

PROJECT SYNOPSIS

Project Title:	Development of Sustainable Tuna Fisheries in Pacific ACP Countries - Phase 2 (DevFish2 Project)
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1. Project Background

The Pacific-ACP countries are located in the midst of the most important tuna fishing ground in the world, annually supplying over 1 million tonnes of tuna (about half of the world's supply) that is valued at over 1 billion Euro. Most countries however have not achieved the expected economic growth through development of this most important shared renewable resource, as the majority of the catch is taken directly by distant water fishing nations in the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) of PACP countries in return for licence fees. A smaller, but growing, share is harvested by PACP-registered vessels and landed in PACP ports. These activities employ an estimated 12,000 Pacific islanders with 90% of these, mostly women, in land-based processing jobs. The economic livelihoods of thousands more are dependent on small scale commercial tuna fishing and marketing. There are, therefore, very large potential gains for PACPs from increasing the share of the benefits that they secure from tuna resources through increasing PACP fishing operations and capabilities; and from encouraging the localisation of other tuna-fishery related activities. On the other side, Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing poses a direct threat to the sustainable development of the tuna resource, as well as an economic loss to PACP countries. It is estimated that at least 10% of the catch is taken in this manner each year, representing some Euro 80M of fish from the PACP EEZs.

2. Project Intervention Logic:

DevFish2 builds on the success of the EDF9 DevFish1 (2005-2008) which contributed to the establishment of a concerted policy and economic environment conducive to the further development of domestic fishing and processing operations, to help increase the contribution of foreign fleets to the economic development of PACP countries. With a wider focus the project will continue to support domestic tuna industry development as well as reducing IUU fishing practices. The Overall Objective is 'to increase the contribution from the sustainable use of marine resources to the alleviation of poverty in Pacific-APC states'. The Project Purpose is 'to reduce constraints to domestic tuna industry development'. There are 2 Result areas: (1) Improved institutional and technical capacity at the national level to promote domestic industry development; and (2) Improved capacity at the national and regional level to monitor and combat IUU fishing. The wide range of activities include assistance to countries with their national Fishery Development Strategies; improving transparency in Systems and Procedures; technical support to Competent Authorities, and the delivery of training to the industry to support export expansion; conduct pilot studies to promote new technologies; develop a regional strategy to combat IUU fishing; identify and remedy technical and capacity shortfalls, and conduct an integrated assessment of enforcement and fisheries databases. The project is implemented through Contribution Agreements with FFA (lead) and SPC who carry a mandate from PACP countries to assist the tuna fishery.