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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 general support for the project in its first 5 year phase, the 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 is similar to the first with a slightly greater emphasis on enforcement and compliance related projects.

2016 Projects

In 2016, the fifth and final year of the second phase, JTF donated \$151,950.00, and following a deduction of \$11,396.25 for administration costs, USD \$140,553.75 was available to fund projects. Invitation for project proposals was issued and all 2016 applications received were successful and 5 new projects were supported this year.

The projects approved for funding support were for Fiji, Niue, SPC (PICTs) and Tonga (x2). The details for the 2016 projects and projects carried over from earlier years are conveniently outlined in the tables in attachment A.

Projects carried over from previous years.

2015

Project #1: FSM. Port sampling data collection review & training; plus a draft IPOA for sharks. FSM reported to the August 2015 JTF Steering Committee, and again in February 2016 on the status of this project. A workshop was completed and improved quality data reporting is ongoing. A project extension was granted until the end of 2016, to enable FSM to exchange ideas with FFA regarding how to draft an IPOA on sharks.

Project #2: Nauru. Capacity building and transfer of technology on at sea boarding and inspection procedures for Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority (NFMRA) vessel operators in Nauru's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ). An extension was granted to conduct the work in 2016.

Project #3: SPC. Marine Mammals and Sea Birds (Species of Special Interest) Identification cards for Pacific Islands Fisheries Observers (PIRFO) on Tuna Purse seiners and Longliners. SPC has completed this project and the ID Cards have been distributed to the ROP. The ID cards may be downloaded at:

<http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/en/about-ofp/latest-ofp-news/439-whales-dolphins-and-sea-birds-id-cards-for-pacific-islands-regional-fisheries-observers->

Project #4: SPC. A Review of the Needs and Requirements for a Standardised Small-scale Vessel Registration System. The work is complete and the final full report may be downloaded at:

http://www.spc.int/DigitalLibrary/Doc/FAME/Reports/Welch_2016_Registraton_System_for_SSFVs.pdf

2014

Project #1: FFA National Observer Programme Manager (OPM) Rollout. The project has been completed. The final report has been provided.

Project #3 Samoa: Data Collection Improvement. Samoa submitted a progress report indicating that sampling had not proceeded at the anticipated rate. Sampling has continued and Samoa reported on progress again at the August 2015 JTF Steering Committee meeting. Samoa apologised for the delays related to this project, which were partly due to freezing of access to the funds by the Ministry of Finance whilst an internal investigation was underway. The freeze has just been lifted. An extension and modification of the project requested for 2016 is currently under consideration by the JTF.

Project #7 SPC: PIRFO Website. The consultancy was advertised, but none of the bids were considered acceptable. Only one local company submitted a bid (probably because of the highly technical nature of the terms of reference and because the advertisement was in English). The consultancy was therefore re-advertised, with a simplification of the terms and in a French translation, to focus on local companies. The project leader left SPC in 2015, and the work has been continued by Mr Emmanuel Schneider; contractors have been appointed and considerable progress has been made on the website. Japan Trust Fund agreed to extend the project for completion in 2016. Further progress has been made, and the interface & functionality for the new PIRFO web site was completed in May 2016. The SKAZY consultants have held a basic training session in June for relevant SPC staff. The training revealed potential areas of improvement and modifications will be made to the site. Upcoming work i] install the web site front and back ends on the SPC server, ii] PIRFO to add content, iii] Register all PIRFO staff.

