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**FIFTH STEERING COMMITTEE FOR THE INDONESIA AND PHILIPPINES DATA
COLLECTION PROJECT (IPDCP)
12-13 August 2008**

SUMMARY REPORT

WCPFC-SC4-2008/GN-1P-10

1. The fifth meeting of the Steering Committee on the Indonesia and Philippines Data Collection Project (IPDCP) was held on 12-13 August 2008, at Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, during the fourth regular session of the Scientific Committee of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (SC4).

2. The meeting was attended by participants from Indonesia (Victor Nikijuluw and Budi Iskandar) and the Philippines (Noel Barut, Elaine Garvilles); donor CCMs including Chinese Taipei (Wei-Yang Liu), New Zealand (Kim Duckworth) and the US (Raymond Clarke); FSM (Steve Retalmai), Japan (Takumi Fukuda, Koji Uosaki and Hitoshi Honda), New Caledonia (Pablo Chavance), the Chair of the Scientific Committee (Dae-Yeon Moon); the WCPFC Secretariat (Andrew Wright, SungKwon Soh, Andrew Richards); and the SPC Oceanic Fisheries Programme (Peter Williams). Mr Duckworth also attended in his role as chairman of the Statistics Specialist Working Group of the Scientific Committee. Participants from WWF (Jimely Flores and Jose Ingles) and FFA (Lara Manarangi-Trott) also attended.

1. Opening of the meeting

3. The WCPFC Executive Director, Mr Andrew Wright, opened the meeting by welcoming the participants and stressing the importance of data from Indonesia and the Philippines to the work of the Commission.

2. Appointment of chairman and rapporteurs

4. Mr Wright was elected chairman of the Steering Committee. Messrs Richards, Soh and Williams were appointed rapporteurs.

3. Adoption of the agenda

5. The agenda presented at Appendix I was adopted.

4. Financial status of the IPDCP

6. There are three streams of funding available to the IPDCP for 2009: (i) the carry-over funds from IPDCP in 2008, (ii) funds from the WCPFC core budget and (iii) funds that will be provided under the Global Environment Facility (GEF) WPEA Project. The GEF project will provide approximately USD 1

million per year for three years to cover activities in Philippines, Indonesia and Vietnam, although co-funding is an important requirement with this project.

7. The financial status of the IPDCP Fund was reported in WCPFC-SC4-IPDCP5/GN-WP-9 (Statement of IPDCP Fund). Total income to the Commission's IDPCP Fund in 2008 was USD 119,616 which included USD115,000 from the Commission's core budget. In addition, USD69,000 was received from the Global Environment Facility (GEF), through the United Nations Office of Project Services (UNOPS), to support the West Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management Project (WPEA-OFM). This funding is administered separately to the IPDCP Fund.

8. An allocation of USD 42,500 from the core budget to the WPEA OFM has been completed, USD38,046 has been provided to Indonesia and USD 14,998 has been provided to Philippines for the implementation of the IPDCP in both countries. The balance of the IPDCP Fund, as of 31 July, was USD52,519.

9. The provision of USD 45,000 by the US Government to support activities under the IPDCP was announced during the meeting. This funding provision will be used to cover two activities: i) obtaining as much data as possible from available historical records for tuna fishing in each country with a focus on the principle target species (skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye), and ii) ensuring existing, poorly-resourced, systems to collect and compile tuna fishery statistics generate information that can be integrated to WCPFC data holdings so as to contribute meaningfully to assessments of WCPO tuna stocks.

