

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

(Consolidated)

1. Country: Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tokelau, Tuvalu and Vanuatu

2. Project Number/Code: PIMS No. 2992

3. Project Title: Pacific Islands Oceanic Fisheries Management Project

4. Executing Agency: Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency

5. Period Covered: 1 January 2009 to 31 March 2009

6. Summary of Overall Project Progress:

Overall project activity remains on target for the most part in the first quarter of 2009, the details of which are set out in section seven. The project continues to report on activities such as stock assessment and tagging work and others, which have expended their project allocations but which are on-going and are now supported by other funding sources. Collaboration between SPC and IUCN on the work in relation to seamount research strengthens as IUCN rolls out the revised work plan agreed to by implementing, executing and the Regional Project Steering Committee (RSC). While there are no noticeable concerns for the implementation of project activities under component two but reporting has become variable and improvements need to be made for full accountability. This is currently being addressed.

Implementing recommendations from the Mid Review of the Project endorsed by the RSC in Oct 2008 have commenced and is being monitored by the UNDP Technical Advisor and UNDP Suva Country Office. This includes work on adjustments to the projects Logical Framework and project indicators.

7. Specific Outputs/Results Achieved (As per quarter work-plan):

Specific outputs and results achieved under the project against quarterly work plans are reported in the following spreadsheet.

Component One

Sub-component 1.1: Fishery Monitoring	
Output 1.1.1: A template for national integrated monitoring programmes including logsheet, observer, port sampling and landing data collection and management; and provision of national data to the Commission	
Activity 1.1.1.1: Develop database and associated software	<p>There was no release of a new version of TUFMAN during this quarter and the version remains at v4.45.</p> <p>The work in updating the TUFMAN data entry forms (reported in the previous quarter) progressed, but the new version has yet to be made available.</p> <p>The new TUFMAN Observer data module was provided during February and is undergoing system testing.</p>
Activity 1.1.1.2: Develop reporting module for Commission data	<p>The new structure for the WCPFC Reporting module was discussed and agreed in the review of the TUFMAN Reporting System (late Sept./early October 2008) and work required will be a part of the 2009 work plan. No progress to date.</p>
Output 1.1.2: National monitoring systems based on the regional template for integrated monitoring, customised to meet national needs	
Activity 1.1.2.1: Support establishment and enhancement of national databases and software	<p>Six countries were updated to the latest version (v4.45) of TUFMAN in the first quarter 2009.</p> <p>The Observer Trip Viewer System, with the most up-to-date observer data, was provided to PNG and French Polynesia in March 2009.</p> <p>The Catch and Effort Query System (CES) and the latest logsheet data was provided to all member countries in March 2009.</p>
Activity 1.1.2.2: Support establishment and enhancement of national port sampling and observer programmes	<p>The very significant challenges that lie ahead for national observer programmes were presented for discussion to the participants of the Heads of Fisheries (HOF) meeting in early February. The outputs of that meeting record five areas where consensus was reached on the future of national observer programmes.</p> <p>http://www.spc.int/mrd/Meetings/HOF6/HOF6_papers/HOF6_Meeting_Outcomes.pdf</p> <p>The IWG ROP3 (17 - 21 March, Guam) was attended by the Observer and Port Sampler Coordinator.</p> <p>At the request of New Zealand, the SPC Observer Coordinator visited Pago Pago to implement (a) port sampling and (b) observer sampling of New Zealand purse seiners operating under the WCPFC CMM 2008–01. Two samplers from Papua New Guinea were contracted and trained. They have completed port sampling of two vessels and are currently embarked on one vessel as observers, conducting paired spill and grab samples.</p>
Activity 1.1.2.3: Support the coordination of national monitoring programmes	<p>Duty travel was undertaken in Vanuatu in March 2009 to install the TUFMAN database system and in Kiribati in March 2009 for follow-up TUFMAN training. In both cases, on-site TUFMAN training was given to both the National Tuna Data Coordinator (NTDC) and the data entry technicians, in data entry and reporting. The National Tuna Data Procedures documents were updated in conjunction to these visits.</p> <p>An up-dated tuna data procedures document template was prepared (version 3.) This will help to keep the national template documents streamlined.</p> <p>MOUs for sampling and equipment support for the Cook Islands and Vanuatu were created, signed and the monies transferred during this quarter.</p>
Output 1.1.3: A regional monitoring coordination capacity, to develop regional standards such as data formats, and to provide a clearing house for information on fishery monitoring	
Activity 1.1.3.1:	A new print run of purse-seine workbooks and waterproof sampling forms was