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*

2016 Projects

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

Table 1: Summary of 2016 JTF Projects and associated funding

#	Beneficiary Member(s)	Contacts	Title	Summary	US\$
1	Fiji	Mrs Alitia Bainivalu Bainivalu.alitia@gmail.com	The Fiji Port Monitoring Exercise	The Fiji Port Monitoring Exercise aims to track the movement of fish from the vessels, to onshore facilities and onward to the final destination. The project will provide useful information related to chain of custody, provide checks against other fisheries data and reporting and help to close loopholes in the current landing levy system.	43,037.66
2	Niue	James Tafatu jtafatu@gmail.com	Developing NPOAs i. sharks and ii. IUU fishing	This project will draft a Shark Assessment Report, which in turn will inform the development of a Shark NPOA.	6,800.00
3	SPC: Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICT)	Peterw@spc.int	10 th Regional Tuna Data Workshop	The annual TDW coincides with the deadline for the provision of Scientific data to the WCPFC (30th April). The workshop supports directly and through capacity building, the developing States to prepare their most recent year's WCPFC data provisions in time for the WCPFC data submission deadline.	55,030.09
4	Tonga	Vilimo Fakalolo Acting Chief Executive Officer vilimo.fakalolo@gmail.com Ms. Losilini Loto'ahea Head of Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) losalinelotoahea@gmail.com Ms. KalolaineManuopangi Observer Coordinator kmanuopangai@tongafish.gov.to	PIRFO Training & CoC FAD Free Fishing Training for Tonga National Observer Programme 2016	This project supports the Tonga Observer operations, sending 3 recruit observers to attend a 7 weeks sub-regional observer training (proposed Vanuatu Maritime College); provide a 4 day CoC Training for Tonga National Observer Programme and will fund debriefer fees for 2016	23,105.00
5	Tonga	Mr. Vilimo Fakalolo, Acting CEO for Fisheries vilimo.fakalolo@gmail.com or v.fakalolo@tongafish.gov.to	Port sampling and data entry	This project builds on JTF funded support since 2010, The objective is to fund port sampling in Tonga for the year 2016.	12,581.00

	Sub-total			Sum of project budget requested	\$140,553.75
	WCPFC	Aaron Nighswander aaron.nighswander@wcpfc.int	7.5% admin fee	Overhead	\$151,950 x 0.075 = \$11,396.25
	Grand Total			Total JTF for 2016	\$151,950

Table 2: JTF Projects carried over from 2015

#	Beneficiary Member(s)	Contacts	Title	Summary	US\$
1	FSM	Naiten Bradley Phillip, Jr., Chief of Research and National Observer Coordinator bradley.Phillip@norma.fm	Port sampling data collection review and training with a draft International Plan of Action for Sharks	Port sampling training Objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To conduct a one-week port sampling training workshop to identify new unloading technique operations and data gaps; • Improve data quality reporting of Part 1 and Part 2; • Conduct WCPFC key shark species I.D. and data collection from purse seine and long line port sampling (Pohnpei) • Explore implementation of a draft IPOA on Sharks and status of NPOA for the Conservation of Sharks in FSM. 	\$19,256.00
2	Nauru	Charleston Debye Chief Executive Officer cdebye@gmail.com	Capacity building and transfer of technology on at sea boarding and inspection procedures for Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority (NFMRA) vessel operators in Nauru's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).	The project objectives are to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - conduct training for NFMRA officers on best practice of at-sea boarding and inspection procedures; -develop SOPs for NFMRA on at-sea boarding and inspection. -advise NFMRA on gears and equipment necessary for NFMRA officers in conducting at-sea boarding and inspection. 	\$12,519.50
3	SPC: Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICT)	Siosifa Fukofuka, Observer Training and Support Officer, SPC-OFI siosifaf@spc.int	Marine Mammals and Sea Birds (Species of Special Interest) Identification cards for Pacific Islands Fisheries Observers (PIRFO) on Tuna Purse seiners and Longliners	SPC recognized the need for appropriate ID guides for Species of Special Interest (SSI). Objective: To publish and distribute 3000 copies of SSI I.D. cards for use by observers on tuna purse seiners and Longliners.	\$20,900.00
4	SPC: Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICT)	Deirdre Brogan, Fisheries Monitoring Supervisor, DeirdreB@spc.int Tim Lawson, Principle Scientist, TimL@spc.int	A Review of the Needs and Requirements for a Standardised Small-scale Vessel Registration System	Consultancy to review the needs of PICTS for a vessel registration system for small-scale vessels that target multiple-fisheries. Expected Outcome: A report that identifies the relevant stakeholders for small-scale vessels registration system, considers data collection, data management and reporting elements, to apply to the current artisanal tuna data system. The report will be a reference document for the implementation of a small-scale vessel registration system in PICTs.	\$21,400.00

Table 3: JTF Projects carried over from 2014

#	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
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
7	SPC: Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICT)	Timothy Lawson timl@spc.int Emmanuel Schneiter, emmanuel@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 Debriefing, 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