



Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands  
2 October 2018

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## REPORT OF THE 2<sup>nd</sup> CHINESE TAIPEI TRUST FUND STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

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### Introduction

1. The second Steering Committee (SC) meeting of the Chinese Taipei Trust Fund (CTTF) was held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2018, in the margins of the Fourteenth Technical and Compliance Committee meeting (TCC14). The meeting was chaired and convened by the WCPFC Executive Director, with support from the CTTF Coordinator, WCPFC Finance and Administration Manager and the WCPFC Assistant Compliance Manager. Participants at the meeting include representatives from Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Tonga. Also in attendance were representatives from the FFA Secretariat and PNA Office.
2. Funding for the CTTF has been approved for the 5 years of the project, with annual funding allocation of \$400,000. For each year, there is an open call for project application from developing Members and Participating Territories (Members) of the Commission for consideration for funding under the CTTF.

### Agenda

3. The draft agenda for the meeting was adopted (Attachment 1).

### Report of the CTTF Operations

4. The CTTF Coordinator provided an overview of the approved projects for 2018. The approved projects were as follows:

CCM	Project brief description	Amount
Solomon Islands	Development of a digitally integrated MCS Port Operations System in Noro, Solomon Islands	\$145,000
Cook Islands	Temporary MCS support officer for Cook Islands Offshore Fisheries	\$21,725
Palau	The “Proposal on Cooperation of Fisheries Management” between the ROP and Chinese Taipei	\$25,000

PNA	International Fisheries Observer and Monitoring Conference (IOFM)	\$71,680
FFA	Advanced Investigation and Prosecution Training for Monitoring Control and Surveillance Fisheries Officers	\$51,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 314,405</b>

5. The WCPFC Finance and Administration Manager provided an overview of the financial status of the CTTF for 2018. In 2018 the \$400,000 annual allocation was provided to the Secretariat. All the funds for projects approved in 2018 has been disbursed to the project recipients.
6. For 2017 funding, the Secretariat has \$161,136, yet to be distributed once transferring instructions are provided by the project recipients. These funds relate to three projects approved in 2017 for the Federated States of Micronesia, Samoa and Solomon Islands. These CCMs advised that they are still working through their internal processes to be able to receive the funds and use for the purpose intended for those projects.
7. An enquiry was made on where the funding is held to which the CTTF and the WCPFC FAM confirmed that the funds are now with the Secretariat. FSM enquired if it was possible for the Secretariat to administer the funds on their behalf for their approved project in 2017. The FAM responded that in addition to the administrative difficulty that will be faced by the Secretariat, it is also not in line with the Commission Financial Regulations.
8. Discussion occurred around the need to put a timeframe in place for approved projects to receive the funds and if funds are not claimed/dispursed to these approved projects by this timeframe, the funds can then be made available to other project proponents.
9. **The meeting agreed that funds shall be transferred from the Secretariat to the project recipients within two years after receipt of the approved project fund by the Secretariat. If project funds remain undistributed after two years, the Secretariat will advise the Project Coordinator and those funds will revert to the CTTF.**

#### **Feedback or advice from Beneficiary Members**

10. Members expressed their deep appreciation to Chinese Taipei for providing the funding. Proponents of projects approved in 2018 (Solomon Islands, Marshall Islands, Cook Islands, Palau, Tuvalu, PNA Office and FFA Secretariat) all expressed their appreciation to Chinese Taipei and provided update on the status of their projects.
11. Palau enquired about the reporting template to be used and the CTTF Coordinator advised that he has sent this out to each of the point of contacts of the approved projects.
12. **The meeting tasked the Secretariat to post this reporting template on the WCPFC website.**

#### **Other Issues**

13. There was no other issue raised.

#### **Close of Meeting**

**Attachment 1:**



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**Agenda for the Steering Committee of the Chinese Taipei Trust Fund**

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AGENDA ITEM 1    OPENING OF MEETING

AGENDA ITEM 2    REPORT OF CHINESE TAIPEI TRUST FUND OPERATION  
2.1    REPORT OF THE FUND OPERATION  
2.2    STATUS REPORT OF THE FUND

AGENDA ITEM 3    FEEDBACK OR ADVICE FROM BENEFICIARY CCMS

AGENDA ITEM 4    OTHER MATTERS

AGENDA ITEM 5    CLOSE OF MEETING