



REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT (IC)

COUNTRY: Solomon Islands

PROJECT Name: FFA: Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program - Second Phase for Economic Resilience

Grant No.: IDA-E2180

Assignment Title: Fiji Fisheries Tuna Port Review and Feasibility Assessment Consultancy

Reference No. SB-FFA-448015-CS-INDV

The Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) has received grant financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program – Second Phase for Economic Resilience (PROPER) and intends to apply part of the proceeds for the following consulting services.

FFA's mission is to strengthen national capacity and regional cooperation to manage, control, and develop offshore tuna fisheries sustainably. The Agency supports members in exercising sovereign control over fisheries within their Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZs) and engages in regional fisheries governance, including through the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC).

FFA is governed by the Forum Fisheries Committee (FFC), composed of national officials and ministers. The Secretariat, led by the Director-General, and has four divisions: Fisheries Management, Fisheries Development, Fisheries Operations, and Corporate Services.

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment is attached to this REOI.

The Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) now invites eligible Individual Consultant (“Consultants”) to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 3.14, 3.16 and 3.17 of the World Bank’s *Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers* (Fifth Edition September 2023) (“the Regulations”), setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

The best qualified individual to carry out the services will be selected in accordance with the Individual Consultant’s (IC) method set out in the Regulations, and based on the following criteria:

FFA is looking for an Individual Consultant with the following minimum qualification and experience to undertake the assignment:

- Port and maritime infrastructure planning
- Fisheries economics and tuna industry operations

- Transport logistics and port operations
- Financial and economic analysis
- Environmental and social safeguards (advantageous)

The Consultant should have:

- Advanced degree in relevant discipline (engineering, economics, maritime studies, or related field)
- Minimum 10 years of relevant experience in port development or infrastructure advisory
- Experience in Pacific Island or developing country contexts preferred
- Demonstrated experience in feasibility studies and investment analysis

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (by e-mail) by **4:00pm, 20th June 2026**.

Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)

Attn: Director General

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL

Terms of Reference
Fiji Fisheries Tuna Port Review and Feasibility Assessment
Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program – Second Phase for Economic Resilience
(PROPER)
Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)

1. Background

The Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) has received grant financing from the World Bank International Development Association (IDA) under the **Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program for Economic Resilience (PROPER)**. The Program Development Objective (PDO) is to strengthen regional capacity for the management and sustainable development of oceanic fisheries in selected Pacific Island Countries. Participating countries include, among others, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Tonga, Nauru, Palau, Kiribati, Republic of Marshall Islands, Tuvalu, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Fiji plays a strategic role as a regional tuna fisheries hub due to its geographic location, established port infrastructure, and processing capacity. Key fisheries-related activities are concentrated in **Suva and Levuka**, supporting both domestic and foreign-flagged vessels engaged in tuna fishing, transshipment, processing, and export.

However, existing fisheries port infrastructure, particularly in Suva is facing increasing operational constraints, including congestion, limited berth availability, insufficient cold storage capacity, delays in vessel turnaround, and competing prioritisation with other commercial port activities. These constraints reduce efficiency, increase operational costs, and undermine Fiji's competitiveness as a regional fisheries hub. There is therefore a need to assess current and future infrastructure requirements and identify investment options to modernise and expand fisheries port facilities.

2. Objective of the Assignment

The objective of this consultancy is to undertake a comprehensive feasibility assessment of fisheries port facilities in Suva, Fiji, including:

- Assessment of current infrastructure capacity and operational constraints
- Forecast of future demand for fisheries port services in and around Suva.
- Identification of infrastructure gaps and investment needs
- Options to expand offloading capacity of current operations, and potential new locations convenient to processors and fleets
- Phased development and investment options
- Preparation of inputs for financial modelling and potential investment planning

3. Scope of Services and Key Tasks

The Consultant shall undertake, but not be limited to, the following tasks:

3.1 Inception, Preparation and Desk Review

- Review existing studies, port master plans, fisheries sector reports, and relevant policy documents

