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Glossary of Terms

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DEFINITION

End Outcomes

What we are striving to achieve for our member countries in the long-term. For our purposes the Strategic Outcomes in the FFA Strategic Plan.

Intermediate Results

- What we need to achieve in the shorter term in order to contribute to our high level results in the longer term.
- Concrete objectives that FFA can aim towards in the short to medium term (eg the next 12 months to three years)

We have more influence over these intermediate (even more so for immediate results, immediate impact of our work in the first year) than the high level end outcomes we're aiming for

Impact:

The effect of our activities on member countries. Addresses the question of "what difference are we making?" Impact made up of several levels;

- 1) near term results, immediate impact of our services (within 12 months of delivery)
- 2) intermediate results are medium term changes in member countries' situation, two to three years in future as a consequence of our services
- 3) Longer term impact – changes in member countries situations in the long term ie from 3+ years as a result of our work

Impact Indicators

- Indicates a change in the community, environment or economy,
 - Reflect the effectiveness of our services in contributing to Outcomes
 - Help determine whether anyone is "better off" as a result of services being provided
- Will be influenced by more than one organization,

Effective Performance Measurement

Monitoring & Evaluation system

- Of outputs to impact or results – "effectiveness measures" eg "Results Indicators" "Impact indicators"
- Of inputs into outputs – "efficiency measures" eg "Service, Output or Performance Measures or Indicators" Look at how efficiently we deliver our services or output as well as the quality and timeliness of the service delivery
- Of resources to inputs – "economy measures"

Outputs

The means that FFA uses to create impact, i.e. our services. Outputs are also final services provided to external stakeholders eg members. Our outputs include - "High Level Advice" consisting of management advisory services to members as well as the technical core activities undertaken by the core Divisions of Fisheries Management, Fisheries Development and Fisheries Operations. Corporate Services activity costs are Overheads – that is, internal supporting services to the Core Divisions.

Results (per se)

What FFA is trying to achieve for its members in the short to medium term

- They describe what we are trying to achieve through our services
- End points to be aimed for, rather than individual activities or strategies,
- Will be influenced by a broad range of factors, many of which are beyond our control
- The longer away it is on the future the less control we will have

Sub-outputs

Activities undertaken by Divisions i.e. activities or sub-programs under the main Programs. These were previously known as Sub-programs

Managing for Results and Accountability:

The Secretariat will not be held wholly accountable to the high level result indicators, but will be accountable for managing for its results and for demonstrating that it is making a valuable contribution to the community

- Secretariat needs to deliver a mix of services which are reasonably likely to have a positive impact on results (other things being unchanged)
- By tracking indicators over time frequently, evaluating assumptions, it will be able to monitor its impact and make service delivery changes where appropriate

Acronyms

3IA	Third Implementing Arrangement of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement
AFMA	Australian Fisheries Management Authority
AWPB	Annual Work Program and Budget
CDR	Corporate Data Resource
CITES	Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species
CMM	Conservation and Management Measure
CMR	Compliance Monitoring Report
CROP	Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific
CSLA	Country Service Level Agreement
CIF	Cost Insurance and freight
DevFish	EU funded project implemented by FFA and SPC
EAFM	Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management.
EDF 10	Tenth Round of the European Development Fund
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone.
EU	European Union.
FADs	Fish Aggregating Devices
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organisation of the United Nations
FFC	Forum Fisheries Committee
PDF	Project Development Fund
PICTA	Pacific Island Countries Trade Agreement
PIFS	Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
PIPs	Pacific Island Parties
PIRFO	Pacific Islands Regional Fisheries Observer
PITIA	Pacific Island Tuna Industry Association
PNA	Parties to the Nauru Agreement.
PPAC	Pacific Plan Action Committee
PPB	Pacific Patrol Boat
QUADs	Quadrilateral Defence forces of Australia, New Zealand, France and USA
REI	Regional Economic Integration of Pacific Tuna Fisheries Strategy,
RFMO	Regional Fisheries Management Organisation
RIMF	Regional Information Management Facility
RMCSS	Regional Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Strategy
ROP	Regional Observer Programme (of the WCPFC)
RSL	Results Service Logic
RTMADS	Regional Tuna Management and Development Strategy
SC	Scientific Committee (of the WCPFC)
FSMA	Federated States of Micronesia Arrangement.

