

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

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(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 October 2009 to 31 December 2009

6. Summary of Overall Project Progress:

Databases and software for the oceanic fisheries and use by Pacific has made considerable progress including the WCPFC Reporting module for TUFMAN, which specifically addresses the reporting obligations by SPC member countries to the WCPFC now complete and being made available in version 5.0 of TUFMAN. Support for the training of data coordinators in country remain a priority and national tuna data workshops are now planned using funding sources other than the projects. Progress continues in the 4 countries on their National Tuna Fisheries Status Reports and SPC continues to provide advice in the course of EAFM work in countries in conjunction with the FFA. With the implementation of conservation and management measures that make increased observer coverage a requirement, an increased pressure is now placed on countries and regional organisations training observers and trainers. Scientific briefs on status of stocks, evaluation of management options and a variety of data issues are provided to Pacific SIDS during and leading up to WCPFC 6 and pre-FFC meeting in Dec in Tahiti Ecosystem monitoring and analysis work undertaken by the SPC continues to process biological samples and perform lab analysis contributing to body of work that will assist with understanding this tuna fishery and its environment. Tagging work continues to be reported but is now funded by from other sources. IUCN Seamount LL outcomes are completed in November with the final report yet to be finalised. SEAPODYM continues to be refined and has been used to simulate potential climate change impacts on the Pacific fisheries for skipjack and yellowfin. Work contributing to the understanding of estimates of by-catch in the tuna fisheries is currently being undertaken on historical observer data and the distribution of fishing, for both longline and purse seine.

Advice provided to Pacific SIDS on legal issues in relation to the WCPFC continues to be important for their performance in plenary and coordination of positions at the WCPFC such as that provided to the special FFC Dec in Tahiti prior to WCPFC5. Template provisions which were delivered at the FFA Legislative workshop during this reporting period for use by national legislative reviews. Three Legal Fellowships were completed in Q4 with legal fellows from RMI, Palau and Kiribati visiting the FFA legal division.

Solomon Islands National Dockside, Prosecutions and Boarding Workshop, Honiara, October 2009

IUCN's policy work in relation to seamounts expects to accumulate in a technical workshop which is currently being discussed and expects to be held in early 2010.

Management Options Workshop to discuss WCPFC issues are held to consolidate Pac SIDS positions leading up to the WCPFC meetings. A substantial Policy briefs is provided to Pacific SIDS in preparation for WCPFC and support was provided for the attendance of Pacific SIDS at the pre-WCPFC FFC in Tahiti in December

A Pacific SIDS policy officer from Kiribati were attached at the in this quarter.

Advice and support for Pacific SIDS during WCPFC meetings of the Technical and Compliance Committee and onwards to WCPFC5 is maintained

Project Management and Coordination is reported for Q4 in the final section of the report. Progress reports on the findings in the mid term review of the project were presented to the annual meeting of the project's steering committee in November in Honiara. Representation at the 5th Biennial GEF International Waters held at Cairns in October provided the project some exposure and the opportunity to learn about other GEF IW funded projects in other regions. The efforts to raise awareness of oceanic fisheries management issues in the Pacific amongst NGOs and civil society continues to be progressed by the WWF Pacific Programme based in Fiji. For industry the tuna industry association PITIA is attempting to become operational in 2010 and unspent funds and suggestions for completing alternatives activities to meet the objectives expect to raised earlier 2010. 2008 Audit, reports to UNDP completed largely on time and as per UNDPs requirements. RSC5 approved in principle a 2010 Work Plan and Budget. To take into account additional activities in 2010 in relation to project design activities the budget & work plan was further revised and circulated electronically for approval. Receiving no comments, the revised 2010 budget and AWP and a formal request to UNDP Country Office for a no cost extension to the project was processed in December

