

## 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 2007 to 30 September 2007

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

This project report covers the third quarter of 2007, the end of which represents **2 years** of project operations. 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. The exception to this remains the activities relating to benthic biodiversity survey, the analysis of data on seamounts collected through tagging and trophic sampling and the policy work that would evolve from the science. IUCN are committed to conducting the research on seamounts and are seeking to raise additional funds for the expedition to ensure the original cruise plans are able to occur. IUCN will pursue this vessel option until the end of the calendar year – if no contract is signed by then, IUCN will revert to a non-ship option.

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>Version 4.2 of TUFMAN was developed in line with the needs of Part 1 of the National Fishery Annual Report to the Commission. A new national fleet sub-menu allows countries to define their national fleet and to report and enter data on these countries accordingly. This includes detailed logsheet entry for national fleets while offering countries the choice about whether to choose to enter detailed or summary logsheets information on foreign fleets fishing in their EEZs.</p> <p>Additional Species of Special Interest reports were added to the observer viewer system. Other house-keeping and necessary up-dates were also made.</p>
Activity 1.1.1.2: Develop reporting module for Commission data	Work on the TUFMAN Commission reporting module was advanced and is currently being tested. The observer reporting component was also reviewed and the requested changes documented.
<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 up-dated version 4.2 of TUFMAN was thoroughly tested during this period. This version will be installed in the Solomon Islands under the supervision of the Database Manager. Once trialled the new version will be rolled out to a number of countries.</p> <p>The CES database system, with the most up-to-date tuna fishery data, was provided to FSM and RMI.</p> <p>The Observer Trip View System with the most up-to-date observer data was provided to FSM and RMI.</p>
Activity 1.1.2.2: Support establishment and enhancement of national port sampling and observer programmes	<p>Staff travel to PNG during this quarter included a review of the national observer programme.</p> <p>Ongoing technical advice was provided to Marshall Islands port sampling and observer programmes.</p> <p>Support for biological sampling and tackling the persistent difficulties with receiving the samples was tackled constructively with a number of new initiatives to improve the flow of samples from Fiji and FSM.</p> <p>On-going advice was provided to the new Solomon Islands Observer Coordinator.</p> <p>A paper on the Minimum data standards for the Regional Observer Programmes was compiled and presented to the Intercessional Working Group, at the WCPFC meeting in Pohnpei.</p>
Activity 1.1.2.3: Support the coordination of national monitoring programmes	<p>The National Tuna Data Procedures Documents were reviewed and updated with Nauru, Tuvalu and RMI.</p> <p>The funding support MOUs for the Solomon Islands and Samoa were revised and clarified, with new MOUs for equipment and data entry support put in place. Revision of the MOUs which have funded NTDC positions for a full calendar year in RMI, Palau and Vanuatu were reviewed and annual work reports clarified.</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	110 observer workbooks, 115 pads of waterproof forms and 105 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 Tuna Data Workshop is currently scheduled for early 2008. A Regional Observer Coordinator's Workshop and a meeting of the SPC/FFA Data Collection Committee are scheduled for the 4 <sup>th</sup> quarter of 2007.
Activity 1.1.3.3: Distribute newsletters, webpage and other forms of information exchange	The Fork length newsletter was completed and sent to the editor for review. It will be distributed to the national programmes in the last quarter of 2007.
<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	Basic observer training was carried out in PNG, RMI and Tonga. Port sampling training was also delivered in the Marshall Islands.  Debriefing and Data Quality workshops were carried out in three ports in PNG with all of their senior observers.
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	Attachments from FSM and RMI visited the Statistics and Monitoring section of the OFP. Attachment training included (i) General overview of regional tuna fisheries data collection, (ii) A review and update of their national TUFMAN system and the concept of the national procedures document (iii) Training and exercises in the CES Database System, Observer Viewer and Slops
<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	This is an activity that benefits from significant co-funding. During the quarter, work on the NTFSRs for FSM, Nauru and Palau were progressed. The Kiribati NTFSR was initiated. The Palau draft NTFSR has been completed and is under review. The New Caledonia* and Vanuatu NTFSRs were finalised.  *Other funding used.
Activity 1.2.1.2: Hold In-country Stakeholder Workshops for delivery of National Status Reports	Outputs from the Nauru, Tonga, New Caledonian and FSM NTFSRs were presented at in-country stakeholder workshops.
<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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Scientific presentations and advice provision to the FFA SWG (August 2007).</li> <li>2. Scientific presentations and advice provision to the Scientific Committee of the WCPFC (August 2007).</li> <li>3. Scientific advice provided at in-country EAFM consultations (FSM, Nauru, Tonga, Vanuatu, Palau)</li> </ol>

