

TUVALU FISHERIES CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN
To address obligation under CMM 2014-02 9a VMS SSPs 7.2.2

Background:

CMM 2014-02 para 9a VMS SSPs 7.2.2 required that a CCM such as Tuvalu needs to conduct periodic audits of ALC/MTUs of its Flag vessels and report results to the Commission (WCPFC). In the event that Tuvalu does not have the capacity to do so, a capacity development plan should be drawn up by the CCM to be in line with CMM 2015-07 paragraph 5 for submission to the Commission as part of AR Part 2 report.

The purpose of this Capacity Development plan is to meet the requirement of paragraph 5 of CMM 2015 – 07.

Capacity Development Plan Details:

Due to the lack of capacity of Tuvalu Fisheries to address obligation under CMM 2014-02 9a VMS SSPs 7.2.2, Tuvalu Fisheries has to submit a capacity development plan that capture specifically details and information required in paragraph 5 of CMM 2015-07 which stated below:

5. Notwithstanding paragraph 3, where a SIDS or Participating Territory, or Indonesia or the Philippines cannot meet a particular obligation that is being assessed, due to a lack of capacity, that CCM shall provide a Capacity Development Plan to the Secretariat with their draft Compliance Monitoring Report (dCMR), that:

(i) clearly identifies and explains what is preventing that CCM from meeting that obligation;

Tuvalu Oceanic Fisheries do not have any qualified staffs to conduct VMS MTU/ALC interrogation or periodic audits of our Flag vessels as required or obligated under this particular CMM.

(ii) identifies the capacity building assistance needed to allow that CCM to meet that obligation;

There is a regional training normally conducted by FFA on MTU interrogation and auditing these VMS MTU units at FFA HQ which had certified a number of MCS staffs in the region. Such training is what Tuvalu is interested in seeking funding assistance from WCPFC to pay for the attendance of two of its MCS staffs to such course at FFA HQ to learn and enhance their capacity in carrying out this line of work (MTU interrogation and auditing).

(iii) estimates the costs and/or technical resources associated with such assistance, including, if possible, funding and technical assistance sources where necessary;

Tuvalu Oceanic Fisheries is looking at sending two of its staffs to attend such MTU interrogation training course at FFA if funding is available. A provisional budget is drawn up to cater for participation of two of our MCS staffs at FFA HQ:

Activity	Detail	Total
Itinerary + DSA expenses	\$10,500 x 2 staffs	\$21,000
	Grand Total	\$21,000 USD

Costing estimates was obtained from FFA based on a 1-week duration at FFA HQ.

(iv) sets out an anticipated timeframe in which, if the identified assistance needs are provided, that CCM will be able to meet that obligation.

Tuvalu Oceanic Fisheries will be available in April to May 2017 period for such training if all goes well. TV might be able to address this obligation by next year 2017 upon successfully completing and pass this course early next year.