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## REPORT ON THE STATUS OF OTHER FUNDS FOR 2025

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### Introduction and Purpose

1. This paper provides information on the incomes and expenditures of Funds other than the General Account Fund.
2. The Commission's Financial Regulations 6.2 and 7.7 require a report to each Regular Session of WCPFC on the Special Requirements Fund (SRF) as well as any funds established by the Executive Director. The Commission currently has the following seven funds other than the General Account Fund:
  - i. Special Requirements Fund
  - ii. Japan Trust Fund
  - iii. Chinese Taipei Trust Fund
  - iv. CNM Contributions Fund
  - v. Voluntary Contributions Fund
  - vi. West Pacific East Asia Project Fund
  - vii. Working Capital Fund

### Status of Funds

#### *Special Requirements Fund*

3. The SRF was established in accordance with the Commission's Financial Regulation 7 for the purposes identified in Article 30 of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean. As of 15 October 2025, the balance of the fund was:

Income	Amount
Balance brought forward from 2024	USD67,085
Donation from China	USD30,000
Donation from USA	USD30,000
Interest	USD14
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>USD127,099</i>
<b><i>Less Expenditures</i></b>	
Funded activities	USD21,129
<b>Total Remaining</b>	<b>USD105,970</b>

4. The activities funded out of the SRF for 2025 were:
  - i. USD6,199 for one SIDS participant to attend the 21st Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee
  - ii. USD14,930 for Fiji Enhancing Fisheries Data Collection and Compliance with WCPFC Conservation and Management Measures (co-financed with the JTF)

*Japan Trust Fund*

5. The Japan Trust Fund (JTF) was established in 2007 to facilitate management of funds provided by Japan to support “WCPFC Project on Capacity Building in Fisheries Statistics, Regulation and Enforcement for Small Island Developing States”. As of 15 October 2025, the balance of the fund was:

Income	Amount
Balance brought forward from 2024	USD41,298
Contribution from Japan	USD156,566
Interest	USD21
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>USD197,885</i>
<i>Less Expenditures</i>	
Funded activities and fees	USD171,496
<b>Total Remaining</b>	<b>USD26,389</b>

6. The 2025 funded activities supported by the JTF include:
  - i. USD44,279 for the Tonga to Support and maintain high level data collection and to improve management of tuna fisheries in Tonga, as well as providing timely feedback through monitoring programs on conservation of tuna Species
  - ii. USD25,625 for Tonga for capacity building in, and strengthening of, Tonga national observer programme & to conduct Basic Observer Longline Training for Tonga Observer Programme 2025.
  - iii. USD50,000 for Philippines for Introduction of Biodegradable Fish Aggregating Devices (BioFADs) Using Bamboo Raft and Abaca Ropes.
  - iv. USD24,920 for Fiji Enhancing Fisheries Data Collection and Compliance with WCPFC Conservation and Management Measures (co-financed with the SRF)

*Chinese Taipei Trust Fund*

7. The Chinese Taipei Trust Fund was established in 2017 to facilitate management of funds provided by Chinese Taipei to support projects for capacity building in Small Island Developing States. As of 15 October 2025<sup>1</sup>, the balance of the fund was:

Income	Amount
Balance brought forward from 2024	USD191,833
Interest	USD105

<sup>1</sup> The Fund Manager has not yet issued a call for proposals for 2025.

<i>Total Income</i>	USD191,938
<b><i>Less Expenditures</i></b>	
Funded activities and fees	USD0
<b>Total Remaining</b>	<b>USD191,938</b>

*Cooperating Non-Members (CNM) Contributions Fund*

8. The CNM Contributions Fund holds funds received from CNM's for their assessed contributions, and fees paid by Observer organizations for attending WCPFC meetings. As of 15 October 2025, the balance of the fund was:

Income	Amount
Balance brought forward from 2024	USD220,646
Assessed Contribution from CNMs	USD258,125
Interest	USD60
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>USD478,831</i>
<b><i>Less Expenditures</i></b>	
Funded activities	USD188,498
<b>Total Remaining</b>	<b>USD290,333</b>

9. The assessed and paid contribution for each CNM as of 22 October 2025 is as follows:

CNM	2025 assessed contribution	2025 payments
<b>Bahamas</b>	41,456	41,456
<b>Curacao</b>	31,933	31,933
<b>Ecuador</b>	57,864	57,864
<b>El Salvador</b>	29,719	29,701
<b>Liberia</b>	17,762	17,762
<b>Panama</b>	30,593	30,593
<b>Thailand</b>	26,112	26,112
<b>Viet Nam</b>	22,686	22,686

*Voluntary Contributions Fund*

10. The Voluntary Contributions Fund was established to manage contributions earmarked for purposes not catered for by any of the other funds or the General Account Fund. As of 15 October 2025, the balance was:

Income	Amount
Balance brought forward from 2024	USD1,598,011

Contribution from Canada <sup>2</sup>	USD60,539
Contribution from the US <sup>3</sup>	USD70,000
Contribution from Korea for the Tuna Tagging Project	USD135,805
<i>Contribution from FSM to Support TTC21</i>	USD5,000
Interest	USD9,773
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>USD1,879,128</i>
<b><i>Less Expenditures</i></b>	
Funded activities	USD233,720
<b>Total Remaining</b>	<b>USD1,645,408</b>

#### *Western Pacific East Asia (WPEA) Fund*

11. This Fund facilitates management of funds provided by New Zealand to finance the Western Pacific East Asia– Improved Tuna Monitoring Project. As of 15 October 2025, the balance of the fund was:

<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Balance brought forward from 2024	USD2,605,742
Interest	USD124
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>USD2,605,866</i>
<b><i>Less Expenditures</i></b>	
Funded activities	USD419,897
<b>Total Remaining</b>	<b>USD2,185,969</b>

#### *Working Capital Fund*

12. The Working Capital Fund was established in accordance with the Commission's Financial Regulation 4.4 for the purposes of accommodating normal operating expenditures prior to receipt of assessed contributions from members of the Commission, and to accommodate extenuating circumstances as approved by the Commission. As of 15 October 2025, the balance of the fund was:

<b>Income</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Balance brought forward from 2024	USD1,409,403
Interest and other income	USD10,382
<i>Total Income</i>	<i>USD1,419,785</i>

<sup>2</sup> USD59,152 to Support the WCPFC Secretariat in the development and testing of an online application tool (i.e., dashboard) and the development of targeted guidance and learning aids

<sup>3</sup> USD20,000 to support VMS Manual Reporting and USD 50,000 to support BET Stock Assessment Workshop

<b><i>Less Expenditures</i></b>	
Funded activities	USD500,000
<b>Total Remaining</b>	<b>USD919,785</b>

13. The Fund balance is above the level of USD1,000,000 which itself represents approximately 6 weeks' average expenditure. Member contributions are due approximately eight weeks after the beginning of a new financial year. However, only a small number of the Commission's members pay their assessed contributions on or before the due date (see FAC19-2025-04 *for an update of payment of Assessed Contributions for 2025*).