

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 July 2009 to 30 September 2009

6. Summary of Overall Project Progress:

The OFMP project will have a year of project activities to conclude at the end of September 2009. This quarterly narrative reports on activities for the period covering the 1 July 2009 up until 30 September 2009 being the 3rd quarter of 2009.

With the implementation of anticipated WCPFC CMMs concerning closures on FADS and certain areas of the management area, the need for increased numbers of trained observers has become obvious and resources by regional organizations have been increasingly directed towards increased training demands. Workshops and training for Pacific SIDS fisheries staff continues for fisheries data analysis and stock assessment and assistances continues to be provided to countries in the preparation of the scientific reporting obligations to the WCPFC.

General legislative reviews for countries in terms of ensuring national legislation is inline with regional and international fisheries instruments that countries are party to continue. Legal assistance to a sub set of countries involved in implementing the 3rd Implementing Agreement of the PNA is provided. The 3rd IA provides for CMMs in the zones of the countries that are party to the Nauru Agreement before the application of compatibly measures WCPFC wide. Advice and support for Pacific SIDS in the areas of legal, policy and compliance matters arising from the WCPFC are provided in a timely manner including an analysis of the effectiveness of the Commission CMM on bigeye and yellowfin. The level of effort invested by countries in Commission related meetings and obligations remains challenging for countries. Commission issues that are currently a focus include the control of nationals, charter arrangements, transshipment and IUU procedures in the compliance area. Assistance with EAFM and Tuna Management Plan is ongoing

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**

Activity 1.1.1.1: Develop database and associated software	<p>The current version of TUFMAN is now v4.47 after some relatively minor changes in the third quarter of 2009. The major revision of TUFMAN (to be version 5.0) is nearing completion and will be installed in Niue in October 2009, before being released to all other countries before the end of the year.</p> <p>The handover of the TUFMAN Observer Module has taken place and is currently undergoing some cosmetic changes to make the appearance and feel similar to the new version of TUFMAN. The original consultant is working on a reporting module. The system will be tested in-house at SPC by entering real data during the 4th quarter of 2009, after which it will be trialled in two member countries.</p> <p>Minor updates were made to the Observer Trip Viewer System and CES during this quarter.</p>
Activity 1.1.1.2: Develop reporting module for Commission data	A new reporting module for TUFMAN is currently under development to specifically address the reporting obligations by SPC member countries to the WCPFC, and is expected to be completed by the end of October 2009.

Output 1.1.2: National monitoring systems based on the regional template for integrated monitoring, customised to meet national needs

Activity 1.1.2.1: Support establishment and enhancement of national databases and software	<p>Three countries were updated to version 4.46 of TUFMAN and three countries to the latest version (v4.47) in the third quarter of 2009.</p> <p>The Catch and Effort Query System (CES) and the latest logsheet data was provided to all member countries and FFA in August 2009.</p>
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> <p>The PIFRO observer competency standards were completed this quarter.</p> <p>Supervising the new pilot project for spill sampling protocol was a key task for this quarter. Contracts of employment were given to four observers while four more were provided by PNG's National Fisheries Authority and the SPC Observer Coordinator travelled to American Samoa and PNG to train, review and direct the spill sampling work currently being undertaken.</p>
Activity 1.1.2.3: Support the coordination of national monitoring programmes	<p>National support MOUs, with a new more comprehensive format, were completed and sent to five countries for signature to cover for the scanners provided by JTF.</p> <p>Discussions on future support for Tuvalu are in progress. E-mail support was given to Tonga with regards to their data collection with respect to vessels who are not yet fully compliant. Tonga's NTDPD was advanced.</p>

Output 1.1.3: A regional monitoring coordination capacity, to develop regional standards such as data formats, and to provide a clearing house for information on fishery monitoring

Activity 1.1.3.1: Develop and make available common data formats	The high activity in the observer printing and shipping area continued. Approximately 650 observer workbooks or waterproof sampling pads were shipped during this quarter. The on-going liaison with a printer and shipper in Australian resulted in a large set of workbooks reaching the Solomon Islands at the end of this quarter.
Activity 1.1.3.2: Hold Regional Workshops on regional and national	<p>The final draft of the TDW-3 workshop report was made available.</p> <p>http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/Html/Meetings/TDW3/index.htm#present</p> <p>The 9th Observer Coordinators Workshop and Observer Data management</p>

