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*are
you
feeling
hungry?*



The world is hungry for tuna

Pacific Islands have 30 million square kilometres of ocean – the richest and last remaining healthy tuna stocks in the world (worth \$4 billion a year)

More and more nations want to fish in the Pacific (particularly new Latin America)

More and more people eating fish (sashimi and canned)



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Food security

- Fisheries is particularly important for food security in the Pacific Islands region. A few examples:
- Per capita consumption is high >35 kg for 11 Pacific Island countries, world average is 16 kg
- Fish supplies most animal protein in the diet - 70-80% in coastal rural areas

Growing populations

- Forecasts from SPC are in the Pacific Islands, with population growth, are that Melanesia will need an extra 100,000 tonnes, Micronesia will need an extra 10,000 tonnes and Polynesia an extra 5000 tonnes by 2030. So, the importance of fisheries as a source of protein and food will only increase.

How do we feed them and us?

Pacific Islands need to balance the demand for their tuna with their own needs now and in the future

Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) is the organisation that provides support, advice, training, services to help national governments and regional bodies do this



FFA – strengthening national capacity

Support and services for Pacific Island countries and territories regarding:

- 1) FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT – advice and technical input to maximise value of tuna and domestic development
- 2) FISHERIES MANAGEMENT – sustainability, tuna management plans, bycatch (sharks, turtles etc), vessel day scheme (to limit then trade fishing days), laws and regulations
- 3) FISHERIES OPERATIONS – control of illegal fishing (vessel monitoring system, observer training, treaties & legal advice, regional surveillance coordination)



Working with others - examples

Two large projects using FFA expertise:

Oceanic Fisheries Management Project
(UNDP GEF-funded, working with SPC,
IUCN, Pacific Island countries)

DEVFISH

(EU-funded, working with SPC, Industry,
national governments for development)

IN-COUNTRY ASSISTANCE FROM FFA 2008-2009



FFA – building regional solidarity

FFA facilitates decision making on the regional level:

- 1) Forum Fisheries Committee (17 members)
- 2) Subregional groups – Parties to Nauru Agreement (PNA, 8 members)
- 3) Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (Pacific countries + EU, US, Asian nations)
- 4) Groups of experts (eg Monitoring Control and Surveillance experts)



Food for thought – current issues

- *How to get more domestic development from tuna (jobs, trade, local food supply, local boats)?*
- *How to ensure tuna fishing is sustainable?*
- *How to make sure tuna fishing does not damage the environment (including other species)?*
- *How to catch more illegal fishing and deter more illegal fishing?*
- *How to make the best use of national capacity to control illegal fishing?*
- *How to strengthen regional solidarity regarding fisheries?*



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Case study: Vanuatu - Development

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Total catch in the Vanuatu EEZ for 2007 was 4,348 tonnes valued at approximately US\$13 million

A recent study by the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) found if 25% of Vanuatu's catch was brought ashore for processing and shipping then the country could create local business of US\$2.5 million a year, 1500 new jobs and contribute around US\$1.5 million to government revenue.

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FFA ASSISTANCE

- Following an assessment of these obstacles to fisheries development in Vanuatu, commissioned by FFA, the Vanuatu Government decided to review its legislation and operation to enable Vanuatu to fulfil the requirements to export tuna to the EU and the USA.
- A consultant has been employed to assist in the formation and implementation of an effective Competent Authority using newly drafted legislation to meet international requirements. Part of this assistance will also extend to industry training in the new system.
- The Vanuatu Government and FFA, working together, recruited an Industry Liaison Officer to identify ways to overcome obstacles to increasing local fisheries development. FFA will provide US \$150,000 in assistance to provide expertise and capacity to the Vanuatu government to increase domestic development. This includes technical advice, legal assistance and other support to set up necessary laws and procedures to create a Competent Authority which would then make ensure tuna exported overseas met the export criteria of importing countries.
- With these new markets opened up in future, it is hoped that this will increase investment in Vanuatu fisheries processing and packing facilities, local employment, local business opportunities and government revenue. This will be done within sustainable limits as set out by the country's tuna management plan.

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RELATED REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

Similar assistance provided for Tonga, FSM,
Niue this year

PNG and Fiji now can export to EU

All countries have tuna management plans
to encourage development in sustainable
limits

Let's go

