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Japan Trust Fund (Second Phase) Status Report (2015)

(WCPFC Project on Capacity Building in Fisheries Statistics, Regulation and Enforcement for Developing States: Second Phase)

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Introduction

The majority of the WCPFC Members are developing states including Small Island Developing States (SIDS), whose implementation of conservation and management measures would benefit from strengthened capacity. The WCPFC Project on Capacity Building in Fisheries Statistics, Regulations and Enforcement for Small Island Developing States originates from a Japanese funding proposal to the WCPFC made in December 2005, the Japan Trust Fund (JTF). The primary objective of this project is to support capacity building of the developing countries of the WCPFC members, especially SIDS. Project implementation was planned to take place over 5 years starting from 2006 to 2011 with a total available funding of approximately USD 2 million.

Given the success of, and support for, the first 5-year project, Fisheries Agency of Japan sought and successfully secured a budget, anticipated to be around USD 2 million in total, for the second 5 year phase. This second phase of the program is similar to the first, with a slightly greater emphasis on enforcement and compliance related projects.

2015 project selection:

- a) In 2015, the fourth year of the second phase, JTF donated \$151,950.00, and following a deduction of \$11,396.25 administration costs, USD \$140,553.75 was available to fund projects. All 2015 applications were successful and 7 new projects were supported this year.
- b) Projects approved for funding support were from FSM, Nauru, SPC (PICTs) (x2), Tonga (x2) and Vietnam.

Projects carried over from previous years.

- c) A 2013 SPC proposal for a Stock Assessment Training Workshop had a \$25k component to be consumed during the SPC 2015 Stock Assessment Training Workshop.
- d) A 2014 FFA Project 'National Observer Programme Manager (OPM) Rollout' has continued into 2015 with the permission of the JTF Coordinator. The project manager and point of contact has left FFA, however the project is being monitored by JTF FFA representative Ms Pamela Maru and an able team is in place.
- e) A 2014 Samoan project has ongoing issues getting sufficient samples, and work has continued into 2015. There may need to be a reassessment of the current project.

Project Details

Project detailed in attachment A

Japan Trust Fund – Objectives and Expected Activities

The objectives and expected activities are well described in the Consolidated Project Document (2012), which provides guidelines for the Steering Committee to select project proposals:

3. Objectives and expected activities

The basic objectives of this project are, within the purview of WCPFC, to assist SIDS Members, and other developing States Members as appropriate, in improving their capacities in:

- (a) Data collection and reporting of their fisheries and associated activities, in particular, those required by WCPFC, and*
- (b) Establishment of fisheries regulation and its effective enforcement, in particular, the conservation and management measures adopted by WCPFC*

In order to pursue these objectives, following activities may be implemented under the Project:

- (a) Data collection and reporting of their fisheries and associated activities, in particular, those required by WCPFC:*
 - identify and examine the source of uncertainty in data collection and reporting*
 - develop and implement capacity-building programs to improve fisheries data collection and reporting*
 - assist if necessary WCPFC to facilitate appropriate opportunities (e.g., meetings, workshops) to consider improved data collection and reporting of their fisheries by developing States and their participation in the Commission.*
- (b) Establishment of fisheries regulation and its effective monitoring, control and enforcement, in particular, the requirements by WCPFC*
 - review enforcement and monitoring mechanisms in developing states Members in terms of legal, institutional and technical aspects and identify opportunities for strengthening these areas*
 - develop and implement capacity-building programs to improve fisheries monitoring regulation and enforcement by developing states members*
 - assist if necessary WCPFC to hold appropriate opportunities to consider improved enforcement by developing States under their jurisdiction and through their participation in the Commission*

2015 Projects

Active projects funded under the second phase JTF are tabulated below. Funding has been disbursed to all projects.

Table 1: Summary of 2015 JTF Projects and associated funding

#	Beneficiary Member(s)	Contacts	Title	Summary	US\$
1	FSM	Naiten Bradley Phillip, Jr., Chief of Research and National Observer Coordinator bradley.Phillip@norma.fm	Port sampling data collection review and training with a draft International Plan of Action for Sharks	Port sampling training Objectives: • To conduct a one-week port sampling training workshop to identify new unloading technique operations and data gaps; • Improve data quality reporting of Part 1 and Part 2; • Conduct WCPFC key shark species I.D. and data collection from purse seine and long line port sampling (Pohnpei) • Explore implementation of a draft IPOA on Sharks and status of NPOA for the Conservation of Sharks in FSM.	\$19,256.00
2	Nauru	Charleston Deiye Chief Executive Officer cdeiye@gmail.com	Capacity building and transfer of technology on at sea boarding and inspection procedures for Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority (NFMRA) vessel operators in Nauru's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).	The project objectives are to: - conduct training for NFMRA officers on best practice of at- sea boarding and inspection procedures; -develop SOPs for NFMRA on at-sea boarding and inspection. -advise NFMRA on gears and equipment necessary for NFMRA officers in conducting at-sea boarding and inspection.	\$12,519.50
3	SPC: Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICT)	Siosifa Fukofuka, Observer Training and Support Officer, SPC-OFP siosifaf@spc.int	Marine Mammals and Sea Birds (Species of Special Interest) Identification cards for Pacific Islands Fisheries Observers (PIRFO) on Tuna Purse seiners and Longliners	SPC recognized the need for appropriate ID guides for Species of Special Interest (SSI). Objective: To publish and distribute 3000 copies of SSI I.D. cards for use by observers on tuna purse seiners and Longliners.	\$20,900.00
4	SPC: Pacific Island Countries and	Deirdre Brogan, Fisheries Monitoring Supervisor, DeirdreB@spc.int	A Review of the Needs and Requirements for a Standardised Small-	Consultancy to review the needs of PICTS for a vessel registration system for small-	\$21,400.00

