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WCPFC PORT COORDINATORS PROGRAMME EXTENSION

WCPFC14-2017-22
28 November 2017

Purpose

1. To provide an update to WCPFC14 on the outcome of TCC13's reconsideration of the recommendation to extend the WCPFC Port Coordinators Programme.

Background

2. The trial port coordinators programme commenced in 2015 following its establishment by WCPFC11 decision, and was in its second and final year in 2016, pending a decision on its continuation by the Commission.
3. At WCPFC13 it was reported that TCC12 (paragraphs 179-181) had recommended the continuation of the Port Coordinators Program and requested that a funding source be identified for continuation of the Program. The reference document that was tabled to support the Commission's consideration of the recommendation was WCPFC13-2016-26 *Report on the Implementation of the Trial WCPFC Port Coordinators Programme and Proposed Extension*, which is attached as **Attachment 1**.
4. The outcome from WCPFC13 was that "The Commission noted the report of the WCPFC Port Coordinators Programme Trial 2015–2016 (WCPFC13-2016-26) and tasked TCC13 to further consider the recommendations to extend the Port Coordinators Programme."

TCC13

5. The reference document that was provided to support TCC13's consideration of the recommendation was *TCC13-2017-18*. This included as Attachment 1 the WCPFC13 report (this is also included as **Attachment 1** to this paper).
6. During TCC13 there was general support for CCMs undertaking monitoring of fishing activities in their ports. Some CCMs expressed that the 2015-2016 trial had shown that the Programme was an effective delivery mechanism for capacity assistance to port monitoring. These CCMs also expressed that the WCPFC Port Coordinators Programme

extension, would make a useful contribution in the form of assistance to small island developing States and participating territories to undertake this work.

7. The major point of difference amongst CCMs during TCC13 was a concern about the evidence that the trial project has delivered on its objectives. Some CCMs requested clearer evidence from the participating countries to confirm the outcomes, effectiveness and operation of the expected duties of the program had been met under the 2015-2016 trial. Other CCMs noted that reports by the participating members, the Secretariat and SPC-OFP on the 2015-2016 trial were evident in the Attachment to *TCC13-2017-18*.
8. The outcome from TCC13 was: “*TCC13 noted for WCPFC14 that a majority of CCMs support extension of the Port Coordinators Programme. TCC13 noted that some CCMs requested that those CCMs that had participated in the past provide additional reports to WCPFC14 on the outcomes, benefits and operation and implementation of the expected duties of the programme.*” (*TCC13 Summary Report, para 392*)

Recommendation

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">9. WCPFC14 is invited to consider the outcome of TCC13’s recommendations to extend the Port Coordinators Programme. |
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**COMMISSION
THIRTEENTH REGULAR SESSION**

Denarau Island, Fiji
5 – 9 December, 2016

**REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRIAL WCPFC PORT COORDINATORS
PROGRAMME AND PROPOSED EXTENSION**

**WCPFC13-2016-26
21 November 2016**

**Paper prepared by the Secretariat, SPC-OFP, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati
and Papua New Guinea**

Purpose

1. This paper presents for review by the Commission the first and second joint reports by participating members, SPC-OFP and WCPFC Secretariat on the implementation of the trial WCPFC port coordinators programme. The trial programme commenced in 2015 following the WCPFC11 decision and it is in its second and final year, pending decision by the Commission.
2. In response to a recommendation from SC12, the paper also presents a proposal for extension of the Port Coordinators Programme by the Commission.

Outcomes from SC12

3. At SC12 the second report on the trial Port Coordinators Programme was presented (SC12-GN-IP-04) and it was noted that funding provided under the program had gone into national activities that have improved sampling and other coordination activities in three Pacific Island ports. During the discussions there were expressions of support to continue and expand the port coordinators programme and also expressions of interest from other Pacific Island countries to be able to access funds. FFA members in expressing support to continuing and expanding the programme, noted that an expanded Port Coordinators Programme, would provide a means to bolster national port monitoring programmes to ensure they are able to support activities to verify operational catch and effort data. SC12 recommended that the Secretariat consider the requests of several CCMs to expand the support of the Port Coordinators initiative and submit a proposal at TCC12.

Outcomes from TCC12

4. The second joint report was presented to TCC12 (WCPFC-TCC12-2016-13). The agreed recommendations from TCC12 were:
“179. TCC12 noted the utility of the trial port coordinators programme and recommends to WCPFC13 the extension of the programme and the expansion to other ports in the WCPO where appropriate.
180. TCC12 encouraged participating CCMs in the port coordinators programme to include in their annual reports the impact of the programme.

