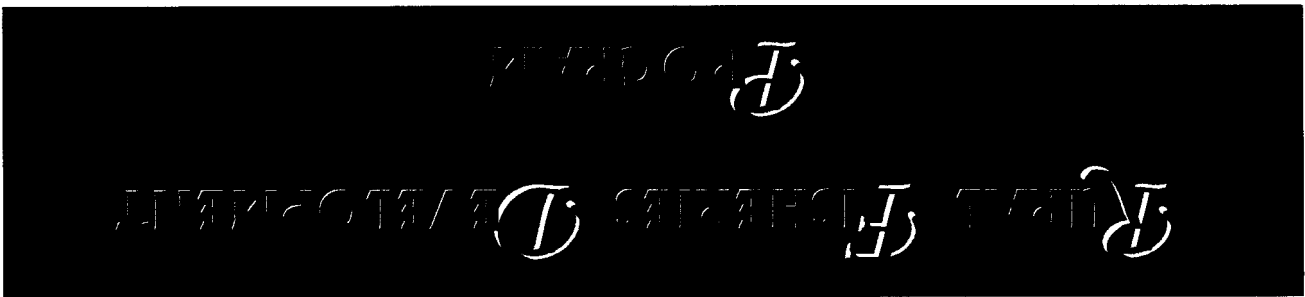


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**JANUARY – APRIL 2002**

**RFDP PROGRESSIVE REPORT**



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# TAFEA PROVINCE

## FISHERIES PROVINCIAL CENTRE

### PROGRESSIVE REPORT

JANUARY – APRIL 2002

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ACTIVITY	WORK PROGRESS	PROBLEM/ CONSTRAINT	COMMENT / RECOMMENDATION
<b>Installation of Ice Machine &amp; Management System</b>	<p>Management of the ice machine will be under the Board of fishermen Associations.</p> <p>Work on renovation of building will be completed before July and the installation could take place before July.</p>	<p>Delay of housing materials and installation of electric power including wiring of the building</p>	<p>Fisheries to purchase a fish scale</p>
<b>Establishment of Provincial Fish Market</b>	<p>Due to break down of motor bike most coastal communiton could no be reach. However the outer islands could not also be reached. We still maintain the existing few road markets.</p>	<p>Transportation difficulties</p>	<p>Fisheries should purchase fish scales and exercise books to Bolted in each market for data purposes</p>
<b>Formation of Ice-machine Management Committee</b>	<p>The information of the commettee is already set up early this year</p> <p>(Installation of ice machine front page.</p>	<p>Due to budeget constraint outer islands Associations representative could not be present but manage to get representatives living on Tanna to form quorum .</p>	<p>The ice machine committee, Fisheries Department and Provincial Government should allocate extra funds as the capital to kick of the operation of the fish market.</p>
<b>Formation of Fishermen Association</b>	<p>Formation of the Asco has already formed (7)</p>	<p>Could no reach out islands to register the Associations.</p>	<p>Fisheries and Rural Cooperative should provide funds to outer islands to register the cooperatives also.</p>
<b>Fishermen's Training (incl. Fish Quality &amp; Control)</b>	<p>None/carried out so far</p> <p>Most times are committed on supervising the renovation of the fish market site and involved of the Tafea Trade out Agriculture show. Part time spend attending the REDI meetings and REDI activities.</p>	<p>NONE</p>	<p>NONE</p>
<b>Follow-up Training for Ne Fishermen</b>			

<b>Seaweed Site Selection and Awareness</b>			
<b>Planning &amp; test trail on Seaweed throughout TAFEA</b>	There are four (4) canoes will sails supported by Fisheries Department		Fisheries Department should mend some sails for this project and supply of fishing gears
<b>Workshop on Drying &amp; Packaging of Seaweed</b>	NONE	NONE	NONE
<b>Site selection for Rural Fish Market &amp; Canoe enhancement</b>	NONE	NONE	NONE
<b>Technical Advice to Artisanal Fishing Projects</b>	Continuous Activities for Existing projects and recommendation of new fishing project.  Recommendation for duty free fuel.	NONE	Should get feed back on appropriated recommendation on Duty Free items.
<b>Trochus Resec Futun</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None so far</li> <li>• But should MV LEWIA start operating</li> <li>• We will continue on outer islands</li> </ul>		Fisheries to purchase the shells from chiefs to collect trochus.

