

## **PACIFIC REGIONAL OCEANSCAPE PROGRAM (PROP)**

### ***Overview of PROP***

The development objective of this program is to strengthen the shared management of selected Pacific Island oceanic and coastal fisheries, and the critical habitats upon which they depend. This will provide the basis for sustainable and increased economic benefits to the region from this resource. The PROP is aimed at addressing fisheries components of the broader Pacific Regional Oceanscape Framework that was endorsed by Pacific Island leaders in 2010.

The FFA PROP comprises the following components.

#### **Component 1: Sustainable Management of Oceanic Fisheries**

The objective of this component is to help strengthen the management of the region's purse seine and long-line tuna fisheries.

Specific activities to be managed include:

- Support for policy reforms and stakeholder consultations;
- Development of standard operating procedures manuals for compliance officers;
- Training courses for fisheries monitoring control and surveillance officers;
- Training of key personnel for national fisheries observer programmes.

#### **Component 2: Sustainable Management of Coastal Fisheries**

The component is directly managed by the Pacific Community's (SPC) Coastal Fisheries Programme. FFA manages the contract between FFA and SPC to deliver a regional study on improving management of beche de mer fisheries.

#### **Component 3: Sustainable Financing of the Conservation of Critical Fishery Habitats.**

This component aims to help identify revenue streams to sustainably finance the conservation of critical habitats that underpin oceanic and coastal fisheries in the region.

Towards this objective, the component will include: developing novel Pacific Ocean finance mechanisms; strengthening Pacific regional capacity for ocean finance and governance; and aligning finance and effective ocean governance.

This component is implemented largely through the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner at the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, in consultation with a range of other stakeholders.

#### **Component 4: Project Management, and Monitoring and Evaluation**

This component aims to manage, monitor and evaluate FFA PROP and OPP activities, while ensuring compliance with World Bank procurement, financial management and safeguards guidelines.

***Project Support Unit (PSU) at FFA.***

The PSU will consist of two full-time staff/consultants: (i) Project Coordinator who will implement the technical activities financed by the IDA grant; (ii) PROP Finance Officer who will be responsible for financial transactions of regional technical activities implemented by the PSU.

The PSU will also engage part-time specialists in procurement, safeguards and, if necessary, monitoring and evaluation.

The costs of the PSU will be financed by the IDA grant to FFA.