181. TCC12 recommended that WCPFC13 identify an appropriate funding source for the continuation of this programme.”

5. The first joint report presented to TCC11 in 2015 is provided as Attachment 1 (WCPFC-TCC11-2015-13) and the second joint report presented to TCC12 is provided as Attachment 2 (WCPFC-TCC12-2016-13).

Recommendation

6. WCPFC13 is invited to consider the proposed revised terms of reference included in Attachment 2 as the basis for the proposed extension of the Port Coordinators Programme.



TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE
Eleventh Regular Session
23 - 29 September 2015
Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

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

WCPFC-TCC11-2015-13_rev1¹
4 August 2015

Paper prepared by the Secretariat, SPC-OFP, FSM, Kiribati and PNG

(previously tabled at SC11 as WCPFC-SC11-2015-GN-IP-04)

¹ The paper was revised to include Annex 3 – report from PNG, received on 1 September 2015



**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
ELEVENTH REGULAR SESSION**

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia
5-13 August 2015

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

**WCPFC-SC11-2015/GN-IP-04
4 August 2015**

Paper prepared by the Secretariat, SPC-OFP, FSM and Kiribati

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 a joint report by relevant members, SPC-OFP and WCPFC Secretariat on the implementation of the trial WCPFC port coordinators programme. The trial programme has been underway for only a few months and so this should be considered an initial report on the progress to date.



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	Date of receipt of request	Date (when fund was disbursed)	Amount requested/disbursed
FSM	8 Jan 2015	12 Jan 15	USD 20,000
Kiribati	25 Feb 2015	25 Feb 15	USD 20,000
PNG	8 May 2015	18 May 15	USD 20,000

SPC-OFP

4. SPC-OFP travelled to a number of ports to review port data collection during 2015, with further travel expected. No Port Coordinators were in place at the time of the visits. During the review, SPC-OFP noted recent improvements with the coverage of port unloading; although having a staff member tasked with identifying data gaps and actively following-up on the submission of unloading data was an important element that was often missing from the national approach to port monitoring. The task of monitoring the coverage of unloading data sits well with the role of the Port Coordinators. Improved reporting tools to help gauge the coverage of unloading data have been identified and will be made available in the future. SPC-OFP also found a need for regular internal auditing of the port-sampling program, another task countries may consider assigning to their Port Coordinator.

Reports from relevant members

5. Progress reports from FSM and Kiribati are attached as Annex 1 and 2. Progress report from PNG is expected to be provided during the relevant agenda item for SC11.



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July 28, 2015

TO: Ana Taholo
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FROM: Chief of Research

SUBJECT: WCPFC port coordinators project progress report 2015

Dear Ms Taholo,

The Authority wish to report on the progress of the WCPFC Port Coordinators Project for 2015 on the job tasks assigned to FSMs port sampler with some assistance from the national fisheries observers.

1. Funds received in January: IMPLEMENTED
2. Collection of data for PS and LL unloading forms Part 1 and Part 2: ON-GOING
3. 100% collection and monitoring of LL unloading data in Pohnpei port for target and bycatch species: ON-GOING
 - a. A total of 80 longline (FSM 11, China 41 and Taiwan 28) unloadings since January to present have been monitored.
4. Conduct shark monitoring and sampling on the WCPFC key shark species in Pohnpei port: STAKEHOLDERS MEETING AFTER SC 11

There are other specific job tasks that are yet to be implemented as we are concentrating our efforts mostly in the longline transshipments and shark measures. This is to help ensure that were monitoring and reporting accordingly.

Naiten Bradley Phillip Jr.
Chief of Research

Annex 2 – report from Kiribati

KIRIBATI PORT COORDINATOR REPORT

August, 2015

Kiribati is one of the busiest ports within region particularly during the current EL Nino season that brought more vessels to fish and transhipped in port. Early this year Kiribati has received funding support from WCPFC with regards to the establishment of National Port Coordinators post as agreed by WCPFC11. The fund was paid into Kiribati Government Project Account no. 4 which has recently cleared and transferred to Finance Office. As such Ministry of Fisheries has opened the post for two officers (experience observers) to undertake the Port Coordinators post were anticipated to be in office in August following the recruitment process that made in July

Therefore Kiribati is very thankful for this funding assistance which will improve national data collection related to flag vessels fishing activity within the convention area plus foreign flag vessels visited national port for transhipment and other port activities such as bunkering or crew embark and disembark etc.