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

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**

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| Activity 1.1.1.1: Develop database and associated software | <p>Version 5.0 (a major revision) was completed and released to a number of countries during this quarter. Development work on version 6.0 (MS SQL back-end) has begun. The intention is to continue developing the database throughout the 1st quarter of 2010, and then to install it in country, with a number of dedicated trips being made by staff during 2010.</p> <p>Work on the new TUBS (observer management system) was also done during this quarter</p> <p>Minor updates were made to the Observer Trip Viewer System and CES during this quarter.</p> |
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| Activity 1.1.1.2: Develop reporting module for Commission data | <p>The WCPFC Reporting module for TUFMAN, which specifically addresses the reporting obligations by SPC member countries to the WCPFC, was completed during this reporting period and made available in version 5.0 of TUFMAN. Further enhancements to this sub-system are expected during 2010.</p> |
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Output 1.1.2: National monitoring systems based on the regional template for integrated monitoring, customised to meet national needs

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| Activity 1.1.2.1: Support establishment and enhancement of national databases and software | <p>Seven countries were updated with the significantly revised version 5.0 of TUFMAN during the quarter.</p> <p>A staff member travelled to Niue to install TUFMAN there for the first time.</p> |
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| Activity 1.1.2.2: Support establishment and enhancement of national port sampling and observer programmes | <p>Observer training continued to be the most immediate support requested by national observer programmes. Staff from SPC were involved in national, sub-regional and in-house observer training. 'Train the trainer' activities also continued. See activity 1.4.1.1 for a full list of courses carried out during this period.</p> |
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| Activity 1.1.2.3: Support the coordination of national monitoring programmes | <p>Significant discussion and support was given to FSM for the set up of two new data entry positions that will be, in the first instance, contracted to SPC, Pohnpei. A job description, a template job contract and a comprehensive funding MOU were supplied to NORMA.</p> <p>Funding proposals (for the Japan Trust Fund) were drawn up in conjunctions with the countries for four national tuna data workshops in FSM, Samoa, Tonga and the Solomon Islands.</p> <p>SPC's FMS travelled to Vanuatu for one week during December to review their tuna data system. A report of the travel was posted.</p> |
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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

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| Activity 1.1.3.1: Develop and make available common data formats | <p>The Data Collection Committee (DCC) was held at SPC for one week in late November. The final report should be online during the first quarter of 2010.</p> |
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| Activity 1.1.3.2: Hold Regional Workshops on regional and national fishery monitoring | <p>The final copy of the 9th Observer Coordinators Workshop and Observer Data management Workshop was completed and will be made available on-line shortly.</p> <p>http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/Html/Meetings/Index.htm</p> <p>A national workshop on artisanal tuna data was facilitated by SPC in Kiribati during October.</p> |
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| Activity 1.1.3.3: Distribute newsletters, webpage and other forms of information exchange | <p>No activity this quarter.</p> |
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| 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 | A full list of observer training courses carried out during this period is listed here. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fiji Oct/Nov Sub-regional – Fiji, Tuvalu and New Caledonia trainees |
| 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 | The possibility of two attachments coming to SPC during the first quarter of 2010 was discussed with two different member countries. |
| 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 | NTFSRs for Samoa, Kiribati, Marshall Islands and Tuvalu were progressed. |
| Activity 1.2.1.2: Hold In-country Stakeholder Workshops for delivery of National Status Reports | OFP participated in an in-country EAFM stakeholder consultation held in Majuro, Marshall Islands 18-20 November. Discussions with MIMRA staff regarding progress with the RMI NTFSR were also held. |
| 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 the Commission, the Scientific Committee and Science Working Groups | Contributions to the FFA brief for WCPFC 6 were provided as requested by the FFA Secretariat. |
| Activity 1.2.2.2: Present scientific briefs to preparatory meetings of Pacific SIDS for the Commission | Scientific briefs on status of stocks, evaluation of management options and a variety of data issues were presented to or discussed with FFA members during WCPFC 6, and the preceding FFC meeting, held in Papeete, French Polynesia, in December 2009. |
| 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 | No activity this quarter |
| 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 | No activity this quarter |

