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TCC8 agreed recommendations and Proposed TCC Workplan and Budget 2013-2015

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- Attachment A- TCC8 agreed recommendations, with budgetary implications
- Attachment B- Proposed TCC workplan with budget[1]

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[1] The budget numbers for the Information Management System enhancements have been set at $80,000 as an indicative number in the proposed Commission workplan and budget (WCPFC9-2012-FAC6-12 WP & Budget) until the final cost is determined. The indicative figure for the VMS Redundancy Provision was increased by $700 in the Commission workplan and budget to reflect actual costs.

Attachment A

TCC8 agreed recommendations, with budgetary implications
(paragraph references are from TCC8 draft summary record before CCMs comments)

Staff establishment to be covered in the staff establishment paper for FAC6
169.   TCC8 recommended to WCPFC9 that it approve the re-location of the SPC-Pohnpei ROP data entry staff (2) from SPC-Pohnpei offices to the WCPFC Secretariat offices in January 2013.
223.   TCC8 recommended to WCPFC9 that it consider the establishment of an Assistant Compliance Manager position at professional staff level within the WCPFC Secretariat subject to review of a terms of reference, an indicative budget and the expected workload of the Secretariat if CMM 2011-06 is extended;

TCC8 agreed recommendations with budgetary implications which were considered by Secretariat in developing: WCPFC9-2012-FAC6-WP12
ROP data management, including electronic ROP data entry
174.   TCC8 recommended to WCPFC that the ROP data entry budget is maintained at least at the current level for the next three years, with consideration for adding the costs of the observer database management staff (observer data manager and data audit officer) to the 2014 and 2015 budget pending clarification of when current funding for these positions will terminate and discussions at respective TCC and WCPFC regular sessions in the next 2-3 years.
184.   TCC8 recommended to WCPFC9 that it task the Secretariat, in cooperation with the Scientific Services Provider, to consider electronic data entry for the ROP as a priority.
185.   TCC8 recommended to WCPFC9 that coastal States developing Information Management Systems (IMS) receive assistance, including training of de-briefers, to improve their ability to meet their national obligations in providing observer data.
189.   TCC8 recommended to WCPFC9 that the Secretariat be tasked with undertaking a more comprehensive analysis of future options for ROP data management, including options raised in the Cost Recovery and Optimisation of Commission Service Costs Report.

Online interface for Annual Report Part 2 and Compliance Monitoring Process
212.   TCC8 recommended the revised Annual Report Part 2 template (WCPFC-TCC8-2012-18(rev. 2), Annex C) be used as a basis for finalizing the online interface to be used for Annual Report Part 2 that is to be submitted by CCMs in 2013, and which covers 2012 activities;
213.   TCC8 recommended that the Secretariat finalise the development of online interface for Annual Report Part 2, with a view to making it available for all CCMs to use for their 2013 Annual Report Part 2;
224.   TCC8 recommended that subject to available funds, that the Secretariat continue work to develop its internal systems to streamline the process of generating draft Compliance Monitoring Reports, including:
    i.   in 2013, a system that could automate the generation and development by the Secretariat of dCMRs;
    ii.   possibly a system in 2013 to allow CCMs to provide responses to draft CMRs prepared by the Secretariat through an online interface similar to that proposed for use by Annual Report Part 2;

iii.   continuing to strive to increase, where possible, the use of available WCPFC MCS information in the development of future draft Compliance Monitoring Reports;
iv.   the further development of an enhanced and integrated WCPFC Information Management System to improve the integration of WCPFC MCS information;
v.   the feasibility and practicality of combining AR Parts 1 and the 2; and
vi.   streamlining and developing an online interface for AR Part 1 reports.

From Provisional CMR Executive Summary – TCC8 recommended areas for assistance to SIDS
Capacity building, in particular for SIDS is crucial in order for these CCMs to fulfill their obligations. To this end, common areas identified where capacity building maybe needed is the VMS MTU/ALC audit and inspection; shark species identification and reporting; estimates of discards; and data collection in particular for Philippines and Indonesia.

High Seas Pocket Monitoring and MCS data entry
373.   TCC8 recommended that additional resources be provided to the Secretariat for ongoing MCS data entry and analysis to support the EHSP special management area, subject to discussions related to the TCC Work Plan and Budget.

TCC Workplan and proposed budget
442.   TCC8 recommended to WCPFC9 the adoption of the TCC Work Plan and the consideration by the FAC of the attached budget (Attachment F of draft TCC8 Summary Record).

