



**TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS,  
PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS**

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**Japan Trust Fund 2021: Extension of Deadline on Call for Proposals**

Dear All,

Due to the lack of proposals, it has been agreed to extend the deadline for call for proposals for the Japan Trust Fund to **Friday, 29th January 2021**.

For details concerning calls for proposal under the Japan Trust Fund, please refer to WCPFC Circular No. 2020/135, dated 17th November 2020, which is enclosed for your ease of reference.

Yours sincerely,

Feleti Penitala Teo, **OBE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



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**Circular No.: 2020/135**  
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**Call for Proposals for the Japan Trust Fund for 2021**

Dear All,

Please find attached a call for project proposals for funding support under the Japan Trust Fund (JTF) for 2021. This is the third year of the Third Phase of the JTF, which will continue over the next two more years with an emphasis on a new fisheries management procedure including harvest strategy and new monitoring technology related projects.

The objective of the JTF is to support capacity building among developing island States in respect to fisheries statistics, regulation and enforcement, including:

- (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 of, in particular, the conservation and management measures adopted by WCPFC.

Project proposals must describe the background, purpose, necessity, expected outcome and budget required for the project in a short but clear and concise manner of around 5 – 7 pages. An example template is attached to this Circular.

**The deadline for the close of proposals is Tuesday, 22 December 2020.** If you have any inquiries about the JTF, please contact the Secretariat's Assistant Science Manager ([elaine.garvilles@wcpfc.int](mailto:elaine.garvilles@wcpfc.int)).

Yours sincerely,

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## INFORMATION PACKAGE

### Call for proposals of the Japan Trust Fund for 2021

#### Introduction

This is to inform developing States and Participating territories of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, particularly small island developing States (SIDS), that the Japan Trust Fund (JTF) has secured another extension to cover for 2021, with a budget of US \$232,821 which is now available for proposal submission. The JTF is a multi-year programme of support provided by the Government of Japan. Its initial phase was for 5 years from 2008 to 2011. The JTF was extended for a further 5 years from 2012, and the current third phase is from 2019 to 2023. The funding focus of the JTF is to support capacity building among WCPFC Members of SIDS. However, certain attention shall be given to the participation by the Members of other developing States other than SIDS, so that they are not unduly excluded from the activities under WCPFC in respect of fisheries statistics, regulation and enforcement. Proposals from eligible CCMs will be welcomed, noting that any project proposals that overlap with those proposed by SPC/FFA will be reviewed by the JTF Steering Committee.

Applicants need to prepare a project proposal describing background, purpose, necessity, expected outcome and budget required for the project in a short but clear and concise manner of around 5 – 7 pages (illustrated template in Annex 1). The deadline for the close of proposals is **Tuesday, 22 December 2020**. The Steering Committee will undertake an appraisal, and selection of projects to be supported, with the aim of announcing approved projects in early 2021. Approved projects are required to submit a brief narrative and full financial report to the Steering Committee no later than 30 days after completion of the project. If you have any inquiries about the JTF, please contact the Secretariat's Assistant Science Manager ([elaine.garvilles@wcpfc.int](mailto:elaine.garvilles@wcpfc.int)).

#### Objective

To support capacity building among developing island States in respect to fisheries statistics, regulation and enforcement in the following areas;

- (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.

#### Scope and Tasks

Provision of project proposals with budget implication

## **Outputs**

Narrative (Progress) report of the Project and full financial report to the Secretariat's Assistant Science Manager ([elaine.garvilles@wcpfc.int](mailto:elaine.garvilles@wcpfc.int)), no later than 30 days after the completion of the project .

## **Budget**

As a principle, **this project is not intended to fund construction of infrastructure nor purchase of hardware and non-expendable equipment.** If such hardware and non-expendable equipment are indispensable for the project need to be prepared, they should be obtained by lease contracts during the Project period to the extent possible.