# SHEFA PROVINCE

## FISHERIES PROVINCIAL CENTRE

### PROGRESSIVE REPORT

JANUARY – APRIL 2002

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<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>WORK PROGRESS</b>	<b>PROBLEM/ CONSTRAINT</b>	<b>COMMENT / RECOMMENDATION</b>
<b>Build ice-machine and generator house</b>	Foundation and wall blocks of the two houses are complete accept. The beam and posts need to be filled up with comment .	Problems of chiefs on Emae  It delays the work of the two houses.	200 litres of Benzine plus 4 stroke oil and chine oil has been sent down to Emae to cut timbers for the houses.  The houses should be completed by end of August 2002.
<b>Installation of Ice-Machine &amp; Management System</b>	NOT YET	Ice-Machine and Generator house is not complete	
<b>Formation of Ice-Machine Management Committee</b>	NOT YET	Problems between some people and chiefs of 4 communities of Emae will have to be solve, before we can set up a Management Committee for the Ice Machine.	There will be a peace ceremony very soon and things will be carry out normal again.
<b>Formation of Fishermen Association</b>	NOT YET	Most of the Good Fishermen are in the Prison.	As soon as peace Ceremony is over, meeting will take place to forma fishermen Ass.  (The Prisoners will be release).
<b>Fishermen's training</b>	NOT YET	MFV Leiwia is on slip way at Santo for Maintenance.  ALBACORE is also on Slip way.	MFV Albacore will be the Best Boat for me to train SHEFA Fishermen

<b>Conservation &amp; Seaweed site Selection &amp; Awareness</b>	NOT YET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Management Research and Extension should make good plans for this trips, not last minutes</li> <li>- Also waiting for MFV Lewia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Around Efate Wesley, Sompert and Andrew will have to make good plans</li> <li>- Not only one section decide for the trip.</li> </ul>
<b>Trochus and Giant-clam Reseeding</b>	NOT YET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MFV Lewia is on slip way</li> <li>- There is only few Juvenile trochus not many.</li> <li>- Only few Giant-Clam</li> </ul>	For doing this activity before end of this year we have to get big trochus and Giant-Clam from one island and transplant on the other island.
<b>FAD Site selection</b>	NOT YET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- We can do this job only on MFV Lewia</li> <li>- No special fund for this activity to hire a boat.</li> </ul>	We have to wait for MFV Lewia.
<b>Establishment of Fish Market Centre</b>	NOT YET	Ice-Machine and Fish Market Centre will be on the same building which is not yet complete.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This will be sort out after the building is completed</li> <li>- There will be an awareness of how the centre will operate and benefit to fishermen especially on the development of this Centre.</li> </ul>
<b>Site Selection of Rural Fish Market &amp; Canoe Enhancement.</b>	NOT YET		



<b>Establishment of Licensing System</b>	Not yet Discuss with Wesley Obed on this matter		Senior Extension Officer for Southern.  Licensing Officer and Extension Officer for SHEFA need to sit down and Discuss this matter
<b>Extention Tour around SHEFA Provinve.</b>	NOT YET	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Waiting for MFV Albacore</li> <li>- Have to discuss with PFEO for Funds (Transport)</li> </ul>	
<b>Issuing of Duty Free Fuel Exemption RFDP Annual Meeting</b>	NOT TOO GOOD	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Office Not yet in good order</li> <li>- Senior Extension Officer for South should have separate room from Extension Officer SHEFA</li> </ul>	Separate rooms will help me a lot to know what I have to do and to help my fishermen from SHEFA Province.
<b>Overhaul Engine on MFV Leiwia &amp; Albacore</b>	Engineer Mr william Morris is working on them.	?	
<b>Set up of Fisheries Jetty and Bontoon</b>	Quatation of Jetty, Bontoon and Fench has been provided by a local Bulder	Funds not available at this moment	Quation will be given to PFEO before 21 <sup>st</sup> June, 2002.

