

## 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 2009 to 30 June 2009

### **6. Summary of Overall Project Progress:**

The second quarter of 2009 represents the completion of just under 4 years of project activities. The project is scheduled to be completed in October 2010.

Component one activities relating to project science activities are provided by the SPC. They report on a number of ongoing project activities and also activities originally funded under the project but for which funds have been exhausted and have been continued using funding from other sources. This also applies to a number of activities reported in Component Two reported by the FFA.

Integrated monitoring programmes for data collection and management for Pacific SIDS has progressed well, particularly the role out and updating of the TUFMAN to allow countries to meet their reporting obligations to WCPFC. A number of tuna data and stock assessment workshops also contributes to the up-skilling. Increased activity for observer training is a result of a demand for trained observer numbers to be able to meet new PNA driven initiatives (and consequently a Commission conservation and management measure) to have 100% coverage on purse seine vessels during closed periods. An information paper on "Progress in the study of the pelagic ecosystem trophic dynamics" is under preparation and this will contribute to the understanding of fishing on seamounts. Seamount longline work is undertaken by both SPC & IUCN.

A number of events at national level have occurred in this quarter with regards to addressing gaps in national legislations as a result of WCPFC obligations. EAFM activities are not directly funded by the project except in the situations where FM consultants are directly involved. Sub regional workshops on WCPFC matters continue with one being held at Honiara in this quarter. Policy work for longline seamount issues are progressed by IUCN having obtained information from the five tuna-RFMOs related to conservation and management measures addressing pelagic longlining or other pelagic fishing methods on seamounts. There remains some uncertainty of the benefits of staging regional workshop on the impacts of longline on seamounts and other issues given the preliminary results of the surveys and the technical report. Discussions are being held with SPC to discuss this matter. Limited activity for work relating to institutional reform due to the departure of the FFA project funded Fisheries Management Advisor. The 12<sup>th</sup> meeting of the MSC Working group funded fully by the project was held in April at the FFA and work on the Niue Subsidiary Agreement was prepared for Pacific SIDS at the annual meeting of the FFA Governing council in May. A National Fisheries Surveillance Officers course was held.

Reporting requirements for the project are the responsibility of the PCU. The 2008 Audit was submitted to UNDP before the stipulated due date. The second of the 3 annual reviews for the project was commissioned early in 2009. A draft report has been received and awaiting the final report. Activities in relation to raising awareness of the WCPFC amongst the NGO community coordinated by WWF Pacific Programme has made great progress with the completion of two NGO workshops on the WCPFC in the Solomon Islands and PNG. Activities in relation to awareness raising for industry have been suspended due to the decision by PITIA to suspend their operations until further notice.

