

The Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership (PEUMP) programme is a comprehensive programme that supports sound ocean and coastal governance with a focus on biodiversity protection and sustainable use of fisheries and other marine resources. With European Union and Swedish funding, it was launched in October 2017 and focuses on gaps in fisheries science; fisheries development; coastal resources and livelihoods; illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing; ecosystem-based management; biodiversity conservation; and capacity building at national and community levels.

## Background

Marine resources are the backbone of the Pacific region's economies and form the basis of men and women's livelihoods in Pacific Island countries.

Economically, oceanic fisheries are vital to the region as a source of a) economic growth and government revenue; b) decent employment for women and men and small business opportunities. The European Union is the main market for the cooked tuna loins produced in Pacific processing plants.

Coastal fisheries are vitally important at the community level, providing food security, livelihoods and income for small-scale fishers with more than 60% of households in coastal areas relying on fishing as a mechanism to increase resilience and reduce vulnerability.

Overall, the PEUMP programme aligns with all regional priorities and strategic documents, including the *Regional Roadmap for sustainable Pacific fisheries* and *The New Song for coastal fisheries – pathways to change*.

## Main objectives

The programme's overall objective is to:

*Improve the economic, social and environmental benefits for 15 Pacific ACP states (PACPs) arising from stronger regional economic integration and the sustainable management of natural resources and the environment.*

The specific objective (outcome) is to:

*Support sustainable management and development of fisheries for food security and economic growth, while addressing climate change resilience and conservation of marine biodiversity.*

## Key result areas (KRAs) and agencies involved

The programme will cover six KRAs, which are detailed on the next few pages. Its overall management will be done by a Programme Management Unit (PMU) based in Suva, Fiji.

Four main agencies will implement six programme KRAs through a multisectoral approach: 1) The Pacific Community (SPC), the programme's lead agency, will be responsible for its overall management; 2) the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA); 3) the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP); and 4) The University of the South Pacific (USP).

Given the scope and breadth of the PEUMP programme, agencies will work with and through partners in some areas of implementation: The International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Locally Managed Marine Area (LMMA) Network, the Pacific Islands Tuna Industry Association (PITIA), and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). Other partnerships may develop during the programme's implementation.

## KRAs and objectives

## Activities



1

High quality scientific and management advice for oceanic fisheries provided and utilised at regional and national levels

LEAD AGENCY: SPC

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- Analysis of tuna bycatch at regional and national levels
- Ecosystem modelling and development of indicators
- Evaluation of electronic monitoring for purse-seine vessels
- Research to address biological uncertainties in tuna stock assessment models
- Improved modelling of relative abundance using catch per unit effort
- Capacity development through long-term and short-term attachments with SPC



2

Inclusive economic benefits from sustainable tuna fishing increased through supporting competent authorities and strengthening private sector capacities to create decent employment

LEAD AGENCY: FFA MAIN PARTNER: PITIA

Francisco Blaha

- Establishment of a competent authority support unit to assist PACP government agencies meet sanitary market access requirements
- Support for sanitary and IUU competent authorities to comply with applicable legislation allowing for market access
- Assistance with fisheries development and national policies
- Annual policy dialogue with the European Union
- Assistance to PACP to comply with the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission conservation management measures, and to implement checklist-identified priorities
- Building the capacity and engagement of the regional tuna industry association
- Developing pilot projects for and providing technical assistance to small and medium enterprises in the sector



3

Sustainable management of coastal fisheries resources and ecosystems improved through better quality scientific information, legal advice, support, mentoring and empowerment at the community level

LEAD AGENCY: SPC MAIN PARTNER: LMMA

Johan Van der Pijeg, WorldFish

- Surveys of commercially important invertebrates
- Socioeconomic surveys of coastal communities, including gender-segregated data
- Mainstreaming of gender and rights-based approach, training, and national gender stocktakes
- Coastal fisheries data collection and national database development, including trials of new technology
- Support and mentoring for the community-based ecosystem approach to fisheries management (CEAFM) at national and local levels
- CEAFM management and coordination with non-governmental organisations (NGOs)
- CEAFM activities at subnational and community levels
- Communication activities and production and dissemination of information and materials for communities
- Capacity development through long-term and short-term attachments for national fisheries and NGO staff
- Outreach activities, including adaptation with communities

## Activities

- Support for the review of national legislation to be in line with international principles as well as the implementation of IUU national plans of action
- Training to deal with IUU incidents and assistance with prosecutions and sanctions
- Trials of new technology to assist national and regional monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) efforts
- Technical assistance with catch documentation systems, electronic monitoring and electronic reporting
- International outreach and advocacy on IUU and control of high seas fisheries
- Capacity building and training of MCS officers, with an emphasis on the enforcement of port state controls and coastal fisheries regulations
- Development of tools and systems to combat IUU fishing activities in coastal waters

## KRAs and objectives



**Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing reduced** through enhanced monitoring, control and surveillance of both oceanic and coastal fisheries; improved legislation; access to information; and effective marine area management

# 4

LEAD AGENCY: FFA MAIN PARTNER: WWF

- Support for marine spatial planning in at least two countries
- Integrated ecosystem strategies and coastal zone management planning
- Climate change adaptation strategies integrated into coastal community plans
- Endangered marine species bycatch assessed, and extinction risk evaluated
- Bycatch mitigation strategies developed and rolled-out
- Capacity development through research grant
- Support for community monitoring and protection of endangered species



**Sustainable utilisation of the coastal and marine biodiversity promoted** through improving marine spatial planning; increasing climate change resilience; and enhancing conservation, mitigation and rehabilitation measures

# 5

LEAD AGENCY: SPREP MAIN PARTNER: IUCN

- Comprehensive needs and gap analysis undertaken
- Accreditation and delivery of existing technical and vocational education and training (TVET) courses (e.g. fisheries enforcement)
- Design of continuing professional development and career pathways including business skills
- Development and delivery of additional training courses identified through needs and gap analysis related to coastal fisheries management and sustainable marine development
- Applied research, postgraduate, workplace development training and TVET scholarships
- Outreach, including online delivery of education and training, publications, *Talanoa*, open educational resources and mobile applications



**Capacity built** through education, training and research and development for key stakeholder groups in fisheries and marine resources management

# 6

LEAD AGENCY: USP

## Programme Management Unit

### Objectives

Strengthening gender and rights-based approaches across all KRAs through positive change to peoples livelihoods, in particular, women, youth and the most vulnerable groups.

### Activities

- Overall reporting and financial management, as well as communications and visibility of the PEUMP programme
- Integrating and mainstreaming gender and human rights-based approaches across the programme
- Providing technical assistance for the delimitation and negotiation of maritime boundaries

LEAD AGENCY: SPC

## Programme genesis

The concept of the Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership programme was launched under the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund in October 2017 on the occasion of the Our Ocean Conference hosted by the EU in Malta, with the signing of the Financing Agreement for the programme. The Contribution Agreement for implementing the PEUMP programme was signed in Nauru on 5 September 2018 at the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting. The partnership will be implemented in the 15 Pacific-ACP countries with a total budget of EUR 45 million, made up of EUR 35 million from the EU and a EUR 10 million cofinancing contribution by the Swedish Government through their International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

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