

SC-SPTBF WORK PLAN 2008-2010

Mission

To maximize value to FFC Sub-committee members from sustainable fisheries, taking into account other fishery sectors, such as traditional and artisanal fisheries

[Note that the budgets are indicative of financial support to implement the projects, which can be a combination of desk work, case studies in selected countries, workshops & meetings, data collection & analyses and consulting studies. Also note these are FFC-approved projects under SC-SPTBF work-plan 2008-2010]

Strategic Objectives	Operational Objectives	Activities/ Projects	Timelines	Budget (USD)
1. Ensure exploitation of fisheries resources are compatible with stock sustainability throughout their range, consistent with principles of ecosystem based fisheries management & precautionary approach	1.1 Develop effective stock based conservation and management measures	<p>Regional/ sub-regional longline management arrangement</p> <p>1. The Secretariat should continue to progress longline management arrangements, including through the conduct of the feasibility study recommended on "Implementation Strategy of regional LL VDS". This work should also include further exploration of other options, as well as their implications. In undertaking this work, the Secretariat should consult each member when undertaking the feasibility study.</p> <p>2. The Sub-Committee recommends to FFC the need for more robust management arrangements for albacore. These arrangements are to be developed within members EEZs before significant reform including high seas management is sought through WCPFC. - Members will develop "hard" catch limits applied in domestic vessels and for foreign boats. This leads on to allocation discussion through sub-regional groups and not through the Commission. A paper is needed to prove that current effort limit in the measure is not effective – perform analyses by species by zones for further discussion.</p> <p>South Pacific Albacore management options</p> <p>3. FFA/SPC will provide analytical assessment towards the setting of appropriate catch and effort levels at regional, sub-regional and national levels. This work could be conducted either at the national level or on behalf of all SC-SPTBF members.</p> <p>4. The SC-SPTBF recommends to FFC that CMM2005-02 should be amended to include more specific catch or effort limits to ensure easier reporting and monitoring in the interim.</p>	Completed	30,000
	1.2 Determine reference points/TAE/TAC		ongoing discussion on management arrgts & legal framework	20,000
	1.3 Develop by-catch conservation and management measures		Ongoing; revised characterization paper	In-house, XB-funds
	1.4 Carry out assessment of harvest levels		2008-09; progress of optimization project currently underway	20,000
	1.5 Develop/ revise National Tuna Management Plans consistent with the principles of the EAFM		no support; possibly revisit discussion this year;	In-house , XB-funds
	1.6 Develop/ refine WCPFC CMMs for South Pacific Albacore, Southwest Swordfish and Striped Marlin;			
	1.7 Develop and strengthen high-seas management arrangements for key target South Pacific tuna and billfish stocks in the area below 20°S.			
	1.8 Carry out research activities in the South Pacific longline fishery focusing on the target species of SP albacore, SW swordfish and striped marlin, and bycatch species of bigeye and yellowfin			

