

NATIONAL REPORT

*NATIONAL LEVEL ANNUAL REPORT
TO THE
OCEANIC FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PROJECT
REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE (OFM RSC)*

Reporting Period, July 2007 – June 2008

1. **Country:** Papua New Guinea

2. **Project Title:** Oceanic Fisheries Management: Implementation of the Strategic Action Programme of the Pacific SIDs (Pacific SAP II)

3. **Period Covered:** 1 July 2007 – 30 June 2008

4. **Summary of Overall Project Progress**

In the period covered by this report, Papua New Guinea benefited through funding mainly to participate in regional workshops and meeting. PNG however didn't have any in country projects during this period.

As for workshops, GEF funded PNG's participation at the various regional meeting and workshops covering areas in science (stock assessment), fishery monitoring (tuna Data workshops) legal and compliance (see table below).

5. **Specific Outputs/Results Achieved (as per annual work-plan):**

National Level Activities

No national level activities at the moment, however national programs such as the Observer program has had support during this period in activities such as training etc.

Regional Level Activities

Below are activities that PNG participated in at the regional level.

Activity	Comment	
Activity 1.1.2.2 Support establishment and enhancement of National Port sampling and Observer programmes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Staff of FFA and SPC traveled to PNG and did a review of the PNG National Observer Program Support provided to PNG Observer Coordinator to attend 7th Data Collection Committee meeting held 2nd week in November Two Basic Observer training this year. 	Formatted ... [1] Formatted ... [2] Formatted: Normal Formatted: English (U.S.) Formatted: Normal Formatted ... [3] Formatted: English (U.S.)
Activity 1.1.41 Organise and hold in-country Observer and other training activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Basic Observer training carried out. Debriefing and data quality workshops were carried out in three (3) ports in PNG with all their senior observers 	Formatted: Font: Not Bold Formatted ... [4] Formatted: Normal Formatted: English (U.S.) Formatted: Normal Formatted: English (U.S.)
Activity 1.1.3.2 Hold Regional Workshops on Regional and National Fishery monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PNG had a participant to the 2nd Tuna Data Workshop held in Noumea 7-11th April 2008. 	Formatted ... [5] Formatted ... [6] Formatted: Normal
Activity 1.2.3.1 Hold Regional workshops on stock assessment methods and analysis of oceanographic impacts on fisheries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PNG participated in both the introductory and the part two of the stock assessment workshop. 	Formatted: English (U.S.) Formatted: Font: Not Bold Formatted ... [7]
Activity 1.3.5.3 Attach national technical staff to SPC/OFP and other institutions to participate in Ecosystem analysis	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in the Ecological Risk assessment (ERA) workshop 	Formatted ... [8] Formatted ... [9] Formatted ... [10] Formatted: Normal
Activity 2.3.2.4 Arrange attachments and study tours for non-state stake-holders to learn from experience else-where.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noan Pakop as vice chair of TCC went to observe the annual meeting of the IOTC 	Formatted: English (U.S.) Formatted ... [11] Formatted ... [12] Formatted: Normal
Activity 2.4.1.1 Prepare review of convention implications for national compliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in the MCS WG held in Honiara 	Formatted: English (U.S.) Formatted ... [13] Formatted ... [14]
Activity 2.4.2.1 Support Regional Consultations on coordination of air and sea patrols	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in operation bigeye in 2007 to which Gef provided funding 	Formatted: Normal Formatted: English (U.S.) Formatted: Font: Not Bold
Activity 2.4.4.1 Present courses on national inspection, VMS and other MCs training programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Participated in a pilot Regional Evidence training and Investigation course held in PNG 	Formatted ... [15] Formatted: Normal
Activity 2.4.1.2 Undertake and support implementation of reviews of needs to strengthen and realign national compliance programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PNG participated in the MCS strategy meeting in Brisbane. 	Formatted: English (U.S.)

6. Challenges/Issues Encountered

Papua New Guinea has no specific in country project at the moment after the lapse of the tuna tagging project. However National programs such as the Observer programs are continuously being support by FFA/SPC with support from GEF.

7. Solutions Applied (to address issues and challenges)

None at this time

9. Recommendations for Future Action

PNG will very much appreciate a visit by GEF personnel.

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