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PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH A TRIAL WCPFC PORT COORDINATORS PROGRAMME
REVISION 1

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Paper by the WCPFC Secretariat and the NORMA FSM

Background

1. A joint discussion paper between FSM-NORMA/WCPFC was circulated to CCMs as WCPFC Circular 2014/36, and this paper was discussed at TCC10 (WCPFC-TCC10-2014-18). TCC10 requested that the Secretariat and FSM work on further developing the paper taking into account the discussion at TCC10 and bring a draft proposal with TOR to WCPFC11 for further consideration.
2. FSM-NORMA and the WCPFC Secretariat have taken on board the discussions during TCC10. The attached draft terms of reference has been prepared for consideration by WCPFC11.

Justification

3. In the WCPO there are at least thirteen (13) ports where transshipping is occurring and of these six (6) ports Pohnpei, Majuro, Rabaul, Honiara, Tarawa and Pago Pago cover the majority of direct PS vessel unloading's and transshipments. The justification for this proposal is that most of the transshipping happens in the WCPO in the ports of developing member countries, which provides a real benefit to the Commission as a whole. However Commission members have requested that these members be rigorous in monitoring and reporting on these transshipments and that they ensure that all data from these vessels is properly recorded. At TCC10, some CCMs asked for additional details on each of the proposed ports and their transshipment and unloading activities, some notes from each of the CCMs are provided below:

TRANSHIPMENT INFORMATION IN PORTS¹

Port	Number of Transshipments
Federated States of Micronesia	246
Kiribati	189
Marshall Islands	271
Solomon Islands	250
Papua New Guinea	150
Total	1,106

¹ Based on information reported in recent Annual Report Part 1 (SC9 and SC10), which may be national totals.

Proposed budget

4. The estimated costs of this programme are (the costs would be based on local salary):

	2015	2016
5 Port Coordinators @ average of \$15,000 each for 2 years	75,000	75,000
Establishment costs Overheads and equipment at \$5,000 per post (one off cost)	25,000	
	100,000	75,000

Recommendation Draft Recommended Decision points for WCPFC11

5. ~~It is proposed that the~~ WCPFC11 agrees that:

a. the Commission establish a trial WCPFC port coordinators programme. 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. 6.~~ 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.

~~7c.~~ 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.

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**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.

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