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LEGAL REFORM: Sub component 2.1

PACIFIC ISLANDS



OCEANIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT

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Steering Committee
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Sub-component 2.1

Period: July 07 – June 08

Component 2: Law, Policy and Institutional, Reform, Realignment and Strengthening

Sub-components:

- **Legal Reform**
- Policy Reform
- Institutional Reform
- Compliance Strengthening



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KEY OBJECTIVES

- Effective participation by Pacific Island nationals in the work of the Commission
- National laws updated to implement the WCPF Convention and other fisheries instruments
- Building national capacity in oceanic fisheries law



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KEY OUTPUTS

- **OUTPUT 2.1.1:** A strategy and workplan for activities on regional and national legal issues
- **OUTPUT 2.1.2:** New draft laws, regulations, agreements and licence conditions in line with WCPF Convention and measures
- **OUTPUT 2.1.3:** Proposals for the WCPF Commission from Pacific SIDS for legal arrangements to implement the Convention
- **Output 2.1.4:** Training of policy makers and legal personnel in oceanic fisheries management legal issues



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OUTPUT 2.1.1 A strategy and workplan for activities on regional and national legal issues

- Legal issues covered in FFA papers for WCPFC subregional workshops, WCPF Commission and related meetings
- Comprehensive analyses of gaps in legislation and port State schemes for all Pacific island countries – reports presented and discussed at the WCPFC subregional workshops
- Regional Conference on Legal and Policy Trends in the Implementation of International Fisheries Instruments – 2008
- Regional workshop on WCPFC High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures – 2008
- Subregional WCPFC workshops in 2007 and 2008, which included examining the national approaches to give effect to WCPFC conservation and management measures



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OUTPUT 2.1.2
New draft laws, regulations, agreements and license conditions in line with WCPF Convention prepared and shared with Pacific SIDS

- Guidelines for fisheries legislation, which are to be used for fisheries legislative review
- Regulations to give effect to the Third Implementing Arrangement adopted by the Parties to the Nauru Agreement
- Samoa Project underway – conducted consultations with stakeholders
- Draft Act for Samoa shall be analysed with legal fellow from Samoa, and will be taken to national workshop for consultations with stakeholders.
- Fiji Project commenced
- Other countries to follow – Kiribati, Nauru
- Legal analysis provided to Access Agreements Negotiations workshop in 2008 on minimum terms to be incorporated into access agreements/legislation
- Draft licence conditions to give effect to VDS



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OUTPUT 2.1.3

Proposals for the Commission from Pacific SIDS for legal arrangements to implement the Convention

- Legal briefs – WCPF Commission and related meetings in 2007 and 2008
- Legal briefs - consultations with Japan in 2007 and 2008



Training of policy makers and legal personnel in oceanic fisheries management legal issues

OUTPUT 2.1.4

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- Legal fellowships – Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Niue (Samoa, Tonga)
- In-country prosecution and dockside boarding workshops – Samoa, Fiji, Palau (Tonga, Niue, Solomon Islands)



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