

## 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 April 2007 to 31 June 2007

### 6. Summary of Overall Project Progress:

This project report covers the second quarter of 2007. Project implementation continues to maintain a level of uniformity and the roll-out of activities is largely consistent with the approved annual work plan and budget. Q1 project narrative reported activities relating to benthic biodiversity survey, the analysis of data on seamounts collected through tagging and trophic sampling and the policy work that would involve from the science as being delayed. Communication with IUCN who are responsible for these activities has been maintained. They report the intention to continue to negotiate the commencement and implementation of the scientific cruise in 2008.

Project coordination and management continues to operate with both achievements and challenges.

### 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 spreadsheets.

## Component One

<b>Sub-component 1.1: Fishery Monitoring</b>	
<b>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</b>	
Activity 1.1.1.1: Develop database and associated software	<p>Considerable work was undertaken on the TUFMAN system during this period to bring it up to version 4.0. The main enhancements to TUFMAN during this quarter included the enhancement of the licensing system to include payments of fees, support for “registrations” and the support of a “Agreement Reporting Period”. A new “Data Registry” Component was also added to TUFMAN which will support the general organisation of, and reference to, the storage of hard-copy data via TUFMAN.</p> <p>The new TUFMAN training manual, which is a series of computer training videos taking the users through the system step-by-step via a web-page type interface, was enhanced to include training on the Logsheets module of TUFMAN.</p>
Activity 1.1.1.2: Develop reporting module for Commission data	Several TUFMAN reports were reviewed and refined to ensure they are suitable for generating information for the WCPFC Scientific Committee National reports (SC3). Work on the TUFMAN Commission reporting module is planned for the 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2007.
<b>Output 1.1.2: National monitoring systems based on the regional template for integrated monitoring, customised to meet national needs</b>	
Activity 1.1.2.1: Support establishment and enhancement of national databases and software	<p>The TUFMAN Database System was installed in FSM for the first time with a visit to NORMA offices during May-June 2007. SPC also hosted attachment training in TUFMAN and procedures for the NTDCs from the Solomon Islands and Nauru in June 2007.</p> <p>The TUFMAN databases for the Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tonga and FSM were updated to version 4.0 during this period.</p> <p>The CES database system, with the most up-to-date tuna fishery data, was provided to all member countries during June 2007.</p> <p>The Observer Trip View System with the most up-to-date observer data was provided to PNG during May 2007.</p>
Activity 1.1.2.2: Support establishment and enhancement of national port sampling and observer programmes	<p>Staff travel to FSM and Palau at the end of this quarter included a review of national observer programmes.</p> <p>Assistance was provided to the Cook Islands to identify an overseas observer to fulfil Cook Islands observer needs in absence of trained Cook Islands observers.</p> <p>Ongoing technical advice was provided to Marshall Islands port sampling and observer programmes.</p> <p>Support was provided to Fiji to improve observers and port samplers’ biological sampling capabilities.</p> <p>Advice was provided to the new Solomon Islands Observer Coordinator as he grapples with his new position in a Solomon Islands restructuring exercise.</p>
Activity 1.1.2.3: Support the coordination of national monitoring programmes	The National Tuna Data Procedures Documents were reviewed and updated in Palau, FSM and the Marshalls Islands. The funding support MOUs for Tonga, Samoa and the Cook Islands were revised and clarified, while a new funding initiative was discussed with the Solomon Islands.
<b>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</b>	