# MALAMPA PROVINCE

## FISHERIES PROVINCIAL CENTRE

### PROGRESSIVE REPORT

JANUARY - APRIL 2002

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ACTIVITY	WORK PROGRESS	PROBLEM/ CONSTRAINT	COMMENT/ RECOMMENDATION
Establishment of Lakatoro Fish Market	Mr Bernard, N. Guyen wetem company blong hem Lakatoro Trading Center, I mas pen wan Northen Ice-Machine (8 block), wetem help blong Fisheries Office long Lakatoro mo Santo. Mosen I kasem countrry finis.	Olfala ice masin I nomo wok, mekem se wok blong Fish Market blong Lakatoro I slow down.	Mi believe se sapos Niu ice masin blong LTC I wok bae I help plante blong establishment blong Lakatoro Fish Market.
Collected Services to be on Again	Sens ia I no bin start yet.	I NO KAT ICE	Wetem Niu Ice Masin blong LTC I posibel bae mifala I statem servis ia bagigen.
Seaweed Awareness and Site Selection (Maskelyn)	Mi no bin kat yet long Maskelyne	I no gat sea weed yet long Malekula.	Taem mi gat inaf seaweed long center bae mi go.
Ice Machine Installation	I NO GAT YET	From machine I no bin kasem country yet.	Mi stap wet yet long Head Office wanem taem bae Ice machine blong Paama mo Maskelyn I kasem country?
Fish Data Collection	➤		
Paama Test Plot (Seaweed)			
S. W. Malekula Test Plot (Seaweed)	Mi no bin go yet	Mi nomo gat sea weed long Malekula	Taem mi gat sea weed bagigen long Lakatoro bae mi just go.
Duty Free Fuel Services (mixed benzine)	I no bin happen yet	I no kat ice	Tame Niu ice Machine blong LTG I set ap bae yumi save lukluk long hem.

Trochus Reseeding	<p>I kat sam communities we oli intrest blong putum bak troka long reef blong olgeta.</p> <p>Mo I gat wan we addem wan nomo I wantem tu.</p>	Namba blong troka long place blong oli go daon.	I kat Vao, Dondar, Two long Uripiv mo Andry Saa long Ransary.
Extension Tour around Malampa	Mi no mekem ani tua yet.	<p>Mi spel blong 21<sup>st</sup> days. Manis March mo April.</p> <p>Mi jas startem work bagigen long end blong April.</p>	Bae mi jas mekem Tua ia igo long Manis August.
Annual Report Writing			
Review of Malampa REDI Action Plan	Mifala ol TAC memba I nomo holem wan meeting yet long year ia.	Sam memba oli no stap kam long taem mekem se Jeaman I mas weit blong everi wan I kam before miting I go hed	Jeaman I stap long spel nawia.
Kenu Fisherman	<p>Mi bin go toktok wetem Community blong Atchin mo Uripiv.</p> <p>Miting I blong sapos oli akri blong pem rope mo mekem wan FAD blong olgeta mo sem taem oli formem Asociasen blong olgeta .</p> <p>I kat 3 man nomo.</p>	I no bin kat respon long Atchin yet yumi nidim Eco saunder mo GPS blong putum FAD.	Olgeta blong Uripiv Ailand bae LTC I help blong putum blong olgeta.

<p>Training</p>	<p>Mi sapos blong treinem ol Kenu Fiserman blong Walarano,</p> <p>UNDP I oganaisem wan Trening blong N. Ambrym bae mi go long July.</p> <p>Fres Wota Naura oli nidim training ?</p>	<p>Engin blong Kiri I no gud.</p> <p>Nidim Niu Engin Plis Kwiktaem.</p> <p>Sapos samfala long yumi I oganaisem.</p>	<p>Sapos mi kat wan gud engin bae mi mekem finis.</p> <p>Wan Training blong olgeta?</p>
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# **SANMA & TORBA PROVINCES**

## **FISHERIES PROVINCIAL CENTRE**

### PROGRESSIVE REPORT

**JANUARY- APRIL 2002**

**By:** Glen Alo  
Fisheries Extension Officer

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>WORK PROGRESS</b>	<b>PROBLEM/ CONSTRAINT</b>	<b>COMMENT / RECOMMENDATION</b>
<b>Technical Advice to fishers:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ It is an on-going activity and the activity was mainly concentrated on advice given at the office.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ (Need extra vehicle for the FEO) "Storage of Vehicle</li> <li>◆ Fishers problems were not well analyse to propose alternative solution.</li> </ul>	More appropriate to deliver the service at the fishermen's base of location.
<b>Fisheries Training Course:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ No training conducted by VMC.</li> <li>◆ 4 weeks practical fishing workshop was conducted by the RFDP for 5 fishermen from South Santo.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ No problem encountered as yet.</li> </ul>	FEO should conduct the training needs assessment proposing relevant training package to improve the current fishing habits.
<b>Formation of South Santo Fishermen Association:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ A lot has already done, but there is nothing done from our side, particularly on the ordering of the plant.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ We don't know we are now.</li> </ul>	My personal judgement will be wise not to do anything before the order of the plant is placed.
<b>Ice Machine Installation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Still pending due to funding</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ No ice machine</li> </ul>	Can we have some written information on why the project is still delaying.
<b>Involve Association in seeking of Funds:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Awaiting more information on the project</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Raising high expectation (while things are not very clear).</li> </ul>	At the mean time the funding source can be identified.
<b>Set up Fish Market:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ None done (This will only be implemented as soon as the ice plant is install).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ No problem</li> </ul>	Awaiting the installation funding assistance for set up, has to be visualized.
<b>Fish Data Collection from Markets, Hotels, etc:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Nothing was collected due to Glen's absence for 3½ months.</li> <li>◆ Starting to rescue data as of June 2002.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Due to Glen's absence.</li> </ul>	Data are needed to quantify RFDP reports.