Develop and make available common data formats	<p>coordinated and the final products received. An alternative distribution system, using SPC publication programme, was put in place.</p> <p>Data forms were shipped to RMI, FSM and FFA during this period.</p>
Activity 1.1.3.2: Hold Regional Workshops on regional and national fishery monitoring	<p>Preparations for the third tuna data workshop began. The annotated agenda was sent to participants in Mid-March.</p> <p>Funding support for participant and travel has been received from the UN DOLAS, Japan Trust Fund and EU SCI FISH projects.</p>
Activity 1.1.3.3: Distribute newsletters, webpage and other forms of information exchange	<p>The eighth monitoring newsletter – “Fork Length” was received back from SPC editors and layout by the Fisheries Information Section requested.</p> <p>The edited version of the Longline Observer Guide (2007 forms) was received from the editors. The graphics were prepared and the document submitted for layout. Work on the French version (2004 version) is on-going.</p> <p>New resource material to explain the use of ‘file transfer protocol’ was prepared, this will be placed on the website in due course.</p>
Output 1.1.4: Training of national monitoring staff, particularly monitoring coordinators, observers and port samplers	
Activity 1.1.4.1: Organise and hold in-country observer & port sampling courses and other training activities	<p>The 2009 observer training schedule started with a national training course in Pohnpei. This was the first ‘cadet observer training course’ which aims to train a larger number of observers in a fewer competencies.</p> <p>SPC staff chaired a workshop on implementing a port sampling programme in Indonesia during January 2009. The workshop achievements included the design of specific data collection forms to cater for the unique situation in Indonesian ports.</p>
Activity 1.1.4.2: Regional training courses in integrated fishery monitoring	See activity 1.1.3.2.
Activity 1.1.4.3: Attach national monitoring personnel to SPC/OFP	There was one attachment from Vanuatu to the statistics and monitoring section of the OFP during this reporting period. Attachment training included (i) general overview of regional data collection, (ii) advanced training using MS EXCEL, (iii) training in TUFMAN, (iv) training in CES and (v) training in MapInfo.
Sub-component 1.2: Stock Assessment	
Output 1.2.1: National oceanic fisheries status reports prepared collaboratively with national scientific staff	
Activity 1.2.1.1: Prepare 6 National Oceanic Fisheries Status Reports (NTFSRs) annually	FSM and Nauru NTFSRs drafted and awaiting review finalisation (in-country). NTFSRs for Kiribati, Samoa and Marshall Islands are in progress. An NTFSR for Tuvalu has been initiated.
Activity 1.2.1.2: Hold In-country Stakeholder Workshops for delivery of National Status Reports	In country workshops for the delivery of NTFSR outputs held in Nauru (March 2009), with preliminary NTFSR outputs also delivered to EAFM workshops in Samoa (February 2009), Marshall Islands (January 2009) and Tuvalu (March 2009)
Output 1.2.2: Advice to Pacific SIDS on scientific issues in the work of the Commission	
Activity 1.2.2.1: Provide contributions to briefs on scientific issues for Pacific SIDS for meetings of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scientific advice was provided at the US Multilateral Treaty Meeting (March 2009). • Briefing provided to consultations on longline VDS.