Activity 1.1.3.1: Develop and make available common data formats	152 Observer Workbooks, 133 pads of waterproof forms and 144 Debriefing and Evaluation forms were shipped to national monitoring programmes during the quarter.
Activity 1.1.3.2: Hold Regional Workshops on regional and national fishery monitoring	The next regional workshop is currently scheduled for early 2008.
Activity 1.1.3.3: Distribute newsletters, webpage and other forms of information exchange	<p>The project provided expert advice to an informal working group brought to the WCPFC offices to assist in drafting a Regional Observer Programme Document and Strategic Plan.</p> <p>In the absence of their own Observer Manager (under recruitment), the project provided ongoing advice to assist FFA develop its regional observer objectives such that they are coordinated with the objectives of the national observer programmes of their member countries. The project also advised and assisted FFA to procure measuring instruments (callipers and deck tapes) that conform to those that national programmes use.</p>
<b>Output 1.1.4: Training of national monitoring staff, particularly monitoring coordinators, observers and port samplers</b>	
Activity 1.1.4.1: Organise and hold in-country observer & port sampling courses and other training activities	<p>Observers from a number of ports around PNG were also given training in tag seeding, which is being carried out to support the tagging project conducted in PNG waters.</p> <p>Observer debriefing and debriefer training was provided to the re-vamped Palau Observer Program during an in-country visit.</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	The newly appointed National Tuna Data Coordinator from the Solomon Islands and the Catch Logsheet Officer from Nauru visited SPC for attachment training with the statistics and monitoring section of the OFP during this reporting period. Attachment training included (i) General overview of regional tuna fisheries data collection, (ii) An overview and training in the TUFMAN system and the concept of the national procedures document (iii) Training and exercises in the CES Database System, and (iv) Training in MapInfo.
<b>Sub-component 1.2: Stock Assessment</b>	
<b>Output 1.2.1: National oceanic fisheries status reports prepared collaboratively with national scientific staff</b>	
Activity 1.2.1.1: Prepare 6 National Oceanic Fisheries Status Reports annually	<p>This is an activity that benefits from significant co-funding. During the quarter, work on the NTFSRs for FSM, Nauru, Vanuatu, Tonga, Palau and New Caledonia* were progressed.</p> <p>*Other funding used.</p>
Activity 1.2.1.2: Hold In-country Stakeholder Workshops for delivery of National Status Reports	<p>Outputs from both the Nauru and FSM NTFSRs (in progress) were presented at in-country stakeholder workshops.</p> <p>A meeting was held to present the draft NTFSR to the head of the Department of Fisheries, Vanuatu for final sign off.</p>
<b>Output 1.2.2: Advice to Pacific SIDS on scientific issues in the work of the Commission</b>	
Activity 1.2.2.1: Provide contributions to briefs on scientific issues for Pacific SIDS for meetings of the	No activity during this quarter.

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 during this quarter.
<b>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</b>	
Activity 1.2.3.1: Hold Regional Workshops on stock assessment methods and analysis of oceanographic impacts on fisheries	Nominations were sought and participant lists finalised for 2 separate one week stock assessment workshops to be held between the 25 <sup>th</sup> – 30th June and 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 7 <sup>th</sup> July. 24 participants from around the Western and Central Pacific are confirmed to attend. All logistics for the workshops were finalised and workshop materials developed and edited. The first of the two workshops was successfully completed before the end of the quarter.  SPC also attended a regional eNGO meeting to provide an overview of SPC stock assessment methods and outcomes to participants.
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	SPC hosted an attachment from Nauru (Mr Karlick Agir – Data Coordinator) for a period of two weeks, during which he worked on:  1. Draft “Data Status” chapters of the national status report for Nauru that is currently in progress.  2. Draft “Fishery Characterisation” chapter  Meetings during the attachment also served to identify issues of concern for Nauru that would require additional analyses within the NTFSR.
Activity 1.2.3.3: Train scientific counterparts in-country	Informal training in interpretation of fisheries and stock assessment data was conducted for FSM fishery staff after the April EAFM consultation (in Pohnpei) had concluded.
<b>Sub-component 1.3: Ecosystem Monitoring and Analysis</b>	
<b>Output 1.3.1: Observer sampling and analysis of commercial fishery catches to determine trophic relationships of pelagic species in the WTP LME</b>	
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. New sample collection has been organised and should soon start in Fiji and Marshall Islands. A newly trained observer will start sampling in the second half of the year in Cook Islands.  The third biological sampling SPC Newsletter was distributed during the quarter and the third issue is in preparation and will be sent to countries early in the third quarter of 2007.
Activity 1.3.1.2: Lab-based analysis of samples	Lab-based analysis of samples is continuing. During the quarter, 364 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 3,503 samples from 68 different species. Isotope values of samples analysed at the University of Hawaii have been received for 112 predator and prey species.
<b>Output 1.3.2: Collection and analysis of information on seamounts in the WTP LME</b>	
<b>SPC</b>	
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	The seamount database has been finalised and this work presented in May