Since this is the first year of the project Kiribati will be in the better position to provide further outcome in coming year. As mentioned earlier the recruitment process has completed in July therefore Kiribati will have two staff in office early August, 2015 to carry out the Port Coordinators role in accordance with the Commission decision in Apia, 2014.



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A BRIEF REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF WCPFC PORT COORDINATOR PROGRAMME IN RABAU PORT, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

WCPFC Port Coordinator Recruitment in Rabaul Port, Papua New Guinea

The WCPFC Port Coordinator recruitment occurred on the 08th of June 2015. An office station along with working paraphernalia had been allocate to the appointed officer to assist with his duties. Commencing from the month of June NFA's main ongoing port operations at Rabaul Port such as Tuna Tag Returns and Independent Tuna Port Sampling Programmes were incorporated into the TOR of the WCPFC Port Coordinator.

Duties carried out by the WCPFC Port Coordinator in Rabaul Port since 08th of June 2015

i. Tuna Tag Recovery activities

A monthly report on the operations of the tag recovery activities is submitted by the WCPFC Port Coordinator to NFA every end of the month.

ii. Coordination of Independent Tuna Port Sampling activities.

Tuna port sampling operation was extended by NFA to Rabaul Port at the commencement of 2015. A mile stone was achieved for the Rabaul Port Sampling Program when e-forms were introduced by NFA in the collection of lengthy tuna port sampling data in Rabaul Port. Tuna Port Sampling data are stored electronically into the NFA Integrated Fisheries Information Management Systems (IFIMS).

iii. Coordination of Biological Sampling activities

Since the recruitment of the WCPFC Port Coordinator only one observer base in Rabaul was engaged in the collection of biological samples for the SPC-OFP. More of such activities are expected in Rabaul as the WCPFC port coordinator program progress into the future.

iv. Sustainable Management of the shark resources of Papua New Guinea

This newly implemented project by NFA target the collection of shark biological data from tuna longliners and prawn trawlers shark by-catch. At Rabaul Port, the WCPFC Port Coordinator is engaged in the coordination of observers to collect data for this project.

The WCPFC Port Coordinator will continue to work with the Observer Port Coordinator, Port Sampling Supervisor and other NFA officers at Rabaul Port to carry out task that are yet to be implemented.

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SECOND REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TRIAL WCPFC PORT COORDINATORS PROGRAMME AND PROPOSED EXTENSION

WCPFC-TCC12-2016-13¹

26 August 2016

Paper prepared by the Secretariat, SPC-OFP, Federated States of Micronesia and Kiribati

Purpose

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 - 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.

¹ Update of WCPFC-SC12-2016 GN-IP04 (18 July 2016), and taking into account SC12 discussions and recommendation

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)

WCPFC11 Summary Report Attachment P



AGREED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WCPFC-FUNDED PORT COORDINATORS

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- conduct shark carcass to fin ratio sampling;
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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.

4. 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>).
5. This paper is an updated version of the report that was tabled to SC12 as WCPFC-SC12-2016 GN-IP04 (18 July 2016).

WCPFC Secretariat

6. 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 as at 10 August 2016

Relevant Member	2015 date when fund was disbursed (USD20,000/CCM)	2016 date when fund was disbursed (USD15,000/CCM)
FSM	12 January 15	5 May 2016
Kiribati	25 February 15	10 August 2016-
PNG	18 May 15	27 June 2016

SPC-OFP

7. 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

8. Progress report from FSM is attached as Annex 1 and Kiribati as Annex 2. All three CCMs that accessed the funds in 2015/16 did provide verbal reports to SC12. Relevant CCMs may also provide further reports during the relevant agenda item for TCC12.

Outcomes from SC12 and next steps

9. At SC12 the second report on the trial Port Coordinators Programme was presented (SC12-GN-IP-04) and it was noted that funding provided under the program had gone into national activities that have improved sampling and other coordination activities in three Pacific Island ports. During the discussions there were expressions of support to continue and expand the port coordinators programme and also expressions of interest from other Pacific Island countries to be able to access funds. FFA members in expressing support to continuing and expanding the programme, noted that an expanded Port Coordinators Programme, would provide a means to bolster national port monitoring programmes to ensure they are able to support activities to verify operational catch and effort data. SC12 recommended that the Secretariat consider the requests of several CCMs to expand the support of the Port Coordinators initiative and report a proposal at TCC12.
10. In response to the SC12 recommendation, the Secretariat provides in **Attachment 1** a draft proposal for continuing and expanding the Port Coordinators initiative. Some edits to the terms of reference for the positions have been proposed therein to provide a clearer linkage to WCPFC annual Part 1 reporting requirements and regional standards for data collection.

