

SCICOFISH FOURTH STEERING
COMMITTEE MEETING
Apia, Friday 9 May 2014

Objectives of the Meeting

- * To advise and inform the P-ACP representatives and other steering committee members and discuss about the following:
 - * Progress report for 2013, year 4 of the project; and,
 - * Outline work programme for 2014-2015, last year of the project.

Brief on Project Status

Overall, SCICOFISH is a project of high relevance, being in fact a continuation of earlier initiatives (PROCFISH and SCIFISH), which addresses priority issues in the domains of scientific research and management advice in both oceanic and coastal fisheries .

Mid-Term Evaluation of SCICOFISH

The Mid-Term Evaluation of SCICOFISH was conducted during February and March 2013 by Mr Gilles Hosch (Team Leader) and Mr Paul Nichols of Poseidon Aquatic Resource Management Ltd (part of the COWI Consortium).

A total of 87 persons from concerned stakeholder and beneficiary institutions in SPC member States were interviewed in regard to their perceptions of SCICOFISH.

Mid-Term Evaluation of SCICOFISHR

Areas of Focus

- * MTE focused on
 - * Relevance of Project
 - * Design of Project
 - * Efficiency of Project
 - * Effectiveness of Project
 - * Impact of the Project
 - * Sustainability of the Project

ScoCOFish MTE Recommendations

	RECOMMENDATIONS	ACTIONS REQUIRED	STATUS
1	All efforts should be made to extend the key staff positions until the formal term of the project.	<i>Extend Key Staff Positions under CFP and OFP</i>	Completed
2	Final Evaluation should cover the PROCFISH29, SCIFISH, both DEVFISH30 and the SCICOFISH initiatives – and provide an encompassing closing picture of what these often overlapping projects have achieved overall. A relevant point in time to conduct such an encompassing FE would be 2015.	<i>Final Evaluation of SciCOFish to cover the PROCFISH29, SCIFISH, both DEVFISH30 and the SCICOFISH initiatives – in order to provide an encompassing closing picture of what these often overlapping projects have achieved overall.</i>	EU/Steering Committee to discuss
4	As observer numbers start to reach levels sufficient to respond to the requirements of the WCPFC, observer work should start to focus more on the training of trainers, on facilitating the accreditation of national training centres (working for the region), and in assisting countries in the management (logistics) of running observer programmes – hand in hand with its FFA partner programmes	<i>Observer work should start to focus more on the training of trainers, on facilitating the accreditation of national training centres (working for the region), and in assisting countries in the management (logistics) of running observer programmes</i>	Transition is in progress for training of trainers and De-briefers

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4	The economic aspects of the Bio-economic analysis to be expanded beyond value aspects of the resources caught, and factor in revenue streams to governments (licensing and agreements) and benefits accruing to national economies (port services, observer programmes, employment, processing and exports, etc.) – as well as operational costs of fleets.	<i>Bio-economic analysis be expanded beyond value aspects of the resources caught, and factor in revenue streams to governments and benefits accruing to national economies as well as operational costs of fleets.</i>	Beyond scope of resources available in the project
5	The EU to consider the making available of additional (extra) bridge funding to extend the project by a further full year. This will allow SPC to continue the smooth implementation of a range of flagship activities which have been supported through EU funding for many years now, and avoid a disruption of critical services to the region.	<i>The EU to consider the making available of additional (extra) bridge funding to extend the project by a further full year.</i>	EU to advice Steering Committee
6	The following activities would be critical for countries to continue unabated: Component 1: (a) Observer programme work; (b) Bio-economic modelling and advice, and Component 2: (a) Secondary data collection; (b) Management planning for coastal fisheries.	<i>Continuation unabated/carry forward for: Component 1: (a) Observer programme work; (b) Bio-economic modelling and advice, and Component 2: (a) Secondary data collection; (b) Management planning for coastal fisheries.</i>	No support for the work beyond current project – March 2015

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7	Given SPC's track record as an effective agency, generally managing to engage funds on time in its externally funded projects, it is estimated that €1.5 million would likely be appropriate and sufficient to bridge the gap between the official term of the project, and the granting of a time extension	<i>Allocation of €1.5 million to bridge gap between official term of project and granting of a time extension</i>	Euro 582,000 in top up funding provided and possibility of another Euro 244,235 in contingencies to be requested.
8	The EU to consider moving from project funding to direct programme support. This would simplify reporting, uncluttered administration needs and costs, and stabilize the funding profile of the two technical FAME programmes overall - by reducing dependency on the vagaries of project funding.	<i>EU to consider moving from project funding to direct programme support</i>	EU to brief Steering Committee
9	In doing so, the EU should decide on what funding level would be appropriate, and sustainable in the long term.	<i>EU to decide funding level. (MTE proposed €3.85million)</i>	EU to brief Steering Committee

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