the Commission, the Scientific Committee and Science Working Groups	
Activity 1.2.2.2: Present scientific briefs to preparatory meetings of Pacific SIDS for the Commission	No activity this quarter.
Output 1.2.3: Training of national technical and scientific staff to understand regional stock assessment methods, and interpret and apply the results; and to use oceanographic data	
Activity 1.2.3.1: Hold Regional Workshops on stock assessment methods and analysis of oceanographic impacts on fisheries	Invitations to June/July workshops sent out (February 2009). Planning meetings for 2009 workshops held (February 2009).
Activity 1.2.3.2: Attach national technical staff to SPC/OFP and other institutions to participate in Commission stock assessment work and preparation of national status reports	No activity this quarter
Activity 1.2.3.3: Train scientific counterparts in-country	No activity this quarter.
Sub-component 1.3: Ecosystem Monitoring and Analysis	
Output 1.3.1: Observer sampling and analysis of commercial fishery catches to determine trophic relationships of pelagic species in the WTP LME	
Activity 1.3.1.1: Collect observer-based sampling data, especially stomach contents, tissue samples	Biological sampling of stomach contents and tissue samples is undertaken in several countries. During the last quarter, samples were collected in New Zealand (68) and New Caledonia (1) Issue #9 of the SPC Biological Sampling Newsletter was included in the "Fork length" newsletter.
Activity 1.3.1.2: Lab-based analysis of samples	Lab-based analysis of samples is continuing. During the quarter, 167 stomach samples were examined and the resulting data/information entered into the database. The total number of stomachs examined and with data entered is now 4,363 samples from 71 different species.
Output 1.3.2: Collection and analysis of information on seamounts in the WTP LME	
SPC	
Activity 1.3.2.1: Hold seamount activity planning and review workshops	This activity was completed during Q1-2006 and Q3-2006.
Activity 1.3.2.2: Describe Seamounts and analyse historical	During this quarter, we further develop the work on evaluation and quantifying the importance of seamounts for tuna fisheries. New analyses have been developed to quantify the proportion of global tuna catch that can be allocated to seamounts over

<p>fishing patterns around seamounts</p>	<p>time. Preliminary results show that 2% is a likely estimate and that seamount importance for tuna catch peaked before the 80's.</p> <p>Catch-and-effort database was further analyzed and new analytical methods developed, including the standardization of catch and effort data with GLM modelling, screening seamounts against log-sheet catch data for the whole region and years using GLM models residuals. The hypothesis that seamounts may show higher tuna CPUE values was tested with several different methods for about 4,000 seamounts in the region. Estimates of seamounts that may yielded significantly increased CPUE of yellowfin, bigeye and albacore range from 50 to 300, depending on the methodology used.</p> <p>We started looking at the observer database to quantify the importance of seamounts for non-tuna species. Preliminary analyses show higher abundances close to seamounts for some fish, dolphins, and seabirds.</p>
<p>Activity 1.3.2.3: Collect data at sea at selected seamounts, including tagging, trophic sampling and analysis</p>	<p>The second cruise (WP-2) of the Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme Phase 2 commenced on 15 March 2009 that is scheduled to tag tuna in PNG, FSM, Marshall Islands, Kiribati, Tuvalu and Solomon Islands over a three month period. The initial work in PNG saw >9,000 tuna tagged in two weeks, an excellent start to WP-2. Total recoveries for the PTTTP are now in excess of 21,000.</p>
<p>Activity 1.3.2.4: Support national scientist participation in benthic biodiversity survey</p>	<p>No activity this quarter.</p>
<p>IUCN</p>	
<p>Activity 1.3.2.2: Describe Seamounts and analyse historical fishing patterns around seamounts</p>	<p>Identified Tonga, Samoa, Cook Islands and Fiji as target countries for longline fisher interviews.</p> <p>Completed interviews in Samoa, Cook Islands, Fiji and Tonga. Supplied some preliminary results on seamount locations to SPC. Undertook a joint mission with Telmo Morato from SPC to Tonga.</p> <p>Completed literature review related to pelagic fisheries on seamounts.</p>
<p>Output 1.3.3: Model-based analysis of ecosystem-based management options</p>	
<p>Activity 1.3.3.1: Incorporate ecosystem data and information into existing ecosystem models and refinement of those models as necessary</p>	<p>Preliminary parameterisation of yellowfin and albacore was completed for simulation in the spatial ecosystem and population dynamics model SEAPODYM.</p> <p>A high resolution PISCES-ROMS bio-geochemical model has been finalised to use as the environmental forcing grid for SEAPODYM in mixed resolution model zoom for the New Caledonia EEZ.</p>
<p>Activity 1.3.3.2: Use enhanced models and data to assess ecosystem-based management options</p>	<p>SEAPODYM is being prepared to assist with determining effort limits for south pacific albacore in collaboration with FFA.</p>
<p>Activity 1.3.3.3: Use enhanced models and data to assess management options targeted specifically at seamounts</p>	<p>No activity this quarter.</p>