Activity 1.2.2.2: Present scientific briefs to preparatory meetings of Pacific SIDS for the Commission	Preparation of scientific presentations and advice to the Management Options Workshop (to be held October 2007) and contributions to the associated brief.
<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	2 separate one week stock assessment workshops were held between the 25 <sup>th</sup> – 30 <sup>th</sup> June and 2 <sup>nd</sup> -7 <sup>th</sup> July. 22 participants from around the Western and Central Pacific attended, including two fisheries management officers from FFA. The summary report of the workshop can be found at: <a href="http://www.wcpfc.int/sc3/pdf/WCPFC-SC3-GN%20WP14%20SPC%20SA%20Workshop.pdf">http://www.wcpfc.int/sc3/pdf/WCPFC-SC3-GN%20WP14%20SPC%20SA%20Workshop.pdf</a> Funding applications for 2008 workshops have been submitted and are under consideration.
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 due to stock assessment workshops and SC commitments. Attachments currently being planned for Kiribati in Q1 2008, depending on availability. Other countries undertaking NTFSRs will also be offered this opportunity.
Activity 1.2.3.3: Train scientific counterparts in-country	No activity this quarter. Training intended to occur in FSM in Q4 2007 during NTFSR visit by OFP scientist.
<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. 100 Samples have been collected in Fiji and 30 samples have been collected in FSM Some samples have been collected as well in French Polynesia. The coordinator from New Caledonia is onboard and will come back soon with some samples. Issue # 3 of the biological sampling SPC Newsletter was distributed early July and the fourth issue is in preparation in conjunction with issue # 7 of “Fork Length, the observer and port sampler newsletter” and will be sent to countries during the fourth quarter of 2007.
Activity 1.3.1.2: Lab-based analysis of samples	Lab-based analysis of samples is continuing. During the quarter, 128 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 3,333 samples from 68 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	The seamount database has been refined and finalised and this work has been described in a publication prepared during the third quarter 2007. An early draft of this publication was provided to the Third Scientific Committee of the WCPFC as an Information Paper in Hawaii, August 2007. The final draft will be

	submitted to a peer-review journal during the fourth quarter 2007 to publish the list of underwater features detected in the region and make this work publicly available. Lists have already been provided to several countries on request: Niue, Tonga and Australia in the frame of the 4 <sup>th</sup> International Meeting on the Establishment of the South Pacific RFMO.
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. Tag recaptures continue to be received in large numbers, with total recaptures now exceeding 6,280 including 32 archival tags. Tag lotteries to encourage additional tag returns are planned to occur before 31st December 2007, while an additional one month tagging cruise is scheduled for October/November in the Solomon Islands EEZ.
Activity 1.3.2.4: Support national scientist participation in benthic biodiversity survey	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 during the fourth quarter according to budget availability; if accepted it will allow the completion of this activity. Contacts have been taken during this quarter with the different partners to start organising the cruises.
<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. 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 document reporting the work undertaken during the Ecosystem modelling workshop held in March 2007 at SPC, Noumea was finalised including the comments of the workshop participants and was distributed at the Third Scientific Committee in August 2007 in Hawaii.
Activity 1.3.3.2: Use enhanced models and data to assess ecosystem-based management options	No work was conducted on this activity this quarter.
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targeted specifically at seamounts	
<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/sc3/pdf/SC3_ST_WP3.pdf">http://www.wcpfc.org/sc3/pdf/SC3_ST_WP3.pdf</a> <a href="http://www.wcpfc.org/sc3/pdf/SC3_ST_IP2.pdf">http://www.wcpfc.org/sc3/pdf/SC3_ST_IP2.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> ) was updated under a consultancy contract and presented to SC3 in August as a working paper to the Statistics Specialist Working Group ( <a href="http://www.wcpfc.org/sc2/pdf/SC2_ST_IP1.pdf">http://www.wcpfc.org/sc2/pdf/SC2_ST_IP1.pdf</a> ).
<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 was held in Honolulu from August 06-09 with a wide range of experts with practical experience of implementing ERA. The outcomes were presented at SC3 (Ecosystems & Bycatch Working Group) and with workshop report available at <a href="http://www.wcpfc.int/sc3/pdf/SC3-EB-WP-3.pdf">http://www.wcpfc.int/sc3/pdf/SC3-EB-WP-3.pdf</a> An updated productivity-susceptibility analysis has been drafted and was also presented at SC3 (Ecosystems & Bycatch Working Group). A copy of the report is available at <a href="http://www.wcpfc.int/sc3/pdf/SC3_EB_WP1_kirby_hobday.pdf">http://www.wcpfc.int/sc3/pdf/SC3_EB_WP1_kirby_hobday.pdf</a>
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 July 01-06, at SPC, Noumea, for Pacific SIDS. This included a summary and discussion of ecosystem analysis results.
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

