

DEVELOPMENT OF TUNA FISHERIES IN THE PACIFIC-ACP STATES (DEVFISH) PROJECT

SECOND PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING (PSC-2)

**Museum Hotel, Wellington, New Zealand
26 May 2007: 0900 hrs**

RECORD OF DISCUSSION

Item 1: Introduction

Opening remarks were made by Project Coordinator and it was proposed that FFA provide the chair for the meeting. This was approved and Len Rodwell became chair. The Provisional Agenda proposed was adopted – *attachment A*.

Item 2.1: Update on the main activities of DevFish to date

The meeting agreed on the need for national administrations to be kept informed of DevFish work with industry, and stressed that project activities should aim to benefit the whole private sector and rather than being limited to one company.

On the dissemination of project reports for in-country projects, it was resolved that the DEVFISH should seek permission from the country concerned before releasing in-country project reports. It was agreed that the project could share the lessons learned from in-country work, but this should be done in such a way as to protect sensitive or confidential information.

Item 2.2: Overview of WP-1 2005-2006

The report was noted as presented.

Item 2.3: Progress of WP-2 2006-2007

The report was noted as presented.

Item 2.4: Overview of Assistance to Fishing Industry Associations

It was confirmed that the association work activity is still continuing in the 3rd year work program and the 4th work program. The Project was requested to review the design of Association constitutions to ensure that elected office bearers do not occupy their positions in perpetuity.

Concern was expressed over the sustainability of DevFish support for the executive officer positions after the lapse of the trial funding period. Options include donor funding and also the associations' internal initiatives to generate revenue. The meeting recommended that DEVFISH relay these concerns to the PITIA meeting.

Item 3: Overview of Financial Position

The RAO representative advised that the annual budget heads can be exceeded by up to 10% without permission in any year. The EU representative reminded the

meeting that approval was required if the total budget for any expenditure head was going to exceed the Financing Agreement budget for the full four year period. Only one rider is allowed for a Financing Agreement, so it would be best to leave this until near the end of the Project.

Item 4.1: Overview of Work Programme & Budget-Year 3

The meeting noted the presentation and made some comments and suggestions. The meeting was advised that there had been few formal requests for in-country assistance from the northern Micronesian countries, despite preliminary indications of interest during project staff country visits.

Solomon Islands asked for information on the progress with their requests. There had been some delay in communications due to a reshuffle, but work has been carried out on one issue and a consultancy on small-scale tuna supply will be progressed soon.

Various expressions of interest were noted for possible in-country projects.

PNG noted the interest for assistance in:

- A redevelopment strategy for northern long line fishery in the EEZ
- Assistance to guide and support the establishment of testing laboratory in PNG which is noted to be build on the regional strategy study.
- Pump boat fishery building, crewing training etc, as noted in preliminary discussions between SPC/DEVFISH/Hugh.
- Assisting in providing technical assistance to undertake training assessment and develop a work program to guide activity /position of National Training Coordinator position in NFA.

Fiji noted interest in:

- Assistance in developing a swordfish fishery as an alternative to tuna longlining.
- Support for small scale tuna fisheries
- regional strategy looking at exerting greater regional control of tuna market
- and confirmed the need for assistance with meeting export standards requirements.

Cooks noted that they will register interest in a Satellite fish finding trial/training.

Tonga noted interest in the assessment of the economic benefits of sports fishing. The RAO noted that the regional tourism association was also interested in this work. The DEVFISH work program includes this study and it will now be given priority.

Kiribati noted interest in:

- Sanitary/Export standards development with training in HACCP a requirement
- Advice on alternate FAD methods.

Samoa noted interest in:

- A trial of fitting sails to alias to improve vessel safety and to save fuel

It was noted that SPC programs have the ability to help with Swordfish longlining, small scale tuna fishing, HACCP training, sails for alias and FAD technology.

Project staff noted these potential in-country requests which will help to plan the work program. Countries were reminded that they still need to make a formal request.

Item 4.2: Overview of 2007 – 2008 Budget

The EU representative reminded the meeting of the importance that the donor attaches to visibility. In new projects, 1% of the budget should be allocated to measures to promote visibility. For Devfish it was noted that the information dissemination allocation (Euro 10,000) can be partly used to implement the visibility strategy and all publications acknowledge EU funding assistance.

