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Introduction

The Japan Trust Fund (JTF) has been in service to support capacity building of the small island developing states (SIDS) in the WCPFC area from 2007 to 2011 as a 5-years program with a total of approximately US\$ 2 million fund. A modest funding of the JTF has been used to help support of improvement of tuna data collection in the areas of the Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam.(WPEA Project) . The JTF covers areas of fisheries monitoring, compiling statistics and MSC. Steering Committee (SC) of the JTF was formed for the purpose of effective and transparent management of the fund such as appraisal and adjustment of the proposals that applied by the SIDS.

Status of the JTF projects (for the years 2007-2009)

Summary report on the project and history funded by JTF that includes the approved proposals of the JTF for the years 2007 -2009 was briefly introduced in the SC5 held in Vanuatu in 2009 (WCPFC-SC5-2009/GN-IP-12). Due to the late start of the JTF project in 2007 and administrative constraints, the 2007 and 2008 projects were merged into one year project. There were 8 and 9 proposals approved by the SC for 2007-2008 period and 2009. SPC played important roles to execute the JTF projects because most of the individual projects were accomplished through facilitators dispatched from SPC with cooperation of FFA. The SC meeting discussed on the status of the JTF based on the the summary report and created the SC report (WCPFC-SC5-2009/GN-WP-19). In the SC meeting, SPC and FFA, two major beneficiaries of the JTF briefly explained how their projects were executed and underlined the importance of continuation of the JTF.

Status of the JTF projects (for the years 2010-2011)

Projects for those two years are comprised with increased numbers of proposals made by

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individual countries although SPC continues basic programs such as workshops on stock assessment, data collection and compilation and observer training. The number of JTF projects participated by individual countries increased gradually from 0 in 2007-2008 period to 8 in 2010 and 7 in 2011. The JTF projects for 2010 and 2011 are shown in Summary table.

Reporting status of the JTF projects

The reporting of the JTF projects has been underway for 2007-2009 period but some of the projects still did not provide the reports. As most of the projects for 2010 and 2011 have not been completed, none of the reports during recent two years are available at this stage. It should be underlined that timely reporting is the requirement of the beneficiaries of the projects and key element of the JTF for assessment of effectiveness of the project. Therefore, it is strongly urged for the beneficiary countries to comply with the speedy reporting.

References:

- WCPFC-SC5-2009/GN-IP-12, "Summary report of the project history funded by Japanese Trust fund"
- WCPFC-SC5-2009/GN-WP-19, "Summary Report of 2009 Steering Committee Meeting on Japanese Trust Fund (JTF)"

JAPAN TRUST FUND
2010 Summary of Projects

#	Beneficiary Member(s)	Contact	Title	Summary	US\$
1	FSM	Bernard Thoulag bthoulag@hotmail.com	Tuna fishery monitoring	To conduct a 2-week national in-country tuna data workshop facilitated by SPC with participants from NORMA. The workshop will build national capacity in tuna data acquisition and management.	22,692.00
2	Kiribati	Ribanataake Awira riba@mfmrd.gov.ki Kintoba Tearo	Tuna fishery monitoring	A two week in-country national tuna data workshop, facilitated by SPC and FFA (depending on availability) with participants from MFMRD is proposed. The workshop will explore and share the information and concepts that have been introduced at previous workshop on Artisanal Tuna Data as well as the regional Tuna Data Workshop ¹ that are relevant to national participants. The format of the workshop will follow Kiribati's national tuna data procedures document and participants will contribute to the review of their procedures, agree on individual responsibilities, and benefit from hands-on training in different elements of data management, including training in database tools used to ensure data quality and to produce reports responding to national and regional requirements.	21,200.00
3	Kiribati	Ribanataake Awira riba@mfmrd.gov.ki	Support for National Tuna Resource Status Awareness Program	This project will allow Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development through the Fisheries Division and other related stakeholders to disseminate and to inform the people on what the Ministry has been doing at	2,800.00

¹ For more information please follow the following link <http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/Html/Meetings/Index.htm>

				the national, regional and international level in the conservation, management and development of our marine resources during its “Fisheries Open Day”. This is an annual event which normally takes place around October each year. As a member of WCPFC we have the obligation to inform all I-Kiribati on the important roles the Commission and other fisheries management organizations play in the conservation and management of the tuna resources in the region.	
4	Nauru	Monte Depaune, monte.depaune@naurugov.nr	Review and improvement of artisanal fisheries data-collection programme.	To support the establishment of an effective program to gather and compile information on catches by Nauru artisanal fishers. These data can also improve the problem of tuna data gaps that have been landed by local fishers. This will be achieved by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • rationalising the nearshore fisheries data collection program for providing information on Nauru artisanal tuna and associated species catch within Nauru coastal water, with the assistance of SPC-OFP; • Enhancing the capacity of Nauru fisheries personnel in implementing procedures to collect data from local fishers useful in Nauru fisheries management and development; • Developing a module to enable artisanal fisheries data and coastal logsheets to be integrated into the Nauru Tuna Fisheries Management Database (TUFMAN) 	14,700.00
5	Niue	Vanessa Marsh vlmarsh.fisheries.daff@mail.gov.nu	Development and Enhancement of Tuna Data	There is also a need to understand the interactions between the longline fishery and the artisanal fishery and to what extent are	8,000.00

