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**FUNDING ISSUES (SOT TECHNICAL CO-ORDINATOR, SHIP CONSUMABLES TRUST FUND,
ASAP TRUST FUND)**

(Submitted by the Secretariat)

Summary and purpose of the document

This document provides information on SOT funding issues, including funding of the SOT Technical Co-ordinator's position and JCOMMOPS, status of the Ship Consumables Trust Fund, and the ASAP Trust Fund.

ACTION PROPOSED

The Team will review the information contained in this report, and comment and make decisions or recommendations as appropriate. See part A for the details of recommended actions.

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- Appendices:**
- A. ASAP Trust Fund Statement of account for 2011
 - B. ASAP Trust Fund Statement of account for 2012
 - C. Table of National Contributions to the DBCP Trust Fund for 2013

- A - DRAFT TEXT FOR INCLUSION IN THE FINAL REPORT

Funding of JCOMMOPS and the SOT Technical Coordinator's position

13.3.1 The Team recalled that during the last intersessional period the position of the SOT Technical Coordinator was occupied by Mr Mathieu Belbéoch (JCOMMOPS) on a part-time (30%) basis until the recruitment of the Ship Coordinator at JCOMMOPS in February 2013. From that date, the Ship Coordinator also became the SOT Technical Coordinator on a part-time basis (30%). The Team noted that the Ship Coordinator's position, including salary and missions are now supported by (i) Argo, (ii) the DBCP, and (iii) the SOT through voluntary contributions made to various trust funds (i.e. Argo trust fund at IOC, the DBCP trust fund at WMO, and the JCOMMOPS trust fund at CLS). The national contributions to the SOT are made through the DBCP Trust Fund at the WMO, and about USD 83,600 was committed to the 2013 budget (see Appendix C).

13.3.2 The Team also noted that the following budget lines were allocated to the SOT in DBCP 2013 budget with maximum expenditures on those lines exceeding the total of national contributions to the SOT:

- JCOMMOPS Logistical Support (SOT) (USD 6,914 allocated)
- SOT (USD 9,000 allocated)
- SOT Ship Coordinator (USD 95,000 allocated)

13.3.3 The Team recommended that actual expenditures for the SOT Ship Coordinator's position should be balanced with the contributions from other Panels contributing to JCOMMOPS, and that the total of SOT expenditures should not exceed the national contributions to the SOT in any case.

13.3.4 The Team agreed that contributions for the SOT TC would continue to be made to the DBCP Trust Fund at WMO, and that expenditures related to SOT budgeted lines should be authorized by the SOT Chair, noting that all DBCP TF expenditures have to be authorized by the DBCP Chair in any case per WMO financial regulation. The Team invited its members to contribute to the Trust Fund to support the Technical Co-ordinator post and thus ensure that current services are maintained while also allowing (i) to decrease the contributions of those countries contributing heavily to the SOT, and (ii) for future development in support of the VOS, ASAP and SOOP.

JCOMM Trust Fund for Ship Consumables

13.3.5 The Team recalled Recommendation 3 (JCOMM-II, Halifax, Canada, September 2005), *Consumables for Ship-Based Observations*, which effectively established a common fund for ship consumables. This common fund, administered by WMO, provides Member States with a mechanism to pool financial resources for international programmes, therefore being able to take advantage of increased purchasing power to deliver (i.) better price for consumables, and (ii.) increased quantity of consumables, thus enabling developing programmes to take advantage of any surplus consumables. Whilst the Trust Fund is initially focusing on XBT probes, other expendables could be added in the future.

13.3.6 The Team noted that no contribution had been made to the Ship Consumables Trust Fund at this point. The Team invited again its member to investigate at the national level whether it would be appropriate for them to contribute to the Trust Fund (**action, SOT members, ongoing**).

ASAP Trust Fund

13.3.7 The meeting reviewed the final statements of account for the ASAP Trust Fund for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 December 2011, and for the period 1 January 2012 to 31 December 2012. These statements are given in Appendix A and B respectively. The Team noted that some expenditures – approved by the SOT Chair – were made in support of (i) the participation of the Chair of the VOS Panel, Ms Julie Fletcher (New Zealand), at the sixth Session of the SOT, in Hobart, Australia, in April 2011, and (ii) the representation of the SOT through Ms Sarah North

(United Kingdom) at the World Ocean Council (WOC) workshop in Paris, from 12 to 13 December 2011 . The Team accepted both statements of accounts.

13.3.8 The Team agreed that no additional contributions to the ASAP Trust Fund were needed at this point.

13.3.9 The Team agreed again with the conditions proposed by SOT-V regarding the use of the remaining funds within the ASAP Trust Fund (i.e. SOT-V final report, paragraphs I-7.2.3.4 and I-7.2.3.5).

