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Japan Trust Fund (Second Phase) Status Report (2013)

(WCPFC Project on Capacity Building in Fisheries Statistics, Regulation and Enforcement for Developing States: Second Phase)

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Introduction

The majority of the WCPFC Members are developing states including Small Island Developing States (SIDS), whose implementation of conservation and management measures would benefit from strengthened capacity. The WCPFC Project on Capacity Building in Fisheries Statistics, Regulations and Enforcement for Small Island Developing States originates from a Japanese funding proposal to the WCPFC made in December 2005, 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. Project implementation was planned to take place over 5 years starting from 2006 to 2011 with a total available funding of approximately USD2 million.

Given the success of, and support for, the first 5-year project, Fisheries Agency of Japan sought and successfully secured a budget, anticipated to be around USD 2 million in total, for the second 5 year phase. This second phase of the program is similar to the first, with a slightly greater emphasis on enforcement and compliance related projects. We welcome Dr. Yujiro Akatsuka as the new JTF Coordinator, replacing Dr Shuya Nakatsuka.

2013 project selection:

- a) In 2013, the second year of the second phase, 7 applications competed for USD \$375,237 (following a deduction of \$28,143 administration costs). All submitted proposals were well prepared, however two project proposals from Vietnam, that could utilise other funding sources, were not short-listed.
- b) The budget covered the requests from the remaining 5 projects, all of which met the objectives of the JTF. A small sum (\$3,046) left over was provided as supplementary support to one of the Vietnamese projects. Projects approved for funding support were from Republic of the Marshall Islands with Federated States of Micronesia, Tonga (x2), SPC (x2) (in support of developing states) and Vietnam.
- c) A Philippines proposal [VMS Training, Table 2] approved under the 1st Phase for funding in 2011, did not proceed due to a lack of co-funding; co-funding was secured subsequently, and the project is expected to be completed in July 2013, partly supported by the previously allocated but unspent funding (USD 31,809).
- d) An Indonesian Project [Observer Training, Table 2] carried over from last year, had a substantial underspend which was later utilised in further activities in support of the original project. This project too should have been completed in the first half of 2013.

Japan Trust Fund – Objectives and Expected Activities

The objectives and expected activities are well described in the Consolidated Project Document (2012), which, provides guidelines for the Steering Committee to select project proposals:

3. Objectives and expected activities

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*

2013 Projects

Projects funded under the second phase JTF are tabulated below. Funding has been disbursed to all projects.

Table 1: Summary of 2013 JTF Projects and associated funding

#	Beneficiary Member(s)	Contacts	Title	Summary	US\$
1	RMI and FSM	Mr Glen Joseph gjoseph101@gmail.com Mr Patrick Mackenzie patrick.mackenzie@norma.fm	Development of an Integrated Fisheries Information System in the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Federated States of Micronesia.	This is intended to rationalize the current ad hoc information systems. Most of the funding [100k] is to cover the costs of the project manager to drive the project to develop IMS in each states agency. The ultimate objective is fully functional operational IMS, noting that if this isn't achieved within 12 months, the project should progress the development of IMS considerably in each of the states.	\$160,000
2	SPC	Dr Tim Adams TimA@SPC.int Dr Simon Nicol SimonN@SPC.int	Stock Assessment, ecosystem and bycatch workshops for fisheries officers from developing states of the WCPFC – 2013.	The main objective of the workshops is to strengthen national capacities to facilitate greater participation in WCPFC scientific work/meetings and to enable the participants to better understand the implications of fisheries assessments for conservation and management.	\$108,000
3	SPC	Corey Cole CoreyC@spc.int Peter Williams PeterW@spc.int	Introductory Training Workshop on Observer Data Reporting Tools.	The workshop is intended to provide PICTs with the skills and knowledge necessary to use web-based TUBS VIEWER SYSTEM to facilitate the	\$82,000

				production of observer data summaries to meet their obligations to the WCPFC, as well as national tuna data requirements.	
4	Tonga	<p>Dr Sione Vailala Matoto, Director MAFFF, vailala@kalianet.to or vailalam@yahoo.com</p> <p>Mr Viulimo Fakalolo, Acting Head of Fisheries, vilimof@tongafish.gov.to</p>	Support for the collection and the improved management of commercial tuna data in Tonga as well as providing awareness on conservation and management of tuna.	This project builds on JTF funded support since 2010, with minor modifications it is the same as the 2012 project approved and supported by the JTF. The objective is to fund port sampling in Tonga for the year 2013.	\$8,503
5	Tonga	<p>Ms Ana F. Taholo, National Observer Coordinator, anataholo@tongafish.gov.to or anataholo@gmail.com</p>	Observer training, debriefing and capacity building for Tonga National Observer Programme.	The project includes a 2 week observer refresher course, a one week debriefer training. The project is expected to result in improved observer data.	\$13,688
6	Vietnam	<p>Mr Pham Trong Yen, Dept of Science & Technology and International Cooperation, Directorate of Fisheries. ptrongyen@yahoo.com</p> <p>Dr Sungkwon Soh, WCPFC Secretariat Sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int</p>	Collection of baseline data from the developing handline fishery of Vietnam and incorporation into annual catch estimates for 2012.	The project will develop a new logsheet for the handline fishery; enter existing relevant data, scope handline activity in other provinces. A comprehensive report will be submitted to the VTFACE-2. The outcome is expected to include better handling of handline data and improved annual catch estimates.	Partial funding \$3,046
	Sub-total			Sum of project budget requested	\$375,237
	WCPFC	<p>Aaron Nighswander aaron.nighswander@wcpfc.int</p>	7.5% administration fee	Overhead	\$375,237 x 0.075 = \$28,143
	Grand Total			Total JTF for 2013	\$403,380

Table 2 JTF Projects carried over:

Philippines	Dr Alma Dickson alma_dickson@yahoo.com	Training Program for the Operationalization and Implementation of the Vessel Monitoring System	\$31,809
Indonesia	Dr. Agus A. Budhiman budhiman@indosat.net.id	Indonesian Observer-Onboard Training Programme	\$46,800