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| 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 | <p>Biological sampling of stomach contents and tissue samples continued in several countries. During the last quarter, samples were collected in French Polynesia (106), PNG (46), Palau (43) and New Caledonia (45)</p> <p>Issue #12 of the SPC Biological Sampling Newsletter was distributed and sent to the observer programmes of the different programmes involved into biological sampling.</p> <p>Training in biological sampling has been done in Palau (2 Observers, 1 Obs coordinator, 1 port sampler, 2 private persons), FSM (19 observers, 1 Obs. coordinator) and during the sub regional observer course in Suva, Fiji (13 observers from Fiji, one from Tuvalu and one from New Caledonia). They have been updated on the stomach sampling project and also trained in identifying and collecting samples.</p> |
| Activity 1.3.1.2: Lab-based analysis of samples | Lab-based analysis of samples is continuing. During the quarter, 485 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 4986 samples from 73 different species. |
| Output 1.3.2: Collection and analysis of information on seamounts in the WTP LME | |
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| 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 fishing patterns around seamounts | <p>This activity has been completed in October 2009 with the departure of the seamount Specialist Telmo Morato.</p> <p>One scientific publication has been submitted to PNAS: "Seamounts are hotspots of pelagic biodiversity in the open ocean". It was reviewed by 2 referees and requires revisions before publication. The manuscript is under revision.</p> |
| Activity 1.3.2.3: Collect data at sea at selected seamounts, including tagging, trophic sampling and analysis | <p>The third cruise (WP-3) of the Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme (PTTP) Phase 2 was completed in mid-October. WP3 visited the waters of PNG, Nauru, FSM, Indonesia and the high seas areas adjacent to these EEZs. WP-3 deployed 38,789 conventional tags and 70 archival tags on skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye tuna.</p> <p>The third tagging cruise in the Central Pacific (CP3) was completed in November. This cruise, like earlier cruises, targeted primarily bigeye tuna aggregated beneath the TAO oceanographic buoys moored between 5°N and 5°S along 155°W and 140°W. During CP3, 5,105 conventional and 135 archival tags were deployed, mainly on bigeye tuna.</p> <p>This brings the total tag release numbers for the overall PTTP to 259,663 conventional and 886 archival tags. To date, there have been 32,109 conventional and 86 archival tag recoveries.</p> |
| Activity 1.3.2.4: Support national scientist participation in benthic biodiversity survey | This activity was cancelled |
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| <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>Completed analysis of the questionnaire data, and completed draft technical report, presented at the 5th steering committee meeting in Honiara, Nov 2009. Currently awaiting comments and edits before finalizing the report.</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>Parameterization of SEAPODYM for albacore in at the regional scale is being carried out at 0.5X0.5 degrees resolution. Initial runs are finished. Preliminary results suggested that although SEAPODYM fitted well the observed data, the biomass estimated with SEAPODYM is larger than the MFCL biomass estimate. A potential cause for this discrepancy is the increasing recruitment found in SEAPODYM that also lacks the variability found in MFCL recruitment estimates. The possible origin of this issue could be the initial conditions used to run the model or an incomplete assumption regarding recruitment. Additional runs and test are being carried out to solve these discrepancies.</p> <p>A new version of the SEAPODYM manual has been finished</p> <p>A peer reviewed paper is under development:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Spatial and population dynamics of albacore in the South Pacific Ocean using a spatial ecosystem and population dynamics model SEAPODYM.</p> |
| <p>Activity 1.3.3.2: Use enhanced models and data to assess ecosystem-based management options</p> | <p>Seapodym has been used to simulate potential climate change impacts on the Pacific fisheries for skipjack and yellowfin. Report on simulations currently in preparation.</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> |
| <p>Output 1.3.4: Estimates of levels of by-catch in WCPO oceanic fisheries</p> | |
| <p>Activity 1.3.4.1: Review historical observer data and methodological development</p> | <p>A review of model-based methods of estimating catches of non-target species from observer data commenced with a detailed comparison of the coverage (by geographic area and time period) of historical observer data and the distribution of fishing, for both longline and purse seine. This work will continue during the first half of 2010.</p> |
| <p>1.3.4.2: Estimate levels of by-catch</p> | <p>See 1.3.4.1 above</p> |
| <p>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</p> | |
| <p>Activity 1.3.5.1: Present results of ecosystem analysis to the Commission through the Ecosystem & Bycatch Working Group</p> | <p>No activity this quarter.</p> |
| <p>Activity 1.3.5.2: Present info on national & regional implications of results of</p> | <p>No activity this quarter.</p> |