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GDP	Gross Domestic Product
G E F / OFMP	Oceanic Fisheries Management Project funded by the Global Environment Fund
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature. (or The Conservation Union)
IUU	Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported fishing.
JPF	Japanese Promotion Fund
M&E	Monitoring and Evaluation
MCS	Monitoring, Control and Surveillance.
MCSWG	Monitoring Control and Surveillance Working Group (of FFA)
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MTU	Mobile Transceiver Unit
NGOs	N o n g o v e r n m e n t a l Organisations
NIMS	National Information Management Systems
NPOA	National Plan of Action
NTSA	Niue Treaty Subsidiary Agreement
PA	Palau Arrangement
PACER	Pacific Agreement on Closer Economic Relations
SCWG	Scientific Committee Working Group (of FFA)
SOI	Statement of Intent
SOP	Standard Operating Procedures

SPC	Secretariat of the Pacific Community
SPC/OFP	Secretariat of the Pacific Community/Oceanic Fisheries Programme
SPREP	Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme
TCC	Technical and Compliance Committee (of the WCPFC)
UNCLOS	United Nations Convention on Law of the Sea
UNFSA	United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement.
USP	The University of the South Pacific.
UST	United States Treaty – official name: “Multilateral Treaty on Fisheries between Governments of Certain Pacific States and the Government of the United States of America
VAP	Violations and Prosecutions Database module
VDS	Vessel Day Scheme
VMS	Vessel Monitoring System
VSAT	Very small Aperture Terminal (Satellite Receiver)
WCPFC	Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
WCPO	Western and Central Pacific Ocean

Message from the Director - General

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Message from the Director - General



James Movick
DIRECTOR-GENERAL

In 2014, prices have fallen, but good catches have continued to buoy overall profitability. Longline fleets, on the other hand, in particular the domestic southern albacore fleets, have been adversely affected by significant downtrends in catch rates (and more recently prices) likely caused by the significant recent growth in the level of effort expended in the fishery.

The Annual Report on the performance of the FFA Secretariat is an essential component of our accountability framework. It primarily serves to inform members on actual performance results and impact of services achieved by the Secretariat during the period July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014.

However, before venturing into the highlights of the year and report on operations a brief commentary on the Secretariats operating environment will provide clarity of context and understanding of developments within the region and more broadly on an international scale.

1. Operating Environment

(a) Status of the Stock

- South Pacific Albacore; The stock as a whole is not in an overfished state. There is currently no overfishing, but there are significant concerns over the ongoing economic viability of the fishery due to the concentration of fishing effort on particular components of the stock.
- Bigeye: The stock is not in an overfished state, but there is currently overfishing.
- Skipjack: The stock is not in an overfished state. There is currently no overfishing, but limiting further growth in the fishery is important to maintain financial viability.
- Yellowfin: The stock is not in an overfished state. There is currently no overfishing
- Bycatch: Overfishing occurring for Oceanic White tip and Silky Sharks. The stock status of many other bycatch species is unknown.

(b) Current market trends and outlook

Economic conditions for the fleets in the Western Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) in recent years have been mixed. In 2013, purse seine fleets continued to benefit substantially from improved and sustained high fish prices and steady catch rates. In 2014, prices have fallen, but good catches have continued to buoy overall profitability. Longline fleets, on the other hand, in particular the domestic southern albacore fleets, have been adversely affected by significant downtrends in catch rates (and more recently prices) likely caused by the significant recent growth in the level of effort expended in the fishery. Consequently, except for highly subsidised fleets, a large portion of the fishery has been forced to reduce operations or exit the fishery. The industry has raised the concern that the catches are now at a level that has affected CPUE to the point where it is no longer economically viable to fish, let alone compete. Members and the Secretariat are nearing finalisation of management measures that should, over time, reduce effort in the fishery and reintroduce economic viability.

(c) Global tuna Production and Prices

Global tuna catch of the four major tuna species (albacore, bigeye, skipjack

and yellow fin) rose to 4.46Mt million in 2012, compared to the 2005 peak reversing declines in the previous two years. This 7% increase over the previous year was driven by a 12% (290,000Mt) rise in the WCPO catch, offsetting marginal declines in the Eastern Pacific.

