

### Support for the development of inland aquaculture

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To support the development of inland aquaculture in PICTs, particularly in Melanesia, by providing technical assistance and training to government officials and aquaculture producers.

### Strategy

Aquaculture presents many opportunities for economic and social development, with new activities being developed in many countries. However, the sector is still largely unregulated and lacks the necessary technical and managerial support.

The project will address constraints to sustainable development of aquaculture in four main areas, which are:

- Support for strategic policy development and planning for aquaculture at the national level, including the development of a national aquaculture strategy.
- Development of technical solutions to aquaculture production constraints in the key areas of 'feed, water, health and genetics'.
- Development of more skilled Pacific Islander aquaculture specialists through training and supervision.
- Establishment of a regional aquatic animal health programme that makes best use of limited resources.

A clear **plan** is seen as important to guide development of the sector.

**Feed** and seed are the universal requirements for aquaculture development. High quality feed and seed are essential for the success of any aquaculture system.

While the concept of 'subsistence aquaculture' to provide food security for poor rural communities is attractive,

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## Outputs related to the project

### News

- Survey for milkfish fry collection in the Arnavon Islands, Solomon Islands. SPC Fisheries Newsletter 136:20-21. [PDF Link](#) (125kb)
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- Public-private partnerships are paying off in PNG inland aquaculture. SPC Fisheries Newsletter 138:20-21. [PDF Link](#) (438kb)
- A successful first milkfish harvest in Fiji. SPC Fisheries Newsletter 133:23. [PDF Link](#) (142kb)
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