Seamounts and analyse historical fishing patterns around seamounts	2007 in Noumea, New Caledonia during the GeoHab 2007 meeting on marine benthic habitats of the Pacific and Other Oceans. Major results are: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- from 4,754 potential seamounts in the western and central Pacific area, 3,568 unique underwater features have been validated, 25% of potential seamounts that were duplicates or misidentified atolls and islands were removed</li> <li>- 66% of the validated seamounts are not defined (we are not sure they are seamounts) and were not studied or formally identified</li> <li>- in the area 3,392 seamounts were identified in the EEZs with 2,121 seamounts in the PICT EEZs, 176 seamounts are validated in the high seas but there are still 2,011 seamounts in the high seas that have not been validated.</li> </ul>
Activity 1.3.2.3: Collect data at sea at selected seamounts, including tagging, trophic sampling and analysis	The second and final tagging campaign in PNG began on 19 February 2007 and finished on 20 May. 39,323 tuna were tagged bringing the project total to 61,637, well in excess of our nominal initial target of 30,000. Releases of archival and sonic tags were a focus of the work this quarter, with project totals for these tag types reaching 222 and 283 respectively. An anchored FAD was deployed on the Djaul Seamount in the Bismarck Sea facilitating tagging and related biological sampling. Trophic sampling resulted in the total collection of 1,404 stomach samples (680 skipjack, 592 yellowfin, 3 bigeye tuna and 129 other species). Tag recaptures continue to be received in large numbers, with total recaptures now exceeding 4,150 including 24 archival tags.
Activity 1.3.2.4: Support national scientist participation in benthic biodiversity survey	No work was conducted under this activity this quarter. The project proposal submitted during the first quarter of 2007 in collaboration with IRD to conduct a co-funded scientific cruise in 2008 in the Bismarck Sea (PNG) to study the influence of seamounts on benthic and pelagic ecosystems has been classified by the ad-hoc commission as priority B. A final decision will be taken by IRD later this year according to budget availability; if accepted it will allow the completion of this activity.
<b>IUCN</b>	
Activity 1.3.2.1: Hold seamount activity planning and review workshops	Efforts continued to secure a ship-time to conduct research on seamounts as per the original plans. Staff visited the owners and operators of MV Alucia (DeepOcean Quest) in Seattle at the end of June (at no cost to the project) to assess progress and hold detailed discussions as to the work in the Western and Central Pacific. The vessel is in dry dock at present and will begin sea trials in August in Puget Sound. She will then travel to the Sea of Cortez in early September, followed by some work in the Eastern Tropical Pacific, heading across the Pacific in Q1 or Q2 of next year. The owners are committed to working with IUCN and the OFM project and have slotted in a month of ship-time in and around Fiji and Tonga. As the operation is now required to cover its costs, IUCN will need to raise additional funds for the expedition. IUCN has held discussions with three potential donors for this work and will be submitting proposals in the coming months to cover the operating costs of the vessel and to serve as co-financing under the OFM project.
Activity 1.3.2.2: Describe Seamounts and analyse historical fishing patterns around seamounts	
Activity 1.3.2.3: Collect data at sea at selected seamounts, including tagging, trophic sampling and analysis	
Activity 1.3.2.4: Support national scientist participation in benthic biodiversity survey	
<b>Output 1.3.3: Model-based analysis of ecosystem-based management options</b>	
Activity 1.3.3.1: Incorporate ecosystem data and information into existing ecosystem models and refinement of those models as necessary	A draft document reporting the work undertaken during the Ecosystem modelling workshop held in March 2007 at SPC, Noumea was finalised. The draft will be circulated among participants to the workshop and will be finalised and presented at the Third Scientific Committee in August 2007 in Hawaii.
Activity 1.3.3.2: Use enhanced models and	No work was conducted on this activity this quarter.