Attachment B

TCC Work Plan 2013-2015 as agreed by TCC8
Introduction

"TCC Work Program 2013 – 2015" is formatted and tailored on the functions of TCC. Priority TCC tasks are identified upfront and reflected by their immediacy in the work plan.
The format of the workplan remains true to the functions of TCC and should be applied in the same manner when drafting future TCC Agendas, noting that it does not prevent members from tabling other proposals.
In considering the work plan caution was and should be exercised with the amount of tasks set in the first year. The aim should be to assign tasks equally over the three years of the work plan.

TCC Work Plan & Budget 2013 – 2015
TCC Priorities
  1) **Priority core business tasks (standing Agenda Items):**
       a. Assessment of IUU vessel nominations
       b. Assessment of cooperating non-member applications
       c. Give effect to obligations relating to Small Island Developing States.
       d. Consider performance review and cost optimisation where it relates to TCC issues.
       e. Consider Annual report(s) of the Executive Director to include, HSBI, ROP, VMS, RFV, Data Rules,
       f. Review integrated reports of implementation of CMMs on target fisheries

  2) **Priority project specific tasks :**
       a. Develop a systematic analysis, prioritization and response mechanism for non-compliance
       b. Review effectiveness of Resolution 2008-01 On Aspirations of Small Island Developing States and Territories.
       c. Implement a Catch Documentation Scheme for key species.
       d. Review and enhance port state measures.
       e. Integrated Information Management System. Includes streamlined Part I and II reporting, and compliance monitoring reporting.
       f. Develop a revised South Pacific Albacore Measure
       g. Develop a revised Shark Measure
       h. Develop metric for measuring fishing effort and capacity
       i. Implement, as appropriate, recommendations from the Joint WCPFC/FFA Review of the WCPFC VMS (paper WCPFC-2011/27)

  3) **Priority Issues forwarded from the Commission (pending Commission meeting)**

TCC Activities (Priority Projects)
Note: [ ] refers to items that are subject to WCPFC9 outcomes

2013 (TCC9)	2014 (TCC10)	2015 (TCC11)
Article 14(1)(a) -. Priority tasks with respect to the provision of information, technical advice and recommendations:		
Advice and recommendation for a revised South Pacific Albacore Measure Review effectiveness of Resolution 2008-01 (SIDS) [Develop management frameworks for catch and/or effort on the high seas depending on outcome of the new CMM 08-01, and subject to the requirements of the Commission] [Develop Catch Documentation Scheme ($)] Review and enhance existing port state measure(s) Review non-target CMM (sharks). Develop metrics for measuring fishing effort and capacity.	Advice and recommendation for a revised south Pacific swordfish measure Implement Catch Documentation Scheme ($) Finalise management arrangements for IATTC overlap. Review catch discard monitoring arrangements Review non-target CMM (Birds) Trial metrics for measuring fishing effort and capacity	Advice and recommendation for a revised BE, YF, SKP measure(s) Review non-target CMM (turtles) Review mechanism to give full effect to SIDS obligations. Adopt metrics for measuring fishing effort and capacity.
Article 14(1)(b)- Priority tasks with respect to the monitoring and review of compliance:		
Implement and refine compliance monitoring scheme. Revise measure identified as "ambiguous" or with "misunderstanding" prioritised by the compliance monitoring process. Target capacity assistance to areas of need identified by the compliance monitoring process. ($) Develop Integrated Information Management System: streamline CCM reporting, detection and response to IUU fishing, including response collation to IUU detected through HSBI ($).	Implement and refine compliance monitoring scheme Revise measure identified as "ambiguous" or with "misunderstanding" prioritised by the compliance monitoring process ($) Target capacity assistance to areas of need identified by the compliance monitoring process. Refine Integrated Information System	Develop systematic response to non-compliance Revise measure identified as "ambiguous" or with "misunderstanding" prioritised by the compliance monitoring process. Target capacity assistance to areas of need identified by the compliance monitoring process ($).

2013 (TCC9)	2014 (TCC10)	2015 (TCC11)
Article 14(1)(c) - Priority tasks with respect to implementation of cooperative MCS &E:		
Transhipment Review and Guidelines in place for HS LL exemptions	VMS – review SLAs with Mobilise Satellite Provider, develop ALC type approval process	VMS – review compatibility of WCPFC high seas VMS with coastal VMS.
E – HSP Pockets review CMM and consider extension to other HS pockets.	ROP – mechanism in place for observer data to be provided to Master.	VMS – review implementation of Commission recommendations (from 2012) small WG ($).
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ROP – review implementation of Commission recommendations from 2012 TOP TAG. System in place for timely provision of observer data to Master of vessel (S).	HSBI – review implementation and effectiveness	