fishery monitoring	<p>Workshop was held in Noumea from the 16th to 23rd September. The first draft copy of the report has been prepared for circulation.</p> <p>Preparations were made for national workshops; on artisanal tuna data collection and on harassment for female observers.</p>
Activity 1.1.3.3: Distribute newsletters, webpage and other forms of information exchange	<p>The French version (4th) of the 8th Fork Length newsletter was made available on line, printed and shipped.</p> <p>http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/Docs/Statistics/fork.htm</p> <p>The French version of the 2007 Longline Observer Guide was made also made available on-line and printed this quarter.</p> <p>http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/Docs/Statistics/LLO%20GUIDE%202009%20INSIDE%20web.pdf</p> <p>Time was spent giving input to the new OFP website layout.</p>
Output 1.1.4: Training of national monitoring staff, particularly monitoring coordinators, observers and port samplers	
Activity 1.1.4.1: Organise and hold in-country observer & port sampling courses and other training activities	<p>A full list of observer training courses carried out during this period is listed here.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanuatu July Sub-regional • PNG August National – Facilitated by PNG, moderated by SPC. • Noumea September In-house – data entry staff training.
Activity 1.1.4.2: Regional training courses in integrated fishery monitoring	See activity 1.1.3.2.
Activity 1.1.4.3: Attach national monitoring personnel to SPC/OFP	There were no attachments during this quarter, although contact was made with countries regarding future attachments.
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	In country workshops for the delivery of draft NTFSR outputs (being inputted to the Tuvalu EAFM process) held in Tuvalu (September 2009),
Output 1.2.2: Advice to Pacific SIDS on scientific issues in the work of the Commission	
Activity 1.2.2.1: Provide contributions to briefs on scientific issues for Pacific SIDS for meetings of the Commission, the Scientific Committee and Science Working Groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scientific advice provided at in-country EAFM consultations in Tuvalu (September 2009). 2. Scientific briefs on status of stocks were presented to two subregional management options workshops, to the FFA Science Working Group prior to the Scientific Committee, and to the Scientific Committee itself.
Activity 1.2.2.2: Present scientific briefs to preparatory meetings of Pacific SIDS for the Commission	Scientific briefs on status of stocks were presented to the FFA subregional management options workshops, to the FFA Science Working Group prior to the Scientific Committee, and to the Scientific Committee itself.
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	The last of three workshops for the year was run in the first week of this quarter (July) covering interpretation of stock assessments. 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. Note that for the first nine months of the year, SPC's ability to host attachments from member countries was severely curtailed by an unexpected change in New Caledonia's visa entry regulations, which effectively prevented fisheries officers from many Pacific Island countries from entering New Caledonia. However, SPC has negotiated with the New Caledonian government and obtained a special dispensation for Pacific Islanders travelling to meetings at SPC. Hence OFP should be able to once again host attachments from September 2009 onwards. During the period in which visa acquisition was not possible, OFP hosted a "remote" online based attachment with a fisheries officer from Marshall Islands for a period of 2 weeks in July 2009, to ensure the work planned for the actual attachment (prior to visa regulations changes) was still able to proceed.
Activity 1.2.3.3: Train scientific counterparts in-country	No in-country training in this quarter. Online based training and assistance provided to a fisheries officer from Marshall Islands in July 2009.
Sub-component 1.3: Ecosystem Monitoring and Analysis	
Output 1.3.1: Observer sampling and analysis of commercial fishery catches to determine trophic relationships of pelagic species in the WTP LME	
Activity 1.3.1.1: Collect observer-based sampling data, especially stomach contents, tissue samples	Biological sampling of stomach contents and tissue samples continued in several countries. During the last quarter, samples were collected in PNG and Micronesia (346), French Polynesia (78) and Palau (40). Issue #11 of the SPC Biological Sampling Newsletter was distributed and sent to different countries. Training in biological sampling has been done during the sub regional observer course in Santo, Vanuatu. 15 observers from Vanuatu, Tonga, Tuvalu and Nauru have been updated on the stomach sampling project and also trained in identifying and collecting samples.
Activity 1.3.1.2: Lab-based analysis of samples	Lab-based analysis of samples is continuing. During the quarter, 100 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 4,530 samples from 71 different species.
Output 1.3.2: Collection and analysis of information on seamounts in the WTP LME	
SPC	
Activity 1.3.2.1: Hold seamount activity planning and review workshops	This activity was completed during Q1-2006 and Q3-2006.
Activity 1.3.2.2: Describe Seamounts and analyse historical fishing patterns around seamounts	During this period we have finalised evaluation of the influence of seamount distribution on by-catch species in the western and central Pacific Ocean. All seamount related reports are now finalized and two scientific publications will be submitted to peer-reviewed journals during September. Morato T., Allain V., Hoyle S., Nicol S. 2009. Tuna longline fishing around west and central Pacific seamounts. Fifth regular session of the Scientific Committee of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission. 10-21 Aug. 2009. Port Vila, Vanuatu. WCPFC-SC5 – EB IP-4: 1-19. Available at http://www.wcpfc.int