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| ecosystem analysis to Pacific SIDS | |
| 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 | |
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| 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. | No specific legal consultation; however, the Special FFC meeting to prepare countries for the WCPFC in December was an opportunity to highlight and discuss legal issues and various legal WCPFC-related work for 2010. |
| 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. | Template provisions which were delivered at the FFA Legislative workshop in the last quarter used for national legislative reviews. |
| Activity 2.1.2.2. Undertake national legal reviews. | <p>Samoa Project – Samoa stakeholder consultation to be held in November postponed to January 2010.</p> <p>Fiji Project – Fiji will hold stakeholder consultation in early 2010.</p> <p>Tuvalu request for national legislative review to be funded through engaging a local consultant to work with FFA legal staff..</p> <p>Tuvalu Third Implementing Arrangement Regulations finalised and in effect.</p> <p>Contracts being developed to engage regional and local consultants in legislative reviews.</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 papers and contributions to papers for the Management Options Consultation (to prepare countries for the WCPFC meeting) and the WCPFC meeting. |
| Activity 2.1.3.2. Prepare legal briefs for Pacific SIDS for Commission and subsidiary body meetings. | Preparation for MOC and WCPFC meeting – 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. | <p>Legal Fellowships at FFA - Nabau from RMI, Katosang from Palau and Tekanene from Kiribati</p> <p>Solomon Islands National Dockside, Prosecutions and Boarding</p> |

Workshop, Honiara, October 2009

Sub-component 2.2: Policy Reform

Output 2.2.1. National oceanic fisheries management Plans, policies and strategies.

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| Activity 2.2.1.1. Prepare Plans, policy and strategy documents. | No activity reported |
| Activity 2.2.1.2. Support the implementation of Plans, policies and strategies. | No activity reported |
| Activity 2.2.1.3. Undertake Plan, policy and strategy reviews. | No activity reported |

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.

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| Activity 2.2.2.1. Undertake studies on Commission and Convention conservation and management issues. | No activity reported |
| 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. | No activity reported |
| Activity 2.2.2.3. Hold Regional Fisheries Management Workshops and Consultations. | No activity reported |

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Output 2.2.3. Identification of possible management options for seamounts, including compliance options. (IUCN)

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| 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, which has now been updated for 2008.</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>Literature review completed, and relevant information incorporated into the technical report. Bartrum email survey on whether the FFA member states have relevant domestic rules about pelagic fishing at/near seamounts provided few definitive results.</p> |
| Activity 2.2.3.2. Hold Workshops on seamount-related management options. | <p>Prepared a draft flyer for the technical workshop, on implications of longline fishing on seamounts.</p> <p>Secured funding for an in kind project involving analyses of observer data from the Hawaii pelagic longline tuna fishery. (Note that due to the departure of the lead in IUCN on this, Eric Gilman, who was conducting the research while based in Hawaii, this has been cancelled)</p> <p>Initiated internal discussions on whether this research area would be</p> |

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| | advanced from convening a technical workshop dedicated to seamounts, or whether to broaden the scope of this workshop to include FAD purse seine fisheries as well. The discussion has resulted in a decision to maintain the focus on seamounts, The tentative date for any workshop has been moved to late March 2010. Discussions with SPC and WPRFMC on input and partnering initiated. |
| Activity 2.2.3.3. Prepare proposals on seamount-related conservation and management measures. | Draft of information fact sheet under preparation. This will be our final activity and output, and a finalised version will be based on the technical paper and results of the workshop. |
| 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. | No activity reported |
| Activity 2.2.4.2. Offer a TSC/USP Policy Training Course. | No activity reported |
| Activity 2.2.4.3. Present National Fisheries Management Seminars and Workshops. | No activity reported |
| Activity 2.2.4.4. Attach Fisheries Management personnel to FFA and arrange study tours for Pacific SIDS personnel to other Fisheries Commissions. | Policy Attachment –Kiribati |
| Activity 2.2.4.5. Support relevant Ministerial meetings. | High Level meeting support (20K) provided for pre-WCPFC meeting in Pape'ete, French Polynesia, December 2009 |
| 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 |
| Activity 2.3.1.2. Undertake and support implementation of reviews of national oceanic fisheries management institutions. | Carried out review of the Fiji Fisheries Department organisational structure. |
| Activity 2.3.1.3. Present National Institutional Reform Workshops. | Vanuatu Workshop, Port Vila, Vanuatu |
| 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. | EAFM Stakeholder consultations in Niue and Tuvalu |
| Activity 2.3.2.3. Support national workshops for non-state stakeholders. | Refer to Activity 2.3.2.2 |