<b>Coconut Crab Data:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ We've completely lost many data from April – June, no one was able to do the job during Glen's absence.</li> <li>◆ Already began to rescue data. Create other seafood product data also.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Simply due to Glen's absence.</li> <li>◆ Lost of data.</li> </ul>	<p>Lost 2 months data that cannot be captured.</p> <p>Senior Officer Northern must prepared to undertake the work plan while any officer is away for any reasons.</p>
<b>Rural Projects Visits:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Nothing was done.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Due to Glen's absence.</li> </ul>	Santo office need another office <u>Car</u> to free G219 Toyota Hilux dedicated fully to rural RFDP Work plan and other matters.
<b>Awareness Advice to Communities &amp; Individuals:</b>	Nothing was done.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Due to Glen's absence.</li> <li>◆ Due to lack of community visits.</li> </ul>	Need supports from Senior officer.
<b>Assist Communities in setting up Taboos:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ None done.</li> </ul>		
<b>Awareness Talk:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ None done.</li> </ul>		
<b>Finalize Draft Translation of Awareness Fact Sheets:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ This form was design year 2001.</li> <li>◆ Activities in this form does not reflect Year 2002 Work plan.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Being copy and waste without changing anything to suit this year's Work plan for Sanma and Torba.</li> </ul>	Must change this form.
<b>Seaweed Site Selection:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The site has been selected.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ No clear development plan for seaweed; (particularly on which island we would like to first concentrate on, etc....).</li> </ul>	<p>Can we have some light into the current status of the seaweed.</p> <p>Maybe the RFDP and the Research to sort out some of the obstacles.</p>
<b>Conducting Trails:</b>			
<b>Seaweed Field Days:</b>			
<b>Workshop on Drying &amp; Package Seaweed:</b>			
<b>SANMA REDI (1<sup>st</sup> Draft)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ The TORBA REDI has already launched.</li> </ul>	None.	<p>The TORBA Province is now monitoring the following Fisheries Project:-</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Recruitment of TORBA Fisheries Extension Officer.</li> <li>2) Installation of ice</li> </ol>



			making machine.
<b>Official Launching (TORBA):</b>	◆ Refer to the above		
<b>Extension Tour of TORBA – I:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ None.</li> <li>◆ Planned for July to visit Banks/Torres 2<sup>nd</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> July 2002.</li> <li>◆ Attached Coconut Crab data from Torres.</li> </ul>	◆ Out overseas for 3 months so nothing was done.	Speed up process of Touring Imprest for TORBA Tour for July 2002.
<b>Extension Tour of TORBA – II:</b>	◆ Not yet decided on date.		

Due to over harvesting last year in the islands, complaints were raised with regards to recording of kilo of crabs and not individual number of crabs where Director of Fisheries was requested to permit another 3,500 crabs by this season justified by calculation of figures with strict control by RFDP Contact Points

**Here are the quotas of each island:**

	Island	Quota (Crabs)
1	Toga	600
2	Loh	600
3	Tegua	1,000
4	Metoma	300
5	Hiu	1,000
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>3,500</b>

**Monthly data of crabs recorded by Contact Points and Torres Area Secretary at the airport – Torres**

*November 2001 – April 2002*

MONTH	NO. OF CRABS	QUANTITY (KG)	VALUE (VT)	BUYER	DESTINATION
November	263	512	198,000	Caroline Kami	Vila
December	525	866	350,500	Caroline Kami	Vila
January	610	838	474,300	Habilyn	Vila
February	170	234	140,400	Habilyn	Vila
March	363	537	306,600	Habilyn	Vila
April	139	194	116,400	Habilyn	Vila
<b>Total:</b>	<b>1,797</b>	<b>3,181</b>	<b>1,636,200</b>		