- Identify and engage key stakeholders, including Fiji Ports Corporation Ltd, Fiji Ports Terminal Ltd, Aitken Spence PCL, Ministry of Fisheries Fiji, Fiji Fishing Industry Association, and development partners
- Develop an inception report including methodology, stakeholder engagement plan, and detailed work plan

3.2 Scoping Mission and Site Assessments

- Conduct field visits to Suva port facilities and related fisheries infrastructure
- Assess port operational performance, including:
 - Berthing and docking capacity
 - Vessel turnaround times
 - Bunkering and refuelling services
 - Cold storage and logistics systems
 - Waste management systems
 - Security, customs, and border control processes
- Identify operational bottlenecks and infrastructure constraints

3.3 Demand Forecasting and Market Analysis

- Analyse historical vessel movements, catch volumes, and port usage patterns
- Estimate future demand for:
 - Tuna landings and transshipment
 - Bunkering and provisioning services
 - Cold storage and processing facilities
- Develop 10–20 year demand scenarios, considering regional competition and fleet behaviour

3.4 Infrastructure Assessment

- Evaluate existing physical infrastructure condition and operational capacity
- Estimate historical capital investments where data is available
- Identify infrastructure gaps relative to current and projected demand

3.5 Infrastructure Needs and Development Options

- Define infrastructure requirements to support future demand, including:
 - Dedicated fisheries wharf facilities
 - Cold storage and processing areas
 - Fuel bunkering infrastructure
 - Provisioning and support services
 - Labour and logistics support facilities
- Propose phased infrastructure development options

3.6 Investment Analysis and Financial Assessment

- Develop indicative capital and operating cost estimates for each investment option
- Assess financial viability of proposed infrastructure investments
- Identify potential revenue streams, including port fees, service charges, and leasing arrangements
- Provide inputs suitable for financial modelling by potential financiers

3.7 Institutional, Operational and Implementation Analysis

- Assess implementation constraints, including institutional capacity and regulatory issues
- Recommend management and operating models for fisheries port facilities
- Analyse governance and private sector participation options (where applicable)
- Provide risk assessment and mitigation measures

3.8 Land Tenure and Legal Considerations

- Review land ownership, tenure arrangements, and lease structures
- Assess suitability for long-term infrastructure investment and financing

3.9 Development of Final Feasibility Report

- Consolidate findings into a comprehensive feasibility report
- Provide clear investment recommendations and phased implementation plan

4. Deliverables and Payment Schedule

No.	Deliverable	Timeline
1	Inception Report including detailed work plan and methodology	Within 1 week of contract signing
2	Scoping Mission Report and preliminary demand assessment	Within 1 month of inception approval
3	Draft Feasibility Study Report	Within 6 weeks of scoping mission completion
4	Stakeholder Consultation Workshop and Presentation	Within 1 week of draft report submission
5	Final Feasibility Report incorporating stakeholder feedback	Within 2 weeks of receiving comments

Payments shall be linked to the above deliverables as follows:

- 20% of total fees upon approval of Inception Report
- 20% of total fees upon submission and approval of Scoping Report
- 40% of total fees upon submission and approval of Draft Final Report
- 20% of total fees upon acceptance of Final Report

5. Reporting and Institutional Arrangements

The Consultant will report to the **Director of Fisheries Development, FFA**. The FFA Investment Facilitation Manager will serve as the primary point of contact for day-to-day coordination.

The Consultant shall work closely with relevant Government of Fiji agencies, port authorities, and industry stakeholders.

6. Inputs to be Provided by FFA and Government of Fiji

FFA will provide:

- Relevant background documents and studies
- Facilitation of stakeholder engagement
- Access to available regional fisheries data

Ministry of Fisheries Fiji will provide:

- Tuna transshipment and vessel activity data
- Coordination support with port authorities and agencies
- Logistical assistance where required

7. Duration of Assignment

The estimated duration of the assignment is **8–10 weeks**, including fieldwork, analysis, and reporting. This will be confirmed during contract negotiation with the successful consultant.

8. Ethical Standards and Safeguards

The Consultant shall comply with applicable World Bank Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) requirements and ensure integrity, transparency, and confidentiality of all data and stakeholder information.

9. Consultant Qualifications

The assignment requires a consultant with expertise in:

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