The 2013/14 period has seen considerable volatility in prices for some of the key tuna species caught in the region. The Bangkok price for skipjack for canning (4-7.5 lbs), after hitting a record of US\$2,300/mt in April 2013, fell rapidly throughout the period to April 2014 when they reached \$1,150 but then recovered to around \$1,650/mt as at mid-June. Prices of Albacore for canning (10 kg and over) have also been falling since April 2012 when the fish was commanding a price of US\$3,650/mt. By August/September 2013 this had bottomed out at \$2,100, and by June 2014 had climbed back to around \$3,000. On a more positive note, prices for fresh tuna in the US and the fresh and frozen sashimi prices in Japan were generally favourable for exporters from the region. The region's canneries were also benefiting from high prices for canned skipjack in both US and EU markets at the end of 2013.

(d) Trade

In the three major export destinations – European Union (EU), United States of America (US) and Japan, the annual trends between 2000 and 2012 show constant growth between 2005 and 2011 followed by a substantial increase in 2012. Imports by all markets registered increases in 2012 but the growth in EU imports were particularly notable. Exports to the EU from current FFA member sources presently enjoy duty free access under the Interim Economic Partnership Arrangement (IEPA - PNG) and Everything but Arms (EBA – Solomon Islands). Nonetheless, complexity of market requirements, including Rules of Origin (RO), Illegal Unregulated and Unreported fishing (IUU) Regulations, Competent Authorities, Free Trade Agreements (with Philippines and possibly Thailand), WTO rules, Doha conclusion and competitiveness issues for Pacific Island countries point to many challenges and imminent preferential tariff erosion.

Exports to the US (freight or free alongside ship basis (f.a.s.)) rose from \$28 million in 2000 to \$100 million in 2009 and 2010, reduced substantially to only \$57 million in 2011 but recovered again in 2012.

The Japanese market as a major destination for sashimi-grade products is of great importance to countries with longline fleets targeting bigeye and yellowfin. Imports (cost insurance and freight basis (c.i.f.)) from FFA member countries to Japan trended up from \$31 to \$102 million over the period 2000-2012. Imports of fresh sashimi products (unprocessed) from FFA countries have been on the decline in recent years, but the rise in fresh and frozen tuna fillets in the last three years have more than offset these declines.

(e) Contribution to GDP

The overall contribution of the harvest sector (that is, fishing by domestic and locally based fleets in their own EEZs) to GDP, in nominal terms, has markedly increased over the years in parallel with catch values, particularly from the purse seine fishery.

In 2012, the contribution to GDP was an estimated \$240 million, a rise of 25% from the previous year. This was driven by a substantial increase in value of the catch landed. The significance of the contributions to overall GDP among FFA member countries varies widely, ranging from near zero for some to approaching 10% for others.

(f) Employment

Tuna related employment increased steadily between 2008 and 2013 rising from around 12,000 to 16,000, underpinned by growth in the onshore processing sector employment. This sector accounts for between 60% and 70% of the total tuna related employment. The onshore processing sector is currently employing just less than 10,000 as compared to less than 9,000 in 2008.

Greater opportunities are opening up for employment especially in processing sector. For example, in PNG, four new canneries/loin factories recently commenced operations or are about to commence, and a total of 13,500 direct jobs is expected to be created ; in the Solomon Islands expansion of existing facilities will add a further 500 jobs.

Highlights

The highlights and achievements for the Secretariat for the year are;

(a) High Level Advice

- Mid-term Strategic Plan Review and Strategic Budget review undertaken during the period.
- Successful in ensuring fisheries continues to remain a priority for Leaders as shown in the 2013 Communique.
- Ensuring that fisheries is included in the key issues raised at SIDS prep meetings and broader Oceans fora.
- Continued support and advice to members including their respective UN missions on relevant UN processes on fisheries including the preparatory meetings towards the Sustainable Development Goals (where a stand-alone SDG is being considered for oceans and fisheries).
- Continued positive work towards implementation of the recently adopted multilateral agreement under the Niue Treaty including the receipt of ratifications; in-country legal support; the establishment of the Niue Treaty Information System; and continued cooperation with the Forum Secretariat for broader law enforcement purposes.
- Continued support and collaboration with SPC-SOPAC towards boundaries solutions for members, including signing of boundaries treaties.
- Comprehensive review of the MTCs to ensure it continues to provide leading standards for fishing access.
- Continued support and advice to several members to update their fisheries legislation.

