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Third Tuna Data Workshop

PURPOSE OF NOTICE

1. This is an invitation to the Secretariat of the Pacific Community's "Third Tuna Data Workshop" to be held in Noumea at the SPC Conference Centre over five days from the 20th to 24th April 2009.
2. This notice is a request to the Heads of Fisheries from SPC member country governments and territory administrations to nominate the person who is responsible for preparing their country's annual tuna catch estimates for the Annual Report (Part 1) made to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC). This person is usually, but not always, the nominated National Tuna Data Coordinator.

NOMINATIONS

3. **Financial support** is available for the travel and attendance for one officer who is responsible for preparing the annual tuna catch estimates. Additional country participants may be nominated to attend, but their attendance will be at the country's own expense. All SPC members who wish to participate and who require SPC funding for their representative to attend the workshop should make formal nominations to Dr John Hampton, Oceanic Fisheries Manager (email: JohnH@spc.int : fax +687 263818). Nominations should also be copied to the workshop organisers: Peter Williams (PeterW@spc.int) and Deirdre Brogan (DeirdreB@spc.int). Nominations should include the following information:

- Name and full contact details of nominee, including email address, telephone and fax numbers,
- Nominee's position and main work duties within the fisheries administration.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

4. The purpose of the meeting is to assist Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) to provide support and direction to participants on the best methods for preparing their annual tuna catch estimates. The workshop will also investigate tuna data system auditing procedures.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

5. During the course of the workshop it is expected that the participants will cover a number of items including:
 - National country reports on the status of data collection, management and dissemination,
 - Building on the knowledge and skills shared in TDW-2 for preparing the Annual Report to the WCPFC – Part I
 - Understanding and preparing graphical presentations of fishery statistics
 - Auditing tuna fishery data collection and management systems.

6. Pre-meeting requirements and the full agenda will be circulated to the participants towards the end of March. Background meeting documents will be made available on the OFP web site from early April 2009 onwards.

MEETING OUTPUTS

7. Participants should come away with the confidence and understanding required to put in place procedures for ensuring that the best methods for estimating their annual tuna catches are implemented. It is also envisaged that fully prepared participants will produce a provisional estimate of their country's annual tuna catch for 2008 by the end of the workshop. The report of the workshop will be posted on the SPC website one month after the end of the workshop.

LANGUAGE

8. The workshop will be conducted in English. Simultaneous interpretation and translation into French will be available on request.

ACCOMMODATION

9. A per-diem will be provided to the nominated officer. Hotel accommodation can be booked at the SPC Secretariat rate if any meeting participant requires, but the payment of all costs will be the responsibility of each participant.

TRAVEL

10. An economy class return ticket by the most economical route will be provided to all SPC-funded member country and territory representatives. If participants choose to travel by a route other than the one proposed, all additional costs will be at their own expense. Travel orders cannot be issued until the official nomination has been received.

11. **IMPORTANT:** Please note that New Caledonia requires the nationals of some SPC member countries to have a visa in their passports *before* arrival, and will not normally issue a visa upon arrival unless:

- (a) reciprocal arrangements have been agreed (this applies to passport holders of Australia, New Zealand, USA, European Union member states, Canada, and Japan, who are not required to hold visas *before* entering New Caledonia)
- (b) there is no visa-issuing French Embassy or Consulate in the country of departure of the delegate, in which case, SPC will attempt to arrange for a visa to be issued on arrival in Noumea. Due to recent immigration changes the Secretariat **must** be advised of the delegate's name, title, fax and phone numbers, flight number and dates of arrival/departure and receives by fax a copy of the passport's photo page a full two weeks prior to arrival in order to prepare the supporting documentation. This applies particularly to passport-holders of Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Palau, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu, who will normally be issued with a visitor's visa on arrival in New Caledonia, provided sufficient notice is given to SPC.

12. French missions are present in the region in Australia (Sydney and Canberra), Fiji (Suva), New Zealand (Auckland and Wellington), Papua New Guinea (Port Moresby), and Vanuatu (Port Vila), thus Fiji, PNG and Vanuatu passport holders are required to obtain a visa *before* departure.

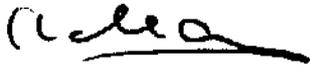
MEETING CONTACTS

13. The following may be contacted for any additional information:

- Official nominations to: Dr John Hampton, Oceanic Fisheries Manager, SPC (email: JohnH@spc.int fax +687 263818)
- Administrative issues, visa documentation, hotel bookings etc: Helene Ixeco, Project Assistant, Oceanic Fisheries Programme (email: HeleneI@spc.int; tel +687 26 09 53, fax +687 263818).
- Agenda items, papers, other enquiries etc: Peter Williams or Deirdre Brogan, Oceanic Fisheries Programme (email PeterW@spc.int or DeirdreB@spc.int fax +687 263818).

INSURANCE

14. The Secretariat of the Pacific Community does not insure participants while attending the meetings or during travel to and from New Caledonia and will not be responsible for any expenses arising out of sickness, injury, other disability or loss of life. It is your responsibility to ensure that your travel is covered by insurance.



Richard Mann
Acting Director General



A major part of the funding for travel and subsistence for participants attending the Workshop has been provided by the Part VII Fund of the 1995 UN Fish Stocks Agreement.