Output 1.3.4: Estimates of levels of by-catch in WCPO oceanic fisheries	
Activity 1.3.4.1: Review historical observer data and methodological development	No activity this quarter – influence of fisheries management changes on longline data scheduled for quarter 2 in 2009.
1.3.4.2: Estimate levels of by-catch	No activity this quarter – updates catch and CPUE estimates scheduled for quarter 2 in 2009.
Output 1.3.5: Results of ecosystem analysis and proposals for long-term ecosystem monitoring and operationalisation of the ecosystem-based approach for use by the Commission’s Scientific Committee, especially its Ecosystems & Bycatch Working Group, and by Pacific SIDS	
Activity 1.3.5.1: Present results of ecosystem analysis to the Commission through the Ecosystem & Bycatch Working Group	No activity this quarter.
Activity 1.3.5.2: Present info on national & regional implications of results of ecosystem analysis to Pacific SIDS	Technical assistance provided to New Zealand to update an Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA) for seabirds within the New Zealand domestic fisheries. Population of regional by-catch database commenced.
Activity 1.3.5.3: Attach national technical staff to SPC/OFP and other institutions to participate in ecosystem analysis	No activity this quarter.

Component Two

Sub-component 2.1: Legal Reform	
Output 2.1.1: A strategy and workplan for activities on regional and national legal issues	
Activity 2.1.1.1: Carry out legal and technical reviews of legal issues and national legal structures	See 2.1.1.2 and 2.1.3.2
Activity 2.1.1.2: Hold a Regional Legal Consultation on Legal Issues, National Legal Structures and the Project strategy for legal work.	<p>PNA Legal workshop held 19-21 January 2009 at which FFA presented, and discussed, template regulations to reflect the Third Implementing Arrangement, which is embedded in WCPFC CMM 2008-01</p> <p>Preparations underway for FFA workshop on the legal options for giving effect to WCPFC obligations postponed from first half 2009 to week of 27 July 2009</p>
Output 2.1.2 New draft laws, regulations, agreements and license conditions in line with WCPF Convention prepared and shared with Pacific SIDS.	
Activity 2.1.2.1. Prepare templates of legal provisions to implement the Convention.	<p>See 2.1.1.2</p> <p>In addition, consultants continue work on WCPFC template regulations to be delivered at the FFA Legislative workshop – see 2.1.1.2</p>
Activity 2.1.2.2. Undertake national legal reviews.	<p>Samoa Project – awaiting outcome of coastal fisheries consultations from SPC in order to consolidate into one Act with the oceanic fisheries component – advised recently by SPC that it shall be with us shortly</p> <p>Fiji Project - Report provided to Fiji with policy options to decide on, before further work can be undertaken.</p>
Activity 2.1.2.3. Provide draft Bills, regulations, license conditions and access agreements to Pacific SIDS.	See 2.1.2
Output 2.1.3. Proposals for the Commission from Pacific SIDS for legal arrangements to implement the Convention.	
Activity 2.1.3.1. Undertake legal studies on Commission and Convention issues including non-Contracting Parties and new members.	Legal contributions to papers for the MCSWG meeting to be held at the beginning of April, which discussed several of the WCPFC compliance issues
Activity 2.1.3.2. Prepare legal briefs for Pacific SIDS for Commission and subsidiary body meetings.	No Commission and subsidiary body meetings this quarter – however, preparation for such meetings commenced – see 2.1.3.1
Activity 2.1.3.3. Hold Regional Legal Consultations.	See 2.1.1.2.
Output 2.1.4. Training of policy makers and legal personnel in oceanic fisheries management legal issues.	
Activity 2.1.4.1. Hold Regional Legal Workshops.	See 2.1.1.2.
Activity 2.1.4.2. Hold National Legal Workshops.	National legal seminar held in Fiji to inform on the latest developments at the subregional and regional levels

