



Marine Sanctuary Management Plan

Pacific BioScapes Programme - Samoa

The Pacific BioScapes Programme is providing support to produce the **Samoa National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan (SNMSMP)** which will provide guidance for government and the public to implement existing regulations which established the sanctuary to protect whales, dolphins, sharks, rays and turtles.

This work will complement the existing marine spatial plan which identifies special marine areas for protection. The SNMSMP provides protection for marine species within the whole Exclusive Economic zone (EEZ) with the added objective to include seabirds, a current gap in the regulation.

This plan will fulfil the requirement for an Integrated Management Plan for marine species under the **Samoa Ocean Strategy 2020-2030**.

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CENTRAL ISSUES:



The Plan will identify gaps in regulations and provide advice on policies needed to support the effective management of the sanctuary.



Public awareness around rules for the protection of marine species will be a key requirement.

PROGRAMME ACTIVITY SUMMARY:



Produce the Samoa National Marine Sanctuary Management Plan in collaboration with the government of Samoa.



Consultation and raising community awareness will be an important part of the development and implementation of the plan.

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