	<p>Morato T., Allain V., Hoyle S., Nicol S. 2009. Tuna longline fishing around West and Central Pacific seamounts, Oceanic Fisheries Program, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Noumea, New Caledonia, 212pp.</p> <p>Morato T., Allain V., Hoyle S., Nicol S. 2009. Report on pelagic by-catch and biodiversity patterns around West and Central Pacific seamounts, Oceanic Fisheries Program, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Noumea, New Caledonia, 65pp.</p> <p>Morato T., Allain V., Nicol S. 2009. Short Report on tuna fishing on High-seas pocket seamounts. 2009. Oceanic Fisheries Program, Secretariat of the Pacific Community, Noumea, New Caledonia, 21pp.</p>
Activity 1.3.2.3: Collect data at sea at selected seamounts, including tagging, trophic sampling and analysis	The third cruise (WP-3) of the Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme (PTTP) Phase 2 began on 15 July 2009 with departure of the chartered pole-and-line vessel Soltai 105 from Noro, Solomon Islands. At the time of writing the cruise was still in progress, having visited the waters of PNG, Nauru, FSM, Indonesia and the high seas areas adjacent to these EEZs. The cruise is scheduled to finish in mid-October 2009. WP-3 has so far deployed 31,446 conventional tags and 69 archival tags on skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye tuna. This brings the total tag release numbers for the overall PTTP to 247,213 conventional and 750 archival tags. To date, there have been 25,992 conventional and 76 archival tag recoveries.
Activity 1.3.2.4: Support national scientist participation in benthic biodiversity survey	This activity was cancelled.
IUCN	
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 completed draft technical report, currently under review, to be presented at the 5th steering committee meeting in Honiara, Nov 2009.</p>
Output 1.3.3: Model-based analysis of ecosystem-based management options	
Activity 1.3.3.1: Incorporate ecosystem data and information into existing ecosystem models and refinement of those models as necessary	<p>Optimisation of SEAPODYM for albacore in at the regional scale was completed at 2 degrees resolution. The model diagnostics demonstrate good correspondence between the model predictions and fishery data observations indicating good description of the population dynamics. Current versions of skipjack, bigeye, yellowfin and South Pacific albacore and applications were presented to the 5th Regular Session of the Scientific Committee for the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission. The SEAPODYM User Manual was revised.</p> <p>Patrick Lehodey, and Inna Senina. An update of recent developments and application of the SEAPODYM model. EB-WP-10.</p> <p>K. Briand, J. J. Molina, X. Couvelard, V. Faure, P. Marchesiello, C. Menkes, S. Nicol, P. Lehodey, I. Senina, R. Leborgne, M. Rodier. Implementation of SEAPODYM model for the South Pacific albacore stock; focus on the New Caledonia EEZ. EB-IP-06.</p>
Activity 1.3.3.2: Use enhanced models and data to assess ecosystem-based management options	Seapodym has been used to simulate potential climate change impacts on the Pacific fisheries for skipjack and yellowfin. Report on simulations currently in preparation.