# **FISHERIES MECHANICAL WORKSHOP**

PROGRESSIVE REPORT

**JANUARY - APRIL 2002**

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ACTIVITY	WORK PROGRESS	PROBLEM/ CONSTRAINT	COMMENT/ RECOMMENDATION
<b>Familiarization and Inspection of Workshop Vila</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cleaning and Painting office workshop and moving old computers to other rooms.</li> <li>- Cleaning containers arrange parts, tools and equipment to specific containers.</li> </ul>	No labours to assist.	Require Mechanical workshop Assistant.
<b>Inventory of tools, Machines, vehicle and Marine Vessel</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Inventory of tools and others in Vila and travel to Santo for two days.</li> <li>- Computerize all inventory forms service and maintenance forms.</li> </ul>	Most tools, machine and vehicle and vessel bid condition.	Require an assistant to do all this job.
<b>Repairs on Fisheries Vehicle.</b>	<p>Every vehicles continually service or fixing problem nearly every week.</p> <p>G210 G684 G685</p>	All vehicle in bad condition	Require new vehicle.
<b>Order Bernard's Ice Machine</b>	We are not sure that these machine will operate as require ?	Should have operate the pervious order before ordering.	
<b>Major repairs on engines of Lewea and Albacore Repairs on Vehicle continue</b>	Delay on repars due vehicle problems and workshop set-up in main office Vila.	Under staff from Mechanical W/Shop	Employ assistant
<b>Ordering of Tools Machines and Equipment</b>	Tool order delay except bought 1 tool box at Agriculture Supplies for W/Shop.	Analysing of what types of tools to be bought.	Require separate funding for tools machine and W/shop equipment.

<b>Training Safety MTC (William)</b>	- Training Delay due to work load in workshop Vila and Santo	Maritime didn't recognise my mate I Certificate	Safety Training with other officers to handle all vessel.
<b>Training for Fisheries Extension Officers (Repair and Maintenance of Ice Making Machine, outboard motor)</b>	No Training due delay	Delay in Ice Machine installation on Emae and Tanna	Must take up this training when ice-machines are set-up.
<b>Installation of Ice Making Machine Lenakel, Tanna</b>	Verbal advice to Wilson on Hems concern to this.	Delay in Housing repairs and electricity installation to this	Installation a later set date next quarter .
<b>Installation of Solar Refrigeration Systems at Tafea</b>	- Ordered by Energy Unit and Shipped to Tanna.	Delay in arrive from Vanuatu	Installation at a later set date.
<b>Installation of Ice Making Machine Emae</b>	- Building in progress	- Delay due dispute	Installation at a later set date.
<b>Installation Ice Preservation System Emae</b>	- Petter Diesel Engine to Andrew's House to be fix for this system.	- Delay no work begin done at Emae.	Install in future.
<b>Installation of ice maker at Lakatoro (Bernard)</b>	- Ice Machine ordered by superiors	Delay in arriving to Vanuatu	Install at a future set date.
<b>Tour of Lewea to Banks Group</b>	Preparation on repairs to Lewea	- Still under going repairs to due pasts to orderd	Tour later set date.
<b>Inventory of Tools Machines, Equipment, Vehicle, Marine Vessel</b>	- Working with these machines vehicle and vessel to accumulate information on its one.	Some machine tools, equipment and vehicles to be written.	To carry an Inventory in the second quarter.

## **PFEO's COMMENT ON REPORT:**

I am extremely proud of the work progress done so far by each of the FEO in their respective provinces. This indicates that FEOs are committed to fulfill their 2002 work plan and also their wish to service the rural people with pride. While we are attending each work plan activities, we all should keep in mind the Government of the day's national priority for the fisheries sector, which is "to improve the live of the rural population". What you have reported so far and what we have in each work plan fall inline with the government priority with our continuing progress, we would achieve our goals within few months.

Further more I am also please with your informative reports that are compiled here in this report for your information and guide. Out from the reports, I would like to enlighten some activities for your attention and follow up:

1. Ice machine – The development so far on the Tafea ice machine is satisfactory and I hope that the installation is set in conjunction with the Tafea Agriculture show on the 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> July 2002. This may end the outcry for ice block but would be the beginning of new problems/challenges to tackle such as setting up of a management system for the ice machine, setting up of fishermen associations, encouraging more fishing projects to feed the ice machine, collections and shipment of fish from the islands to Tanna, further training for fishermen etc. These would apply to future ice machine plants throughout the country.