(b) Fisheries Management

- FFA members proposals to WCPFC for strengthened conservation and management measures resulted in agreement of a comprehensive measure on tropical tuna which strengthens zone-based management and support for the Palau Arrangement Vessel Days Management Scheme, and which should result in the removal of most overfishing of bigeye tuna by 2017.
- WCPFC also agreed to adopt FFA member-proposed measures that defined the special requirements of SIDS and territories, and which required them to be considered in future measures.
- Significant progress was made towards the definition of a subregional management arrangement for South Pacific albacore tuna, and finalisation of this framework remains a priority for early 2014-15.
- Considerable effort was put into strengthening national tuna fishery management consultation, planning and implementation, including several fisheries institutional reviews.
- The value of the US multilateral treaty increased considerably from \$42 million to \$63 million. A strengthened UST financial management system in place.

(c) Fisheries Development

- Support for fisheries development planning in Kiribati has helped the Government secure funding for important wharf infrastructure in Kiritimati Island. Technical advice on pole and line vessel design for Solomon Islands has been taken up, with a commitment from the private sector to proceed with construction of a new vessel – the first for many years.
- Good progress was made in strengthening systems and procedures in the three competent authorities that certify that fisheries products meet sanitary standards for export to the EU. FFA has also assisted eight members in support of compliance with the EU IUU regulation, with no member countries

blacklisted to date, although compliance with the requirements established by DG Mare is proving very challenging for members.

- Good progress was made with two major proposals for onshore investment in Solomon Islands, including acquisition of sites. A project management unit was established and an internationally- recruited adviser has now taken over from the FFA support to bring these investments to fruition.
- The completion of a regional bio-economic model for the southern longline fishery represents the culmination of considerable work. The model shows that the value of the fishery could be increased substantially by cutting fishing effort – a conclusion that has been borne out by recent events – and has been tailored to provide management advice at the national level.

(d) Fisheries Operations

- Development of a complete set of Pacific Islands Regional Fisheries Observer (PIRFO) training and accreditation competencies across the entire observer program and staff standards including those of Observer, Debriefers, Trainer, Manager/ Coordinator.
- Capacity increases in numbers of observers, debriefers and trainers to meet regional needs.
- FFA provision of national support in data management protocols and program administration.
- Support for the establishment of the Cook Islands initiative Pago Pago Subregional Office to provide subregional Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) support for participating members.
- Ongoing success of the cost recovery model applied to the US multilateral Treaty fleet providing support for national observer programs.
- Continued enhancement and deployment of the Regional Information Management Facility (RIMF) to foster sharing of fisheries information and data amongst FFA members.
- Ongoing ICT assistance to FFA members including the development of national information management systems (NIMS) for seven (7) member countries.
- Successful upgrades of ICT hardware and software to enhance the accessibility and security of FFA corporate data at both the Honiara and Sydney (Macquarie Telecom Data Centre) sites.
- Minor revamp of the FFA website to enhance its visibility and presence through social media, and improve accessibility using smartphones and tablets.
- Ongoing technical and ICT support to Regional Fisheries Surveillance Centre (RFSC) services and operations.

(e) Corporate Services

- Improvements in timing of the Accounts preparations and Audit of the Financial statements despite change of Auditors.
- Unqualified audits were received, and issues highlighted in the Management reports were attended to or addressed.
- Financial Training was delivered for all Divisions and new directors.
- Completed training for all Finance users.
- Completion of the much-needed facelift of the Conference Centre.
- Review of all staff Terms of Reference.
- Revised Monitoring and Evaluation templates for review of Country Service Level Agreements (CSLAs).
- Revised organisation-wide appraisal process.