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

## 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>Major changes were made to the licensing component of the TUFMAN database system during a visit to Kiribati in April 2009. Changes were also made to the National Fleet component (addition of a “charter” indicator) and several reports. The current version is now v4.46. The comprehensive update to TUFMAN (as a result of the review in Sept. Oct. 2008 and which has been undertaken over the past six-9 months) was nearing completion and will be released as v5.00 was nearing completion.</p> <p>The TUFMAN Observer Module was completed by the consultant and the handover will be undertaken in July 2009.</p> <p>Minor updates were made to the Observer Trip Viewer System and CES during this quarter.</p> <p>The VMS data provided by FFA was imported into a MS SQL SERVER database during the reporting period – this will facilitate the comparison with logsheet and other data in the future.</p>
Activity 1.1.1.2: Develop reporting module for Commission data	A new report – “ <i>Catch Estimates by Broad Ocean Area</i> ” was added to TUFMAN to specifically address the reporting obligations by SPC member countries to the WCPFC.
<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>Four countries were updated to the latest version (v4.46) of TUFMAN in the second quarter 2009.</p> <p>The Catch and Effort Query System (CES) and the latest logsheet data was provided to all member countries and FFA in June 2009.</p>
Activity 1.1.2.2: Support establishment and enhancement of national port sampling and observer programmes	<p>The major emphasis during this period was on observer training courses. Staff from SPC and FFA were fully employed delivering basic observer training, along with implementing the new format workshops for ‘Observer Cadets’. During most of these workshops selected participants from Pacific island countries benefited from “Train the trainer” mentoring. See activity 1.4.1.1 for a full list of courses carried out during this period.</p> <p>The PIFRO observer competency standards were advanced during this period. A consultant was employed and a number of competencies documented and circulated for review. The intention is to finalise these standards in conjunction with an observer training workshop scheduled for Vanuatu in July.</p>
Activity 1.1.2.3: Support the coordination of national monitoring programmes	<p>Duty travel to Kiribati from the 30<sup>th</sup> March to 8<sup>th</sup> April provided a TUFMAN update and training in the use of the TUFMAN system, most especially in reporting and licensing reconciliation procedures.</p> <p>Duty travel to Tonga from the 6<sup>th</sup> June to the 13<sup>th</sup> June provided TUFMAN training. The main emphasis was also on using the reporting module. A full review of the tuna data system procedures were carried out and the national procedures document advanced. A new document feeder scanner, provided through the generosity of the Japan Trust Fund was installed and a demonstration in its use given.</p> <p>Time was spent preparing for the third tuna data workshop, see activity 1.1.3.2.</p>
<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	There was high activity in the observer printing and shipping area. There were close to 950 observer workbooks or waterproof sampling pads shipped during this quarter. Additionally, to facilitate cheaper shipping options, outside printers were sourced and electronic files of complete workbooks compiled and

	distributed.
Activity 1.1.3.2: Hold Regional Workshops on regional and national fishery monitoring	The third tuna data workshop (TDW-3) was held in Auckland, New Zealand from the 22 <sup>nd</sup> to 25 <sup>th</sup> June. A late change in the venue and dates of the workshop due to unforeseen entry visa restrictions in New Caledonia put added pressures on workshop administration. <a href="http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/Html/Meetings/TDW3/index.htm#present">http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/Html/Meetings/TDW3/index.htm#present</a>
Activity 1.1.3.3: Distribute newsletters, webpage and other forms of information exchange	The 8 <sup>th</sup> Fork Length newsletter was made available on line, printed and shipped. <a href="http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/Docs/Statistics/fork.htm">http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/Docs/Statistics/fork.htm</a> The 2007 Longline Observer Guide was made available on-line. <a href="http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/Docs/Statistics/LL%20OBSERVER%20GUIDE%20007%20WEB.pdf">http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/Docs/Statistics/LL%20OBSERVER%20GUIDE%20007%20WEB.pdf</a> Resource material to explain and support the position of a National Tuna Data Coordinator was made available and distributed to Heads of Fisheries and participants to the TDW-3 workshop.
<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	A full list of observer training courses carried out during this period is listed here. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PNG April 2009 National / all gears</li> <li>• Solomons April 2009 National Cadet (two courses)</li> <li>• Kiribati May 2009 National Refresher</li> <li>• Kiribati June 2009 National Cadet (two courses)</li> <li>• Vanuatu June 2009 National Cadet (two courses)</li> </ul>
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	Geoff Tama from the Cook Islands undertook a training attachment with the OFP during April 2009. The purpose of the training was to enhance Geoff's skills in database development and through the assistance provided by OFP technical staff, he developed the TUFMAN Troll data entry forms during his visit.
<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 (NTFSRs) annually	NTFSRs were finalised for FSM and Nauru, while those 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	No activity this quarter
<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 Commission, the Scientific Committee and Science Working Groups	No activity this quarter

