

## **Survey Conducted of Commission HQ Site**

To facilitate negotiations between the WCPFC Commission Secretariat, FSM National Government and Pohnpei State Government over the provision of a lease for land in Kolonia Town where the Commission Headquarters building was erected in 2005, the Commission Secretariat, with the agreement of the Pohnpei State Attorney General's Office, contracted a locally-based survey company in early February 2007 to survey this land. The Pohnpei Legislature Act authorizes the dedication of this land to the Commission.

The survey company commenced work on 12 February and the Commission Secretariat expects to receive a survey report from the company as soon as its surveyors return to Pohnpei from inter-state travel. It is hoped that the survey results will help progress several issues including a proposal to excise a heritage building from the dedicated land parcels, the positioning of a temporary access road to several Pohnpei State Government offices and the U.S. Peace Corps office, and the demolition and removal of some derelict structures on the land parcels.

With the recent arrival of the Commission's Observer Programme Coordinator in Pohnpei and the imminent recruitment of four more staff, the temporary Commission Headquarters suite in Kasehlie Street, Kolonia Town is rapidly becoming overcrowded. Commission representatives will have an opportunity to appraise this situation when they visit Pohnpei in mid-June 2007 for a one-week technical workshop.