data to assess ecosystem-based management options	
Activity 1.3.3.3: Use enhanced models and data to assess management options targeted specifically at seamounts	No work was conducted on this activity this quarter.
<b>Output 1.3.4: Estimates of levels of by-catch in WCPO oceanic fisheries</b>	
Activity 1.3.4.1: Review historical observer data and methodological development	SC 2 working papers were prepared and presented in 2006: <a href="http://www.wcpfc.org/sc2/pdf/SC2_ST_IP3.pdf">http://www.wcpfc.org/sc2/pdf/SC2_ST_IP3.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.wcpfc.org/sc2/pdf/SC2_ST_WP1.pdf">http://www.wcpfc.org/sc2/pdf/SC2_ST_WP1.pdf</a>
1.3.4.2: Estimate levels of by-catch	The SC 2 working paper prepared and presented in 2006 ( <a href="http://www.wcpfc.org/sc2/pdf/SC2_ST_IP1.pdf">http://www.wcpfc.org/sc2/pdf/SC2_ST_IP1.pdf</a> ) is currently being updated under a consultancy contract. The updated analysis will be presented to SC3 in August as a working paper to the Statistics Specialist Working Group.
<b>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 &amp; Bycatch Working Group, and by Pacific SIDS</b>	
Activity 1.3.5.1: Present results of ecosystem analysis to the Commission through the Ecosystem & Bycatch Working Group	A workshop on Ecological Risk Assessment is currently in preparation to be held before SC3 and with the outcomes to be presented during SC3. An updated productivity-susceptibility analysis is in preparation to be presented to SC3.
Activity 1.3.5.2: Present info on national & regional implications of results of ecosystem analysis to Pacific SIDS	Methods in Ecological Risk Assessment were presented to attendees of the second Stock Assessment Workshop held from June 25-30, at SPC, Noumea, for Pacific SIDS. This included a comprehensive summary of ecosystem analysis results.
Activity 1.3.5.3: Attach national technical staff to SPC/OFP and other institutions to participate in ecosystem analysis	There were no attachments at SPC-OFP during this quarter.

## Component Two

<b>Sub-component 2.1: Legal Reform</b>	
<b>Output 2.1.1: A strategy and workplan for activities on regional and national legal issues</b>	
Activity 2.1.1.1: Carry out legal and technical reviews of legal issues and national legal structures	Analyses accompanied by national reports of gaps in legislation and Port State measures prepared by consultant Martin Tsamenyi – discussion of such templates and presentations in-country (co-financed with AusAID/NZAID)
Activity 2.1.1.2: Hold a Regional Legal Consultation on Legal Issues, National Legal Structures and the Project strategy for legal work.	Regional judicial seminar held in Palau for judges, magistrates, judicial officers (co-financed with AusAID/NZAID)  WCPFC sub-regional workshop in Tonga in July – Costs of consultant Martin Tsamenyi (co-financed with AusAID/NZAID)
<b>Output 2.1.2 New draft laws, regulations, agreements and license conditions in line with WCPF Convention prepared and shared with Pacific SIDS.</b>	
Activity 2.1.2.1. Prepare templates of legal provisions to implement the Convention.	See Activity 2.1.1.1
Activity 2.1.2.2. Undertake national legal reviews.	Project to review Samoa's fisheries legislation – Costs of consultant Martin Tsamenyi to commence this work (co-financed with AusAID/NZAID)
Activity 2.1.2.3. Provide draft Bills, regulations, license conditions and access agreements to Pacific SIDS.	No activity - awaiting the finalisation of the legislative guidelines prepared by Bill Edeson. When the guidelines are finalised legislative reviews will be undertaken based on the guidelines – see Activity 2.1.2.2
<b>Output 2.1.3. Proposals for the Commission from Pacific SIDS for legal arrangements to implement the Convention.</b>	
Activity 2.1.3.1. Undertake legal studies on Commission and Convention issues including non-Contracting Parties and new members.	See Activity 2.1.1.1
Activity 2.1.3.2. Prepare legal briefs for Pacific SIDS for Commission and subsidiary body meetings.	See Activity 2.1.1.1
Activity 2.1.3.3. Hold Regional Legal Consultations.	As series of combined (legal, policy & compliance) WCPFC sub-regional workshops commenced this quarter. This activity is co-financed See Activity 2.1.1.2
<b>Output 2.1.4. Training of policy makers and legal personnel in oceanic fisheries management legal issues.</b>	
Activity 2.1.4.1. Hold Regional Legal Workshops.	See Activity 2.1.1.2
Activity 2.1.4.2. Hold National Legal Workshops.	Tuvalu Prosecution and Dockside Boarding workshop (co-financed with AusAID/NZAID)

