

PEUMP Mid-Term Evaluation, 2022

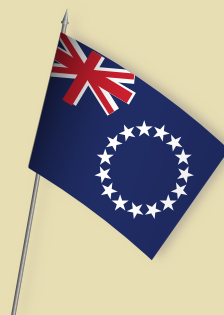
Cook Islands



PEUMP

Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership Programme

This Factsheet highlights some of the Key Result Area (KRA) achievements of the **Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership (PEUMP)** Programme in Cook Islands. The PEUMP programme provides its assistance across 15 Pacific Island Countries to promote sustainable fisheries management and sound ocean governance. This is done through a holistic and multi-sectoral approach that contributes to the social, economic and environmental development of the Pacific. The KRA's are achieved through eight PEUMP partner organisations, each contributing to the implementation of the programme objectives.



KRA 0

PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT UNIT



One-on-one support provided virtually to discuss maritime boundary work



New PEUMP website launched to enable greater access to information

20th PACIFIC MARITIME BOUNDARY TRAINING.

Focussed on maritime boundary and Extended Continental Shelf (ECS) work.



Datasets developed and provided to Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) to help fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance activities.



KRA 1

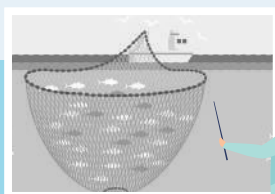
OCEANIC FISHERIES



50% - 75% Achievement Level



- **TUNA BYCATCH ANALYSED** at regional and national level
- **RESEARCH CONDUCTED** to address biological uncertainties in tuna stock assessment models
- **CAPACITY DEVELOPED FOR BYCATCH** analyses and purse seine fishery sustainability achieved through long-term and short-term attachments with SPC
- **INFORMATIVE INDICATORS DEVELOPED** for monitoring ecosystems and climatic trends across the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO)



KRA 2

SUSTAINABLE TUNA FISHERIES



SUPPORTED CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES TO PREPARE REPRESENTATIVES TO PARTICIPATE EFFECTIVELY IN INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES NEGOTIATIONS.



25% - 50% Achievement Level



Technical assistance provided by the FFA Market Access Specialist in the following areas:

- Assisted in the development of the Cook Islands Ministry of Marine Resources Competent Authority Capacity
- Competent Authorities (CA) policy and regulatory framework developed
- Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for CA management and administration
- CA inspection process training for staff of the Cook Islands Ministry of Marine Resources



KRA 3 COASTAL FISHERIES



50% - 75%
Achievement
Level



"Fish smart. Set FADs" video series produced and shared with fisheries associations and fisheries officers on rigging and deploying anchored Fish Aggregating Devices (a-FADs).

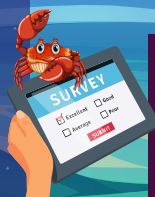
LAUNCHED THE SPC 2ND EDITION PACIFIC HANDBOOK ON GENDER AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IN COASTAL FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE

Assisted the Ministry of Marine Resources on information sheets regarding trochus, aquarium fish, ciguatera and FADs

Developed socio-economic assessment tools to explore the feasibility of developing a recreational bonefish fishery in Penrhyn.

Designed an information toolkit for small-scale fishers on data collection programmes aimed at promoting data collection programmes in Cook Islands.

COCONUT CRAB ASSESSMENTS CONDUCTED ON MAUKE, MANGAIA AND PALMERSTON ATOLL TO DETERMINE POPULATION STATUS, SIZE STRUCTURE AND DISTRIBUTION



Developed tools and systems to combat IUU fishing activities in coastal waters

Developed an information sheet on Giant Clams of the Cook Islands for the Ministry of Marine Resources for local distribution.



KRA 4

ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED (IUU) FISHING IN OCEANIC FISHERIES



Supported a collaborative effort initiated by FFA, PEUMP, SPC and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) to collect eMonitoring data and test various technologies on board fish carrier vessels.



PROCURED AND DISTRIBUTED JOB AID TOOLS for Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) Boarding and Inspection Officers



25% - 50%
Achievement
Level



Supported international outreach and advocacy on IUU and control of high seas fisheries



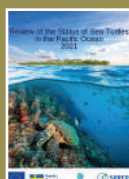
KRA 5

SUSTAINABLE UTILISATION OF COASTAL AND MARINE BIODIVERSITY



Regional turtle extinction risk assessment work activities carried out to support turtle conservation work at community, national and regional level

Published the most comprehensive review of the status of Pacific marine turtles



50% - 75%
Achievement
Level



Integrated ecosystem strategies and coastal zone management planning

Climate change adaptation strategies integrated into coastal community plans



KRA 6 CAPACITY BUILDING



50% - 75%
Achievement
Level



318 Pacific island professionals trained from 10 Pacific Island countries including Cook Islands as part of up-skilling and professional development initiatives of the programme.



MORE LOCAL BUSINESS



IMPROVED ACCESS TO FISHERIES AND MARINE EDUCATION



ENHANCED MARINE RESEARCH COLLABORATION



INCREASED ACCESS FOR WOMEN TO SENIOR FISHERIES AND MARINE SECTOR POSITIONS

Due to the COVID-19 crisis and its effects on the project's ability to complete all of the planned activities and use all of the budgeted monies, PEUMP has been extended for two more years.