<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 for East WCPFC subregional workshop in July and West WCPFC subregional workshop in September – discussion of such templates and presentations in workshops (co-financed with AusAID/NZAID).  Prepared discussion paper for meeting of Parties to the Niue Treaty to be held in Cook Islands in October, prior to the MOW.
Activity 2.1.1.2: Hold a Regional Legal Consultation on Legal Issues, National Legal Structures and the Project strategy for legal work.	WCPFC subregional workshop in Tonga in July and WCPFC subregional workshop in Solomon Islands in September – Costs of consultant Martin Tsamenyi (co-financed with AusAID/NZAID).  Presentations and legal advice provided at these workshop by Legal Services and consultant.
<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 is ongoing. Consultant visited Samoa in July to undertake consultations to produce draft Act – awaiting this draft Act from consultant for in-house consultations.
Activity 2.1.2.3. Provide draft Bills, regulations, license conditions and access agreements to Pacific SIDS.	See Activity 2.1.2.2.  Reviewed draft licensing regulations for Cook Islands.  Legal advice provided to ensure that Solomon Islands' access agreements reflect the VDS adopted by the Commission.
<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.  Legal advice incorporated into brief for Pacific SIDS that participated in the third consultations with Japan in September; a key agenda item discussed were issues relating to WCPFC.
Activity 2.1.3.2. Prepare legal briefs for Pacific SIDS for Commission and subsidiary body meetings.	See Activity 2.1.1.1.  Legal papers, and advice, provided for the FFA TCC Working Group to prepare countries for the TCC meeting in September.
Activity 2.1.3.3. Hold Regional Legal Consultations.	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.	No activity this quarter.

<b>Sub-component 2.2: Policy Reform</b>	
<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.	Tonga and Nauru EAFM Stakeholder consultations for the development of the national EAFM reports
Activity 2.2.1.2. Support the implementation of Plans, policies and strategies.	See Activity 2.2.1.1
Activity 2.2.1.3. Undertake Plan, policy and strategy reviews.	Completed Vanuatu Tuna Management Plan review. Wider stakeholder consultation to finalise the Plan will take place in the fourth Quarter
<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.	Completion of the Transshipment study
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.	Preparation briefs for the 3 <sup>rd</sup> WCPFC Scientific Committee meeting in Honolulu, the WCPFC Northern Committee meeting and the 3 <sup>rd</sup> WCPFC Technical Compliance Committee meeting.
Activity 2.2.2.3. Hold Regional Fisheries Management Workshops and Consultations.	Eastern, Northern and Western WCPFC Sub regional workshops and the VDS sub regional workshops.
<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 continues to dialog with FFA on joint policy work in the region, inviting FFA legal staff to participate in two relevant events – a high-level symposium on high seas governance to be held in October 2007 in New York City, and a expert consultation on corruption and fisheries tentatively scheduled for late January in Washington DC. IUCN is looking to increase capacity in the region on fisheries and oceans policy and will be discussing how best to do this with FFA and other project partners in Q4.
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.	See Activity 2.2.2.3
Activity 2.2.4.2. Offer a TSC/USP Policy Training Course.	Completion of the TSC/USP Policy training course
Activity 2.2.4.3. Present National Fisheries Management Seminars and Workshops.	Tonga and Nauru EAFM consultation workshops
Activity 2.2.4.4. Attach Fisheries Management personnel to FFA	Participation in the IWG/Joint Tuna RFMO meeting in US and the IATTC meeting in Mexico