## Sub-component 2.2: Policy Reform

<b>Output 2.2.1. National oceanic fisheries management Plans, policies and strategies.</b>	
Activity 2.2.1.1. Prepare Plans,	Scoping workshop to progress Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries

policy and strategy documents.	Management (EAFM) on the Tuna Fisheries of Nauru, was undertaken in Nauru with various Government Departments in April 2007. Workshop conducted in Vanuatu in late April / early May to determine framework and process to deliver Tuna and Oceanic Fisheries Management Plans based on EAFM framework. (Activities funded by OFM Project to varying degrees).
Activity 2.2.1.2. Support the implementation of Plans, policies and strategies.	No activity this quarter
Activity 2.2.1.3. Undertake Plan, policy and strategy reviews.	See Activity 2.2.1.1
<b>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.</b>	
Activity 2.2.2.1. Undertake studies on Commission and Convention conservation and management issues.	No activity this quarter.
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.	Papers on catch retention, FAD management and capacity management options for the WCPFC were prepared for presentation at the annual meeting of the FFC. Contributions were also made to a paper on the establishment of a new RFMO for the management of straddling stocks for the South Pacific for the FFC. Papers on management options were prepared for, and presented to meetings of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (co-financed).
Activity 2.2.2.3. Hold Regional Fisheries Management Workshops and Consultations.	No activity this quarter.
<b>Output 2.2.3. Identification of possible management options for seamounts, including compliance options. (IUCN)</b>	
Activity 2.2.3.1. Undertake technical studies on management of oceanic fisheries around seamounts.	IUCN provided support to the Republic of Palau to participate in the third consultation on the South Pacific RFMO in Chile in April (attempts were made to support Tokelau as well, but timing did not work out). IUCN now has a legal expert based in its Suva office who is being brought up to speed on project activities. He will be serving as a liaison with FFA on policy work under the project. Plans for a joint FFA/IUCN workshop to develop model national legislation for controlling bottom-trawling were discussed with details to follow in Q3.
Activity 2.2.3.2. Hold Workshops on seamount-related management options.	
Activity 2.2.3.3. Prepare proposals on seamount-related conservation and management measures.	
<b>Output 2.2.4. Training of policy makers, technical personnel and other Pacific SIDS stakeholders to increase understanding of sustainable and responsible fisheries.</b>	
Activity 2.2.4.1. Hold Regional Policy Consultations / Workshops.	5 day Northern FFA member sub-regional workshop with delegations from Federated States of Micronesia, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, and Palau held in late June 2007 in the Marshall Islands. The workshop reviewed national legislation with respect to WCPFC obligations, enhanced capacity of participants with respect to WCPFC matters and discussed fisheries management options to be considered at the forthcoming Management Options Workshop and the 2007 WCPFC meeting.
Activity 2.2.4.2. Offer a TSC/USP Policy Training Course.	Course modules were updated and reviewed. FFA (GEF funded) FMA visited Suva to organise administration of Course in May 2007 and contracts between FFA and USP to conduct the course were signed.