Activity 1.2.2.2: Present scientific briefs to preparatory meetings of Pacific SIDS for the Commission	No activity 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	Three workshops were run this quarter (June to July 2009) on stock assessment methods (two workshops; 11.5 days; 21 participants overall) and analysis of oceanographic impacts on fisheries (one workshop; 2 days; 21 participants). The overall and ongoing aim of the workshops was to improve regional participation in the annual tuna stock assessment process by the fisheries officers from small, developing Pacific states with a high dependency on Pacific tuna resources. More specifically, our aim was to provide additional tuition to nominated participating personnel on how to interpret and use the scientific information produced by the regional tuna stock assessments and Ecological Risk Assessments (ERA) so to assist their regional (and domestic) fisheries management decision making processes.
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
<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 continued in several countries. During the last quarter, samples were collected in PNG and Micronesia (403) and New Caledonia (29).  Issue #10 of the SPC Biological Sampling Newsletter was distributed and sent to different countries.
Activity 1.3.1.2: Lab-based analysis of samples	Lab-based analysis of samples is continuing. During the quarter, 92 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 4,430 samples from 71 different 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 Seamounts and analyse historical fishing patterns around seamounts	During this period we have finalised the evaluation and quantification of the importance of seamounts for tuna fisheries in the region overtime and are in the process of finishing the evaluation of the influence of seamount distribution on by-catch species in the western and central Pacific Ocean. Reports are currently being finalized.
Activity 1.3.2.3: Collect data at sea at selected seamounts, including tagging, trophic sampling and analysis	The second cruise (WP-2) of the Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme Phase 2 was terminated on 13 June 2009 in Solomon Islands. During this 3 month cruise, tuna were tagged in the EEZs of PNG (9,244 tags), FSM (8,296), Marshall Islands (1,927), Kiribati/Gilberts (16,742), Tuvalu (61) and Solomon (14,984). The total releases for WP-2 is 51,254 fish including 176 archival tags. Total recoveries for the PTPP are now close to 23,000.
Activity 1.3.2.4: Support	This activity was cancelled.

national scientist participation in benthic biodiversity survey	
<b>IUCN</b>	
Activity 1.3.2.2: Describe Seamounts and analyse historical fishing patterns around seamounts	<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 began incorporating results into a technical report.</p>
<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 mixed resolution model version of SEAPODYM for albacore in New Caledonia was completed using a high resolution PISCES-ROMS bio-geochemical model as the environmental forcing grid. The model has produced interesting results for the mid-trophic level with island productivity effects detected. The model outputs support the optimal window hypothesis for albacore catch in the South Pacific. Fine-scale dynamics of albacore are not entirely captured by this version of the model. Work is continuing.
Activity 1.3.3.2: Use enhanced models and data to assess ecosystem-based management options	SEAPODYM is being prepared to undertake simulations of the impacts of climate change for bigeye and skipjack tunas.
Activity 1.3.3.3: Use enhanced models and data to assess management options targeted specifically at seamounts	No 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	No activity this quarter
1.3.4.2: Estimate levels of by-catch	No activity this quarter
<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	Information paper on "Progress in the study of the pelagic ecosystem trophic dynamics" is under preparation to be provided to the participants of the 5 <sup>th</sup> Scientific Committee.
Activity 1.3.5.2: Present info on national & regional implications of results of ecosystem analysis to Pacific SIDS	A series of information sessions were presented during the 2009 Ecological Risk Assessment workshop (18 participants from Pacific SIDS) held in Auckland. Participants were updated on the recent results and implications from the development of the mixed resolution version of SEAPODYM, seamount and tuna catch analyses, trophic level ecology, and tuna ecology and biology (age, growth & reproductive analyses and results from tuna tagging on movement and exploitation). Feedback was positive and this training will be repeated in coming years to keep national technical staff up to date with SPC-OFP research and its implications for fisheries management.
Activity 1.3.5.3: Attach national technical staff to SPC/OFP and other institutions to participate	A training workshop in Ecological Risk Assessment was delivered by SPC-OFP staff to 18 participants from Pacific SIDS. The workshop was held in Auckland during two days in between the Stock Assessment Workshops. Participants were