10. The Commission's provisional budget for 2009 includes USD115,000 for IPDCP activities.

5. Review of 2007 IPDCP activities

Philippines

11. Mr Barut reported that the sampling in tuna landing centres in the Philippines by the National Fisheries Research and Development Institute (NFRDI), and funded by IPDCP, has continued as planned during 2008 (refer to SC4-GN-WP-5). Of the remaining USD 14,000 IPDCP funds, most had been obligated for employing 13 enumerators (reduced from 16 in 2007) and on a computer for installation of the TUFMAN programme. As an immediate output of this project, size data collected at sampling sites have been incorporated into the National Fishery Report prepared for SC4. He also reported that during one of the visits of scientists from the National Research Institute of Far Seas Fisheries the enumerators were asked to separate the small tuna samples into species (yellowfin and bigeye). The samples were brought to Japan for DNA analysis. It was only in one sampling site where one error was observed, confirming the capabilities of BFAR/NFRDI enumerators to correctly identify species of small tunas. He reported that progress had been made in addressing the current data gaps in the Philippines fisheries through several review meetings on tuna data and statistics during the past year. Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (BFAR)/NFRDI and Bureau of Agriculture Statistics (BAS) have at least two review meetings per year to specifically review catch estimates, and the next meeting is scheduled for 25-26 August 2008.

12. In summary, achievements during 2007/2008 include:

- i) the implementation of logsheet data collection and provision for the purse-seine, ringnet and handline gears;
- ii) the establishment of cannery receipt data collection;
- iii) agreement on tuna catch estimates for the purse-seine, ringnet and "large-fish" gears developed during an annual review meeting attended by agencies responsible for data collection and the fishing industry; and
- iv) recovery of historical data from 1997-2007 that has yet to be encoded.

13. Future activities planned in the Philippines over the next year include:
- i) expansion of port sampling into other landing centres for gears offloading tuna;
 - ii) compilation of historical cannery receipt data;
 - iii) improving the coverage of logsheet data through capacity building with the fishing industry;
 - iv) further collaboration by BFAR/NFRDI with BAS to improve reporting and catch estimates.

14. In response to questions regarding the project's ability to spend the expected five-fold increase in funding in 2009, Mr Barut advised that the planned expansion to include all major sites are expected to result in all allocated project funds being fully obligated in 2009. He also noted that the project funds will be shared with BAS.

Indonesia

15. Dr Nikijuluw reported on developments in Indonesia (see SC4-GN-WP-4) over the past year. The second Eastern Indonesia Tuna Fishery Data Collection Workshop (EITFDC-2) held at Jakarta from 29 May 2008 was supported by the IPDCP and served to establish procedures for the systematic sampling of vessels unloading tuna in East Indonesian ports that are most likely to fish in the WCPFC Convention Area. Two sampling sites have been selected in the pilot study, Bitung in North Sulawesi and Kendari in the South Sulawesi. Thirteen enumerators have been employed (eight at Bitung and five at Kendari) using the provision of funds under the IPDCP, in addition to one in Ambon under Research Centre for Capture Fisheries (RCCF) funding. There are two supervisors employed to oversee sampling operations in Bitung and Kendari respectively. Guidelines for sampling were developed during EITFDC-2 and include the decision to use the sampling protocol developed and implemented in Benoa for the sampling of longline vessels operating in the Indian Ocean – sampling in Benoa has been established for several years and is working well. Senior RCCF staff had recently visited local fishing companies at Bitung to explain the requirements to sample fish unloaded at their private landing wharves. Enumerators will have access to most private landing sites.

16. He advised that the Bitung local government has provided 4.5ha of land to develop a permanent office, planned to be completed in 2009. Office space at the Bitung Port Authority has been provided for the monitoring staff (one room for six people). It was noted that eight samplers comprise two experienced samplers and six recent graduates with fisheries experience. Sampling began on the 5 July 2008 but the data are yet to be processed. At least one fishing company requested the provision of the data collected, once processed. The sampling data will be incorporated with vessel activity data, collected by the port authority, to facilitate the estimation of catches (the database system is in the process of being updated by RCCF database staff to incorporate these data).

17. The processing of historical data is proceeding as planned, but there is much work to do. It was noted that data back to 1951 have been identified and should be made available. It was noted that travel related to review and supervision of sampling staff, which is expected to be about USD 50,000 this year, was covered by the Indonesian Government (i.e. built into the RCCF budget). The collection of logbook and observer data is currently undergoing review at the national level through the national data collection steering committee. Future IPDCP activities will include the implementation of these types of data collection in collaboration with relevant agencies.

