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(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 USD 2 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.

2014 project selection:

- a) In 2014, the third year of the second phase, 17 applications competed for USD \$329,484 (following a deduction of \$24,711 administration costs). One proposal was rejected because it was focused almost entirely on the provision of hardware, which is not supported by JTF, and 4 proposals by one applicant were reduced to a single proposal, resulting in 13 new projects gaining support this year.
- b) Projects approved for funding support were from FFA (benefiting Nauru, Kiribati, Tuvalu and Tokelau), Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, SPC in support of developing states (x5), Tonga (x2), Tuvalu and Vietnam.
- c) SPC underspent by 25k on the 2013 Stock Assessment Training Workshop, and asked if the outstanding funds could be carried over in support of the 2014 Stock Assessment Training Workshop. This was agreed as a one off proposition, and should not be taken as policy.
- d) SPC planned to hold an 'Introductory Training Workshop on Observer Data Reporting Tools' in 2013, but the project lead left SPC, and his replacement was appointed late in the year. The workshop was postponed, with the agreement of the JTF Steering Committee, until early 2014.

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*

2014 Projects

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

Table 1: Summary of 2014 JTF Projects and associated funding

#	Beneficiary Member(s)	Contacts	Title	Summary	US\$
1	FFA: Nauru, Kiribati, Tokelau and Tuvalu	Tim Parks timothy.park@ffa.int	National Observer Programme Manager (OPM) Rollout	The objective of this project is to improve in situ debriefing of observers by continuing to build capacity at the operational ports of FFA members of rigorous Fisheries Observer Debriefing programs. Adherence to developed best practices ensures that Fisheries Observer information is collected according to strict Pacific Island Regional Fisheries Observer (PIRFO) protocols, transmitted through proper information pathways and is well utilised through established analysis procedures.	\$28,400.00
2	Kiribati	Thomas Ruaia thomasr@mfmrd.gov.ki	Improved data management for Kiribati flagged vessels	Kiribati doesn't have a system for collecting and reporting of fisheries data for its flagged vessels. This project aims to create a system for collection, compilation and management of data for flagged vessels.	\$24,650.00
3	Samoa	Noelani Manoa noelani@mfat.gov.ws	Data Collection Improvement	The project objectives are: 1. To support the participation of a Fisheries Compliance Staff at FFA MCS and the FFA Fisheries Surveillance workshops in Honiara, Solomon Islands; 2. To purchase equipment for the management of MCS data, fisheries statistics and information; 3. To purchase uniforms for six Fisheries Compliance Staff; and 4. To effectively carry out MCS operations and monitoring.	\$16,845.00
4	Solomon Islands	Mr Alan K Aba akirk@fisheries.gov.sb	Fisheries Officer Training	The project objectives are to develop the MCS skill sets of new and provincial fisheries officers. This is to be delivered through training and boarding & inspection of fishing vessels in port; this with the support of regional bodies and/or consultants.	\$27,100.00
5	SPC: Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICT)	Timothy Lawson timl@spc.int Siosifa Fukofuka siosifaf@spc.int	Finfish ID Cards	The project will publish a set of finfish species identification cards for use by tuna fishery observers on purse seiners. The species ID cards will cover 33 of the principal target and non-target species, and will be published on waterproof cards in a small (13.5 cm x 9.5 cm) booklet with a coil binding.	\$19,529.00

