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I. Introduction

The WPEA project was designed to address data gaps in the WCPO tuna fishery, to reform policy, legal and institutional arrangements according to WCPFC requirements. The Global Environment Facility (GEF) has committed to providing USD\$925,000 to the WPEA. GEF support would not have been possible without the formal involvement of several significant project partners. In addition to in-kind and cash contributions by the participating countries (Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam), the Project had secured co-financing or funding in-kind partnership arrangements with the Australian International Development Assistance Agency (AusAID), the US National Marine Fisheries Service, the Government of Japan (through the WCPFC Japan Trust Fund), the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), the Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research (ACIAR) and the WCPFC. This report is a brief summary on the progress of the WPEA project.

II. Summary of WPEA Activities

Prior to the WPEA Project, was the Indonesia and Philippines Data Collection Project (IPDCP) which began in the Philippines in 2005, where port sampling and catch and effort data compilation activities were carried out. All tuna fisheries data from this project was incorporated into the WCPFC data holdings. Indonesia initiated the IPDCP in January 2007 by convening the first Eastern Indonesia Tuna Fishery Data Collection Workshop.

The first official WPEA project activity was the Inception Workshop held in Cebu, Philippines, 3-4 July 2009, with Project representatives from Indonesia, Philippines and Vietnam. Vietnam convened its national WPEA Inception Workshop in Hanoi, late 2009, to ensure its stakeholders understood the purpose and expected outcomes of the Project. The WPEA Project Document was signed by the three countries on 6 January 2010, which became the official start date of the WPEA Project.

After lengthy consultations with each of the individual countries, the WCPFC Secretariat submitted WPEA annual work plans (AWPs) and budget implications to UNOPS and UNDP in early January 2010 for their review. Key components include data collection of tuna fishery catches, and review and possible reform of national fisheries legislation, policy and institutional arrangements. Recently, the co-executing agency (UN Office for Project Services) informed WCPFC that the UNOPS Contract's Committee had accepted the WPEA AWP and Budget and awarded a contract to WCPFC for USD\$855,944 (after deduction of the UNOPS management fee).

During the first and second quarter of 2010, the three countries conducted workshops covering the implementation of new port sampling programmes, review of existing port sampling activities, the training of enumerators, and stakeholder awareness. in relation to data collection activities. In the case of Indonesia, the WPEA Data Manager (Research Centre for Capture Fisheries) visited SPC-OFP to attend a one-week database training course. Indonesia also convened the First Eastern Indonesia Tuna Fishery Annual Catch Estimates Review Meeting as one of their AWP activities. In Vietnam, a field trip was conducted to the three key provincial tuna landing sites, to determine whether data collection at these sites was feasible, with Vietnam's first Port Sampling Workshop also held in March, port sampling programme have been conducted in one province of Vietnam. In addition, a legal, policy and institutional workshop was also convened in June. Both three countries were invited to SPC-OFP for the Tuna Data Workshop and Stock Assessment Workshop to improve their capacity in tuna data management and understanding of the stock assessment for the western and central Pacific tuna stocks.

The key WPEA activities are compiled in Table 1 below, with budget including co-financing.

Table 1. Summary of WPEA project activities conducted during 2009-2010

Activity title	Period	Expenditure/ Budget (USD)	Outputs
INDONESIA			
Capacity building on database management	1-5 Feb 2010	3,460/	RCCF Database Technician Training Report
First Eastern Indonesia Tuna Annual Catch Estimates Review Workshop	8-9 Mar 2010	6,000/ Int'l consultancy: /12,000	WS Report
Training of enumerators in Bitung and Kendari	6-9 Apr 2010	9,460/	Twenty (20) enumerators trained to commence port sampling in Bitung, Kendari and Sodohoa
2 nd quarter alary of enumerators for port sampling in Bitung and Kendari	Apr-Jun 2010	7,800/	Enumerators hired and port sampling conducted
Participation at the Stock Assessment and Ecosystem Monitoring Training Workshop	7-12 Jun 2010	/6,000	Dr Lilis Sadiyah attended the WS and trip report will be submitted
Review of policy and legal arrangements for WCPFC-related matters and Prepare checklist of compliance shortfalls	14-15 Jun 2010	12,400/ Int'l consultancy: /6,000	WS Report will be produced
PHILIPPINES			

Port Sampling Data Collection	1 Jan – Present	Phil-Co-financed	Port Sampling Report
Review of Bigeye and Yellowfin Catch Estimates, Palawan, Philippines	26 Oct-2 Nov 2009	Phil-Co-financed : Travel of BFAR/NFRDI Staff Int'l consultants: /\$15,000	Review of Bigeye and Yellowfin Catch Estimates Report
Tuna Identification Training (for BAS Key Data Informants)	24-26 Feb 2010	Phil-Co-financed Int'l consultancy: /5,000	Trained key data informants (35 participants)
Capacity building on database management	Apr 2010	/6,000	Trip report produced
Participation at the Stock Assessment and Ecosystem Monitoring Training Workshop	Jun 2010	/6,000	Trip report produced
VIETNAM			
Inception workshop	4 Oct 2009	7,518/ Int'l consultancy: /12,000	Workshop report
Field visit to three provinces/ Tuna Data Collection Workshop	9-14 Mar 2010; 15-17 Mar 2010	3,220/ 18,735/ Int'l consultancy: /15,000	Field trip and WS report
Stakeholders' awareness meeting and workshop for the internal training of enumerators	17-18 May 2010	6,140/	Field trip report and WS report
Participation at Database Management Training and Stock Assessment and Ecosystem Monitoring Training Workshop	2-14 Jun 2010	/12,000	Trip report
Enhancement of Port Sampling Coverage (Salary of enumerators and purchase of equipment)	1 Jul-31 Dec 2010	38,588/	Port sampling has been conducted in one province and to be conducted in two other provinces
Contract and local consultancy on legal and policy field	25 May – 20 August 2010	3,150	Legal consultancy report
Workshop on the review of policy, legal and institutional arrangements in light of the WCPFC requirements	17-18 June 2010	7,576	WS report including WS recommendations to the Government of Vietnam
Second PH/WCPFC Annual Tuna Fisheries Catch Estimates Review Workshop (Peter Williams)	17-18 May 2010	11,830/ Int'l consultancy: /5,000	Workshop report
Publication of Observer and Species ID	1 Jun-31 Dec	1,000/	To be produced

Manual	2010		
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WPEA Inception Workshop, Cebu Philippines	2-4 Jul 2009	25,694/	WS Report
GEF International Waters Conference	Nov 2009	4,739/	Trip report
Project coordinator contract (Dr Tony Lewis)		11,000/21,000	
Field visit for the review of port sampling in Bitung	May 2009	6,551/	Review of port sampling
Project Manager's consultation travel to three countries for the development of Annual Work Plan	Jul 2009-Mar 2010	/15,000	Completion of AWP

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