11. It is proposed that FAC would consider an appropriate annual budgetary allocation for the Port Coordinators Programme, which would be annually determined based on expressions of interest from relevant small island developing state and territory CCMs and confirmed during TCC. This would ensure that an appropriate budgetary allocation can be included in the draft budget circulated by the Secretariat in advance of the Annual Commission meeting. The level of the budgetary provision for this initiative should initially be based on the annual amount per Port which were budgeted and invoiced during the trial.

Recommendation

12. TCC is invited to:

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">a. note the second report of the trial Port Coordinators Programme;b. consider a recommendation to the Commission that notes the success of the trial Port Coordinators programme and recommends extending the program to other ports in the WCPO, where appropriate; andc. consider the proposed revised terms of reference in Attachment 1 as the basis for the proposed extension of the Port Coordinators Programme. |
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PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR WCPFC-FUNDED PORT COORDINATORS

Proposed extension for 2017 and onwards

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:

- Coordinate in-port sampling requirements in country to regional standards, including
 - 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 and regional standards;
- conduct shark carcass to fin ratio sampling according to regional standards;
- collect the logbooks from licensed fishing vessels in accordance with relevant national laws, and regulations and regional standards;
- Compile data summaries for the national WCPFC Part 1 Report section on port sampling, transshipment and unloadings activities for the most recent calendar year, including:
 - total number of port visits and unloaded catch by gear type, flag and species
 - total number of trips and fish sampled at port by gear type, flag and species
 - coverage of unloadings and port sampling data collected
 - reporting on channels of catch distribution from unloadings
- [This work is understood to require liaison with relevant national data management staff and use of national database systems].
- monitor non-target catches of the eight most common bycatch species
 - Barracudas (*Sphyraena* spp.); Dolphinfin (*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*).
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- 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 for ports involved in highly migratory fishing activities in small island developing States and territories in the WCPO. ~~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.~~

The FAC will consider an appropriate annual budget allocation for the Port Coordinators Programme based on expressions of interest to access funding support from interested small island developing CCMs. TCC will annually compile a list of the small island developing CCMs ports proposed to be covered by the Port Coordinators Programme related to the next financial year.

The Port Coordinators Programme will be reviewed by the Commission in [2020].

Reporting: The relevant Members, SPC-OFP and WCPFC Secretariat will jointly report to SC and TCC annually, ~~(in 2015 and 2016),~~ on the implementation of the WCPFC Port Coordinators Programme.



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June 30, 2016

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

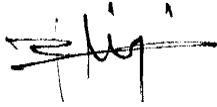
- i. In-house workshop conducted by SPC for port sampling and unloading data collection
- ii. Regional shark law and bycatch seminar
- iii. FSM shark law regulations review
- iv. Increased unloading data review with vessel agents of national fleets unloading in foreign ports.
- v. Proposed field office 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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KIRIBATI PORT COORDINATORS

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Introduction

WCPFC11 has agreed to establish a trial WCPFC port coordinators programme based on the proposed terms of reference (Attachment P). 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. There were five ports noted to be eligible to receive such funding that including Kiribati.

Kiribati has received the first and second funding early August, 2016 as part of the second year trial. As noted in KIRIBATI report 2015 the funding has greatly assisted Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development (MFMRD) to recruit two Compliance Officers to assist the Ministry in monitoring fishing activity and data collection through port activities. The two new officers were from our national observer program that still continues working under the funding assistance. As such the government would like to extend its appreciation and acknowledgment to Commission in adopting this important scheme. It has strengthened Kiribati capacity in data collection and compliance issues at the national level. As such Kiribati would like to see this funding continue to form part of the Commission program and budget.

