



Fisheries Learning Exchange

Pacific BioScapes Programme - Regional Activity

The Pacific BioScapes Programme is supporting the sustainable management of coastal ecosystems and species to **support small-scale fisheries by local communities.**

To increase fisheries management capacity and frameworks across Micronesia, **The Nature Conservancy** is working with partners to build upon ongoing efforts to create a regional fishery working group, standardise and analyse regional fisheries datasets, and develop evidence-based management recommendations that resonate across the region.

To support these outcomes, a regional coral-reef fishery learning exchange and workshop to develop fisheries data analysis and species-based assessments will also take place. At the workshop participants from **Palau, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia** and **Kiribati** will discuss fisheries management issues and support the development of management guidelines. Fact-sheet cards will be developed for approximately 20 top species that make up 75% or more of the commercial catch and are common throughout the tropical Pacific to inform regional fisheries management recommendations.

CENTRAL ISSUES:



Limited capacity for evidence-based management of fisheries



Regional fisheries managers require additional capacity support



Awareness of assessments, data and management approaches is limited

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY SUMMARY:



Develop capacity for fisheries data analysis, species-based assessments and management



Support regional fisheries managers to share assessments and management approaches



Develop outreach materials to facilitate improvements to fisheries management



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