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**SECOND REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRIAL WCPFC PORT
COORDINATORS PROGRAMME**

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Background

1. WCPFC 11 agreed:
 - a. To establish a trial WCPFC port coordinators programme based on the proposed terms of reference (WCPFC11 Summary Report Attachment P – *see next page*). The programme will be implemented on a trial basis for two (2) years in 5 ports in the WCPO. The positions would be funded from the WCPFC Annual Budget during 2015 and 2016 (based on local salary rates), but the positions would operate as an integral part of the National Fisheries Agency/Department with reporting through the appropriate line manager in the National Fisheries Agency/Department.
 - b. That the five ports which would be eligible to receive funding would be Pohnpei, (FSM), Majuro (RMI); Tarawa or Christmas Island (Kiribati); Rabual (PNG) and Honiara in the Solomon Islands (SI). Each WCPFC Member would be able to submit an invoice to WCPFC Secretariat for payment towards their Port Coordinator, which is up to USD15,000 per year over a two year period plus \$5,000 one off equipment and establishment cost.
 - c. Relevant Members, SPC-OFP and WCPFC Secretariat will jointly report to SC and TCC (in 2015 and 2016), on the implementation of the trial WCPFC port coordinators programme.
 - d. If after two years the evaluation proves that the program has been successful the Commission can then take an informed decision to extend the program to other ports in the WCPO, where appropriate.
(WCPFC 11 Summary Report, para 542)
2. This paper is the second report by relevant members, SPC-OFP and WCPFC Secretariat on the implementation of the trial WCPFC port coordinators programme. The initial report of the trial WCPFC port coordinators programme was tabled at SC11 and TCC11 (see WCPFC-TCC11-2015-13_rev1 at <http://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/11th-regular-session-technical-and-compliance-committee>). This trial programme commenced in 2015 following WCPFC11 decision and it is in its second and final year, pending decision by the Commission.



PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WCPFC-FUNDED PORT COORDINATORS

Reports to: Appropriate staff member of the National Fisheries Agency, as determined by the Head of the National Fisheries Agency.

Key Responsibilities: the national port coordinator provides support to port related fisheries data collection and compilation related to transshipment activities occurring in Pacific Island ports, and which may include pre- or post-processed fisheries products from fishing activities which are of interest to the WCPFC Commission.

Relationships: It is expected that the Port Coordinator will necessarily work closely as part of their day to day duties with the national observer coordinator, national port samplers, national e-reporting staff, relevant subregional observer coordinator/s and as appropriate SPC-OFP staff.

Expected duties: The specific job tasks for the position will be determined by the Head of the National Fisheries Agency, taking into account the areas of greatest need within the National Fisheries Agency. The duties of the National Port Coordinators might include, as appropriate:

- assist with coordination of tuna tag returns and rewards;
- assist with coordination of biological sampling and collection of biological samples;
- collection of relevant PS and LL unloading forms from licensed fishing vessels in accordance with relevant national laws and regulations; (need to make it tighter, out puts specify, deliver ables specify)...
- conduct shark carcass to fin ratio sampling;
- collect the logbooks from licensed fishing vessels in accordance with relevant national laws and regulations;
- monitor non-target catches of the eight most common bycatch species
 - Barracudas (*Sphyraena* spp.); Dolphinfish (*Coryphasena hippurus*); Rainbow runner (*Elagatis bipinnulata*); Wahoo (*Acanthocybium solandri*); Bill fish species (black marlin- *Istiompax indica*) blue marlin (*Makaria nigricans*) striped marlin (*Kajika audax*) sail fish (*Istiophorus platypterus*).
- Monitor and check transshippers manifestos, from licensed fishing vessels in accordance with relevant national laws and regulations;
- Check for logbooks and observer reports on in-port transshipments,
- Compile vessel characteristics from raw data forms;

Funding: The above duties are considered necessary to be undertaken by port coordinators to monitor transshipping of product. Under the current WCPFC model these functions are considered to be under-resourced in Small Island States and developing countries and therefore the activities place a strain in the limited resources available.

In accordance with Convention Article 30 and CMM 2013-07 *CMM on the special requirements of SIDS and Territories*, the Commission will fund the establishment and salary costs of Port Coordinators on a trial basis for two (2) years in 5 ports in the WCPO: these port would be Pohnpei, (FSM), Majuro (RMI); Tarawa or Christmas Island (Kiribati); Rabual (PNG) and Honiara in the Solomon Islands (SI).

If after two years the evaluation proves that the program has been successful the Commission can then take an informed decision to extend the program to other ports in the WCPO, where appropriate.

Reporting: The relevant Members, SPC-OFP and WCPFC Secretariat will jointly report to SC and TCC (in 2015 and 2016), on the implementation of the trial WCPFC port coordinators programme.

WCPFC Secretariat

3. As agreed at WCPFC11, five Members (FSM, RMI, Kiribati, PNG and Solomon Islands) were eligible to receive funding under the trial WCPFC port coordinators programme. Table 1 shows the relevant CCMs that have submitted claims and received funding under this programme. Solomon Islands and Marshall Islands are yet to submit claims to this fund.

Table 1: Relevant members that have claimed the port coordinators fund

Relevant Member	2015 date when fund was disbursed (USD20,00/CCM)	2016 date when fund was disbursed (USD15,000/CCM)
FSM	12 Jan 15	5 May 2016
Kiribati	25 Feb 15	-
PNG	18 May 15	27 June 2016

SPC-OFP

4. SPC-OFP improved the reporting tools available for reconciling purse seine unloadings with logsheet data and VMS coverage during the year. Discussions and documentation on the leakage of fish from purse seine unloading into the local community has started. Improving the collection of port sampling data for deep frozen longline unloading is a current area of focus.

Reports from relevant members

5. Progress report from FSM is attached as Annex 1. Other relevant CCMs may wish to provide a progress report during the relevant agenda item for SC12.



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Annex 1



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UPDATE ON THE PROGRESS OF WCPFC PORT COORDINATOR PROGRAMME IN THE FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA; POHNPEI AND KOSRAE PORT

The FSM port coordinator program is primarily focused in Pohnpei port and expanded to Kosrae port by November 2015 for frozen unloading of longline vessels.

WCPFC Port Coordinator activities in Pohnpei Port, FSM

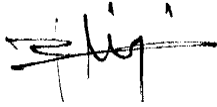
- i. In-house workshop conducted by SPC for port sampling and unloading data collection
- ii. Regional shark law and bycatch seminar
- iii. FSM shark law regulations review
- iv. Increased unloading data review with vessel agents of national fleets unloading in foreign ports.
- v. Proposed field office at dock side for inspection and validations to NORMA Board members.
- vi. Please see FSM 2015 part 1 report for purse seine port monitoring and sampling data in Pohnpei and foreign ports.
- vii. Catch Documentation Training (CDS) for port sampler

WCPFC Port Coordinator activities in Kosrae Port, FSM

- i. November 2015, Kosrae port commenced longline unloading operations
- ii. Proposed permanent field office at dockside for inspection and validations to NORMA Board members.
- iii. A total of 17 longline vessels unloaded 423mt of tuna
- iv. A port coordinator officer in Kosrae is currently under training with assistance of NORMA observers based in Kosrae port.

- v. Please see FSM 2015 part 1 report for purse seine and longline port monitoring data in Kosrae port.

The WCPFC Port Coordinator position has expanded its roles to now include transshipment and unloading activities in Kosrae port. There are future plans for 2 field offices in Pohnpei and Kosrae port. These field offices will include a Catch Certificate Documentation Unit (CDCU) for all transshipment inspections in FSM ports.



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