In the case of the ice machine for Emae, there need to be a thorough assessment on the safety and security of the equipment following recent differences (unrelated to the ice machine project) within the village. Alternative sites have to be arranged in case.

2. New ice machines – I understand a lot of frustration on the delay in ordering new ice machines. The main reason for the delay is due to the delay in installing the ice machines on Tanna and Emae. It is a requirement under the project profile, which stipulate that the results from the first two would determine the next two. So far the first two ice machine has drag on to date and from the reports the one from Tanna should be operating by the 25<sup>th</sup> July 2002 and likewise the one on Emae should be operating by the end of August 2002. Until we successfully install the first two by this set time we would surely request the Director to give us permission to place the next order on October 2002. I believe that the Director of fisheries would not allow RFDP to place the next order if we are still behind our schedule and we have not produce any results on their operation. So far the Head of section meeting has given a go-a-head but pending on a progressive report and expenditure report from the first two, which I am now working on them to be completed at the end of August 2002.

We may purchase four ice machines in our next order but this would depend on funding available in the project.

3. The seaweed program is temporarily suspended for the time being until the research section advices us later on. This would mean that the RFDP would start scaling down its awareness on the program in the rural areas, however this does not mean that the seaweed program would totally be forgotten. We are expecting to restart the program next year comprehensively.
4. We hope that once M/V Lewia is up and running, we will be able to attend to fishermen's request on training, trochus translocation, rural marketing and formation of fishermen associations, assisting in canoe program etc. The fisheries mechanic and the FEO for Shefa is currently committing themselves in gathering quotation for engine parts, safety equipment for the vessel and communication equipment. We anticipate that the M/V Lewia should on the water by September 2002 provided that we have the basic engine parts and safety equipment on time.

5. Again we do need data in the next progressive report submission. Any data on anything can mean a lot to Fisheries Department. Glen has included a bit of data in his report and I insist that every FEO should do the same. You can use his data report as guide for your next report.
6. Tafea FEO Bike – We are reluctant to fully committed to purchase of a motorbike for Tanna from our recurrent budget simple because our priority now until October 2002 is to get the M/V Lewia fixed first. The remaining funds from our budget for the months of October, November and December 2002 would be committed to the Tafea motorbike at the end of the year. This is simply because there has been no budget allocated this year for the repair of the vessel and also we have not include engine repair in the project for the repair of fisheries vessels. However, the Director has allowed RFDP to redirect the project fund allocated to the repair of M/V Nasiko to spend on electrical re-cabling of M/V Lewia and M/VAlbacore. The remains would go towards engine parts for M/V Lewia and any shortfall would come from our recurrent budget, which we reserved for Tafea center motorbike. Once this is over we can definitely purchase a motorbike for Tafea. Hopefully two computer sets for Tafea and Malampa centers in early 2003.
7. With regards to the use of Fisheries vehicles, I have circulated a separate note in regards to this matter.
8. Trochus translocation or trochus rehabilitation – There is a project funded by a donor for this purchase and is now under the research section responsibility. I encourage you to make direct contact to Sompert, fisheries biologist, for more information.
9. Information fact sheets – For a start we have been very supportive on the completion of the information fact sheet, which Glen has done a great job to translate and simplify to a level that would suits the language of the rural people. This should be a core piece of work to assist both FEOs and fishers during awareness. This also coincide with what Andrew Firiam is doing on deep bottom fishing gear catalogue and display models of bottom drop line, bottom longline, trolling and cheap FAD (Laurent Dadi's design). This is to assist FEOs in technical advice to the fishers and also to assist fishermen on how to make good selection on the appropriate gears for his fishing projects.
10. Our next progressive report would cover the months of May – August 2002, which we would compile for distribution by September 2002. The next report would also include reports from the two SEO.

### **Conclusion:**

Your reports have already indicated that RFDP in meaning business and we are actually on course to meet 2004 national theme "Yia blong risos long solwota". I believe you're reports would assist the Director to report realistically to various government authorities, institutions and donor agencies. This may credit RFDP with additional funds from various sources to assist RFDP with its development programs in the rural areas.

Lastly I encourage every FEO to enjoy and feel proud of what you have achieved so far.