Activity 1.3.3.3: Use enhanced models and data to assess management options targeted specifically at seamounts	No activity this quarter.
Output 1.3.4: Estimates of levels of by-catch in WCPO oceanic fisheries	
Activity 1.3.4.1: Review historical observer data and methodological development	No activity this quarter.
1.3.4.2: Estimate levels of by-catch	No activity this quarter.
Output 1.3.5: Results of ecosystem analysis and proposals for long-term ecosystem monitoring and operationalisation of the ecosystem-based approach for use by the Commission's Scientific Committee, especially its Ecosystems & Bycatch Working Group, and by Pacific SIDS	
Activity 1.3.5.1: Present results of ecosystem analysis to the Commission through the Ecosystem & Bycatch Working Group	Allain V., Sanchez C., Dupoux C. 2009. Progress in the study of the pelagic ecosystem trophic dynamics. Fifth regular session of the Scientific Committee of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission. 10-21 Aug. 2009. Port Vila, Vanuatu. WCPFC-SC5 – EB IP-5: 1-7.
Activity 1.3.5.2: Present info on national & regional implications of results of ecosystem analysis to Pacific SIDS	<p>Papers presented to the Ecosystem & Bycatch Working Group at the 5th Regular Session of the WCPFC Scientific Committee.</p> <p>D. Kirby. Ecological Risk Assessment Implementation Report. EB-WP-05.</p> <p>D. Kirby, S. Waugh, D. Filippi. Spatial risk indicators for seabird interactions with longline fisheries in the western and central Pacific. EB-WP-06.</p> <p>P. Williams, D. Kirby, S. Beverly. Encounter rates and life status for marine turtles in WCPO longline and purse seine fisheries. EB-WP-07.</p> <p>Michael J. Manning, Donald B. Bromhead, Shelton J. Harley, Simon D. Hoyle, and David S. Kirby. The feasibility of conducting quantitative stock assessments for key shark species and recommendations for providing preliminary advice on stock status in 2010. EB-WP-08.</p> <p>David Sean Kirby. Monitoring the effectiveness of Conservation and Management Measures for bycatch. WP-WP-09.</p>
Activity 1.3.5.3: Attach national technical staff to SPC/OFP and other institutions to participate in ecosystem analysis	No activity this quarter.

Component Two

Sub-component 2.1: Legal Reform	
Output 2.1.1: A strategy and workplan for activities on regional and national legal issues	
Activity 2.1.1.1: Carry out legal and technical reviews of legal issues and national legal structures	See 2.1.1.2 and 2.1.3.2
Activity 2.1.1.2: Hold a Regional Legal Consultation on Legal Issues, National Legal Structures and the Project strategy for legal work.	FFA workshop on the legal options for giving effect to WCPFC obligations held in August 2009
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.	See 2.1.1.2 Consultants worked on WCPFC template provisions which were delivered at the FFA Legislative workshop – see 2.1.1.2
Activity 2.1.2.2. Undertake national legal reviews.	Samoa Project – if consultant available and if Samoa able to receive us in November, Samoa stakeholder consultation to be held in November Fiji Project – Fiji response on policy options and further consultation to take place in July Assistance to Palau and Kiribati on regulations to implement the Third Implementing Arrangement to the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (in conjunction with legal attachments)
Activity 2.1.2.3. Provide draft Bills, regulations, license conditions and access agreements to Pacific SIDS.	See 2.1.2 Assistance to Tuvalu on regulations to implement the Third Implementing Arrangement to the Parties to the Nauru Agreement (in conjunction with legal attachments)
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 Technical and Compliance Committee meeting. Assistance with the WCPFC subregional workshop in Nadi.
Activity 2.1.3.2. Prepare legal briefs for Pacific SIDS for Commission and subsidiary body meetings.	Preparation for TCC 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.	National Stakeholders consultations in Fiji as part of the legislative review.

