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**Summary of 2011-2012 WPEA OFM Project Report**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

The WPEA OFM Project, funded by the GEF and other co-financing partners, aims to build capacity in Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam to fully engage in regional initiatives to conserve and manage fisheries for highly migratory fish stocks, by addressing data gaps of tuna catches in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) tuna fishery and reforming policy, legal and institutional arrangements in light of Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) requirements. In the first year, about 40 to 50 project activities were identified in accordance with the logframe of the project document and most of those project activities continued throughout the last year. Those activities are related with i) tuna catch data collection; ii) review workshops on tuna data and estimation of annual total tuna catch, iii) capacity building in stock assessment and data by attending annual Tuna Data Workshops and Stock Assessment Workshops hosted by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, and attending the Scientific Committee meeting, iv) developing, updating and refining review reports on policy, legal and institutional reports, review reports of national level tuna association activities, national tuna fishery profile reports, and national tuna management plan. The work and outputs of the WPEA OFM project has been shared by the involvement of all relevant stakeholders of the country in various workshops, through established websites, and email communications. By applying similar frame of work to all three countries, inter-governmental cooperation and collaboration may be inherently facilitated.

**II. SUMMARY OF WPEA ACTIVITIES**

According to the Project Results Framework in the Project Document, WPEA OFM has focused on two components: i) monitoring, data enhancement and fishery assessment, and ii) policy, institutional strengthening and fishery management. For the first component, the project continues to collect data from port sampling and logbook programmes in Indonesia, Philippines and Viet Nam. Various trainings and auditing processes have been conducted for species identification, capacity building in data/database, quality control, total catch estimation and stock assessments. These have strengthened the capacity of national scientists to represent their respective countries particularly at the Scientific Committee meetings of WCPFC. For the second component, several consultancies produced review reports on relevant issues and such reports have been updated, refined and revised by several review workshops by sharing reports among the three countries. All these reports will be finalized in October and November workshops planned for this year (2012).

Late 2011, WCPFC Secretariat submitted a proposal to Yeosu Project in Korea for funding support of USD 220,000 to strengthen the work of WPEA OFM project activities. Korea endorsed the proposal and the Yeosu Project fund was transferred to WPEA OFM co-finance account. Proposed Yeosu Project activities and indicative budgets are summarized in the matrix below.

Details	Remarks	Total amount
<b>Activity 1</b>		
1) Continue data collection from port sampling	More than 60 enumerators have been hired for data collection with partial support from Korea's fund, including those newly recruited at the extended sampling sites.	\$35,000
2) Support field visits to provinces for the supervision of data collection	There is one field visit/quarter/country. Korea's fund partially supports the associated travel cost.	\$9,000
<b>Activity 2</b>		
Support two Review Workshops on port sampling and catch estimation	There are more than six review and training workshops per year and Korea's fund supports part of the workshop costs and travel costs of the invited international experts.	\$24,000
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>\$68,000</b>
<b>Activity 3</b>		
Support development and publication of observer manuals and training of observers	Subject to the number of observers who apply for the observer training, Korea's fund will partially support training workshop and publication of observer manual.	\$20,000
<b>Activity 4</b>		
Workshop on stock assessment and data issues	A sub-regional stock assessment workshop is planned in October 2012 for consideration of national-level tuna management with the three participating countries. The venue country is to be determined, international experts will be invited and details will be noted in due course	\$41,100
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>\$61,100</b>
<b>Activity 5</b>		
Development/Update of National Tuna Fishery Profiles	National tuna management plans will be refined, targeting to finalize in late 2012. Korea's fund will partially support the workshop cost and travel cost of invited international experts.	\$34,500
<b>Activity 6</b>		
Development/Update of national tuna management plans (NTMP) and review WS on NTMPs	Consultancy reports will be reviewed at the review workshop which will be held to refine management plan. Korea's fund will partially include consultancy fee and workshop costs.	\$26,400
<b>SUB-TOTAL</b>		<b>\$60,900</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	Programme fee	<b>\$190,000</b>

The period July 2011-June 2012 includes the second and third year of the project which started January 2010. The second and third year annual work plan carries over most of the project activities from the first year annual work plan to strengthen institutions and processes and to continue standing activities. Key activities are summarized in the matrix below.

Category	Activity
Tuna fishery monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continuation and expansion of data collection from port sampling</li> <li>Review workshops on species identification training, audit of data collection and annual catch estimates</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Implementation of logbook programme</li> <li>• Observer training and data collection on limited fleet, workshop on briefing/debriefing, and publication of observer manuals</li> <li>• Coordination and monitoring of tag recovery activity</li> </ul>
Capacity building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Training in database and data analysis</li> <li>• National-level stock assessment workshop</li> <li>• Development of data and research inventory</li> <li>• Development of national tuna fishery profile</li> </ul>
Policy and management of tuna fisheries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Workshop for the review and possible reform of national policy, legal and institutional arrangements in light of WCPFC requirements</li> <li>• Development of an 'Implementation Manual' of the WCPFC conservation and management measures</li> <li>• Development of a framework to improve the activities of national level tuna associations</li> <li>• Development of national tuna management plans</li> <li>• Development and maintenance of knowledge management system, including website development, for WPEA OFM Project</li> </ul>

Based on the 2011 annual work plan, the following outputs have been produced.