	Course has subsequently been organised and advertised by USP. External FAO experts have been contracted to assist in delivery of the course. Up to 30 participants from around the Pacific are expected at the 2 week course which will run from 9-20 July 2007.
Activity 2.2.4.3. Present National Fisheries Management Seminars and Workshops.	No activity this quarter
Activity 2.2.4.4. Attach Fisheries Management personnel to FFA and arrange study tours for Pacific SIDS personnel to other Fisheries Commissions.	Arrangements completed for the current chair of the RSC to attend the 4 <sup>th</sup> GEF International Waters biennial conference to be held at Cape Town South Africa in late July/August 2007.
Activity 2.2.4.5. Support relevant Ministerial meetings.	No activity this quarter
<b>Sub-component 2.3: Institutional Reform</b>	
<b>Output 2.3.1. Strategies, plans and proposals for the reform, realignment and strengthening of national oceanic fisheries management administrations.</b>	
Activity 2.3.1.1. Prepare a review of experience and best practices in institutional reform.	Review has been undertaken and draft report of the review has been received by FFA at the end of June 2007.
Activity 2.3.1.2. Undertake and support implementation of reviews of national oceanic fisheries management institutions.	OFM Project supported a small workshop attended by regional experts in May 2007 to discuss lessons learnt / best practices in Institutional reform / strengthening of fisheries management agencies in the Pacific. This workshop fed valuable information into the review as per Activity 2.3.1.1.  AN FFA Consultant undertook a one week in country follow-up visit to Nauru to finalise the Activity feasibility study and design document report on review of the Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resource Authority (NFMRA). The final report was delivered to Nauru in late May and has been presented to other donors, with there currently being serious consideration that they will fund the US \$2.0 million dollar implementation of the work over 4 years. In the meantime, other priority areas identified in the Nauru Institutional Strengthening work are also likely to receive additional funding from other donors with work to be undertaken in August or September 2007.
Activity 2.3.1.3. Present National Institutional Reform Workshops.	No activity this quarter
<b>Output 2.3.2. Processes for national consultation between stakeholders in oceanic fisheries management.</b>	
Activity 2.3.2.1. Advise on and support national consultative processes.	No activity this quarter
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.	No activity this quarter
Activity 2.3.2.3. Support national workshops for non-state	No activity this quarter

stakeholders.	
Activity 2.3.2.4. Arrange attachments and study tours for non-state stakeholders to learn from experience elsewhere.	No activity this quarter
<b>Sub-component 2.4: Compliance Strengthening</b>	
<b>Output 2.4.1. Strategies, plans and proposals for realigning and strengthening national oceanic fisheries compliance programs.</b>	
Activity 2.4.1.1. Prepare a review of Convention implications for national compliance.	Workshops during the Tenth MCS Working group meeting on the TCC 2 and 3rd WCPFC Outcomes for members. Emphasis on Part 2 of the WCPFC Annual Reports.
Activity 2.4.1.2. Undertake and support implementation of reviews of needs to strengthen and realign national compliance programs.	Two workshops conducted in Tuvalu and Canberra, as well as developing a Pacific Islands Evidence and Investigation Course meeting with Australian Fisheries Academy representatives planned for August in Papua New Guinea.
<b>Output 2.4.2. Arrangements for regional coordination of monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) activities.</b>	
Activity 2.4.2.1. Support regional consultations on coordination of air and sea patrols.	Provided support and advice to Palau and FSM under the fisheries multilateral operations and aerial surveillance plans for 2007/2008. Consultations and supports to France and US patrols for Kiribati and Vanuatu.
Activity 2.4.2.2. Provide advice on MCS coordination between Pacific SIDS and other states involved.	Provided advice and support to Tonga for the Kuku 07 Operations Planning meeting in April.
Activity 2.4.2.3. Prepare Niue Treaty subsidiary agreements.	Provide advice on draft Subsidiary Agreements Tokelau as well as preparation for FFC 64 for a comprehensive review of the Niue Treaty. The 10 MCSWG meeting in March 2007 endorsed the concept of the multilateral subsidiary agreement as opposed to bilateral Agreement and including the status of non-Parties, and endorsed the concept of invoking Article XII(5) of the Niue Treaty to allow US and France to accede to this Treaty was approved by the FFC64 meeting in Wellington, New Zealand and recommend a comprehensive review of the Niue Treaty to accommodate this new development.
<b>Output 2.4.3. Strategies and proposals for regional compliance measures and programs.</b>	
Activity 2.4.3.1. Undertake technical studies on compliance issues under the Convention.	As part of the Tenth MCS Working Group meeting held at the FFA Secretariat from 26 to 30 March, 2007, FFC 64 endorsed the MCS Strategy, endorse IUU Risks Assessment, compliance audit, 71. The Committee, whilst noting the urgent need for the FFA Secretariat to develop a regional MCS strategy, agreed as follows: <p>(i) to endorse the following projects for the development of the strategy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• IUU risk assessments – resource robustness, loss of earnings, ecological and sustainability;</li> <li>• Compliance audits – ability to undertake MCS and support available for these actions;</li> <li>• Harmonisation &amp; Dissemination of data to enable data to be shared regionally;</li> <li>• Coordination of Surveillance to enable a regional response to IUU;</li> <li>• National &amp; Regional MCS Plans to enable national and response to IUU;</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Surveillance Providers' Plans to enable integration into regional operations; and</li><li>• MCS Response Capability to deter and eliminate IUU fishing.<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(ii) to establish a regional MCS Coordination Centre (RMCC) to facilitate the operational support to FFA members, and to establish a Regional MCS Coordination Centre Fund (RMCCF) to provide funding support to the RMCC; and</li><li>(iii) to investigate the establishment of a dedicated Regional Patrol Vessel (RPV) fleet as the next phase of the PPBs, in consultation with the Members and service providers and the Australian Government, as the primary supporter of the PPB program.</li></ul></li></ul>
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### Component Three