Sub-component 2.2: Policy Reform	
Output 2.2.1. National oceanic fisheries management Plans, policies and strategies.	
Activity 2.2.1.1. Prepare Plans, policy and strategy documents.	Draft Samoa EAFM Report completed Niue Draft EAFM report and EAFM operational plan completed Draft Niue TMP framework completed Tonga Tuna management Plan completed; Draft Vanuatu FAD Plan completed; Draft Tuvalu EAFM report and draft EAFM Operational plan completed;
Activity 2.2.1.2. Support the implementation of Plans, policies and strategies.	Provided support to Samoa, Niue, and Tuvalu in the development of EAFM reports and operational plans. Provided support to Tonga
Activity 2.2.1.3. Undertake Plan, policy and strategy reviews.	Completed Tonga Tuna management Plan; Assess Fiji EAFM and TMP reports Preliminary reviews of the Samoa, Niue and Tuvalu TMPs FFA EAFM Review 01 – 03 July 2009
Output 2.2.2. Strategies and specific proposals for the overall development of the Commission, including its Secretariat and technical programs, and for Commission conservation and management measures.	
Activity 2.2.2.1. Undertake studies on Commission and Convention conservation and management issues.	Analysis of the effectiveness of the 2008-01 CMM on bigeye and yellowfin tuna; Provided comments on development of a proposal for control of nationals; Assess options for Charter Arrangements Review proposed Transshipment CMM by Marshall Islands; Provided comments on the review of IUU procedures
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 brief and talking points to enable FFA members proactively engage in discussions at the WCPFC SC5 meeting in Port Vila. Draft brief and talking points to enable FFA members proactively engage in discussions at the WCPFC NC meeting in Tokyo, Japan. Draft brief and talking points to enable FFA members proactively engage in discussions at the FFA-Japan Consultation in Tokyo, Japan Draft brief and talking points to enable FFA members proactively engage in discussions at the WCPFC TCC5 meeting in Pohnpei, FSM.
Activity 2.2.2.3. Hold Regional Fisheries Management Workshops and Consultations.	FFA WCPFC Sub-regional management options workshop, Nadi, Fiji 13 – 17 July 2009.
IUCN	
Output 2.2.3. Identification of possible management options for seamounts, including compliance options. (IUCN)	
Activity 2.2.3.1. Undertake technical studies on management of oceanic fisheries around seamounts.	Completed acquisition of information on Australia pelagic longline swordfish seamount fishery, which has now been updated for 2008. Obtained information from the five tuna-RFMOs related to conservation and management measures addressing pelagic longlining or other pelagic fishing methods on seamounts. 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>	<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 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. This discussion is still to be finalised, and the tentative date for any workshop has been moved to February 2010.</p>
<p>Activity 2.2.3.3. Prepare proposals on seamount-related conservation and management measures.</p>	<p>Not yet initiated. This will be our final activity and output, and will be based on the technical paper and results of the workshop.</p>
<p>Output 2.2.4. Training of policy makers, technical personnel and other Pacific SIDS stakeholders to increase understanding of sustainable and responsible fisheries.</p>	
<p>Activity 2.2.4.1. Hold Regional Policy Consultations / Workshops.</p>	<p>FFA WCPFC Sub-regional management options workshop, Nadi, Fiji, 13 – 17 July 2009;</p> <p>FFA Science Working Group Meeting 7 – 8 August 2009, Port Vila, Vanuatu</p> <p>FFA-Japan Consultations</p>
<p>Activity 2.2.4.2. Offer a TSC/USP Policy Training Course.</p>	<p>No Activity</p>
<p>Activity 2.2.4.3. Present National Fisheries Management Seminars and Workshops.</p>	<p>Presentation of the draft Niue EAFM reports, EAFM Operational Plans and TMP.</p> <p>Presentation of the draft Tuvalu EAFM reports, EAFM Operational Plans and TMP</p>
<p>Activity 2.2.4.4. Attach Fisheries Management personnel to FFA and arrange study tours for Pacific SIDS personnel to other Fisheries Commissions.</p>	<p>Attachment for 2 PNA country representatives with FFA to assist in the drafting of the PNA VDS long line strategy</p>
<p>Activity 2.2.4.5. Support relevant Ministerial meetings.</p>	<p>No Activity</p>
<p>Sub-component 2.3: Institutional Reform</p>	
<p>Output 2.3.1. Strategies, plans and proposals for the reform, realignment and strengthening of national oceanic fisheries management administrations.</p>	
<p>Activity 2.3.1.1. Prepare a review of experience and best practices in institutional reform.</p>	<p>No activity</p>
<p>Activity 2.3.1.2. Undertake and support implementation of reviews of national oceanic fisheries management institutions.</p>	<p>Carried out review of the Fiji Fisheries Department organisational structure.</p>
<p>Activity 2.3.1.3. Present National Institutional Reform Workshops.</p>	<p>Fiji Fisheries Institutional review workshop</p>
<p>Output 2.3.2. Processes for national consultation between stakeholders in oceanic fisheries management.</p>	
<p>Activity 2.3.2.1. Advise on and support national consultative processes.</p>	<p>Refer to Activity 2.2.1.1 ; Activity 2.2.1.2 & Activity 2.2.1.3</p>

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
Activity 2.3.2.4. Arrange attachments and study tours for non-state stakeholders to learn from experience elsewhere.	No Activity