Item 5: Outcomes of 2 sub-regional workshops & SPC Work Programme

The meeting noted the presentations.

Item 6: Lessons Learnt from Year 1 & 2

The meeting noted the presentations.

Item 7: General Monitoring Report EU Mission

The report of the mission rated the project as "good" in all categories. The RAO representative advised that this is a positive report, in view of the late start of the project and compared to other regional project assessments. The next monitoring mission is expected in August 2007.

Item 8: Mid Term Review

The RAO representative noted that the mid term review of the project is scheduled to be undertaken around September 2007. The TOR has been developed in consultation with FFA and SPC. Fiji, Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Samoa and Kiribati will be visited by the consultant.

It was noted that it may be unrealistic to attempt a cost benefit analysis for the project. The review will concentrate on implementation and particularly the impact of the Project.

The EU representative noted the need for those countries to participate fully during the review as the outcome may influence consideration of any follow-up work. DEVFISH will notify these countries of the dates of the reviewer's visit, as soon as the programme is set.

Item 9: DEVFISH Phase II Proposal for EDF-10

An overview of the concept paper for DEVFISH phase 2 was noted.

The RAO representative advised that the proposal would be considered as part of a broader marine sector programme, implemented by several agencies. A consultant would assist with the design of this programme later this year. Regional programmes require the endorsement of National Authorising Officers, and representatives could communicate their views on the proposal to their NAO. The EU representative advised that past trends show there to be a shortage of well developed project proposals at the regional level. A project such as DevFish, which seems to be going well, but where more could be done, stands a good chance of getting EU consideration for further funding support.

Item 10: AOB/General remarks

Representatives of the EU, RAO and Papua New Guinea commended the DevFish team for the work of the project.

Meeting Closed.

The meeting closed at 12.30 hrs.

The list of participants to the meeting is attached as *attachment 2* while copies of all papers discussed are provided separately.

Attachment 1: Approved Agenda

Time Allocation	Agenda Items	Presented by:
09.00 – 09.10am	1.1 Introductory Remarks	PC
	1.2 Appointment of Chairman	PC
	1.3 Adoption of Proposed Agenda	Chairman
09.10 – 09.45am	2. Progress of first and second year work programmes	
	2.1 Main activities of DevFish to date	TL
	2.2 Overview of first year (2005/6) work plans	PC
	2.3 Overview of progress for second year (2006/7) work plans	PC
	2.4 Overview of support to Fishing Industry Associations	FDO
	2.5 General discussion	Chairman
09.45 – 10.00am	3. Financial Reports of first and second year funds	
	3.1 Overview of Project's Financial Position	PC
	3.2 General discussion	Chairman
10.00 – 10.20am	Morning Tea – To be provided by DEVFISH Project	
10.20 – 10.45am	4. Work Programme & Budget for Year 3	
	4.1 Overview of the 2007/8 AWP	TL
	4.2 Overview of 2007/8 budget	PC
	4.3 General discussion	Chairman
10.45 – 11.15am	5. Outcomes of 2 sub-regional workshops & SPC WPs	
	5.1 Sub-regional workshop in Suva	TL
	5.2 Sub-regional workshop in Majuro	TL
	5.3 SPC Work Programmes	SPC
	5.5 General discussions	Chairman
11.15 – 11.30am	6. Lessons learned from Year 1 and 2.	
	6.1 Overview of lessons learned	PC
	6.2 Technical issues and findings of the project to date	TL
	6.3 General Discussions	Chairman
11.30 – 11.45am	7. Monitoring Report by EU missions	
	7.1 Overview and recommendations of monitoring report	TL
	7.2 General Discussions	Chairman
11.45 – 12.00	8. Mid-term Review	
	8.1 Overview of mid-term review	RAO/EU
	8.2 General Discussions	Chairman

12.00n – 12.20pm	9. DEVFISH Phase II Proposal for EDF-10	
	9.1 Overview of Phase II proposal	TL
	9.2 General Discussions	Chairman
12.30 pm	LUNCH TO BE PROVIDED BY DEVFISH	

TL = Team Leader, PC = Project Coordinator, FDO = Fisheries Development Officer

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