

QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT (Revised) (Consolidated)

1. **Country:** Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tokelau, Tuvalu and Vanuatu

2. **Project Number/Code:** PIMS No. 2992

3. **Project Title:** Pacific Islands Oceanic Fisheries Management Project

4. **Executing Agency:** Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency

5. **Period Covered:** 1 April 2008 to 30 June 2008

6. Summary of Overall Project Progress:

At thirty three months the Pacific Islands Oceanic Fisheries Management Project is scheduled for a Mid Term Review. This has commenced under the guidance of the UNDP Country Office responsible for the project. A final report is expected to be completed early in the third quarter of the project. Interviews with stakeholders occurred principally in May of this quarter. A timely annual report for the project was finalized and this provided significant guidance for the MTR.

As at 1 April through to 31 June, project progress in the science component has continued steadily with updates for versions of TUFMAN and the conduct of a Tuna Data Workshop. Observer training and the production of logbooks and other material has taken place and in the case of logbooks, distributed. Training for observers and data monitoring coordinators continued as planned. Scientific advice to countries, FFC and the Commission continue to be primary activities supported by the project. Stock Assessment activities are advanced by the conduct of two successful and well received workshops in this quarter.

Work in to relation to Ecosystem Risk Assessment has commenced in support of ecosystem analysis and proposals for long-term ecosystem monitoring and operationalisation of the ecosystem-based approach for use by countries and the Commission Science Committee (Ecosystem By-catch working group).

A point of note in this quarter is the significant progress concerning IUCN's involvement for the collection and analysis of information from seamounts in the WTP LME. Agreement was reached between UNDP and the executing agencies for the realignment of activities to achieve the sub-component objectives as a result of the cancellation of the IUCN research cruise. Contracting for the new activities and work related to literature reviews has commenced.

Component two activities progress much in the same fashion as those for science. An important legal conference - Regional Conference on Legal and Policy Trends in the Implementation of International Fisheries Instruments took place this quarter. Legal Reform activities progress and include advice to countries during Commission related sub-regional workshops held this quarter and for Samoa, work in relation to their national legislations and regulations. Joint project supported legal and compliance input for dockside boarding and inspection workshops has occurred this quarter in Kiribati and Fiji.

In terms of Policy and Institutional Reform activities a Tuna management Plan has been concluded for Vanuatu and as mentioned previously two of the three planned Commission sub-regional workshops have taken place. An EAFM workshop has also taken place in Kiribati as well as the commencement of institutional strengthening scoping work there.

Work continues in relation the development of a Forum Leaders endorsed MCS Regional MCS strategy evolving from the workshop held in the first quarter this year. Follow-up work for

Niue Treaty Subsidiary Agreements discussed at a meeting in the first quarter continue in preparation for a further meeting in the 3rd Quarter.

7. Specific Outputs/Results Achieved (As per quarter work-plan):

Specific outputs and results achieved under the project against quarterly work plans are reported in the following spreadsheet.

Component One

Sub-component 1.1: Fishery Monitoring	
Output 1.1.1: A template for national integrated monitoring programmes including logsheet, observer, port sampling and landing data collection and management; and provision of national data to the Commission	
Activity 1.1.1.1: Develop database and associated software	<p>TUFMAN versions 4.3.2 and 4.4.0 were released during this reporting period. Features of the new TUFMAN include new reports summarising Telex data, provision for more options for EEZ breakdown in reports, support for the regional standard handline logsheet and the redevelopment of the purse seine unloading data entry forms. Review of the TUFMAN data entry forms commenced in June 2008 – this phase is expected to result in a more finely-tuned product for the users and is expected to be finished by the 4th Quarter 2008.</p> <p>The specification for the new TUFMAN Observer data module was completed during this period and work on developing this new module commenced in June 2008.</p>
Activity 1.1.1.2: Develop reporting module for Commission data	<p>There was no specific work undertaken on the TUFMAN Commission reporting module, although the procedures for producing reports for the WCPFC were presented in the 2nd Tuna Data Workshop (TDW-2), held in Noumea from 7-11 April 2008. A workshop paper “Methods for determining Annual Catch estimates” was provided to participants and included guidelines on which TUFMAN report(s) to use to produce annual summaries for the WCPFC. (see http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/Html/Meetings/TDW2/index.htm).</p>
Output 1.1.2: National monitoring systems based on the regional template for integrated monitoring, customised to meet national needs	
Activity 1.1.2.1: Support establishment and enhancement of national databases and software	<p>Version 4.4.0 of TUFMAN was thoroughly tested during this period and installed in all countries using TUFMAN by May 2008. The latest version of TUFMAN was installed in the Philippines for the first time during a visit in June 2008 – staff members from BFAR/NFRDI were also trained in using TUFMAN during the visit.</p> <p>The CES database system, with the most up-to-date tuna fishery data, was provided to all member countries in May 2008.</p>
Activity 1.1.2.2: Support establishment and enhancement of national port sampling and observer programmes	<p>Two basic observer training courses took place, one was in the Solomon Islands and one was in PNG. The combined development of ‘Competency Based Training (CBT) units’ continues to be an additional feature of the current basic training courses.</p> <p>A new Observer Coordinator for New Caledonia was recruited, organised administratively and briefed on his role during June.</p>
Activity 1.1.2.3: Support the coordination of national monitoring programmes	<p>A list of national resource requirements were compiled at the TDW-2 workshop (see Activity 1.1.3.2). After the workshop funding issues and equipment quotes and specifications were discussed and advanced with a number of countries.</p>
Output 1.1.3: A regional monitoring coordination capacity, to develop regional standards such as data formats, and to provide a clearing house for information on fishery monitoring	
Activity 1.1.3.1: Develop and make available common data formats	<p>The Data Collection Committee Report was edited and made available online. http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/Docs/Statistics/collection.htm</p> <p>An extensive run of new observer and port sampling workbooks and waterproof pads were requested from the printery and shipped to the countries. Approximately 500 observer workbooks, 400 observer waterproof pads and 100 port sampling pads were shipped this quarter.</p>

