

# PEUMP Mid-Term Evaluation, 2022

## Samoa



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 Samoa. 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



Facilitated technical negotiations between Tonga and Samoa to finalise a draft bilateral maritime boundary treaty.



Assisted Samoa and Tokelau to share basepoints and hold discussions on the shared boundary between their countries.

### 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



25% - 50%  
Achievement  
Level



Assistance provided to Samoa for the development of the **Anchored Fish Aggregating Device (a-FAD) Management Plan and Fisheries Policy.**

Assisted in the development of the **Samoa National Fisheries and Aquaculture Policy.**

**Helped establish the Seafood Verification Unit within the Samoa Fisheries Division in 2021.**



## KRA 3 COASTAL FISHERIES



50% - 75%  
Achievement  
Level



Developed Ikasavea mobile app to ease market survey data entry in relation to data collected from marine product vendor stalls, usually at markets or on road sides.



Prepared and published a report on the status of the sea cucumber fishery in Samoa and delivered it to the Samoa Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. The report included fishery improvement and management recommendations for long-term sustainability and wellbeing of communities and the ecosystem.

Provided analysis, interpretation and reporting on sea cucumbers for the Samoa Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries. Report was entitled *Invertebrate Fisheries Stock and Key Habitat Assessment*.

Provided training to fisheries staff on application of e-data systems on fishery-dependent market surveys. Training included survey design, method optimisation, review of current creel and market survey designs, data collection and management using the Ikasavea application and web-based databases.

Pacific Framework for Action on Scaling up Community-based Fisheries Management: 2021-2025 developed to support, empower and provide value for coastal communities in sustaining coastal fisheries.

## KRA 4

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



25% - 50%  
Achievement  
Level



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



## KRA 5

### SUSTAINABLE UTILISATION OF COASTAL AND MARINE BIODIVERSITY



50% - 75%  
Achievement  
Level



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



**Mitigation initiatives**  
for species of special interest developed and rolled out with the support of the programme

Communities supported to actively engage in improved conservation of marine species



## KRA 6 CAPACITY BUILDING



50% - 75%  
Achievement  
Level



Trained 318 Pacific island professionals from 10 Pacific Island countries including Samoa 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.