Reports against the Statement of Intent

The table below assesses progress towards the results stipulated in the Statement of Intent for the fiscal year and mid-term. These assessments are for the first nine months of the fiscal year

a) High Level Advice

Result 1	
Pacific Forum Leaders priorities and decisions progressively implemented <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding made available for implementing Leaders priorities on an ongoing basis • These activities to be incorporated into FFA Annual Work Programme and Budget (AWPB) on an ongoing basis 	
Assessment of progress	On track
Result 2	
Members better able to identify national priorities and positions and convey these to the wider membership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasingly confident and competent officials • Increased level of trust and solidarity between members 	
Assessment of progress	Fully achieved
Result 3	
A well-managed Secretariat with robust integrated institutional processes in place compliant with Corporate regulations and delivering on its mandate <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Country Service Level Agreements (CSLA) tasks delivered as required • Audited financial accounts approved • Multiyear AWPB continue to be developed using Output budget and integrated management framework • Annual Report, Statement of Intent(SOI) and AWPB integrate 	
Assessment of progress	Fully achieved
Result 4	
Strong and sustainable relationships between FFA and its members as well as the donor community	
Assessment of progress	Fully achieved
Result 5	
Rights of FFA members are protected FFA members have the ability to make well informed decisions in their own right about matters affecting the viability of their fisheries	
Assessment of progress	On track

(b) Fisheries Management

Result 1	
Policy and administrative decisions guided by robust planning frameworks at the national level – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outputs delivered under work plans are implemented. • WCPFC Conservation and Management Measures (CMMs) reflect national and sub-regional priorities and are implemented • Stock level performance and status improve 	
Assessment of progress	On track
Result 2	
Transparency and accountability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhanced ability to determine national positions on priorities incorporating range of stakeholder views. • Involvement of a broad range of stakeholders including the community in public consultations on fisheries legislative reviews 	
Assessment of progress	Fully achieved
Result 3	
National prioritisation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sub-regional activities are consistent with national priorities • Sub-regional activities drive coordinated regional positions where necessary 	
Assessment of progress	¾ achieved
Result 4	
FFA members drive the WCPFC process FFA proposals to WCPFC are generally successful Other decisions of WCPFC are based on active input by FFA members and reflect FFA views	
Assessment of progress	½ achieved
Result 5	
Administer and manage the US treaty efficiently and effectively <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All relevant data received, entered and submitted to national administrations and WCPFC within agreed timeframes • Funds collected on time, well managed and distributed according to agreed formula • Project Development Funds (PDF) are well managed and accessed efficiently by members 	
Assessment of progress	Fully Achieved

(c) Fisheries Development

Result 1	
Improved returns from the exploitation of tuna resources; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased value of exports • Increased income generated by fishing and processing activities • Increased government revenue from the tuna fisheries sector 	
Assessment of progress	¾ - Fully achieved
Result 2	
Fisheries management and development policies take account of the needs of the private sector. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inclusion of the private sector in fisheries stakeholder consultations • Pacific Islands Tuna Industry Association (PITIA) and national fisheries associations recognised in the fisheries decision-making process • Investment processes reformed 	
Assessment of progress	Fully achieved
Result 3	
Improved institutional and technical capacity at the national level to promote domestic industry development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Number of development plans approved. • Competent Authorities strengthened and compliant. • Increase in the value of and amount of exports • Growth in number of markets (particularly those with preferential trade conditions) for Pacific Island tuna products 	
Assessment of progress	On track but needs improvement
Result 4	
Increased income generated by small scale fishing and processing activities. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable production (catch volume) from small scale fishing • Catch value from small scale fishing 	
Assessment of progress	¾ - fully achieved