6	SPC: Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICT)	Timothy Lawson timl@spc.int Siosifa Fukofuka siosifaf@spc.int	Observer Training Video	The project will produce a series of five video clips, totaling 40 minutes that demonstrate aspects of the work of tuna fishery observers while at sea. The videos will be developed by Pasifika Communications, Suva, Fiji, using existing film footage, and will be used thereafter on a regular basis for the training of observers in the WCPFC region	\$11,886.00
7	SPC: Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICT)	Timothy Lawson timl@spc.int Emmanuel Schneider, emmanuels@spc.int	PIRFO Website	This PIRFO website would offer more features than are currently available, with options for public, limited, or restricted access, depending on the user group and login (public, PIRFO Observer, PIRFO Debriefeer, PIRFO Trainer, PIRFO Trainer and Assessor PIRFO Coordinator, etc.). It would have more tools available for trainings and include collaboration tools such as a wiki, blogs, chat-rooms and/or forum. This new website design would allow for addition of future options such as a Learning Management Module (LMS), allowing online course design, student registration, MCQs, student evaluation and training records.	\$16,235.00
8	SPC: Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICT)	Timothy Lawson timl@spc.int Deirdre Brogan deidreb@spc.int	Supplies for Artisanal Monitoring	The project would provide: 1. accurate length measurement devices to provide precise length data for inclusion in the WCPFC stock assessments, and 2. data collection forms printed to a high quality on waterproof paper.	\$6,975.00
9	SPC: Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICT)	Peter Williams PeterW@spc.int Deirdre Brogan DeirdreB@spc.int	8 th Tuna Data Workshop	The Regional Tuna Data Workshop (TDW) coincides with the deadline for the provision of Scientific data to the WCPFC. This workshop is a fundamental mechanism for developing States to prepare their most recent year's WCPFC data provisions in time for the WCPFC data submission deadline, and provides many opportunities for capacity development to these countries with data management and reporting obligations.	\$78,770.85
10	Tonga	Mr. Siola'a Malimali siolaamalimali@gmail.com Ms. Makeleta Vaikaka-Mahe makeletamahe@gmail.com	Observer Training	Conduct a one week observer refresher workshop for Tonga National Observer Programme, and complete part B of the debriefing training for the three Tongan debriefer trainees.	\$17,083.00
11	Tonga	Martin Finau martinf@tongafish.gov.to or finau.martin@gmail.com Mrs Nunia Mone nunia.mone@tongafish.gov.to	Tuna Data Collection	This project builds on JTF funded support since 2010, some modifications to the 2013 project were approved during the 2013 JTF Steering Committee (at SC9) and these same adjustments to pay scales for data collectors are reflected in the 2014 project. The objective is to fund port sampling in Tonga for the year 2014.	\$8,502.90

12	Tuvalu	kakee Kaitu kpkaitu@gmail.com Falasese Tupau Falasese68@gmail.com Samasoni Finikaso Finikaso70@gmail.com	Tuna Data Collectors Workshop	This project will build on the recent successful implementation of a national artisanal tuna fishery monitoring programme, through revision of the initial outputs of the monitoring programme and the provision of further training through a dedicated national workshop for eight Island Data Collectors. The project also aims to extend the duration of the monitoring programme through the extension of eight Island Data Collectors contracts and the provision of monitoring supplies.	\$35,327.25
13	Vietnam	Mr Pham Trong yen yenpt.tcts@mard.gov.vn Sungkwon Soh sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int	Tuna Data Gathering	This project will expand of port sampling to additional six provinces in Vietnam and consolidation of Vietnam's annual tuna catch estimates in 2014	\$38,180.00
	Sub-total			Sum of project budget requested	\$329,484
	WCPFC	Aaron Nighswander aaron.nighswander@wcpfc.int	7.5% admin fee	Overhead	\$329,484 x 0.075 = \$24,711
	Grand Total			Total JTF for 2014	\$354,195

Table 2 JTF Projects carried over from 2013:

1	RMI/FSM	Glen Joseph gjoseph@gmail.com and 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. The ultimate objective is a 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 ¹
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 ²
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 production of observer data summaries to meet their obligations to the WCPFC, as well as national tuna data requirements.	\$82,000

¹ Project duration is for more than one year, due mainly to the passing away of the project coordinator and necessary reorganisation of the project.

² \$25k underspend from this 2013 project will [exceptionally] be available to support the 2014 Stock Assessment workshop.