UPDATES ON JTF BUDGET REQUESTS
IN JAPAN AND MEMBER STATES COOPERATION

1. BACKGROUND

While SEAFDEC formulates its programs and activities under Japanese Trust Fund (JTF) into five-year plans, the JTF budget request in Japan is made on a yearly basis.

Demonstrating the following two points to the Ministry of Finance in the budgetary request process is very important for the Fisheries Agency of Japan (FAJ) to obtain the necessary amount of budget.

- The necessity of Japan’s continuous contribution to the Southeast Asian region
- These programs and activities reflect common interest of Southeast Asian countries and Japan

2. REQUIRED CONSIDERATION BY THE MEMBER COUNTRIES

In order to facilitate the JTF budget request, Japan would like to ask the member countries to consider:

- Highlighting the importance and necessity of Japan’s contribution to SEAFDEC by making a comment at high level meetings (e.g. SEAFDEC council meeting, AMAF+3 related meetings) and/or sending a letter to the Director-General of FAJ;
- Maintaining the current practice where all SEAFDEC member countries collaboratively work on the formulation of JTF programs and activities so that the programs and activities reflect the common interest of both Southeast Asian countries and Japan.