<p>in ecosystem analysis</p>	<p>informed of the context of the work with reference to the Convention text and Commission decisions, in particular the WCPFC CMM's for sharks, sea turtles and seabirds. Feedback was positive and this training will be repeated in coming years to capacity build the by-catch skills in national technical staff.</p>
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## 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	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.	Preparations underway for FFA workshop on the legal options for giving effect to WCPFC obligations postponed from first half 2009 to week of 3 August 2009
<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 2.1.1.2 In addition, consultants continue work on WCPFC template regulations to be delivered at the FFA Legislative workshop – see 2.1.1.2
Activity 2.1.2.2. Undertake national legal reviews.	Samoa Project – commencing work on consolidation of coastal fisheries component and offshore fisheries component into one Act. Stakeholder consultation to be held in September. Fiji Project – Fiji response on policy options and further consultation to take place in July Assistance to Nauru – legislative gaps analysis in April Assistance to FSM – advice on regulations to implement the Third Implementing Arrangement to the Parties to the Nauru Agreement
Activity 2.1.2.3. Provide draft Bills, regulations, license conditions and access agreements to Pacific SIDS.	See 2.1.1.2
<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.	Legal papers and contributions to papers for the subregional meeting on WCPFC issues held in June
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.
<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 2.1.1.2.
Activity 2.1.4.2. Hold National Legal Workshops.	National legal seminar held in Nauru to assist with legislative review

## 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, policy and strategy documents.	Drafting of the Samoa EAFM Report in progress; Drafting of the revised Tonga Tuna management Plan in progress; Drafting of the FSM National Plan of Action for FADs in progress
Activity 2.2.1.2. Support the implementation of Plans, policies and strategies.	Tonga Fisheries EAFM Operational Plan completed. Provided support implementation of the management strategies outlined in the revised Tuna Management Plan for Vanuatu
Activity 2.2.1.3. Undertake Plan, policy and strategy reviews.	Drafting of the revised Tonga Tuna management Plan in progress;  Draft framework for review of the Vanuatu National Plan of Action for FADs
<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.	Draft Joint Tuna RFMO brief (focusing on WCPFC Issues) for FFA member countries participating in the JTRFMO meeting in Spain.
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.	Draft papers for discussion and consideration by the WCPFC Sub-regional Management Options Workshop held in Honiara, on WCPFC Outcomes, with a focus on WCPFC5 outcomes and overview of key matters for WCPFC6 such as. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• WCPFC6 Priority 1: Further development and Implementation of the Regional Observer Programme;</li> <li>• WCPFC6 Priority 2: Implementation of the Commission VMS</li> <li>• WCPFC6 Priority 3: Completion of work on MCS data rules [AHTG data]</li> <li>• WCPFC6 Priority 4: Review of IUU procedures;</li> <li>• WCPFC6 Priority 5: Means to avoid annual extension of waiver for non-CCM flagged carriers and bunkers / Transshipment Scheme;</li> <li>• WCPFC6 Priority 6: Development of a proposal for control of nationals;</li> <li>• WCPFC6 Priority 7: Further develop proposal for process for monitoring compliance (CCMM working group);</li> <li>• WCPFC6 Priority 8: Charter Arrangements</li> </ul>
Activity 2.2.2.3. Hold Regional Fisheries Management Workshops and Consultations.	FFA WCPFC Sub-regional management options workshop, Honiara, Solomon Islands 15 – 19 June 2009
<b>IUCN</b> - Note: With the Activity Coordinator's departure from IUCN, it is likely that responsibility for the outputs for the IUCN component will be transferred to the IUCN Oceania office. The internal arrangement between IUCN-US and IUCN Oceania for this transfer are still being finalized.	
<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.	<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>Literature review completed, and incorporation into the technical report began 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, 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. (Note that due to the departure of the lead in IUCN on this, Eric Gilman, this is unlikely to happen.)</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, and will be based on the technical paper and results of the workshop.
<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.	<p>FFA WCPFC Sub-regional management options workshop, Honiara, Solomon Islands 15 – 19 June 2009;</p> <p>FFA EAFM Review Workshop, Honiara, Solomon Islands;</p> <p>Provided support to the MCS Working Group Meeting, Honiara, Solomon Islands</p>
Activity 2.2.4.2. Offer a TSC/USP Policy Training Course.	No Activity
Activity 2.2.4.3. Present National Fisheries Management Seminars and Workshops.	<p>Drafting of the Samoa EAFM Report in progress;</p> <p>Drafting of the revised Tonga Tuna management Plan in progress;</p> <p>Drafting of the FSM National Plan of Action for FADs in progress</p>
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 Attachment for Pau Likiliki, Ministry of Fisheries, Kingdom of Tonga with the Fisheries Management Division to revise
Activity 2.2.4.5. Support relevant Ministerial meetings.	Provision of technical support to the FFC Ministerial Meeting in Niue, May 2009
<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.	Planning Process for the Fiji Fisheries Department.
Activity 2.3.1.2. Undertake and support implementation of reviews of national oceanic fisheries management institutions.	Planning Process for the Vanuatu and Fiji Fisheries Department