Doc No.	Title	Status
	<b><i>INDONESIA</i></b>	
Y2-DOC-IDN-01	The 2nd WPEA Indonesia Port Sampling Tuna Data WS Report	Completed
Y2-DOC-IDN-02	Refined Port Sampling Protocols as of November 2011	Completed
Y2-DOC-IDN-03	Trip report – supervision of port sampling - August and November 2011	Completed
Y2-DOC-IDN-04	Trip report – SPC's stock assessment training workshop	Completed
Y2-DOC-IDN-05	Attachment - Tuna Data WS - Report on Indonesia Tuna Fisheries	Completed
Y2-DOC-IDN-06	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> Indonesian Annual Catch Estimates Workshop - Decisions and immediate work	Completed
Y2-DOC-IDN-07	The status of logbook data collection in Indonesia for WCPFC	Completed
Y2-DOC-IDN-08	The status of observer programme in Indonesia	Completed
Y2-DOC-IDN-09	WPEA Progress report - Indonesia	Completed
Y2-DOC-IDN-10	Indonesian Tuna Fishery Profile (1st version)	On-going
Y2-DOC-IDN-11	Review of national-level tuna association activities (1 <sup>st</sup> version)	Completed
Y2-DOC-IDN-12	National tuna management plan (1 <sup>st</sup> version)	On-going
Y2-DOC-	Review of policy and legal arrangements for WCPFC	Completed

IDN-13	related matters and checklist of compliance shortfalls (1 <sup>st</sup> version)	
Y2-DOC-IDN-14	NTC's annual activity report	Outstanding
Y2-DOC-IDN-15	WCPFC Annual Report – Part 1 and 2	Completed
<b><i>PHILIPPINES</i></b>		
Y2-DOC-PHL-01	Review workshop report on port sampling	Completed
Y2-DOC-PHL-02	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> WPEA National Stock Assessment Program tuna data review workshop	Completed
Y2-DOC-PHL-03	The 4 <sup>th</sup> Philippines and WCPFC tuna statistics review workshop	Completed
Y2-DOC-PHL-04	Trip report – SPC's stock assessment workshop	Completed
Y2-DOC-PHL-05	Philippine tuna fishery profile (1 <sup>st</sup> version)	On-going
Y2-DOC-PHL-06	WCPFC Annual Report – Part 1	Completed
Y2-DOC-PHL-07	Summary report on tag-recovery activities	Completed
Y2-DOC-PHL-08	Trip report – SPC's Tuna Data Workshop	Completed
Y2-DOC-PHL-09	Trip report – logbook awareness meeting	Completed
Y2-DOC-PHL-10	Review of Philippine National Tuna Industry Council activities	Completed
Y2-DOC-PHL-11	WPEA project progress report	Completed
<b><i>VIETNAM</i></b>		
Y2-DOC-VNM-01	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vietnam Tuna Data WORKSHOP	Completed
Y2-DOC-VNM-02	Training workshop report for the port sampling from gillnet and purse seine fishery	Completed
Y2-DOC-VNM-03	Historical tuna data inventory	Outstanding
Y2-DOC-VNM-04	Trip report – SPC's Tuna Data Workshop	Completed
Y2-DOC-VNM-05	NTC's annual activity report	Completed
Y2-DOC-VNM-06	Trip report – SPC's Stock Assessment Workshop	Completed
Y2-DOC-VNM-07	National level stock assessment workshop report	Completed
Y2-DOC-VNM-08	WPEA Project Progress report	Completed
Y2-DOC-	WCPFC Annual Report – Part 1	Completed

VNM-09		
Y2-DOC-VNM-10	Review report on the policy, legal and institutional arrangements in light of WCPFC requirements	Completed
Y2-DOC-VNM-11	Workshop report on the review of policy, legal and institutional arrangements	Completed
Y2-DOC-VNM-12	Trip report – Seventh Session of the Scientific Committee	Completed
Y2-DOC-VNM-13	Review of national level tuna association activities (1 <sup>st</sup> version)	On-going
Y2-DOC-VNM-14	National tuna management plan (1 <sup>st</sup> version)	On-going
Y2-DOC-VNM-15	National tuna fishery profile (1 <sup>st</sup> version)	On-going

### III. FUTURE PLAN

The year 2012 is the last year of the WPEA OFM Project. This project is expecting its terminal evaluation process in September – October. This evaluation process will be discussed at the third project steering committee meeting. Later this year 2012, WPEA OFM will finalize several policy-related reports through policy, legal and institutional workshops, mostly in October and November 2012.

Local management of highly migratory fish resources is a challenging issue to each participating country since tuna do not recognize man-made boundary such as EEZs. One local stock assessment workshop is planned in October to think about approaches in how to manage tuna resources at a sub-regional level. This workshop will be funded by Korea's Yeosu Project fund and relevant international experts, including Korean scientists, will be invited.

The Secretariat, working with the UNDP and participating countries, is preparing the second phase of the WPEA OFM Project. This will be discussed at the Project Steering Committee meeting.