18. It is planned that sampling in East Indonesia tuna fisheries will target at least five key landing centres, which should cover approximately 80 per cent of the catch coming from the Pacific-side of the Indonesian domestic fisheries.

6. Review of the work programme for 2009–2011

19. In introducing the draft work programme for 2009-2011 the Executive Director advised that the two broad areas that are scheduled for support are ‘reporting’, and ‘policy and institutional strengthening’. A total of USD 718,000 is budgeted for 2009, with contributions from NOAA Fisheries and the WCPFC core budget (USD 100,000 compared to USD 115,000 in 2007). There is a shortfall in funds (e.g. USD 68,000 for 2009) and voluntary contributions are therefore sought from CCMs. It was noted that there are potentially other projects where co-financing is possible (e.g. the Coral Triangle Initiative) and other donors (e.g. AusAID and NZAID).

20. It was noted that data rescue in Indonesia has already been funded under the 2008 budget and is expected to be completed this year, so this element is not considered in the 2009-2011 work plan. It was acknowledged that a goal of the project was that the IPDCP countries would gradually take on the responsibilities for funding the data collection in their countries.

21. The Steering Committee agreed to recommend that the Scientific Committee (SC) request USD 100,000 from the WCPFC core budget for 2009, and place this as matter of high priority in the SC’s 2009 work programme (Appendix III).

7. Status of GEF proposal for future IPDCP funding

22. The Executive Director reported on recent developments with the GEF proposal. The GEF Project Preparatory Grant (PPG) application was developed and submitted in December 2007 and approved in early 2008. The proposed GEF project to extend the work of the IPDCP is considered a medium-sized project which will be funded up to USD 1 million, with the requirement in the project of leveraging contributions from IPDCP countries and beneficiaries. An amount of USD 75,000 has been provided by the GEF for the project preparation phase. Dr Tony Lewis has been contracted to coordinate the project, in addition to three in-country resource specialists. The baseline assessment will need to be completed and provided to the GEF by November 2008 with funds projected to come on line in early 2009. The reports that need to be prepared by the resource specialists from Indonesia and the Philippines are well advanced and should be completed and made available by September 2008. The GEF project should provide around USD 200,000 per year for Indonesia and the Philippines for each of the next three years.

23. In response to a question regarding reporting obligations to GEF, the Executive Director advised that an individual in each country will be appointed as the responsible executing authority to provide financial and narrative reports to the GEF on a six-monthly basis.

8. Other matters

24. The Steering Committee noted the efforts of the Secretariat for its success in securing GEF funds as well as the SPC-OFP for its continuing assistance to the project, and thanked both for their continued efforts.

9. Adoption of the report

25. This report was adopted by the Steering Committee on 13 August 2008.

10. Close of the meeting

26. The Executive Director thanked all participants for their attendance and declared the meeting closed.

Appendix I. Agenda

1. OPENING OF THE MEETING
2. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN AND RAPORTEURS
3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
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 - 4.1 Financial status of the IPDCP
5. REVIEW OF IPDCP ACTIVITIES SINCE IPDCP-STEERING COMMITTEE 4
 - 5.1 Philippines
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6. REVIEW OF WORK PLAN (2009-2011)
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 - 7.1 Progress, activities and future work
8. OTHER MATTERS
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Appendix II. Working Papers

- WP-1 Provisional agenda and schedule of the Steering Committee [IPDCP] Meeting (WCPFC-SC4-2008/08)
- WP-2 IPDCP progress report [Indonesia] (WCPFC-SC4/GN-WP-4)
- WP-3 IPDCP progress report [Philippines] (WCPFC-SC4/GN-WP-5)
- WP-4 Summary of 2007/2008 IPDCP activities supported by the Secretariat (WCPFC-SC4/GN-WP-8)
- WP-5 IPDCP Financial Report (WCPFC-SC4/GN-WP-9)
- WP-6 2009-2011 Work programme and budget