Sub-component 2.2: Policy Reform	
Output 2.2.1. National oceanic fisheries management Plans, policies and strategies.	
Activity 2.2.1.1. Prepare Plans, policy and strategy documents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed EAFM Stakeholder Consultative process for Samoa; • EAFM Scoping for Tuvalu completed;
Activity 2.2.1.2. Support the implementation of Plans, policies and strategies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First planning visit to Tonga for development of TMP Operational Plan; • In-country assistance to Tonga Fisheries for development and completion of the TMP Operational Plan;
Activity 2.2.1.3. Undertake Plan, policy and strategy reviews.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report on TMP lessons learn studies completed • TMP review Tonga continued with technical assistance provided by Fisheries Management Advisor
Output 2.2.2. Strategies and specific proposals for the overall development of the Commission, including its Secretariat and technical programs, and for Commission conservation and management measures.	
Activity 2.2.2.1. Undertake studies on Commission and Convention conservation and management issues.	<p>Draft FFC70 Officials Paper presenting a review of the implementation of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission and sets out strategies for the 6th WCPFC annual session drawing from key outcomes of the 5th regular annual meeting of the Commission. The paper presents material that may be considered relevant to the recommendations by the FFC Officials:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategies to enhance fisheries development and investment in the Pacific Islands region; • Strategies to improve fisheries management and conservation in the Pacific Islands region; and, • Strategies to ensure effective MCS operations for the Pacific Islands region. <p>Drafted FFA brief for the IWG-ROP to assist members in the discussions on critical compliance measures relating to ROP</p>
Activity 2.2.2.2. Prepare and present reports on regional oceanic fisheries management issues to Pacific SIDS, including analysis of proposals for the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.	Refer to Activity 2.2.2.1 above.
Activity 2.2.2.3. Hold Regional Fisheries Management Workshops and Consultations.	No Activity in Q1
IUCN	
Output 2.2.3. Identification of possible management options for seamounts, including compliance options. (IUCN)	

Activity 2.2.3.1. Undertake technical studies on management of oceanic fisheries around seamounts.	<p>Completed acquisition of information on Australia pelagic longline swordfish seamount fishery.</p> <p>Obtained information from the five tuna-RFMOs related to conservation and management measures addressing pelagic longlining or other pelagic fishing methods on seamounts.</p> <p>Continued literature review. Anticipate completion by May 2009. Follow up is still required to Bartrum email survey on whether the FFA member states have relevant domestic rules about pelagic fishing at/near seamounts.</p>
Activity 2.2.3.2. Hold Workshops on seamount-related management options.	<p>Prepared a draft flyer for the technical workshop, tentatively scheduled for October 2009 in Noumea.</p> <p>Secured funding for an in kind project involving analyses of observer data from the Hawaii pelagic longline tuna fishery.</p> <p>Initiated internal discussions on whether this research area would be advanced from convening a technical workshop, and if not, whether to cancel or propose replacement with an alternative, more constructive, relevant activity. This discussion is still to be finalised.</p>
Activity 2.2.3.3. Prepare proposals on seamount-related conservation and management measures.	Not yet initiated. This will be our final activity and output.
Output 2.2.4. Training of policy makers, technical personnel and other Pacific SIDS stakeholders to increase understanding of sustainable and responsible fisheries.	
Activity 2.2.4.1. Hold Regional Policy Consultations / Workshops.	Refer to Activities 2.2.1.1; 2.2.1.2 & 2.2.1.3
Activity 2.2.4.2. Offer a TSC/USP Policy Training Course.	No activity this quarter
Activity 2.2.4.3. Present National Fisheries Management Seminars and Workshops.	Refer to Activities 2.2.1.1 and 2.2.1.2
Activity 2.2.4.4. Attach Fisheries Management personnel to FFA and arrange study tours for Pacific SIDS personnel to other Fisheries Commissions.	Two weeks Fisheries Management Policy Attachment for Cook islands representative, Ms. P.Short with the FFA Secretariat.
Activity 2.2.4.5. Support relevant Ministerial meetings.	No Activity in Q1
Sub-component 2.3: Institutional Reform	
Output 2.3.1. Strategies, plans and proposals for the reform, realignment and strengthening of national oceanic fisheries management administrations.	
Activity 2.3.1.1. Prepare a review of experience and best practices in institutional reform.	No Activity in Q1
Activity 2.3.1.2. Undertake and support implementation of reviews of national oceanic fisheries management institutions.	No Activity in Q1
Activity 2.3.1.3. Present National Institutional Reform Workshops.	No Activity in Q1
Output 2.3.2. Processes for national consultation between stakeholders in oceanic fisheries	