	New 2007 purse-seine and longline debriefing forms were also created and made available to national observer programmes.
Activity 1.1.3.2: Hold Regional Workshops on regional and national fishery monitoring	The second Tuna Data Workshop was held in Noumea from the 7 th to 11 th April. The workshop presentations and outputs were distributed to the participants at the end of the workshop and are available on line. http://www.spc.int/oceanfish/Html/Meetings/TDW2/index.htm
Activity 1.1.3.3: Distribute newsletters, webpage and other forms of information exchange	No further progress this quarter.
Output 1.1.4: Training of national monitoring staff, particularly monitoring coordinators, observers and port samplers	
Activity 1.1.4.1: Organise and hold in-country observer & port sampling courses and other training activities	A full basic observer training course was held for 15 candidates in the Solomons Island and 15 in PNG. See Activity 1.1
Activity 1.1.4.2: Regional training courses in integrated fishery monitoring	See activity 1.1.3.2.
Activity 1.1.4.3: Attach national monitoring personnel to SPC/OFP	The National Tuna Data Coordinator of the Solomon Islands worked on his countries NTDP document for three days in late June. The procedures for collecting and managing unloading and telex data were reinforced during his stay as were the procedures for updating the logsheet version.
Sub-component 1.2: Stock Assessment	
Output 1.2.1: National oceanic fisheries status reports prepared collaboratively with national scientific staff	
Activity 1.2.1.1: Prepare 6 National Oceanic Fisheries Status Reports (NTFSRs) annually	During the quarter, the Palau NTFSR was finalised and is currently in printing. Work on the NTFSRs for FSM, Nauru, and Kiribati were progressed, with FSM and Nauru drafts expecting to be soon completed. The NTFSR schedule for 2008 includes a new NTFSR for Samoa, and an updated NTFSR for Marshall Islands (still to be confirmed).
Activity 1.2.1.2: Hold In-country Stakeholder Workshops for delivery of National Status Reports	Outputs from the current draft NTFSR for Kiribati were presented to the EAFM Stakeholder meeting in Kiribati in April. Outputs from a draft Niue fishery report were presented in-country in May 2008.
Output 1.2.2: Advice to Pacific SIDS on scientific issues in the work of the Commission	
Activity 1.2.2.1: Provide contributions to briefs on scientific issues for Pacific SIDS for meetings of the Commission, the Scientific Committee and Science Working Groups	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Scientific advice provided at in-country EAFM consultations in Kiribati (April 2008) 2. Scientific briefs on status of stocks and albacore fishery were presented to the Heads of Fisheries and Forum Fisheries Committee.
Activity 1.2.2.2: Present scientific briefs to preparatory meetings of Pacific SIDS for the Commission	No activities this quarter
Output 1.2.3: Training of national technical and scientific staff to understand regional stock	