		<p>5. Management options on catch and effort and reference points. This includes self-determined limits such as TAEs and TACs established by EEZs and, move towards “reference points”. The Secretariat will carry out analytical work on such limits by zones, sub-region and region.</p> <p>6. Develop and explore further the issues on the South Pacific Albacore Plan that contains “hard” comprehensive suite of catch/ effort limits.</p> <p>Oceanographic influences</p> <p>7. Estimation of the impact of local exploitation and local-meso-large-scale oceanographic variation on locally-based fishery performance in specific EEZs – SPC</p> <p>Implications of WCPFC Conservation and Management Measures</p> <p>8. Carry out work towards determining the impact of CMMs and management scenarios by addressing loopholes and/ or opportunities.</p> <p>9. Perform analytical work on impacts of management scenarios through the application of model runs to determine trends in catches, CPUEs and efforts by EEZs – internal work between FFA and SPC.</p> <p>10. Determine the quantitative impacts of increase efforts S2 S (CMM2005-02) through spatial/ temporal consequences on CPUEs and ‘fishery’.</p>	<p>2008-09</p> <p>Draft plan completed</p> <p>2008-09; Seapodym modelling continues</p> <p>2008-10; ongoing with papers prepared for meetings</p> <p>2008-10; ongoing work on options analyses</p> <p>Completed and presented at sub-regionals ’08; update analyses for future</p>	<p>20,000</p> <p>In-house</p> <p>SciFish, XB-funds</p> <p>In-house, XB-funds</p> <p>In-house 30,000</p> <p>In-house, XB-funds</p>
<p>2. Maximize long term economic and social benefits through the utilization of fisheries resources</p>	<p>2.1 Development of domestication policies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Promote and encourage joint venture arrangements - Create conditions for profitable and stable domestic longline fleets and on-shore investment that deliver social and economic returns to the wider community <p>2.2 Promote charter arrangements</p> <p>2.3 Develop fishery access rules for implementation at the national & sub regional level</p> <p>2.4 Achieve greater control over, and more secure access to, the South Pacific tuna and billfish stocks for Pacific island countries and territories both in national waters and on the high seas.</p> <p>2.5 Continue to explore broad participation and equitable access within the Sub-committee membership through reciprocal licensing arrangements.</p> <p>2.6 Develop and strengthen greater capacity, range and mobility in the Pacific Islands domestic longline fleets to capture greater social and economic benefits from the south Pacific tuna and billfish</p>	<p>Markets and marketing</p> <p>11. Prepare paper on market and marketing related issues including the following: (a) Transport of fish and fisheries related products to markets like EU (need of competent authority), Australia, NZ and others, depending which markets Members are targeting; (b) assessment of market potentials & opportunities to help Members fulfil requirements from these different markets; (c) and others.</p> <p>Marine Stewardship Council & Other Certification Processes</p> <p>12. Work towards certified fisheries by gear and species; certified Competent Authority; and certified on-shore facilities.</p> <p>Fisheries Economic Related Issues</p> <p>13. Analytical work on price structure; catch values, economic indicators by fishery, species and zones against suite of management options on catch/ effort limits.</p>	<p>Completed;</p> <p>Work has commenced for Fiji; on members’ requests; 2010</p> <p>FDD’s normal work-programme; On Members’ requests (Solomon Islands, Samoa 2009)</p>	<p>Devfish funded</p> <p>30,000</p> <p>In-house 20,000</p>

	<p>resources throughout the range of their distribution;</p> <p>2.7 Transporting products to market</p> <p>2.8 Meeting market requirements (business to business, assistance from government, get help from FFA, etc)</p> <p>2.9 Quality control (environment standards, legal issues, food quality standards)</p> <p>2.10 MSC accreditation schemes</p> <p>2.11 Facilitate allocation between sectors: Commercial industry; Subsistence/ artisanal; Recreation</p> <p>2.12 Facilitate trade promotion of fish and fisheries products</p> <p>2.13 Develop sub-regional arrangements</p> <p>2.14 Develop bilateral arrangements</p> <p>2.15 Promote value adding</p>			
3. Promote good governance within the Sub-committee membership to enhance accountability & transparency	<p>3.1 Develop and implement effective MCS measures</p> <p>3.2 Strengthen and enhance national Institutions including capacity building</p> <p>3.3 Sharing information/ people/ assets</p> <p>3.4 Enhance and strengthen institutional capacity to meet regional & international obligations</p> <p>3.5 Strengthen regional partnerships between Pacific Islands countries and territories in the south Pacific</p> <p>3.6 Safety of vessels/ crew</p>	<p>Information sharing</p> <p>14. The development of information sharing policies, guidelines and rules and to bring this to the attention of the FFC for their consideration. New Zealand will spearhead this work in consultation with the Secretariat.</p> <p>The need to develop a webpage within the FFA website to house the following: - Sub Committee meeting papers; fishing licenses and management measures; new developments in domestic fisheries; selling/ buying fishing licenses; license terms and conditions and fees; national studies on issues related to longline fisheries; closed vs. access management options; port procedures; transshipment; country reports; in-country briefs and developments; etc.</p>	<p>ongoing</p> <p>Completed</p>	<p>In-house, XB-funds</p> <p>In-house, XB-funds</p>
4. Promote the importance of the contribution of southern tuna and billfish to food security	<p>4.1 Support and protect development of traditional and artisanal fisheries</p>	<p>Domestication policies</p> <p>15. Undertake a study on the artisanal/ semi-commercial fishery. The aim is to determine the impact of elevated commercial fishing activities and other industrial operations on the artisanal/ semi-commercial fishery sector. The key elements to focus on include: catches, capacity and efforts trends of increase and decrease over period of time by country.</p> <p>16. Develop stable investment policies that enhance domestic longline fisheries development.</p>	<p>2008; on members' requests and depends on the availability of catch-effort data at the artisanal scale; tied in to Devfish pilot commercial projects in FSM, Tonga & Vanuatu</p> <p>Completed for PNG; on members' requests</p>	<p>Devfish 20,000</p> <p>In-house, XB-funds</p>