management.	
Activity 2.3.2.1. Advise on and support national consultative processes.	Refer to Activity 2.2.1.1 ; Activity 2.2.1.2 & Activity 2.2.1.3
Activity 2.3.2.2.Support strengthening of national environmental non-governmental organisations (ENGOS) and industry non- governmental organisations (INGOs) to empower them to participate in oceanic fisheries management.	Participation of the Green Peace Representative, Mr. Lagi Toribau at the Second meeting of the Regional Tuna Fisheries Management and Development Strategy Working Group in Brisbane, Australia
Activity 2.3.2.3.Support national workshops for non-state stakeholders.	No activity in Q1
Activity 2.3.2.4. Arrange attachments and study tours for non-state stakeholders to learn from experience elsewhere.	No activity in Q1
Sub-component 2.4: Compliance Strengthening	
Output 2.4.1. Strategies, plans and proposals for realigning and strengthening national oceanic fisheries compliance programs.	
Activity 2.4.1.1.Prepare a review of Convention implications for national compliance.	
Activity 2.4.1.2. Undertake and support implementation of reviews of needs to strengthen and realign national compliance programs.	
Output 2.4.2. Arrangements for regional coordination of monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) activities.	
Activity 2.4.2.1.Support regional consultations on coordination of air and sea patrols.	
Activity 2.4.2.2.Provide advice on MCS coordination between Pacific SIDS and other states involved.	
Activity 2.4.2.3.Prepare Niue Treaty subsidiary agreements.	
Output 2.4.3. Strategies and proposals for regional compliance measures and programs.	
Activity 2.4.3.1. Undertake technical studies on compliance issues under the Convention.	
Activity 2.4.3.2. Hold meetings of a Working Group of Pacific SIDS on MCS issues related to oceanic fisheries.	
Activity 2.4.3.3. Prepare and present reports on regional compliance issues to Pacific SIDS, including analysis of proposals for	

the Commission and its Technical and Compliance Committee.	
Output 2.4.4. Training of national compliance staff, especially in inspection and VMS.	
Activity 2.4.4.1. Present courses on National Inspection, VMS and other national MCS training programs.	
Activity 2.4.4.2. Attach national compliance staff to FFA and other Pacific SIDS.	