and arrange study tours for Pacific SIDS personnel to other Fisheries Commissions.	
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.	Initial draft report has been reviewed by FFA and revised draft received. Draft report to be distributed to GEF focal points and FFA contacts.
Activity 2.3.1.2. Undertake and support implementation of reviews of national oceanic fisheries management institutions.	Consultation with Kiribati Fisheries and FFA Institutional Consultants in anticipation of Institutional Strengthening request from Kiribati Fisheries. In-country planning exercise likely in November 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.	
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.	
Activity 2.3.2.3. Support national workshops for non-state stakeholders.	
Activity 2.3.2.4. Arrange attachments and study tours for non-state stakeholders to learn from experience elsewhere.	
<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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation of the WCPFC High Seas Boarding and Inspection adopted in December 2006 at the Regional Evidence Training and Investigation Course held at the PNG National Fisheries College.</li> <li>• Regional WCPFC consultation held at the FFA Secretariat, Honiara in August.</li> </ul>
Activity 2.4.1.2. Undertake and support implementation of reviews of needs to strengthen and realign national compliance programs.	Preparation to implement MCS strategy as approved by FFC64.
<b>Output 2.4.2. Arrangements for regional coordination of monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS)</b>	

<b>activities.</b>	
Activity 2.4.2.1. Support regional consultations on coordination of air and sea patrols.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide assistance and support to the Operation Kurukuru 2007 held in Tonga. Participating Countries were Cook Islands, Kiribati, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. Logistical supports came from Australia, New Zealand, France and US.</li> <li>• Provide assistance and support to operations Bigeye 2007. RMI (Majuro) is the Operational Head Quarters. Countries involved in the Operation are; Marshalls, FSM, Palau, Kiribati, PNG and Nauru. Countries providing logistical support are Australia, New Zealand, France and US.</li> </ul>
Activity 2.4.2.2. Provide advice on MCS coordination between Pacific SIDS and other states involved.	Provide advice and support to FSM, Palau and RMI for operations and in September during the WCPFC TCC3 meeting in Pohnpei.
Activity 2.4.2.3. Prepare Niue Treaty subsidiary agreements.	Preparation of a comprehensive review of the Niue Treaty as approved by the FFC64 in New Zealand in May. The Review will take place in October in Cook Islands during the Management Options Workshop.
<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.	Preliminary work on the FFA MCS Strategy done as recently approved by the FFC64 in New Zealand.
Activity 2.4.3.2. Hold meetings of a Working Group of Pacific SIDS on MCS issues related to oceanic fisheries.	FFC64 approved of the formation of FFA TCC Working Group Working Group to meet prior to WCPFC TCC to deliberate on Compliance affecting the WCPFC. FFA members including the FFA Secretariat met in Pohnpei mid September 2007 prior to TCC3 to discussed and prepare members for TCC3. A number of major MCS issues were discussed; the High Seas Boarding Inspection Procedures, the Commission's Observer Programme and Commission's VMS Programme. Other issues discussed are; transshipment, Authorisation to Fish; WCPFC IUU List; Annual Report to the Commission – Part II; Port State standards and FAO Model Scheme; Catch Documentation Scheme.
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.	FFA TCC Working Group met in Pohnpei mid September 2007 prior to TCC3 to prepare FFA members on the issues listed below. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(i) Authorisation to Fish;</li> <li>(ii) WCPFC IUU List;</li> <li>(iii) Commission VMS;</li> <li>(iv) Regional Observer Program;</li> <li>(v) Annual Report to the Commission – Part II;</li> <li>(vi) High Seas Boarding and Inspection;</li> <li>(vii) Port State standards and FAO Model Scheme;</li> <li>(viii) Catch Documentation Scheme;</li> <li>(ix) Transshipment; and</li> <li>(x) FFA Priorities for MCS issues in 2007 and Beyond.</li> </ul>
<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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A pilot Regional Evidence Training and Investigation Course delivered by Australian Fisheries Academy was held at the PNG National Fisheries College, Kavieng in August 2007. Fifteen (15) participants from thirteen (13) FFA member countries received Australian accredited Certificate III in the Seafood Industry (Fisheries Compliance), which is the minimum qualification requirement for all Fisheries Compliance Officers in Australia. Countries that participated at the course were; Cook Islands, Fiji, FSM, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, RMI, Samoa, Solomon, Tokelau, Tonga, Vanuatu and PNG. Tuvalu was unable to attend while Niue withdrew after one week into the course.</li> <li>• The syllabus covering fisheries compliance operations in the following areas:</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fisheries management principles and legislation</li> <li>○ Monitoring fish catches</li> <li>○ Undertaking patrol operations including methods and resources</li> <li>○ Investigation techniques             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Gathering evidence/note taking</li> <li>▪ Chain of evidence</li> <li>▪ Interviewing and statement taking</li> <li>▪ Brief preparation</li> <li>▪ Court procedures</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The units of competency were covered with a lot of practical exercises such as those on investigation, evidence gathering, and visiting of the court concentrating on court procedures. Some practical exercises on monitoring fish at the fish processing plant.</li> </ul>
<p>Activity 2.4.4.2. Attach national compliance staff to FFA and other Pacific SIDS.</p>	<p>No fellowship attachment was held at the FFA secretariat but plans are underway to send two of the best students from the recently concluded PNG Course to do an attachment with the Ministry of Fisheries (MCS), New Zealand.</p>