Activity 2.3.1.3. Present National Institutional Reform Workshops.	No Activity
<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.	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 Tonga and Samoa
Activity 2.3.2.3.Support national workshops for non-state stakeholders.	Refer to Activity 2.3.2.2
Activity 2.3.2.4. Arrange attachments and study tours for non-state stakeholders to learn from experience elsewhere.	No Activity
<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.	Implications for national compliance of Convention Management Measure 2008-01 with respect to observers completed
Activity 2.4.1.2. Undertake and support implementation of reviews of needs to strengthen and realign national compliance programs.	Reviews done as part of EAFM in country visits
<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.	Regional consultations for multilateral operations involving maritime and aerial assets of Australia, France, New Zealand and the United States and the patrol boats of Pacific island nations completed and Operations Brief finalized for operation in Q3
Activity 2.4.2.2.Provide advice on MCS coordination between Pacific SIDS and other states involved.	Continuous daily advice provided by FFA MCS staff during Q2 and planning for MCS coordination for Q3 undertaken
Activity 2.4.2.3.Prepare Niue Treaty subsidiary agreements.	Niue Treaty Subsidiary Agreement drafted and presented to FFC 70
<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.	Technical Studies done on VMS support to Convention as well as observer programme.
Activity 2.4.3.2. Hold meetings of a Working Group of Pacific SIDS on MCS issues related to oceanic fisheries.	12 <sup>th</sup> MCS WG Meeting held 3-8 April. MCS tools available to the region discussed as well as the implementation of the tools and the operational issues to be addressed to ensure illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing is deterred.
Activity 2.4.3.3. Prepare and present reports on regional compliance issues to Pacific SIDS,	Reports on regional compliance issues presented during two subregional workshops. One held June 15-19. This workshop and July workshop will inform the brief for the Commission and its Technical

including analysis of proposals for the Commission and its Technical and Compliance Committee.	Compliance Committee
<b>Output 2.4.4. Training of national compliance staff, especially in inspection and VMS.</b>	
Activity 2.4.4.1. Present courses on National Inspection, VMS and other national MCS training programs.	National Fisheries Officers Surveillance Course completed for 9 people representing Cook Islands, Marshall Islands, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu
Activity 2.4.4.2. Attach national compliance staff to FFA and other Pacific SIDS.	Support provided to Nauru

## 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.	Website maintenance continues.
Activity 3.1.1.3. Project information materials including CDs, papers, videos, pamphlets, newsletters, interviews, press releases etc.	WCPFC Fact sheets completed. New flyer compiled and printed. Media Officer prepares and releases news articles on FFA project activities attributed to project. Press releases from SPC loaded onto website
<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.	Completed
Activity 3.1.2.2. Generate Knowledge Management Components for Website/page, newsletters, and progress reports.	Ongoing
<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.	Completed
Activity 3.2.1.2. Terminal evaluation.	UNDP coordinated arrangements for Terminal Review expected to commence in the later part of 2009. i.e development of TORs etc.
Activity 3.2.1.3. Post evaluation (Year 8).	
Activity 3.2.1.4. Annual reviews.	Annual Report for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> year of the project was commissioned. A draft has been received but are awaiting the final version from the consultant. 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.  Preparation for the submission of the annual UNDP/GEF APR/PIR and APPR end July 2009.
Activity 3.2.1.5. Annual audit.	2008 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.	Completed
Activity 3.2.2.2. Include indicator measures in progress reports.	Completed but ongoing. Measurements to be used in the 2009 annual reports.
<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-	Completed

