additions:		
Balance of Indonesia/Philippines Project funds b/fwd from prior year Contribution:	\$ 7,659	\$ 66,524
UNOPS WCPFC GAF Co-Financing USA	69,444 42,500 62,009	- - -
Interest	94	239
Total income	<u>181,706</u>	<u>66,763</u>
Expenditure	93,850	<u>59,104</u>
Fund Balance	\$ <u>87,856</u>	\$ <u>7,659</u>
Indonesia Philippines Data Collection Schedule of Assets, Liabilities and Fo December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of Decem	und Balance	
(White Comparative Fotals as of Decen	<u>2008</u>	2007
Assets		
Cash at bank Accounts receivable amount due from UNOPS	\$ 104,665 	\$ 7,659
Total assets	<u>120,609</u>	7,659
Liabilities		
Unliquidated obligations	32,753	
Fund Balance	\$ <u>87,856</u>	\$ <u>7,659</u>
The 2008 expenditure of \$93,850 comprises:		
Science Manager travel expense to May w/shop in Jakarta WPEA contracts FFA WPEA contracts Budi WPEA contracts logistical expenses		\$ 4,538 6,000 9,753
		10.000
WPEA contract Tri		10,000 6,000

\$ 93,850

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Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

6. Other Funds, Continued

Regional Observer Program Support Fund Schedule of Income and Expenditure and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2007)

Income	<u>2008</u>	2007
Balance brought forward from prior year Voluntary contribution - USA Interest	\$ 132,985 	\$ 99,005 99,000 2,287
Total income	134,904	200,292
Less expenditure	41,974	67,307
Fund balance	\$	\$ <u>132,985</u>

Regional Observer Program Support Fund Schedule of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balance December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

	<u>2008</u>	2007
Assets		
Cash at bank Interest bearing deposit	\$ <u>92,930</u>	\$ 32,985 <u>100,000</u>
Total assets	<u>92,930</u>	<u>132,985</u>
Fund balance	\$ <u>92,930</u>	\$ <u>132,985</u>

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

6. Other Funds, Continued

Special Requirements Fund Schedule of Income and Expenditure and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2007)

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Income: Balance brought forward from prior year Voluntary contribution - USA Interest	\$ 96,517 50,000 50	\$ 56,320 50,000 <u>1,293</u>
Total income	<u>146,567</u>	<u>107,613</u>
Expenditure: RMI National Observer Program FSM Participation in WCPFC4 Bank fees	7,283	4,042 7,051 <u>3</u>
Total expenditure	7,283	11,096
Fund balance	\$ <u>139,284</u>	\$ <u>96,517</u>

Special Requirements Fund Schedule of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

. .	2008	<u>2007</u>
Assets		
Cash at bank	\$ 48,394	\$ 1,517
Interest bearing deposit	95,000	<u>95,000</u>
Total assets	<u>143,394</u>	<u>96,517</u>
Liabilities		
Amount payable to General Account Fund	4,110	
Fund balance	\$ <u>139,284</u>	\$ <u>96,517</u>

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

6. Other Funds, Continued

Japanese Trust Fund Schedule of Income and Expenditure and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2007)

	2008	<u>2007</u>
Income:		
Balance brought forward from prior year	\$ 6,699	\$ -
Contribution from Japan	404,931	443,851
Interest	195	3,303
Total income	411,825	447,154
Expenditure:		
To General Account Fund per WCPFC3 decision	-	215,000
Administrative expenses	95,108	66,058
Payments for projects	<u>291,440</u>	<u>159,397</u>
Total expenditure	<u>386,548</u>	440,455
Fund balance	\$ _25,277	\$ <u>6,699</u>

Japanese Trust Fund Schedule of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

	2008	2007
Assets		
Cash at bank Accounts receivable	\$ 25,564 <u>205</u>	\$ 18,166
Total assets	25,769	18,166
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Due to General Account Fund for Administrative Fee	492	11,467
Fund balance	\$ _25,277	\$ <u>6,699</u>

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

6. Other Funds, Continued

Headquarters Building Fund Schedule of Income and Expenditure and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended December 31, 2007)

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Income: Balance brought forward from prior year Interest	\$ 30,004 	\$ 30,000 <u>4</u>
Total income	<u>30,033</u>	<u>30,004</u>
Fund balance	\$ <u>30,033</u>	\$ <u>30,004</u>
Headquarters Building Fund Schedule of Assets, Liabilities and Fund E December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December		
Assets	<u>2008</u>	2007
Cash at bank Interest bearing deposit	\$ 5,033 <u>25,000</u>	\$ 30,004
Total assets	<u>30,033</u>	<u>30,004</u>
Fund balance	\$ <u>30,033</u>	\$ <u>30,004</u>

Notes to Financial Statements December 31, 2008 (With Comparative Totals as of December 31, 2007)

6. Other Funds, Continued

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Voluntary Contributions Fund Schedule of Income and Expenditure and Changes in Fund Balance Year Ended December 31, 2008

Income:		
Contribution from USA		
High Seas boarding pennants and flags	\$ 22,000	
Data entry for by-catch mitigation	20,000	
Improvements to vessel record data base	5,000	\$ 47,000
Interest	- ,	34
		47.024
Total income		<u>47,034</u>
Expenditure		21,212
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Fund balance		\$ <u>25,822</u>

Voluntary Contributions Fund Schedule of Assets, Liabilities and Fund Balances December 31, 2008

Assets		
Cash at bank		\$ 27,309
Total assets		27,309
Liabilities		
Due to JTF – deposit in error Due to general account fund	205 1,282	1,487
Fund balance		\$ <u>25,822</u>



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

The Executive Director Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission:

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, 2008 and the related statements of income and expenditures and changes in fund balance, of cash flows and appropriations and expenditures for the year then ended, and have issued our report thereon dated March 23, 2009.

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

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March 23, 2009