			Collection, Databases and Storage Protocols for the Longline and Artisanal Fisheries	<p>impacts being felt within the artisanal fishery in terms of catch rates. This calls for an assessment of current data collection methodologies; coverage and utilisation of that data with particular interest being paid to species of high food security value to Niueans which is currently experiencing high by catch numbers in the longline fishery. This will be achieved by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhance the capacity and understanding of Fisheries Officers on the collection, storage and dissemination of fisheries data for tuna catches within the longline and artisanal fisheries. • Develop an effective tuna data fisheries collection program for providing information on both the longline and artisanal catches with the assistance of SPC-OFP. • Develop an efficient and effective tuna data collection protocol system for Niue. 	
6	Samoa	Antonio Mulipola apmulipola@lesamoa.net	Tuna fishery monitoring	To ensure that collected tuna data are stored in a secure and accessible manner a good solid data management system is required. It is proposed that a national tuna data workshop is the ideal approach to building national capacity in all aspects of tuna data collection, management and reporting. A national tuna data workshop will bring together relevant staff and share the concepts and information explored at the regional Tuna Data Workshops. The workshop format will	12,657.00

				be guided by Samoa's national tuna data procedures document and participants will be given the opportunity to review the complete procedures for each data type, agree on their individual responsibilities and benefit from training the use of Samoa's offshore database.	
7	Solomon Islands	Edwin Oreihaka eoireihaka@fisheries.gov.sb	Tuna fishery monitoring	This project will allow Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR) to host a national capacity building workshop in tuna data. The workshop will offer participants the chance to absorb the theory behind tuna data statistics, participate in a review of their national tuna data procedures and benefit from training in key tuna data management areas, including training in database tools used to ensure data quality and to produce reports responding to national and regional requirements.	18,097.80
8	Tonga	Dr Sione Vailala Matoto, svmatoto@tongafish.gov.to 'Ulunga Fa'anunu, ulunga@tongafish.gov.to	Tuna fishery monitoring	A national tuna data workshop will bring together relevant staff and share the concepts and information explored at the regional Tuna Data Workshops ² . The workshop format will be guided by Tonga's national tuna data procedures document and participants will be given the opportunity to review the complete procedures for each data type, agree on their individual responsibilities and benefit from training the use of Tonga's offshore database. Specific activities include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To fund tuna sampling (port sampling and observer) for the collection of tuna sampling data over one full calendar year in the port of Nuku'alofa. 	12,860.00

² (See the webpage <http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/Html/Meetings/Index.htm> for more information).

				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To conduct a national tuna data workshop on tuna data management. 	
9	Regional	Peter Sharples, SPC Oceanic Fisheries Programme PeterS@spc.int Tim Park, FFA Tim.Park@ffa.int	Strategic support for implementation of Pacific Island Regional Fisheries Observer standards in 2010	The overall objective is to strengthen national and regional capacity to deliver high quality fisheries observer training, enhance the quality of observer data and the operational skills of observers in biological sampling and strengthen national capacity in observer programme coordination.	141,647.00
10	SPC	Colin Miller ColinM@spc.int	Migration of TUFMAN to SQL Server in Pacific island member countries	The objective of this initiative will be to visit each member country currently using TUFMAN, install SQL Server, migrate the existing TUFMAN tables to SQL Server and install a new version of TUFMAN that has been optimised for SQL Server. The visit will also serve to install the country's historical tuna fishery data into their TUFMAN system. This will provide to each country a TUFMAN that is faster, more stable, and has better data security.	52,725.00
11	Indonesia and Vietnam	SungKwon Soh Sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int	Data collection of tuna catches from port sampling in Indonesia and Viet Nam	West Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management Project (WPEA) has, in its work plan for 2010, detailed port sampling programmes in Indonesia, Philippines and Viet Nam. Because of budget limits, data collection from port sampling and review of data collection and catch estimation was planned partially at each country. Supplementary funding support from Japanese Trust Fund will be applied to extend port sampling and review catch estimates, two areas of primary focus for the WPEA project.	30,000.00
12	WCPFC	Ziro Suzuki Ziro.suzuki@wcpfc.int	Project support and administration	To provide support, coordination, monitoring and reporting support services to Project stakeholders from the WCPFC Secretariat as required.	87,214.00

				TOTAL	424,592
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2011 Summary of Projects