PHILIPPINES (cont.) ACTIVITIES	2009			2010			2011					
	Others	Philippines	Total	Others	Philippines	Total	Others	Philippines	Total	Others	Philippines	Total
Implement recommendations proposed by institutional review			-	25,000.00	25,000.00	50,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	80,000.00
Review of Philippine policy relating to collaboration with others States for conservation and management of shared stocks.	30,000.00	25,000.00	55,000.00			-			-	30,000.00	25,000.00	55,000.00
Implement policy reform recommendation arising from review			-	20,000.00	20,000.00	40,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	70,000.00
Awareness raising and public relations	25,000.00	2,500.00	27,500.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00	50,000.00	32,500.00	82,500.00
Annual review	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	7,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	7,500.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00
PHILIPPINES TOTAL	210,000.00	180,000.00	390,000.00	177,500.00	205,000.00	382,500.00	122,500.00	225,000.00	347,500.00	510,000.00	610,000.00	1,120,000.00

INDONESIA	2009			2010			2011					
	ACTIVITIES	Others	Indonesia	Total	Others	Indonesia	Total	Others	Indonesia	Total	Others	Indonesia
Port sampling audits	5,000.00	5,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00	10,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00	25,000.00	50,000.00	75,000.00
Expand coverage and data holdings for port sampling in Indonesia	40,000.00	15,000.00	55,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00	40,000.00	10,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00	65,000.00	70,000.00	135,000.00
Operational level data collection - pilot project	25,000.00	10,000.00	35,000.00							25,000.00	10,000.00	35,000.00
Operational level data collection				20,000.00	25,000.00	45,000.00	10,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00	30,000.00	55,000.00	85,000.00
Capacity building in responsible agencies for assimilation of tuna-related catch data	25,000.00	25,000.00	50,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00	10,000.00	20,000.00	30,000.00	45,000.00	60,000.00	105,000.00
Strategic plan for observer programmes	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00			-			-	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00
Implement observer programme strategic plan			-	15,000.00	10,000.00	25,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00	40,000.00	30,000.00	35,000.00	65,000.00
Review institutional arrangements for WCPFC-related matters	28,000.00	20,000.00	48,000.00	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,000.00	20,000.00	48,000.00
Implement recommendations proposed by institutional review			-	25,000.00	25,000.00	50,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	80,000.00
Review of Indonesia policy relating to collaboration with others States for conservation and management of shared stocks.	30,000	25,000.00	55,000.00			-			-	30,000.00	25,000.00	55,000.00

INDONESIA (cont.) ACTIVITIES	2009			2010			2011					
	Others	Indonesia	Total	Others	Indonesia	Total	Others	Indonesia	Total	Others	Indonesia	Total
Implement policy reform recommendation arising from review			-	20,000.00	20,000.00	40,000.00	15,000.00	20,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	40,000.00	75,000.00
Awareness raising and public relations	25,000.00	5,000.00	30,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00	10,000.00	15,000.00	25,000.00	50,000.00	35,000.00	85,000.00
Annual review workshop	10,000.00	5,000.00	15,000.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	7,500.00	2,500.00	5,000.00	7,500.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	30,000.00
INDONESIA TOTAL	203,000.00	125,000.00	328,000.00	132,500.00	155,000.00	287,500.00	97,500.00	190,000.00	287,500.00	433,000.00	470,000.00	903,000.00
TOTAL	413,000.00	305,000.00	718,000.00	310,000.00	360,000.00	670,000.00	220,000.00	415,000.00	635,000.00	943,000.00	1,080,000.00	2,023,000.00

Funding sources						
GEF (Provisional)	200,000.00		200,000.00		200,000.00	
USA WCPFC (115,000 in 2007)	45,000.00		0		0	
Other sources	100,000.00		75,000.00		25,000.00	
	(68,000.00)		(35,000.00)		5,000.00	