## **Expressions of Interest**

The consultancy will commence as soon as possible after the selection of the winning bid. Suitably qualified individuals, institutions or firms are invited to submit bids to undertake the assignment described above.

In assessing the merits of all bids, cost efficiency and cost effectiveness will be important considerations in determining the preferred bidder.

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**JAPAN TRUST FUND PROJECT PROPOSAL**

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**[Country Name]**

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***Title***

Development and improvement of fisheries data collection and a data base for Pohnpei artisanal and semi-artisanal tuna catch in the coastal water.

***Principal Investigator***

Mr/Ms. PI (brief CV attached)

***Background and needs***

The problem of a lack of inshore fisheries data exists throughout the four states of Federated States of Micronesia. In the late 80's, there was a program in place that provided sufficient information on fishing effort in the inshore fishery but this was phased out a decade later due to funding constraint.

In 2010, a fish market study was conducted to provide baseline data on coastal fish catch but it did not focus on the amount of tuna landed by local fishers. Tuna fishing such as trolling and bottom fishing, is one of the most important sources of income for most of the fishers. The lack of basic statistics on tuna and tuna-like fishes in the inshore fishery is a serious concern for small developing island countries, because of not only the need for resources management but also for improvement of the self-sufficiency of food. Therefore, there needs to be a program or system in place that will gather and compile information on tuna catches from inshore fishing activity. These data can also help to fill the tuna catch data gaps with regard to landings by local fishers.

***Objectives***

1. To develop a fisheries data collection program for providing information on tuna catch within Pohnpei coastal water with the assistance of SPC-OFP
2. To enhance the capacity of fisheries personnel on proper methods of data collection on tuna catch from local fishers

***Work Proposed***

- To conduct workshop for State Fisheries Officers on data collection procedures or methods
- To assess and purchase required software and hardware for improvement of fisheries data input and storage

***Expected Outcome***

- A tuna statistics program may provide more accurate information on inshore tuna catch.
- Improved availability of information on inshore fishery for resource management purposes.
- An increase in the number of Fisheries Officers fully trained on proper data collection, management and analysis.
- The experience obtained through this project can be extended to other important fish species like reef fishes, another staple fish stocks in island peoples.

***Budget***

The requested budget will cover: the travel costs of trainer from SPC-OFP to conduct training for Pohnpei State Fisheries Officers regarding basic fisheries data collection, management and analysis. Travel costs for a local Fisheries Officer to travel to all outer islands of Pohnpei to establish data collection program, train and hire counterparts in these five outer islands. The remaining will be used for software setup and purchasing necessary hardware such as computer (one laptop, a digital camera for outer island training and software) with which the data entry, verification and compilations are executed. The cost of fuel is included in this initial request because it was not reflected in our 2021 fiscal year budget but it can be accommodated in FY2022.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Travel and per diem for SPC-OFP staff to conduct workshop in Pohnpei <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Round trip for Noumea/Pohnpei - \$6,000</li> <li>Per diem – 5 days (\$119/day) - \$600</li> </ul>	\$6,600
Travel and per diem for State Fisheries officer to outer island to train locals on data collection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost of traveling to 6 outer islands to train Data Collectors</li> </ul>	\$ 1,500
Five Outer island Fisheries Data Collectors Contract <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6 Data Collectors (\$100/month for 12 months)</li> </ul>	\$ 7,200
Procurement of software and hardware for the establishment of the data base <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Laptop for outer island training - \$2,500</li> <li>1 Digital Camera - \$500</li> <li>1 Software - \$200</li> </ul>	\$3,200
Fuel for data collection <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fuel will be used for outer islands and the main island during data collection</li> <li>\$2,000 for 6 islands and \$500 for the main island</li> </ul>	\$ 2,500
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>US \$21,000</b>

***In-Kind Contribution***

<b>Item</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Salary (1 Fishery Officer)	\$10,000
Vehicle	\$15,000
Boats (6 boats with engines at outer islands)	\$ 33,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>US \$58,000</b>

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