#	Beneficiary Member(s)	Contacts	Title	Summary	US\$
1	PNG	Ludwig Kumoru lkumoru@fisheries.gov.pg	Development and improvement of fisheries data collection for fisheries management in PNG	This project aims to develop a stratified port sampling program for tuna purse seine catch within PNG's archipelagic and exclusive economic zone waters. It will enhance the capacity of fisheries personnel on proper data collection and data analysis for management measures.	100,000
2	SPC	Don Bromhead DonaldB@spc.int Simon Nicol SimonN@spc.int	Annual stock assessment, ecosystem and bycatch workshops for fisheries officers from developing states of the WCPFC	The primary objective of the workshops will be to strengthen national capacities to use and interpret regional stock assessments, ecosystem and bycatch related assessments, fisheries data and oceanographic information at the national level, so as to facilitate greater participation in the Commission scientific work (including its key meetings), and to understand the implications of Commission stock assessments and ecosystem and bycatch assessments and the consequences of different management options for the sustainable harvesting of tuna resources. The budget requested will cover full airfare and per diems for 15 trainees from eligible developing states (Cook Islands, Tonga, Samoa, Niue, Vanuatu, Tokelau, Tuvalu, PNG, Solomon Islands, FSM, Nauru, Palau, RMI, Kiribati, and Fiji).	84,117
3	SPC	Peter Sharples PeterS@spc.int	Launch of the Pacific Island Regional Fisheries Observer (PIRFO) Trainer Team	The JTF continued to support observer programme since 2009 and delivered a 'Train the Trainer' programme to further satisfy PIRFO's aspiration. The work proposed in 2011 includes training the trainer and holding the first regional observer trainers workshop. Around 50% of the total 2011 project	41,860

				budget is requested from the JTF.	
4	Fiji	Jone Amoe fishfinderfj@gmail.com	Tuna fishery monitoring	This project aims to build the national capacity to monitor the tuna fishery in Fiji, with special emphasis on the collection, management and reporting of fishery data through holding a one week in-country national tuna data workshop. Almost 90% of the budget will support two workshop facilitators from the SPC in Noumea to Suva.	4,970
5	Philippines	Alma Dickson alma_dickson@yahoo.com	Training Program for the Operationalization and Implementation of the Vessel Monitoring System	This project aims to develop a competent manpower complement for the operation of the Vessel Monitoring System in the Philippines and in Regional level for the proper implementation of fisheries management conservation measures. This project will hold one VMS training workshop in Manila and budget requested will cover travel costs of VMS experts and workshop facilities.	31,809
6	Indonesia	Agus Budhiman Budhiman@indosat.net.id	Pilot project of Indonesian observer training programme	As a cooperating non-member, Indonesia would like to contribute to the efforts of implementing observer programme and proposed to have an observer workshop to design the programme consistent with WCPFC requirements and a 10-day training course to train ten observers as a pilot study. The budget proposed will support travel cost of the invited international experts and workshop facilities.	29,500
7	Samoa	Atonio Mulipola apmulipola@fisheries.gov.ws Ueta Fa'asili Junior ueta.faasili@fisheries.gov.ws	Support for tuna fishery monitoring in Samoa	Continuous support of data collection from port sampling and subsequent capacity building in Samoa has been identified as a very important factor to tuna fishery management. This project aims to continue data collection from port sampling by hiring two port samplers and to support one additional junior graduate staff to attend Tuna Data WS hosted by the SPC. Requested budget will cover the port sampler's salary and travel cost.	12,642

8	Marshall Islands	Berry Muller bmuller@mimra.com	Support for tuna fishery monitoring in the RMI	This project aims to hold a national workshop in tuna fishery monitoring in the Marshall Islands in order to gather staff from the oceanic section and allow them, as a group, to review their own national approach to monitoring their tuna fishery, through the collection of data. The procedures they agree on will be documented in a national tuna data procedures document. Additionally, presentations with themes on tuna fishery monitoring will be used to broaden MIMRA employees' knowledge and skill in the area of tuna fishery monitoring. Most of the budget will cover travel cost of one workshop facilitators from the SPC in Noumea to Majuro.	5,639
9	Tonga	Sione Vailala Matoto vailala@kalianet.to	Train more local observer for the regional observer programme of the WCPFC	This project aims to improve national observer programme by producing more national observers in Tonga. The project budget supports travel costs of two to three Tongan people to join the sub-regional observer training course to be held in one of our neighboring countries, Fiji, Samoa or Cook Islands. Upon completion of the training, they will be deployed in any of the local tuna vessels or any vessels under the ROP of WCPFC or under US Treaty.	15,561
10	Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam	SungKwon Soh sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int	Capacity Building in Tuna Data Monitoring and Ecosystem Monitoring and Stock Assessment through the West Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management Project	The Commission supports WPEA Project for the collection of tuna catch data and capacity building in science to the WPEA participating countries. Since 2009, JTF supported WPEA and this is the extension of the support for their capacity building in data collection and understanding in tuna science. The requested budget supports travel cost of the WPEA member staff to the Tuna Data WS and stock assessment WS hosted by the SPC.	18,000
	Sub-total			Sum of project budget requested	344,098

	JTF/WCPFC	Ziro Suzuki zsuzuki@affrc.go.jp	Project support and administration	To provide support, coordination monitoring and reporting support advices to Project stakeholders from the WCPFC Secretariat as required,	80,495
	Grand Total			Total JTF for 2011	424,593