

# PEUMP Mid-Term Evaluation, 2022

## Tonga



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 Tonga. 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.



*Gender Equality, Social Inclusion and Human Rights-Based Approaches (GESI/HRBA) integrated in research on COVID-19 impacts and socio-economic studies for Tonga*



### KRA 1

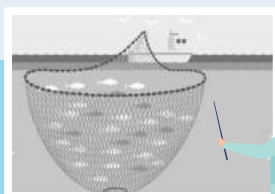
#### OCEANIC FISHERIES



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



Support provided for sanitary and IUU competent authorities to comply with applicable legislation allowing for market access.



PREPARATIONS COMPLETED FOR THE FIRST FFA-LED REGIONAL DIALOGUE ON MATTERS RELATING TO GENDER EQUALITY AND SOCIAL INCLUSION, AND HUMAN RIGHTS-BASED APPROACHES IN TUNA FISHERIES. DIALOGUE TO BE HELD IN THE NEXT YEAR.



## KRA 3 COASTAL FISHERIES



50% - 75%  
Achievement  
Level



Continued assistance provided to Tonga in Year 2 in conducting stock assessments (2020; 2021) and assisted the development of management strategies for the Tonga sea cucumber fishery.

Conducted studies with the The Tonga Ministry of Fisheries (MoF) to evaluate the impact of Special Management Areas (SMA - community-based managed areas) on coastal resources and community wellbeing

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.

SPC carried out assessments on the impacts of COVID-19 on coastal fisheries.



The programme produced a video showcasing Tonga Special Management Areas.

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

## KRA 4 ILLEGAL, UNREPORTED AND UNREGULATED (IUU) FISHING IN OCEANIC FISHERIES



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.



25% - 50%  
Achievement  
Level



**Provided support to Tonga in acquiring a licence to trial the Starboard Maritime Intelligence Tool for identifying vessels of interest and non-fishing vessels risk assessment on maritime security in the Pacific**

## KRA 5 SUSTAINABLE UTILISATION OF COASTAL AND MARINE BIODIVERSITY



Survey conducted for marine turtle use by communities and turtle nesting habitat monitoring in Tonga

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

50% - 75%  
Achievement  
Level



Communities supported to actively engage in improved conservation of marine species

## KRA 6 CAPACITY BUILDING



50% - 75%  
Achievement  
Level



- Provided sponsorship to three Tongan nationals for Certificate IV in Coastal Fisheries & Aquaculture Compliance
- Helped provide Micro-Qualification in Establishing and Operating a Small Seafood Business to 41 Pacific Islanders in the region including Tonga.



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.