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| Activity 2.3.2.4. Arrange attachments and study tours for non-state stakeholders to learn from experience elsewhere. | No Activity |
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Sub-component 2.4: Compliance Strengthening

Output 2.4.1. Strategies, plans and proposals for realigning and strengthening national oceanic fisheries compliance programs.

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| Activity 2.4.1.1. Prepare a review of Convention implications for national compliance. | No activity reported |
| Activity 2.4.1.2. Undertake and support implementation of reviews of needs to strengthen and realign national compliance programs. | No activity reported |

Output 2.4.2. Arrangements for regional coordination of monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) activities.

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| Activity 2.4.2.1. Support regional consultations on coordination of air and sea patrols. | No activity reported |
| Activity 2.4.2.2. Provide advice on MCS coordination between Pacific SIDS and other states involved. | No activity reported |
| Activity 2.4.2.3. Prepare Niue Treaty subsidiary agreements. | No activity reported |

Output 2.4.3. Strategies and proposals for regional compliance measures and programs.

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| Activity 2.4.3.1. Undertake technical studies on compliance issues under the Convention. | No activity reported |
| Activity 2.4.3.2. Hold meetings of a Working Group of Pacific SIDS on MCS issues related to oceanic fisheries. | No activity reported |
| 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. | Support for Pacific islands attendance at the meeting of the WCPFC Technical and Compliance meeting held in 2009 Advice during the session and the preparation of a brief for SIDS provided by the FFA Secretariat |

Output 2.4.4. Training of national compliance staff, especially in inspection and VMS.

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| Activity 2.4.4.1. Present courses on National Inspection, VMS and other national MCS training programs. | Solomon Islands National Dockside, Boarding and Prosecutions workshop, Honiara, Solomon Islands, XX XXXXX 2009. Recruitment of former FFA staff and legal expert Jean Gordon for the workshop. |
| Activity 2.4.4.2. Attach national compliance staff to FFA and other Pacific SIDS. | Compliance staff from Solomon Islands attached to FFA |

Component Three

| Sub-component 3.1: Information Strategy | |
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| 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. | Completed |
| Activity 3.1.1.2. Operate the Website/page. | Website maintenance. |
| Activity 3.1.1.3. Project information materials including CDs, papers, videos, pamphlets, newsletters, interviews, press releases etc. | Further information fact sheets being prepared focusing on industries role in fisheries management in the WCPFC. Media releases in the margins of the annual WCPFC5 held at Tahiti, French Polynesia. Representation at the 5 th GEF IW Conference held at Cairns in October afforded the project exposure and the opportunity to learn about other GEF IW projects in other regions and discuss the GEF5 and its objectives. The project for the first time engaged in the innovative market place and displayed project posters and other material and documents. |
| 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. | Implementation ongoing |
| 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. 2008 |
| Activity 3.2.1.2. Terminal evaluation. | UNDP coordinated arrangements for Terminal Review i.e. development of TORs etc timeline amendment to take into account the prospective no-cost extension to the current project due to end Oct 2010. 6 month extension will see a termination date at the end of March 2011.. |
| Activity 3.2.1.3. Post evaluation (Year 8). | |
| Activity 3.2.1.4. Annual reviews. | 2 nd of the 3 Annual Reports is pending. The review includes work in relation to designing a further phase of the OFMP, investigating co-financing and review other specified issues emerging from project activities. |
| Activity 3.2.1.5. Annual audit. | Initial meeting with the newly appointed FFA Auditors PNG based Coopers & Lybrand. Provided information concerning the project for the auditors to familiarise themselves with the projects shape and objective. Further communication is expected in Jan 2010 to formalise contract, (including the UNDP TORs for Auditing) for project audit of 2009 books. |
| 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 studies to measure IW indicators. | Completed and report has been published. |