(d) Fisheries Operations

Result 1	
National MCS frameworks based on best practice control and risk assessment frameworks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National MCS plans in place • Improvement in member status of the MCS scorecard (10 MCS elements) • National Plan of Action(NPOA) - Illegal Unregulated and Unreported fishing (IUU) developed or updated • MCS Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) developed and used 	
Assessment of progress	On track
Result 2	
Improved management of information useful for MCS purposes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • National fisheries Information Management Systems (IMS) fully developed and implemented • Integration of a fully developed and implemented Regional Information Management Facility (RIMF) with national IMS • Data-sharing amongst members consistent with agreements in NTSA • Niue Treaty Information System (NTIS) fully operational 	
Assessment of progress	Fully achieved
Result 3	
Improved understanding of the drivers and level of compliant and non-compliant behaviour Individual intelligence analytical tools developed for national and regional levels to identify IUU activities, deter IUU operators and prevent IUU fishing	
Assessment of progress	On track
Result 4	
Capacity and capability to respond to IUU risks/threats via human resources, institutional set-up and assets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training requirements identified in the Regional MCS Training Needs Assessment implemented • MCS training shifted from workshops to standards-based competencies • NPOA-IUU and MCS Plans implemented in a manner which ensures MCS operations are risk based (prioritised) and intelligence fed (targeted) • Continued support for observer, observer de-briefer and observer trainer training • Fully functional and sustainable national observer programmes 	
Assessment of progress	On track
Result 5	
Increased support of fisheries management outcomes through application of MCS tools via market-based measures and mechanisms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Port state measures and catch certification procedures implemented which link product back to origin of catch • Catch certification and verification tool developed for spatial comparative analysis of data holdings across various datasets 	
Assessment of progress	On track
Result 6	
Detect, deter and eliminate IUU fishing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased support for observer debriefer training in documenting IUU • Electronic reporting implemented for observer logbooks and inspections data • FFA VMS service and delivery enhanced • VMS verification and cross validation occurring through use of AIS • NTSA utilised for the conduct of cooperative surveillance activities • Surveillance partners (QUADS) provide targeted MCS support and follow up (metrics) to members • Sub-regional observer and MCS hub established in Pago Pago 	
Assessment of progress	¾ - Fully achieved

Map of FFA Services to Member Countries



FSM

- Maritime boundaries assistance
- Institutional Strengthening Review
- Advice on national Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) management
- Advice on WCPFC CMR response and process
- National fisheries investment strategy developed
- Development of national information management systems (NIMS)
- Technical Assistance for NPOA-IUU
- Specific VMS training



RMI

- SLA design visit planned for last quarter
- NTSA in-country support
- Tuna Management and Development Plan support
- Advice on national FAD management
- Institutional Strengthening Review
- Development of Institutional strengthening implementation plan
- Obligations under WCPFC CMMs explained
- Advice on WCPFC CMR response and process
- Investment strategy developed
- Support for compliance with IUU regulation
- VMS related financial support
- Development of national information management systems (NIMS)
- Docksides and Boarding Workshop
- TA for NPOA-IUU



NAURU

- High level visit
- SLA review planned during national visit
- Tuna Management and Development Plan
- Legislative assistance
- Assistance with the sourcing of a professional volunteer
- Advice on WCPFC CMR response and process
- Draft tuna development plan prepared
- Development of national information management systems (NIMS)
- Docksides and Boarding Workshop
- Specific VMS training



PALAU

- Advice on WCPFC CMR response and process
- VMS related financial support
- Development of IS Report



PNG

- High level visit in Mar 14
- Legislative assistance
- Advice on national FAD management
- Support for competent authority
- Support for compliance with IUU regulation
- In-country adviser to be provided to address threats to investment
- Provincial investment proposals evaluated
- Advice on WCPFC CMR response and process
- TA for NPOA-IUU
- Individual/Group fellowship attachment
- Specific VMS training.



SOLOMON ISLANDS

- Legislative assistance
- Maritime boundaries assistance
- Legal attachment as part of Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practitioner
- Advice on national FAD management
- Advice on WCPFC CMR response and process
- In-country adviser provided to facilitate investment
- Support provided for competent authority
- Development of NPOA for control of IUU fishing
- Business case developed for Govt support to CA and IUU compliance
- New pole and line vessel design completed
- Bagan baitfishing units provided with training in their operation
- Baitfish management plan prepared
- Study of use of HCFC gases in fisheries refrigeration equipment completed
- Development of national information management systems (NIMS)
- TA for NPOA-IUU
- Assist MPI with Boarding and Inspection Workshop
- Specific VMS training.
- VSAT Communications.
- VMS related financial support.



AUSTRALIA

- Minister Foreign Affairs visited Honiara December 13
- High level visit by FFA to Canberra



VANUATU

- CSLA and M&E review
- Legislative assistance
- Tuna Management Plan support
- NPOA (sharks)
- SP albacore management support
- Institutional Strengthening Review
- WCPFC CMMs
- Advice on WCPFC CMR response and process
- Advice on the declaration of a purse seine effort limit
- Advice on national FAD management Data collected on longline vessels and fish processing facility operating costs
- Bio-economic input into Tuna Management Plan review
- Assistance provided in compliance with IUU regulation
- VMS related financial support
- Development of NIMS
- TA for NPOA-IUU