- B - BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ASAP Trust Fund

1. As agreed at the seventh Session of the ASAP Coordination Committee (ACC-VII, June 1995) and at the request of the Chairperson of the ACC, the WMO Secretariat is maintaining a Trust Fund on behalf of the ACC, and its successor the Automated Ship Aerological Programme Panel (ASAPP). As agreed at the Fourteenth Session of the ASAP Panel (ASAPP-XIV, SOT-2, London, United Kingdom, 2003), this Trust Fund was used to support the Worldwide Recurring ASAP Project (WRAP) – terminated in April 2005 –, including the contract for project leader.
2. At SOT-5, the BOM Representative proposed to leave the unspent Australian funds (i.e. CHF 46,115) in the ASAP Trust Fund, provided these could be used for the benefit of the BOM as deemed appropriate by the incumbent BOM SOT Focal Point. The ASAP Panel agreed with these conditions. SOT-5 agreed that no additional contributions were needed at this point.
3. Since SOT-6, a total of CHF 4879 have been spent from the Trust Fund in 2011 and 2012 to provide financial assistance for (i) the participation of the Chair of the VOS Panel, Ms Julie Fletcher (New Zealand), at the sixth Session of the SOT, in Hobart, Australia, in April 2011, and (ii) the representation of the SOT through Ms Sarah North (United Kingdom) at the World Ocean Council (WOC) workshop in Paris, from 12 to 13 December 2011. These expenditures have been approved by the SOT Chair, and the incumbent BOM SOT Focal Point for Australia, Mr Graeme Ball.
4. Regarding the remaining funds in the ASAP Trust Fund, after subtracting the BOM contribution, the ASAP Panel also agreed at the SOT-IV to use the residual money for the design, editing, printing, and distribution of the new ASAP brochure. The ASAP Panel had also agreed that the remaining funds in the trust fund, after the expenditures for the new ASAP Brochure, could be spent as possibly recommended by the Chairperson of the new ASAP Task Team. Noting that no expenditures had been made during the previous intersessional period in this regard, SOT-5 agreed again with these decisions.
5. Through Resolution 2 (JCOMM-III), *Observations Programme Area*, JCOMM terminated the ASAP Panel and all of its outstanding and proposed future activities were passed to the SOT Task Team on ASAP. Decisions regarding the management of the ASAP trust fund were transferred to the SOT.

APPENDIX A

ASAP TRUST FUND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR 2011



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ASAP Trust Fund
Statement of income and expenditure
For the period 1 January to 31 December 2011
Amounts in Swiss Francs

1. Balance of fund at 1 January 2011		38,801
2. Income		
2.1 Unrealized gain on exchange difference	<u>24</u>	
2.2 Total income		<u>24</u>
3. Funds available for the period		38,825
4. Expenditure		
4.1 Direct costs		
4.1.1 Travel	<u>4,541</u>	
4.1.2 Total direct costs	4,541	
4.2 Indirect costs		
4.2.1 Support costs (7%)	318	
4.2.2 Bank charges	<u>20</u>	
4.2.3 Total indirect costs	338	
4.3 Total expenditure		<u>4,879</u>
5. Balance of fund at 31 December 2011		<u><u>33,946</u></u>

Certified correct:


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1 May 2012

APPENDIX B

ASAP TRUST FUND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNT FOR 2012



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ASAP Trust Fund
Statement of income and expenditure
For the period 1 January to 31 December 2012
Amounts in Swiss Francs

1. Balance of fund at 1 January 2012	33,946
2. Income	-
3. Funds available for the period	33,946
4. Expenditure	-
5. Balance of fund at 31 December 2012	<u>33,946</u>

Certified correct:

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18 February 2013

APPENDIX C

TABLE OF NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE DBCP TRUST FUND FOR 2013

Budget Country	JCOMMOP S	DBCP	OceanSITES	SOT	JTA	COMMENT
Australia	EUR 11,700		USD 5,000			JCOMMOPS: including DBCP and SOT
Canada	CAD 27,500					JCOMMOPS, including DBCP and SOT
CLS					USD 65,000	USD 15,000 for JTA Chairperson USD 30,000 for the JTA-Executive Committee USD 10,000 for the IOC Secretariat (paid directly to IOC) USD 10,000 for the WMO Secretariat
E- SURFMAR		EUR 40,000				Belgium, Croatia, Cyprus, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom
Germany				EUR 3,600		Support to SOT
India		USD 5,000				
New Zealand	Eur 1,800					JCOMMOPS, including DBCP and SOT
South Africa		EUR 4,000				
USA		USD 115,000	(USD 30,000)	USD 80,000		Contribution to DBCP TC and SOT made to WMO as of 2012