



DEVELOPMENT OF TUNA FISHERIES IN THE PACIFIC-ACP STATES PROJECT

June 2011 Issue

Dear Readers,

End of June 2011 marks the first six months of the project and concluded the inception activities. The focus of activities was primarily staff recruitment, procurement of office equipment and allocation of work space and associated in-house administration and preparation at both FFA and SPC. Following these preliminary activities, project then commenced comprehensive stakeholders consultations phase with stakeholders, identifying needs and prioritizing them for the first substantive work program to be commenced in July 2011.

Stakeholders' Consultations

During the first six months period, project undertook comprehensive stakeholders' consultations to ensure full participation in the preparation of the first substantive project work plan for implementation in July 2011 – June 2012.

This included the first Project Steering Committee (PSC) meeting, a meeting with the Pacific Island Tuna Industry Association (PITIA) and associated National Fisheries Associations and a meeting with the regional Fisheries Observer Coordinators.

These stakeholder consultations were further enhanced by a series of in-country consultations in

several countries which included Fiji, Samoa, Kiribati, Solomon Island, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu.

Consultations also included discussions of needs and priorities highlighted at the sessions of SPC Heads of Fisheries (HoF) Meeting in March and the Forum Fisheries Committee (FFC) in May.

All these consultations provided useful direction for the project to complete the 2011-2012 activity plans.

Key Result Activity Commencement

As a result of early identification, several urgent country priorities for technical assistance were undertaken or are in stages of operation during the inception period.

At request of Cook Islands Ministry of Marine Resources, the Fisheries Development Officer provided support to the Cook Islands in the formation of the Cook Islands Fishermen Association. In the same focused area, guidance and

information was provided to the fishing industry interested to establishing national tuna industry association in Solomon Islands. Continued dialogue and liaison has been underway with the Pacific Islands Tuna Industry Association (PITIA) secretariat to assist in the formulation of the annual work program and identify funding support options.

Project also provided support in HACCP and CA development work in the Cook Islands.

At request of FSM, project provided assistance to the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) to support the NORMA-based data entry positions as part of the IUU component national projects.

Project provided support in FAO Port State Control Workshop for Timor Leste.

IUU Liaison officer undertook several technical inputs in support of the Regional MCS Strategy (RMCSS) implementation. This included;

- *implementation of scheduled uploading processes as a significant upgrade to the Regional Fisheries Surveillance Centre (RFSC) at FFA to enable delivery of an improved "picture" of VMS vessel locations (set up in google earth) to members.*
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Key Activity Plan

The project's 1st roundtable technical consultation and planning meeting between FFA and SPC was held in Nadi, Fiji in May. This planning meeting reviewed and updated the initial activity matrix formulated at the PSC1 and prioritized identified needs and country requests highlighted during subsequent consultative process. This timely planning session also incorporated the requests and needs highlighted at the Forum Fisheries

- *Support to two Multi-Lateral Maritime Operations coordinated through the RFSC was completed.*
- *Development of version one of an in-country database for collecting critical MCS data was completed and tested in FSM and Kiribati.*
- *In country assistance to allow the scheduled reporting and cross referencing of vessel license lists was completed in Nauru. This included the supply and installation of both hardware and software systems and the consolidation of the TUFMAN software as the standard reporting tool.*

The project provided assistance with the printing and publication of a major FFA publication on the impact of industry and market drivers on the global tuna supply chain. This extensive study will be utilized throughout the duration of the project as a means to benchmark domestic development progress.

Both FFA and SPC will continue to collaborate to implement the first substantive work plan for the project's key result areas commencing July 2011.

Committee (FFC) held in the prior week. This meeting enabled the project team to complete the 2011-2012 activity plan.

The activity plan forms the 2011-12 Work Plan & Cost Estimate (WPCE) and is submitted to EU for review and approval for implementation commencing July 2011. When the WPCE is approved this will be put on FFA and SPC webpage.

Regional Tuna Industry News in Brief :

Tuna 'tsunami'

THE entry of Papua New Guinea tuna into the European market is causing huge ripples there with factories concerned about possible closure and losing thousands of jobs.

And the tuna canneries in Europe have been advised to down-size, pack-up and come set up in PNG – possibly at the Pacific Marine Industrial Zone in Madang in order to benefit from the lucrative market in their part of the world.

The most likely to be affected are 67 canning factories in Galicia – Spain and Spanish-speaking countries in Europe – that are at the risk of laying off up to 12,000 employees, according their National Association of Canned Fish and Seafood (NACSF).....

For Detail story :

<http://www.postcourier.com.pg/20110601/news01.htm>

[Source: PNG Post Courier, 1 June 2011]

PNA countries say US has to pay more to fish for tuna in the Pacific

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The PNA wants the U.S. to buy fishing days like other bilateral partners.

The PNA fishing ministers have agreed a minimum rate of \$US5, 000 a day will apply from next year."

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For Detail story;

<http://www.pina.com.fj/index.php?p=pacnews&m=read&o=7193796184e31d8fa1df1db0e80679>

SOURCE: RNZI/PACNEWS

Project Staff

SPC was able to commence recruitment processes November 2010 with the Fisheries Development Officer filled by Jonathan Manieva. The SPC second position -IUU Liaison Officer post was filled by Bryan Scott in February 2011 and commenced work in March.

Recruitment at FFA was delayed pending receipt of funds.

However, the Team Leader/Policy Specialist, Hugh Walton commenced duties in April along with the Project Coordinator, Leonard Paia. The project MCS Specialist, Fraser McEachan, commenced work in June and this completed project staff recruitment within the inception period.

For More Information: For more information on the project activities, programs, technical reports and results, visit the project webpage; www.spc.int/fame/en/projects/devfish2/aboutdevfish2 , or simply email the project officers at FFA and SPC- to seek more information on how the project can provide assistance to your specific needs. This is a quarterly publication and encourage you to share these with your colleagues or people and organizations who would be interested in the activities of the project.

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