financing arrangement with a Pacific ENGO.	
Activity 3.3.1.2. Support Pacific ENGO participation in the Commission.	Relevant Commission meetings occur in August – Scientific Committee (SC); October – Technical Compliance Committee (TCC); and December – WCPF Commission (WCPFC). Pacific ENGO participation in the Commission happens at this time.
Activity 3.3.1.3. Provide information on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues to Pacific ENGOs.	The WCPF Commission is now 5 years old. It was formally established in 2004 enabling the Convention to come into force. At the meeting of regional ENGOs in 2007 and a follow up to it a few months after that, a number of issues were highlighted by those that participated. They are included as Annex 1 of Sub-component 3.3. The in-country workshops that were held in January 2009 in Honiara and Port Moresby came out with in-country specific issues (refer to pp. 12-18 of SI In-country summary report and outcomes; and pp. 13-19 of PNG In-country summary report and outcomes. Reference to the full reports is noted in the box below - Activity 3.3.1.4.
Activity 3.3.1.4. Hold national and regional Workshops for ENGOs.	2 in-country workshops were held in Q1 of 2009 and at least 2 are being planned for this FY (i.e. WWF FY which starts July 2009). Follow up is also planned for the workshops that have been held already. Attached as are the Summary and Outcomes reports from the in-country workshops held in January 2009 in the Solomon Islands (Honiara), and PNG (Port Moresby).
Activity 3.3.1.5. Produce information materials to raise public awareness on oceanic fisheries management issues.	Presentations from the series of workshops that have been held have been reproduced on discs and are being distributed to participants. These will also be posted on the ENGO website shortly. Articles on fisheries management issues relating to the WCPFC are also being posted. Specific WCPFC info materials have been produced with the FFA Communications section taking the lead on this.  ENGO/CSO Website: The design of the website <a href="http://www.pasifikafish.org">www.pasifikafish.org</a> and input of the contents is almost completed. The purpose of the website is to inform and advocate about the WCPFC and related fisheries management and conservation issues among CSOs and ENGOs, as well as provide a discussion forum among them.
Activity 3.3.1.6. Organise regional and national fora on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues for civil society participation.	This activity has not been undertaken in either Qtr 1 or Qtr 2 (i.e. organising regional and/or national fora although it would be fair to say that this has been covered by default in the regional and in-country workshops that have been held to date – as per 3.3.1.4. This project has also been funding civil society participation to Commission meetings i.e. the CSO/ENGO focal point for this project.
<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.	Completed
Activity 3.3.2.2. Support Pacific INGO participation in the Commission.	Activities in relation to project support for the regional tuna industry association PITIA have been suspended. Advice has been received from the officials at PITIA that the Association is no longer functioning and has been “moth balled” til further notice.
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.	

<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 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.	Purchase of a replacement computer for the Financial Officer due to failure of original unit.
<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.	Ongoing
<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.	RSC5 is scheduled to take place in Honiara in October. Plans to host the meeting in Vanuatu have been abandoned due to costs.
<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.	Refer 1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Report on the status of formation of NCCs in countries. Mixed success regarding NCC, their function and formation.
<b>Output 3.4.5. Reports on Project implementation, workplan and finances.</b>	
Activity 3.4.5.1. Prepare periodic financial and narrative reports.	Q1 Financial and Narrative Reports completed and submitted to UNDP
Activity 3.4.5.2. Prepare Annual Work plans	Completed
Activity 3.4.5.3. Prepare Annual Project Reports	Progressing for 2009 Reports

### 8. Challenges/Issues Encountered

- Alternative activity being considered rather than incurring large cost associated with holding the planned workshop on effects of longlining on seamounts given the tentative results of the survey work.
- PITIA have advised the PCU that their operations have been suspended due to the Chairman no longer being available and the uncertainty of the continuation of the association.
- A delay in the roll out of Institutional Strengthening activities is attributable to the departure of the project funded Fisheries Management Advisor who had primary responsibility for the coordination of the work.

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

- Ongoing discussions between IUCN and SPC
- Awaiting further advice from PITIA

- FMA is expected to be held on retainer to continue to coordinate the IS work.

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