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THIRD FISHERIES CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Noumea, New Caledonia

7 - 9 August 1972

RECORD OF MEETING HELD AT THE OFFICES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION,
NOUMEA ON 6 AUGUST 1972

Present: Mr A. Harris, PD(E), SPC - Chairman
Mr W.P. Hussey, UNDP Regional Representative, Apia
Dr T.V.R. Pillay)
Mr N. Kojima) FAO, Rome
Professor F. Doumenge, Project Manager, SPIFDA

A request was made at the second meeting of the Consultative Committee for a review to be made of relationships between the various parties to SPIFDA under the Plan of Operations but various difficulties had precluded an earlier meeting. The following points came under discussion.

1. Counterpart contributions

Considerable discussion centred on this problem. The meeting agreed that the Plan of Operations as drawn up encompassed counterpart contributions in kind only for local logistical support for initial research and definition of programmes of action. During the second phase, involving the launching of specific projects, the scope of which could not have been foreseen in the Plan of Operations, funds were at present inadequate in some respects but the Consultative Committee must consider what additional counterpart contributions were necessary.

It was considered to be the clear responsibility of the Consultative Committee to delineate the requirements for and the sources of counterpart contributions and it was strongly urged that the third meeting of the Consultative Committee should undertake this task with considerable care, assessing on the one hand the funds required for sub-projects and, where existing funds were found to be inadequate, placing the responsibility for additional funding either with the territory where the particular project was sited or jointly with the Governments participating in the Plan of Operations, through the medium of the South Pacific Commission or directly from Governments depending on individual cases.

2. Location of SPIFDA

The second meeting of the Consultative Committee had requested that this point be discussed but it was considered fruitless at this stage with the present operations of SPIFDA terminating within a year.

3. Communication problems

The desirability of keeping all territories fully and currently informed of SPIFDA activities was acknowledged and it was agreed that the obvious medium for this was the present SPIFDA Newsletter. A monthly newsletter as recommended by Mr Croker seemed highly desirable but this could only be achieved by present SPIFDA personnel and facilities if the content were confined to a two or three page document strictly related to SPIFDA and omitting items of more general interest and concern. This matter had been covered in the Project Manager's report and would come under discussion at the Consultative Committee meeting.

4. Administration and translation problems experienced by SPIFDA

The Project Manager had made representations to the SPC regarding these problems, considering that the SPC were at fault in not providing counterpart contributions in kind of the order of magnitude laid down in the Plan of Operations. Means of assistance were being sought, namely:

Post of SPC Fisheries Officer/SPIFDA Co-Manager: Mr Harris briefly reviewed the reasons the post had remained vacant and advised that it was hoped that a satisfactory solution had now been found and that an announcement could be made shortly.

SPC were sympathetic to representations that funds allocated to this post in the Plan of Operations had not been taken up since December 1971 and should be diverted to other SPIFDA needs. The Consultative Committee would be asked for their advice on additional requirements and a decision on the use of such funds would be made by the Secretary-General in the light of this advice and the overall budget position.

To ease administration further the SPC Secretariat were seeking authority at the forthcoming annual Conference for an additional two persons in the Interpretation/Translation section.

In the matter of translation, discussion ensued between SPC and UNDP to ascertain whether funds reserved by SPC for certain expenses of UNDP projects could be used to effect translation of the three consultants reports received in stencil form from FAO only days earlier (Clutter, Villaluz, Sachithanathan) and for translation of other UNDP reports sought by SPC. It was confirmed those are now the responsibility of the SPC.

5. Scope of SPIFDA activities

Some uncertainty had existed as to whether outer reef fishing was included in the terms of reference of SPIFDA. It was agreed that there was nothing to prevent SPIFDA undertaking a project in coastal fishing or, more accurately, "day fishing". The Project Manager pointed out that should such a project be proposed it would not be possible to accomplish it within the existing SPIFDA term.

It was established with Mr Hussey that, provided no additional UNDP funding was in question, there was no technical objection to the extension of SPIFDA as necessary, using FAO staff and management support. In the event that additional funding should become available to SPIFDA from some other source, Mr Hussey pointed out that administration of such monies would continue to be through UNDP. Under these circumstances SPIFDA would be continued beyond 30 June 1973.

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The names are listed in alphabetical order. The first name is John Doe, followed by Jane Smith, and then Robert Johnson. The list continues with many other names, including Michael Brown, Emily White, and David Green. The names are separated by commas and are arranged in a single column.

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