Trial Outcome

The trial has strengthened Kiribati capacity in attending port activities on timely manner such as vessel inspection, data collection and compilation. On the other hand funding assistance helps to improve national capacity in verifying data obtain from logsheet against the actual catch transhipped in port. The assistance facilitated national effort in improving data disseminating to SPC and WCPFC as required. It's also helps Kiribati to enhance capacity to make informed decision regarding fees and other economic aspiration. Therefore Kiribati acknowledges that funding has a great contribution in strengthening small island's capacity to meet their reporting requirement in accordance with Commission CMMs. It also enhance capacity to deter IUU through a timely inspection of all incoming and outgoing vessels as reflected in the following tables.

Table 1 below shows the summary of vessels inspected each month upon arrival in port by Compliance Officers. The Purse Seine demonstrates the highest number of fleets entered port in 2015. This covered more than 83% of the overall fleets engaged in port transhipment, observer placement, crew embarked and disembarked. Most of these vessels were flagged by Distant Water Fishing Nations. Hence the Port Coordinators funding support has significant contribution towards national effort to attend vessels on timely manner that also support fishing vessel's operation effectively without delay and additional cost.

Table 1: Number of incoming fishing vessels inspected by month, 2015

Month	PS	LL	Total
Jan	10	0	10

Feb	7	0	7
Mar	13	0	13
Apr	15	0	15
May	7	3	10
Jun	6	1	7
Jul	6	0	6
Aug	2	3	5
Sep	2	1	3
Oct	3	3	6
Nov	2	2	4
Dec	1	2	3
Total	74	15	89

Table two below clearly indicates that skipjack was the highest composition of catch transhipped in port. This constitutes 82% of the overall catch followed by yellowfin and bigeye made the smallest catch of 2.3%. The table also highlight that in 2015 Kiribati port has been very busy throughout the year. Therefore the provision of Port Coordinators funding was improving port monitoring and data collection to both national government and tuna commission.

Table 2: Port transshipment data record by month, 2015

Tarawa Port, 2015						
Months	SKJ	BET	YFT	OTH	MIXED	TOTAL
JAN	6515.5	236.72	986.79	44.17	0	7783.18
FEB	6363.01	342.89	817.63	17.85	2930	10471.38
MAR	13034	156.3	1300.29	19.46	0	14510.05
APL	12808	405.85	1599.47	0.77	0	14814.09
MAY	11733	172.32	1375.03	37.28	0	13317.63
JUN	5836.2	344.39	402.62	75.34	0	6658.55
JUL	32017.46	622.54	5614.68	22.38	1.3	38278.36
AUG	782	106.71	759.14	386.28	0	2034.13
SEP	1157.9	48.45	418.37	10.22	0	1634.94
OCT	1265.43	125.53	577.83	16.14	12.25	1997.18
NOV	1562	44	150	2.35	684	2442.35
DEC	0	68.17	19.6	13.9	0	101.67
total	93074.5	2673.87	14021.45	646.14	3627.55	114043.5

IUU Inspection in port Kiribati has also improved through an increase number of fines imposed on eighteen fishing vessels as depicted in table 3 for 2015 and 2016. This is also another positive outcome of the port coordinators funding assistance. That helps Kiribati to strengthen national capacity to monitor fishing activities against license conditions.

Table 3: List of IUU record for 2015 & 2016

Year	Month	PS	LL	RC	BU	total
2015	Jun	1	0	0	0	1
	Sep	1	0	0	0	1
	Oct	0	0	2	0	2
	Nov	0	1	0	0	1
	Dec	1	0	0	1	2
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2016	Jan	0	3	2	1	6
	Jul	1	0	1	1	3
	Aug	1	0	0	1	2
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Future development

Kiribati plan to extend program to trial e-reporting for transshipment data. This will target all observers who have completed their trip to undertake transshipment monitoring while waiting for their next placement. This is the new initiative to be implemented soon. Thus this funding assistance has great contribution to national government in improving national reporting and monitoring obligation under the Commission. It also allows national government to create new jobs to observers who play a vital role in fisheries monitoring and reporting to both national government and the Commission. The trial noted to enhance small island's capacity like Kiribati to meet the Commission objective of sustaining tuna and related stock within the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

Conclusion

The Port Coordinator's funding assistance has been very helpful to national government to strengthen work program in accordance with the proposed TOR as in Attachment P of the scheme. It also assisted small islands to create new job opportunities for observers who are employed on contract basis when undertaking their duties as observers on board fishing vessels. The funding not only assisted in creating jobs but it's also support small administrative within small islands to improve their reporting requirement as required under the Commission Management Measures. Therefore the funding has been very useful hence Kiribati fully support the continuation of this funding assistance in the future.