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| Activity 3.2.2.2. Include indicator measures in progress reports. | Completed but ongoing. Measurements to be used in the 2009 annual reports. |
| 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. | WWF Pacific Programme attended WCPFC6 held at Papeete, Tahiti in December 2009 |
| Activity 3.3.1.3. Provide information on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues to Pacific ENGOs. | For the Solomon Islands, the follow up meeting took place in October. The core group agreed that the core group lead should be transferred to SILMMA (Sol Is Locally Management Marine Areas network) that is housed under SI Fisheries. The latest update was that draft letter had been formulated by the Core Group to be sent to the PS of MFMR to request his approval. |
| Activity 3.3.1.4. Hold national and regional Workshops for ENGOs. | See above |
| Activity 3.3.1.5. Produce information materials to raise public awareness on oceanic fisheries management issues. | Website maintenance and on-going information dissemination. |
| Activity 3.3.1.6. Organise regional and national fora on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues for civil society participation. | Pacific Tuna Forum that was held in Port Moresby in Sept. Attendance permitted the WWF Pacific Programme representative to touch base with the link person from OFM PNG core group to discuss about the Next Steps after the OFM workshop that was held earlier in PNG. A similar follow up with the OFM SI core group lead person on that trip. |
| 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. | Communication with the PITIA Finance Secretary indicates an attempt to keep PITIA operation by the appointment of new office bearers. A revised budget is to be presented and further discussions will take place in January concerning the proposed activities (see below) reported in Q3 report. |
| Activity 3.3.2.3. Provide information flow on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues to Pacific INGOs and businesses. | Q3 excerpt: With the non-operation of the regional tuna industry association (PITIA) the PCU with other staff at the FFA Secretariat have reviewed the intended activities related to industry participation and awareness raising in relation to the Convention process. A draft strategy has been devised to ensure that the purpose of this particular output is fulfilled before the project concludes and is to be discussed with PITIA officer bearers. This involves outcomes or ideas that include: |
| Activity 3.3.2.4. Support Pacific INGO consultations on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industry orientated fact sheets • Industry profiles • Sustainability and market opportunity workshop possibly in cooperation with MSC • Workshop 2010 with theme of awareness raising and formation of statement of what industry wants out of the WCPFC process |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry participation at WCPFC |
| 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. | No activity |
| 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. | Ongoing |
| 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. | RSC5 was held at Honiara on 7 November 2009. Record of Proceedings are finalised circulated and available at www.ffa.int/gef |
| Output 3.4.4. National Consultative Committee meetings and reports. | |
| Activity 3.4.4.1. Secure National Focal Point nominations. | Completed |
| Activity 3.4.4.2. Support National Consultative Committee meetings. | Refer 1 st & 2 nd Annual Report on the status of formation of NCCs in countries. Mixed success regarding NCC, their function and formation. |
| Output 3.4.5. Reports on Project implementation, workplan and finances. | |
| Activity 3.4.5.1. Prepare periodic financial and narrative reports. | Q3 Financial and Narrative Reports completed and submitted to UNDP |
| Activity 3.4.5.2. Prepare Annual Work plans | RSC5 approved in principle a 2010 Work Plan and Budget. To take into account additional activities in 2010 in relation to project design activities the budget & work plan was further revised and circulated electronically for approval. Receiving no comments, the revised 2010 budget and AWP and a formal request to UNDP Country Office for a no cost extension to the project was processed in December |
| Activity 3.4.5.3: Prepare Annual Project Reports | No activity. |

8. Challenges/Issues Encountered

- The recent election of new office bearers for PITIA means the output for stakeholder awareness raising and participation of industry in WCPFC parts of the project will be revised and progressed; and
- Outcomes of seamount survey conclude no issues of significance for planned workshop.

9. Solutions Applied (to address issues and challenges)

- Discussions with PITIA in 2010 expect to redefine their work programme for the final year of the project;

- IUCN investigating the broadening of the proposed workshop to include other gear types and relevant issues for the tuna fisheries and its management.

10. Report Prepared By:

SPC, FFA, IUCN and the PCU