Component Three

Sub-component 3.1: Information Strategy	
Output 3.1.1. Project Information System for capture, storage and dissemination of project data, lessons and best practices and provision of information products using experience and guidelines from IW:LEARN.	
Activity 3.1.1.1. Design logos and other Project identifiers, Project Website/page and Project Document Cataloguing System.	A series of promotional material has resulted in a revised project design including news templates, fact sheets and wall posters and a map. Update of the Technical Report Database completed.
Activity 3.1.1.2. Operate the Website/page.	Ongoing with an increased assistance from the FFA IT division and the FFA Media Officer
Activity 3.1.1.3. Project information materials including CDs, papers, videos, pamphlets, newsletters, interviews, press releases etc.	A suite of planned promotional material is being progressed with the assistance of the FFA Media Officer. 3 of the 10 WCPFC Fact sheets are completed and publically available. A wall map with individual profiles, 3 thematic A2 sized wall posters with OFM articles and project banners are in various stages of production. Due deadline for completion is July 2009.
Output 3.1.2. Knowledge management process identifying innovative, best practice and replicable ideas within the Project and relevant to the Project and active involvement with IW:LEARN.	
Activity 3.1.2.1. Prepare Knowledge Management Strategy.	Completed
Activity 3.1.2.2. Generate Knowledge Management Components for Website/page, newsletters, and progress reports.	See Activity 3.1.1.2 and 3.1.1.3
Sub-component 3.2: Monitoring and Evaluation	
Output 3.2.1. Measures of, and reports on, overall project performance and delivery, including independent evaluations of the Project.	
Activity 3.2.1.1. Mid-term evaluation.	Completed
Activity 3.2.1.2. Terminal evaluation.	To be performed in 2010 & 2012
Activity 3.2.1.3. Post evaluation (Year 8).	
Activity 3.2.1.4. Annual reviews.	The second of the three annual reviews of the project is in progress. TORs and contracting of consultant to complete the exercise drafted and executed. The report also incorporates the work required to develop a concept for a further phase of the OFM Project. will be previewed by the FFC prior to their annual meeting May 2009. The full report is expected to be completed 3 April 2009.
Activity 3.2.1.5. Annual audit.	The FFA Auditors were retained to conduct the 2008 project audit and they have to date submitted a draft of the management letter and audit report. These are currently with UNDP for comment, the PCU having already provided theirs. The obligation to close the identified 2007 audit gaps have be addressed and have been signed off on by UNDP.
Output 3.2.2. Analysis of process, stress-reduction and environmental status indicators as per the GEF International Waters Operational Strategy.	
Activity 3.2.2.1. Carry out baseline	Completed

studies to measure IW indicators.	
Activity 3.2.2.2. Include indicator measures in progress reports.	Recommended changes to indicators and the projects log frame from the Baseline Study will be implemented in the 2009 reporting period. This work is in progressed through a combination of approaches. Review by the PCU and the UNDP Technical Advisor, advice included in the Baseline study, the pending annual report will be combined to address the updating/retro fitting of indicators with which to report against in annual reports to UNDP & GEF in July 2009.
Sub-component 3.3: Stakeholder Participation and Awareness Raising	
Output 3.3.1. ENGO participation and awareness raising in Convention-related processes.	
Activity 3.3.1.1. Conclude co-financing arrangement with a Pacific ENGO.	Completed
Activity 3.3.1.2. Support Pacific ENGO participation in the Commission.	Financial support for the attendance of NGO representation at the meetings of the WCPFC Commission are provided as per the LOA and financial acquitted annually. Funds were utilised for attendance at the Commission meeting
Activity 3.3.1.3. Provide information on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues to Pacific ENGOs.	Facilitated the collaboration between FFA on the production of the WCPFC Fact Sheets and the involvement of FFA staff in the planning of further WCPFC NGO awareness workshops. * Working with a web designer to develop and completed the OFM website for ENGOs and CSOs in the Pacific Islands (www.pasikafish.org) * Collating data and relevant fisheries articles for the website. This will be an ongoing activity.
Activity 3.3.1.4. Hold national and regional Workshops for ENGOs.	NGO workshops were conducted in Honiara and Papua New Guinea from 26 – 27 January and 29 – 30 January 2009 respectively. The workshop reports are available at www.ffa.int/gef and it will also be uploaded on the Oceanic Fisheries website for ENGOS and CSOs being developed by WWF South Pacific Programme at www.pasifikafish.org
Activity 3.3.1.5. Produce information materials to raise public awareness on oceanic fisheries management issues.	The materials produced apart from the WCPFC factsheets produced by the FFA have been electronic in nature at this time and are being / have been uploaded onto www.pasifikafish.org
Activity 3.3.1.6. Organise regional and national fora on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues for civil society participation.	as per 3.3.1.4.
Output 3.3.2. Support industry participation and awareness raising in Convention-related processes.	
Activity 3.3.2.1. Conclude co-financing arrangement with Pacific INGO.	Completed
Activity 3.3.2.2. Support Pacific INGO participation in the Commission.	The operations of PITIA have been suspended until further notice and they have notified the project that until such time they will not be drawing down further funds. Consideration must be given to how the project outputs for supporting industry participation and awareness raising in Convention processes can be achieved.
Activity 3.3.2.3. Provide information flow on the Convention and	