<b>Sub-component 3.1: Information Strategy</b>	
<b>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.</b>	
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.	On-going. Website will be subject to systems update as part of the FFA website. Some disruption is anticipated in the next quarter due to the upgrades at FFA.
Activity 3.1.1.3. Project information materials including CDs, papers, videos, pamphlets, newsletters, interviews, press releases etc.	Project publication completed and distributed. Suite of publications is scheduled to be design in Q3. ENGO work shop press release posted on the website and circulated to the media by WWF.
<b>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.</b>	
Activity 3.1.2.1. Prepare Knowledge Management Strategy.	Consultant contracted to develop a draft KM Strategy. Work is due to commence at the end of the quarter.
Activity 3.1.2.2. Generate Knowledge Management Components for Website/page, newsletters, and progress reports.	IWLEARN website management training placement negotiated for 2007 awaiting advice from IWLEARN.
<b>Sub-component 3.2: Monitoring and Evaluation</b>	
<b>Output 3.2.1. Measures of, and reports on, overall project performance and delivery, including independent evaluations of the Project.</b>	
Activity 3.2.1.1. Mid-term evaluation.	Commenced development of terms of reference.
Activity 3.2.1.2. Terminal evaluation.	No activity
Activity 3.2.1.3. Post evaluation (Year 8).	
Activity 3.2.1.4. Annual reviews.	Review of annual reporting formats has highlighted an inconsistency between the logistical framework analysis in the approved project document and the annual reporting requirements for GEF & UNDP. Using UNDP GEF guidelines for documenting indicators sourced from the internet, work has commenced on the preparation of an annual report using a Project Planning Matrix. This integrates the indicator reporting requirements in the UNDP Project Implementation Report (PIR) & the GEF IW Project Performance Report (PPR), the project logframe and Annex L of the Project Document that sets out indicators.
Activity 3.2.1.5. Annual audit.	Audit completed and submitted to UNDP.
<b>Output 3.2.2. Analysis of process, stress-reduction and environmental status indicators as per the GEF International Waters Operational Strategy.</b>	
Activity 3.2.2.1. Carry out baseline studies to measure IW indicators.	Gaps in baseline information are being addressed, specifically with regards to national institutions & supportive laws and policies reforms and the existence of inter-ministry coordination mechanisms.