### 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 completed. KM Strategy recommendations to update website to be implemented.
Activity 3.1.1.3. Project information materials including CDs, papers, videos, pamphlets, newsletters, interviews, press releases etc.	Suite of publications is scheduled to be design in Q3 as per recommendations of the KM Strategy – to be progressed. Discussions with WWF regarding publications in 'lay terms' for NGO and other audiences.
<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.	Draft KM Strategy and to be circulated for comment. Recommendations to be considered and implemented where appropriate.
Activity 3.1.2.2. Generate Knowledge Management Components for Website/page, newsletters, and progress reports.	See draft KM Strategy recommendations.
	Pacific representation (PCU, Cook Islands and FSM) at the fourth International Waters GEF conference held at Cape Town South Africa in August/September 2007. Project presentations were delivered to sustainable resources side meetings at the conference. Attendance at a workshop on the Economic evaluation of Large Marine Ecosystems before the GEF IW4 conference. Interaction and communication with IWLEARN staff.
<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.	To be coordinated by UNDP Suva. Draft TORs for MTE comments provided to UNDP Suva.
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.	TORs for annual review drafted.
Activity 3.2.1.5. Annual audit.	2006 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.
<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.	A further follow-up ENGO workshop is scheduled for Q4 2007.
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.	LOA completed.
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.	See Activity 3.3.2.2.
<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	Software and fan purchased.

the PCU.	
<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.	RC3 scheduled for 6 Oct at Rarotonga Cook Islands preceding the MOW.
<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.	No requests to date have been received for assistance in this regard. Awareness of this provision is to be raised during country visits.
<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. Q1 & Q2 financial and narrative reports completed and submitted on time to UNDP.
Activity 3.4.5.2. Prepare Annual Work plans	Draft for 2008 annual work plan prepared with work quarterly budget and work descriptions completed. To be submitted to RSC3 6 Oct.
Activity 3.4.5.3: Prepare Annual Project Reports	July 2006 – June 2007 period of reporting – UNDP/GEF PIR/APR and GEF Framework Results reports completed and submitted to UNDP/GEF. Will also be tabled at RSC3.

## 8. Challenges/Issues Encountered

- i) Ongoing – IUCN deferment of activities:
  - 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
- ii) Attach national technical staff to SPC/OFP & FFA – this continues to be very difficult to organise due to the increasing and competing domestic commitments and travel commitments of suitably qualified fisheries staff from national fisheries departments and authorities.
- iii) Similar issues for scheduling attachments for country visits encountered, increasing and competing domestic and travel commitments by project focal points.

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

- i) IUCN are expected to make a final decision concerning the research cruise at the end of 2007.
- ii) Attachments are still being planned and undertaken by SPC (to complement stock assessment training and NTFSR work) and at FFA whenever possible.
- iii) continuing to liaise with project focal points to schedule in-country assistance and visits by the PCU.

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