REGIONAL

All members

- Advice on WCPFC Sessions and Technical Committees
- Joint Coordination of 4 Surveillance Operations
- WCPFC VMS services provided to WCPFC secretariat via the Data Centre in Sydney, Australia.
- VMS Data services provided to Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

SUBREGIONAL

Melanesian Spearhead Group (MSG), Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA), Te Vaka Moana

- Advisory role to PNA and MSG Fisheries Technical Advisory Committee.
- Provided inputs to FFA participation at TVM meetings
- VMS Data services provided to Party to the Nauru Agreement Office (PNAO)



KIRIBATI

- High level visit
- Legislative assistance
- Maritime boundaries assistance
- Tuna Management and Development Plan support
- Advice on national FAD management
- Advice on WCPFC CMR response and process
- Support for development of Competent Authority
- Investment facilitation advice and appraisal by In-country Adviser
- Kiritimati Master Plan and Supporting studies to facilitate investment in port infrastructure completed
- Development of National Management Information Systems (NIMS)
- Assisted AFMA deliver 2 MCS-related training
- Specific VMS training
- TA for NPOA(IUU)



TUVALU

- Legal attachment as part of Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practitioner
- Advice on national FAD management
- Advice on WCPFC CMR response and process
- TA on re-structuring the national fishing corporation
- FFAVMS and VSAT communications
- Specific VMS training
- TA for NPOA-IUU



SAMOA

- Legislative assistance
- NTSA in-country support
- Institutional Strengthening - Capacity building strategy
- Mid-term review of the Samoa TMDP
- Advice on the declaration of a purse seine effort limit
- Advice on WCPFC CMR response and process
- Data collected on longline vessels and fish processing facility operating costs
- Economic evaluation of tuna longline fisheries
- Bio-economic input into new tuna management plan
- Samoa LL domestic fleet (14 MTUs installed, 1 on Research vessel, 1 on PPB vessel)
- Individual/Group fellowship attachment
- VMS related financial support, domestic fleet
- Specific VMS training
- Development of national information management systems (NIMS)



COOK ISLANDS

- High level visit in Aug 13
- NTSA in-country support
- Institutional Strengthening Review
- Quota Management System design support
- Advice on WCPFC Compliance Monitoring Report (CMR) response and process
- Investment options and Pago Office evaluation
- Domestic Long Line (LL) fleet (4 Mobile Transceiver Units (MTU) installed, 1 on Pacific Patrol Boat (PPB) vessel)
- Individual/Group fellowship attachment, Specific VMS training
- VMS related financial support
- Development of national information management systems (NIMS)



TOKELAU

- Assistance with FFC planning and preparations
- Expecting Minister visit
- VMS related financial support
- Specific VMS training.
- VSAT Communications
- IMS Roll-out



NIUE

- Legislative assistance
- Advice on the declaration of a purse seine effort limit
- VMS related financial support
- Dockside and Boarding Workshop
- Individual/Group fellowship attachment
- Specific VMS training.
- Individual/Group Fellowship attachment



TONGA

- CSLA and M&E review
- Legislative assistance
- NTSA in-country visit
- Institutional strengthening review
- Attachment to FFA
- NPOA (sharks)
- Support for reviewing the Tuna Management and Development Plan.
- SP albacore management support
- WCPFC obligations workshop and advice for implementation
- Advice on WCPFC CMR response and process
- Advice on the declaration of a purse seine effort limit
- Fellowship for MAFFF Fisheries Officer
- Data collected on longline vessel and fish processing facility operating costs
- Bio-economic model used to provide advice on management
- Tonga LL domestic fleet (7 MTUs installed)
- VMS related financial support, domestic fleet
- Specific VMS training
- Development of national information management systems (NIMS)



FIJI

- CSLA and M&E review
- Legislative training workshop
- Tuna Management and Development Plan support
- NPOA (sharks)
- South Pacific albacore management support
- WCPFC CMMs
- Advice on WCPFC CMR response and process
- Advice on the declaration of a purse seine effort limit
- Support to competent authority
- Support for compliance with IUU regulation
- Business plan and investment prospectus for local fishing company
- Individual/Group fellowship attachment
- Specific VMS training
- Support for VMS domestic fleet monitoring
- Development of national information management systems (NIMS)
- TA for NPOA-IUU

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