Activity 3.2.2.2. Include indicator measures in progress reports.	To be completed in third quarter.
<b>Sub-component 3.3: Stakeholder Participation and Awareness Raising</b>	
<b>Output 3.3.1. ENGO participation and awareness raising in Convention-related processes.</b>	
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.	Provisions within the FFA/WWF LOA. WWF will be supported at SC3 (Honolulu in August), TCC3 (September, venue TBA) and 4 <sup>th</sup> session of the WCPF Commission at Pohnpei in December.
Activity 3.3.1.3. Provide information on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues to Pacific ENGOs.	See Activity 3.3.1.4
Activity 3.3.1.4. Hold national and regional Workshops for ENGOs.	The successful conduct of an ENGO workshop held at Tanoa Hotel, Suva Fiji on 24 – 25 April 2007. Regional Organisations also participated and the workshop was facilitated by a regional expert in fisheries management. A report of the workshop is being finalised and will be placed on the project website.
Activity 3.3.1.5. Produce information materials to raise public awareness on oceanic fisheries management issues.	No activity – current discussions with WWF-Pacific to produce material in non-technical language to raise awareness.
Activity 3.3.1.6. Organise regional and national fora on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues for civil society participation.	See Activity 3.3.1.4
<b>Output 3.3.2. Support industry participation and awareness raising in Convention-related processes.</b>	
Activity 3.3.2.1. Conclude co-financing arrangement with Pacific INGO.	The first AGM of PITIA was held at Wellington New Zealand on 26 – 27 May 2007. Industry representatives elected office bearers. The meeting was supported by the project and the EU. Presentations on the overall project and WCPFC were made. A draft LOA has been prepared and is currently with the Chairperson of PITIA.
Activity 3.3.2.2. Support Pacific INGO participation in the Commission.	LOA provides for support to regional policy meetings (MOW, October Rarotonga) and WCPFC4 (Pohnpei, December)
Activity 3.3.2.3. Provide information flow on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues to Pacific INGOs and businesses.	Project publication disbursed.
Activity 3.3.2.4. Support Pacific INGO consultations on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues.	Support to the meetings of the FFA Ministerial meeting in Wellington and prior officials meetings. Also see Activity 3.3.2.3
<b>Sub-component 3.4: Project Management and Coordination</b>	
<b>Output 3.4.1. Project Coordination Unit staffing and office.</b>	
Activity 3.4.1.1. Appoint the Project	Completed

Coordinator.	
Activity 3.4.1.2. Appoint other PCU staff.	Completed
Activity 3.4.1.3. Procure equipment and other requirements to establish the PCU.	Software and fan purchased.
<b>Output 3.4.2. Arrangements for coordination between Implementing and Executing Agencies.</b>	
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.	On-going
<b>Output 3.4.3. Regional Steering Committee meetings and reports.</b>	
Activity 3.4.3.1. Hold Inception Workshop.	Completed
Activity 3.4.3.2. Hold Regional Steering Committee meetings.	Tentative scheduled for Saturday 20 October at Rarotonga Cook Islands after the Management Options Workshop. To be formalised by the FFA with the Cook Islands.
<b>Output 3.4.4. National Consultative Committee meetings and reports.</b>	
Activity 3.4.4.1. Secure National Focal Point nominations.	Completed
Activity 3.4.4.2. Support National Consultative Committee meetings.	Project visits to beneficiary countries continuing. 2006 visits were made to the Cook Islands, Fiji, Solomon Islands Tuvalu and Vanuatu. A country visit to Samoa was completed in this quarter. Visits to Micronesian (Palau, FSM & RMI) countries commence late June.
<b>Output 3.4.5. Reports on Project implementation, workplan and finances.</b>	
Activity 3.4.5.1. Prepare periodic financial and narrative reports.	On-going. 2006 Audit arrangements commenced early January, see Activity 3.2.1.5
Activity 3.4.5.2. Prepare Annual Work plans	Completed for 2007, including quarterly work plans as requested by UNDP
Activity 3.4.5.3: Prepare Annual Project Reports	Commenced for 2007. See Activity 3.2.1.4

## **8. Challenges/Issues Encountered**

Activity 2.3.1.2 and 2.3.1.3: It has been difficult to plan reviews and conduct National Institutional Reform Workshops with identified and likely candidate national fisheries departments and authorities. This is due to their identification and subsequent focus on other national priorities (much of them related to obligations under the WCPFC) and the increasing and competing domestic commitments and travel commitments of their experienced staff. There also has become a need to closely align work in this area with the Australian funded Pacific Governance and Strengthening Project and prioritised work in this area by AusAID. As a result the work identified for Quarters 3 and 4 will likely be initiated though not with full expenditure of funds and completed as anticipated.

## **9. Solutions Applied (to address issues and challenges)**

The FFA will continue to consult with identified and likely candidate recipient national fisheries departments and authorities in this regard and will liaise and coordinate such work closely with other interested donor agencies.

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