Sub-component 2.4: Compliance Strengthening

Output 2.4.1. Strategies, plans and proposals for realigning and strengthening national oceanic fisheries compliance programs.	
Activity 2.4.1.1. Prepare a review of Convention implications for national compliance.	In September an FFA Business Plan was developed to promote a regional placement scheme commencing 1 January 2010 that will assist member countries implement the 100% observer requirements on Purse Seiner vessels of WCPFC Convention Measure 2008-01
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
Output 2.4.2. Arrangements for regional coordination of monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) activities.	
Activity 2.4.2.1. Support regional consultations on coordination of air and sea patrols.	Multilateral operations Kurukuru involving maritime and aerial assets of Australia, France, New Zealand and the United States and the patrol boats of Pacific island nations was completed in Q3. As a result of this operation successful prosecutions of illegal fishing vessels were carried out. For achievements of this operation please refer to ffa.int.
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 Q3 undertaken
Activity 2.4.2.3. Prepare Niue Treaty subsidiary agreements.	Niue Treaty Subsidiary Agreement invoked between FSM/Marshall islands leading to cooperation in action against IUU fishing vessel
Output 2.4.3. Strategies and proposals for regional compliance measures and programs.	
Activity 2.4.3.1. Undertake technical studies on compliance issues under the Convention.	FFA technical briefs completed in Q3 to address compliance issues under the WCPFC Convention in relation to ROP and VMS
Activity 2.4.3.2. Hold meetings of a Working Group of Pacific SIDS on MCS issues related to oceanic fisheries.	Planned for Q2 2010
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.	TCC Brief also prepared and presented SIDS Report from Q3 workshop prepared to inform the brief for the Commission and its Technical Compliance Committee

Output 2.4.4. Training of national compliance staff, especially in inspection and VMS.	
Activity 2.4.4.1. Present courses on National Inspection, VMS and other national MCS training programs.	Scheduled for Q4
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	
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.	Posting of project related material ongoing
Activity 3.1.1.3. Project information materials including CDs, papers, videos, pamphlets, newsletters, interviews, press releases etc.	Media releases prepared by the FFA Media Officer of activities which are funded or partially funded by the project in this quarter (WCPFC sub-regional workshops etc) and promotional material distribution at relevant forums (Pacific Tuna Forum, PNG, workshops, Pacific media events etc)
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 and a report has been prepared for RSC5 on the actions to the recommendations of the MTR (UNDP Management Response Template) for the November meeting.
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.	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. PCU prepared July 2008 – end June 2009 APR/PIR and the GEF IW PPR were submitted to UNDP at the end of July 2009. Report has been finalised by UNDP Bangkok for entry into the UNDP Evaluation system.
Activity 3.2.1.5. Annual audit.	The FFA have appointed new auditors through a tender process and PNG based Coopers and Lybrand will the final audit for the OFM Project in early 2010.
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.
Activity 3.2.2.2. Include indicator	Completed but ongoing. Measurements to be used in the 2009 annual

measures in progress reports.	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.	
Activity 3.3.1.3. Provide information on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues to Pacific ENGOs.	
Activity 3.3.1.4. Hold national and regional Workshops for ENGOs.	
Activity 3.3.1.5. Produce information materials to raise public awareness on oceanic fisheries management issues.	
Activity 3.3.1.6. Organise regional and national fora on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues for civil society participation.	
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.	<p>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:</p> <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 • Industry participation at WCPFC
Activity 3.3.2.3. Provide information flow on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues to Pacific INGOs and businesses.	
Activity 3.3.2.4. Support Pacific INGO consultations on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues.	
Sub-component 3.4: Project Management and Coordination	
Output 3.4.1. Project Coordination Unit staffing and office.	
Activity 3.4.1.1. Appoint the Project Coordinator.	Completed
Activity 3.4.1.2. Appoint other PCU staff.	Completed
Activity 3.4.1.3. Procure equipment	No activity

and other requirements to establish the PCU.	
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 to held Saturday 7 November to avoid clashes with the GEF IWC5 in Cairns. Draft agenda, programme and some papers completed.
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.	Q2 Financial and Narrative Reports completed and submitted to UNDP
Activity 3.4.5.2. Prepare Annual Work plans	2010 Work Plan and Budget in the process of prepared for tabling at RSC5 in November.
Activity 3.4.5.3. Prepare Annual Project Reports	2008 – 2009 UNDP/GEF APR/PIR and the GEF IW PPR completed and submitted to UNDP end July. UNDP finalised reports in September and have submitted them to the UNDP Evaluation Unit.

8. Challenges/Issues Encountered

- Issues with new immigration requirements in Noumea has impacted on workshops and Pac SIDS attachments to SPC in New Caledonia;
- The suspension of PITIA means the output for stakeholder awareness raising and participation of industry in WCPFC parts of the project are also not currently being implemented; and
- Outcomes of seamount survey conclude no issues of significance for planned workshop.

9. Solutions Applied (to address issues and challenges)

- SPC have negotiated special dispensation for Pac SIDS with the New Caledonian authorities;
- A draft strategy has been prepared to ensure that activities for industry stakeholder awareness and WCPFC participation are fulfilled; and
- 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:

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