oceanic fisheries management issues to Pacific INGOs and businesses.	
Activity 3.3.2.4. Support Pacific INGO consultations on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues.	
Sub-component 3.4: Project Management and Coordination	
Output 3.4.1. Project Coordination Unit staffing and office.	
Activity 3.4.1.1. Appoint the Project Coordinator.	Completed
Activity 3.4.1.2. Appoint other PCU staff.	Completed
Activity 3.4.1.3. Procure equipment and other requirements to establish the PCU.	Completed
Output 3.4.2. Arrangements for coordination between Implementing and Executing Agencies.	
Activity 3.4.2.1. Preliminary UNDP/FFA/SPC/IUCN Consultations.	Completed
Activity 3.4.2.2. Conclude FFA/SPC and FFA/IUCN Letters of Agreement (LOAs).	Completed
Activity 3.4.2.3. UNDP/FFA Consultations.	RSC4
Output 3.4.3. Regional Steering Committee meetings and reports.	
Activity 3.4.3.1. Hold Inception Workshop.	Completed
Activity 3.4.3.2. Hold Regional Steering Committee meetings.	The 4 th meeting of the Regional Steering Committee for the OFMP was held at Apia, Samoa on 17 – 18 October 2008. The steering Committee typically convenes for a day in conjunction with an other regional fisheries meeting (MOW)
Output 3.4.4. National Consultative Committee meetings and reports.	
Activity 3.4.4.1. Secure National Focal Point nominations.	Completed and updates monitored
Activity 3.4.4.2. Support National Consultative Committee meetings.	No activity
Output 3.4.5. Reports on Project implementation, workplan and finances.	
Activity 3.4.5.1. Prepare periodic financial and narrative reports.	Preparation and completion of papers for RSC4, including financial reports to the Committee. See www.ffa.int/gef
Activity 3.4.5.2. Prepare Annual Work plans	Annual work plans and budgets prepared for endorsement by RSC4 at Apia. These were approved at the Oct meeting, including the amended work programme for IUCN led activities. See www.ffa.int/gef
Activity 3.4.5.3: Prepare Annual Project Reports	PIR & the GEF PPR (July 2007 – July 2008) reports submitted to UNDP and also presented to RSC4 in October.

8. Challenges/Issues Encountered

- i) IUCN have further deferred (due 28 February) reporting on the way in which they intend to progress project outputs for collection and analysis of information on seamounts in the WTP LME and identification of possible management options for seamounts, including compliance options.
- ii) One issue encountered concerns Activity 1.3.2.2: Describe Seamounts and analyse historical fishing patterns around seamounts. This work, particularly the description of seamounts, has proved more technically challenging than had been envisaged during the project planning. While much progress has been made, it is clear that additional resources could usefully be reallocated to this activity to allow a full analysis of fishing patterns in relation to identified seamounts, and to analyse the impact of seamounts on various oceanographic and biological productivity parameters.
- iii) Activity 1.2.3.2: Attach national technical staff to SPC/OFP – this continues to be very difficult to organise due to the increasing and competing domestic commitments and travel commitments of suitably qualified fisheries staff from national fisheries departments and authorities. This is further challenged due to increased travel commitments of OFP staff that can work with attachments.
- iv) Activity 1.1.4.1: A rapid increase in demand for observer training to address needs inherent in new WCPFC CMMs and other regional arrangement initiatives has outstripped the ability of the traditional training partners (SPC and FFA) to produce observers and is drawing staff in those organisations away from other roles in fisheries monitoring development.

9. Solutions Applied (to address issues and challenges)

- i) IUCN have advise they will provide an update in due course;
- ii) A suggested solution to the above problem is the application of unused funds initially allocated to IUCN to support various activities associated with the oceanographic cruise, which now looks likely to be cancelled.
- iii) Attachments are still being planned and undertaken by SPC whenever possible to complement stock assessment training and NTFSR work.
- iv) Funding is being sought to continue the development of competency-based-training standards, already commenced under the banner of “Pacific Island Regional Fisheries Observer (PIRFO)” standards that will facilitate transfer of training duties from regional organisations to other institutions prepared to take on those standards. Momentum in this work must be maintained despite the call on the staff involved to carry out extra training.

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