	Territories (PICT)	Tim Lawson, Principle Scientist, TimL@spc.int	scale Vessel Registration System	scale vessels that target multiple-fisheries. Expected Outcome: A report that identifies the relevant stakeholders for small-scale vessels registration system, considers data collection, data management and reporting elements, to apply to the current artisanal tuna data system. The report will be a reference document for the implementation of a small-scale vessel registration system in PICTs.	
5	Tonga	Mr Martin Finau, National Tuna Data Coordinator and Port Sampling Supervisor, martinf@tongafish.gov.to or finau.martin@gmail.com Dr. Siola'a Malimali, Head of Technical Sections, s.malimali@tongafish.gov.to siolaamalimali@gmail.com Mrs. Nunia Mone, Head of Fisheries, nunia.mone@tongafish.gov.to	Support for the collection and the improved management of commercial tuna fisheries data in Tonga as well as providing awareness on conservation and management of tuna.	This project builds on JTF funded support since 2010, The objective is to fund port sampling in Tonga for the year 2015.	\$9,892.00
6	Tonga	Mr.Siola'a Malimali Deputy Secretary for Fisheries (Head of Technical) siolaamalimali@gmail.com Ms. Losilini Loto'ahoa Head of Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) losalinelotoahea@gmail.com Ms. KalolaineManuopangi Observer Coordinator kmanuopangai@tongafish.gov.to	PIRFO Basic Observer and debriefing training for the Tonga National Observer Programme 2015.	This project will i] conduct long line basic observer training for the Tonga National Observer Programme, and ii] complete part B of the debriefing training for 5 observers. Noting that currently Tonga does not have any PIFRO certified debriefers.	\$24,045.00
7	WPEA Vietnam	Mr Pham Trong yen Directorate of Fisheries MARD, Vietnam yenpt.tcts@mard.gov.vn Dr SungKwon Soh WCPFC Secretariat sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int	Extended port sampling to additional six provinces in Vietnam and consolidation of Vietnam's annual tuna catch estimates in 2015	This project will produce annual catch estimates for Vietnamese tuna fisheries (by gear and species) for nine provinces, for inclusion in national annual catch estimates, and to recommend a long term strategy for tuna fishery data collection.	\$32,541.25
	Sub-total			Sum of project budget requested	\$140,553.75
	WCPFC	Aaron Nighswander aaron.nighswander@wcpfc.int	7.5% admin fee	Overhead	\$151,950 x 0.075 = \$11,396.25
	Grand Total			Total JTF for 2015	\$151,950

Table 2: JTF Projects carried over from 2013/4

#	Beneficiary Member(s)	Contacts	Title	Summary	US\$
1	FFA: Nauru, Kiribati, Tokelau and Tuvalu	Tim Parks timothy.park@ffa.int	National Observer Programme Manager (OPM) Rollout	The objective of this project is to improve in situ debriefing of observers by continuing to build capacity at the operational ports of FFA members of rigorous Fisheries Observer Debriefing programs. Adherence to developed best practices ensures that Fisheries Observer information is collected according to strict Pacific Island Regional Fisheries Observer (PIRFO) protocols, transmitted through proper information pathways and is well utilised through established analysis procedures.	\$28,400.00
3	Samoa	Noelani Manoa noelani@mfat.gov.ws	Data Collection Improvement	The project objectives are: 1. To support the participation of a Fisheries Compliance Staff at FFA MCS and the FFA Fisheries Surveillance workshops in Honiara, Solomon Islands; 2. To purchase equipment for the management of MCS data, fisheries statistics and information; 3. To purchase uniforms for six Fisheries Compliance Staff; and 4. To effectively carry out MCS operations and monitoring.	\$16,845.00

Table 3 JTF Projects carried over from 2013:

2	SPC	Dr Tim Adams TimA@SPC.int Dr Simon Nicol SimonN@SPC.int	Stock Assessment, ecosystem and bycatch workshops for fisheries officers from developing states of the WCPFC – 2013.	The main objective of the workshops is to strengthen national capacities to facilitate greater participation in WCPFC scientific work/meetings and to enable the participants to better understand the implications of fisheries assessments for conservation and management.	\$108,000 ¹
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¹ \$25k of this funding is in partial support of the 2015 Stock Assessment workshop the remainder has already been fully utilised.