TCC approved 2012 budget, and indicative budget for 2013 and 2014, with draft proposed budget for 2013 and proposed indicative budget for 2014 and 2015

	WCPFC8 Approved 2012	WCPFC8 Indicative 2013	Proposed 2013 (TCC8-2012-21)	Proposed _rev 2013	WCPFC8 Indicative 2014	Proposed Indicative 2014	Proposed Indicative 2015
ROP – audit/remediation	10,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
ROP - special projects and research activities	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
ROP - Training, assistance & development	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000	30,000
Regional Observer Progr data entry (SPC) see Note #3	334,769	334,769	334,769	334,769	334,769	662,627	896,811
By-catch mitigation - website	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Vessel Monitoring System – capital costs	0	40,000	40,000	40,000		40,000	40,000
Vessel Monitoring System - SLA costs Note #5	370,000	375,000	375,000	375,000	380,000	380,000	385,000
Vessel Monitoring System – airtime costs Note #5	80,000	90,000	90,000	90,000	95,000	95,000	100,000
Vessel Monitoring System – security audit Note # 6	37,000	39,000	39,000	9,000	39,000	30,000	9,000
CCM/Staff VMS Training (including MTU audit and inspection training for developing Members) Note #7	40,000	75,000	40,000	60,000	75,000	75,000	40,000
VMS redundancy provision Note #8	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
Information Management System incl. RFV Note #9	50,000	35,000	90,000	Note #9	35,000	Note #9	Note #9
AR Part 2 and CMS Online Hosting and Publishing Note #8	-	-	18,000	18,000		18,000	18,000
IATTC and WCPFC cross-endorsement training (formerly workshops with Note #4)	45,000	-	25,000	25,000	-		
Targetted capacity building to areas of need identified by the CMR process: 7-8 countries Note #10				30,000		50,000	50,000

Total, item 2.3	1,054,769	1,091,769	1,154,769	1,084,769	1,061,769	1,453,627	1,641,811
Additional items for Part 1 of the budget							
Catch Documentation Scheme working group meeting/workshop				140,000			
Compliance Assistant Manager (conditional on extension of CMS and could cover EHSP monitoring) Note #11				190,000		170,000	175,000

Note # 3 Reg. Obs. Prog. Data entry support (SPC): The line item for data entry costs are offset by donations paid directly to SPC from New Caledonia and New Zealand. The funds from New Zealand will continue through to May 2014. WCPFC8 noted that an increase in the indicative budget will be made in FAC6. WCPFC-TCC8-2012- 16 requested consideration be given to adding the costs of the observer database management staff (observer data manager and data audit officer) to the 2014 and 2015 budget pending clarification of when current funding for these positions will terminate - a pro-rata amount has been included here, but revised estimates will be provided to FAC6 based on the recommendations of TCC8

Note #4: a training in Micronesia for cross endorsement (so that ROP observers can be used in IATTC waters)

Note #5: the figures above are based on actuals not estimated full costs of 100% reporting. Also future SLA costs and airtime costs are likely to be affected by the outcomes from the VMS SWG (costs could be higher or lower depending on the features of the system), and a modest allocation for hardware is also maintained for 2013

Note #6: costs of audit in 2012 was substantially less than the budgeted amount, so subsequent annual amounts are reduced, but the amount proposed for 2014 is higher in case there is a need for a more "substantial" audit.

Note #7: it is proposed that WCPFC VMS staff could use some of the VMS training funding to respond to the MTU/ALC audit/inspection training requests, and this has expanded to cover all developing members of the Commission)

Note #8: it was proposed that alternative costings to Guam location be provided to FAC6, this can be provided for the VMS redundancy as well as the AR Part 2 online hosting and publishing commencing in 2013

Note #9: IMS maintenance and development plan to be further developed for FAC6. This is expected to include: a) systems for electronic provision of data to CCMs including access logs; b) a module for transshipment observer monitoring to complement the transshipment notices and declarations database, and consider ways to cross-check declared transshipment positions with VMS; c) developing linkages between the VMS database, VTAFs and RFV; d) RFV SSPs data upload feature and inclusion of drop down menu options for standardised data from 2014; e) EHSP monitoring and verification with flag CCMs; f)electronic reporting project for observers on carrier vessels; g) HSBI IMS module including investigate possible secure online information for MCS personnel who are conducting HSBI activities; h)VMS manual reporting electronic monitoring and database (ALC malfunction or failure and EHSP entry and exit reports); i) and any refinements to online AR reporting during 2014 and 2015;

Note #10: targetted capacity building assistance in 2013 this is proposed to be for Annual Report assistance

Note #11: the exact terms of reference will need to be proposed in the staff establishment paper that is to be provided to FAC6