assessment methods, and interpret and apply the results; and to use oceanographic data	
Activity 1.2.3.1: Hold Regional Workshops on stock assessment methods and analysis of oceanographic impacts on fisheries	<p>Two stock assessment workshops were held in June (crossing over to July) 2008 at SPC headquarters in Noumea. The first workshop was an introductory workshop for participants with little prior exposure to stock assessment learning, or who had not engaged in training for some time. The second workshop was for participants who had attended the previous years stock assessment workshops. The purpose of the workshops are to increase capacity in Pacific Island Countries to understand, interpret and use information from regional stock assessments in their national and regional decision making processes.</p> <p>The workshops, initially an initiative under the PIOFMP, were this year funded by the Japanese Government via a trust fund administered by the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission.</p> <p>In total, 24 participants from countries and territories across the Western and Central Pacific Region attended the two workshops.</p>
Activity 1.2.3.2: Attach national technical staff to SPC/OFP and other institutions to participate in Commission stock assessment work and preparation of national status reports	<p>OFP hosted an attachment of a fisheries officer from Niue in April 2008.</p> <p>Further attachments from Samoa are planned for the third quarter.</p>
Activity 1.2.3.3: Train scientific counterparts in-country	No activities this quarter.
Sub-component 1.3: Ecosystem Monitoring and Analysis	
Output 1.3.1: Observer sampling and analysis of commercial fishery catches to determine trophic relationships of pelagic species in the WTP LME	
Activity 1.3.1.1: Collect observer-based sampling data, especially – stomach contents, tissue samples	<p>Biological sampling of stomach contents and tissue samples is undertaken in several countries and coordinators. More samples have been collected in Solomon (69) and FSM (42). The samples that have been collected in Fiji should be sent soon to SPC. Marshall sent samples but without data.</p> <p>Issue # 7 of the biological sampling SPC Newsletter will be distributed mid July.</p>
Activity 1.3.1.2: Lab-based analysis of samples	Lab-based analysis of samples is continuing. During the quarter, 225 stomach samples were examined and the resulting data/information entered into the database. The total number of stomachs examined and with data entered is now 3,844 samples from 68 different species.
Output 1.3.2: Collection and analysis of information on seamounts in the WTP LME	
SPC	
Activity 1.3.2.1: Hold seamount activity planning and review workshops	This activity was completed during Q1-2006 and Q3-2006.
Activity 1.3.2.2: Describe Seamounts and analyse historical fishing patterns around seamounts	<p>The scientific paper entitled “Enhanced seamount location database for the western and central Pacific Ocean: screening and cross-checking of 20 existing datasets” submitted to the peer-reviewed journal Deep-Sea Research has been accepted and should be published during the third quarter 2008.</p> <p>The 1-year spatial analyst position who will be in charge of analysing fishing data around seamounts was advertised with a closing date of 15th of May. Selecting committee was organised and agreed on a short-list of 4 applicants. Two out of four interviews were conducted during the quarter. Selection process will be finished during the third quarter.</p>

Activity 1.3.2.3: Collect data at sea at selected seamounts, including tagging, trophic sampling and analysis	To test the long range fishing vessel that will be used for the second phase of the Pacific Tuna Tagging Project, a 2 week-trial cruise in Solomon Islands was carried out between the 26 th March and the 8 th of April. During this experiment, 12,945 tunas were tagged and released with conventional tags and 11 with archival tags. To date, the tag recovery rates are 8.5 % and 13.1 % respectively for the fish tagged in Solomon Islands and PNG with an overall recovery rate of 11.3% for 102,913 fish tagged
Activity 1.3.2.4: Support national scientist participation in benthic biodiversity survey	No activity this quarter.
IUCN	
Activity 1.3.2.1: Hold seamount activity planning and review workshops	Completed
Activity 1.3.2.2: Describe Seamounts and analyse historical fishing patterns around seamounts	<p>(i) Conducted preliminary interviews with longline industry representatives from several PICs, and identified Tonga, Fiji and Samoa as initial targets for conducting the fisher interviews.</p> <p>(ii) Contracted Paulo Bartrama to assist with fisher interviews.</p> <p>(iii) In the process of hiring Mr. Kelvin Passfield, to be based from the IUCN Oceania Regional Office in Suva, Fiji.</p> <p>(iv) Initiated a literature review related to pelagic fisheries on seamounts.</p> <p>(v) Based on discussions with purse seine companies, purse seine vessels in the Pacific generally do not make sets based on the location of seamounts.</p>
Activity 1.3.2.3: Collect data at sea at selected seamounts, including tagging, trophic sampling and analysis	Cancelled
Activity 1.3.2.4: Support national scientist participation in benthic biodiversity survey	Cancelled
Output 1.3.3: Model-based analysis of ecosystem-based management options	
Activity 1.3.3.1: Incorporate ecosystem data and information into existing ecosystem models and refinement of those models as necessary	No activity this quarter.
Activity 1.3.3.2: Use enhanced models and data to assess ecosystem-based management options	No activity this quarter.
Activity 1.3.3.3: Use enhanced models and data to assess	No activity this quarter.

management options targeted specifically at seamounts	
Output 1.3.4: Estimates of levels of by-catch in WCPO oceanic fisheries	
Activity 1.3.4.1: Review historical observer data and methodological development	No activity this quarter.
1.3.4.2: Estimate levels of by-catch	No activity this quarter.
Output 1.3.5: Results of ecosystem analysis and proposals for long-term ecosystem monitoring and operationalisation of the ecosystem-based approach for use by the Commission's Scientific Committee, especially its Ecosystems & Bycatch Working Group, and by Pacific SIDS	
Activity 1.3.5.1: Present results of ecosystem analysis to the Commission through the Ecosystem & Bycatch Working Group	No activity this quarter.
Activity 1.3.5.2: Present info on national & regional implications of results of ecosystem analysis to Pacific SIDS	Ecological Risk Assessments (ERAs) were completed for Nauru and for the Federated States of Micronesia and started for Kiribati. Presentation on sea turtle interactions in Pacific tuna fisheries was given to a workshop convened by FFA.
Activity 1.3.5.3: Attach national technical staff to SPC/OFP and other institutions to participate in ecosystem analysis	A training workshop in Ecological Risk Assessment was delivered by SPC-OFP staff to 25 participants from Pacific SIDS. The workshop was held in Noumea during two days in between the Stock Assessment Workshops. Participants were informed of the context of the work with reference to the Convention text and Commission decisions. They then considered the role of stakeholder workshops, multi-species analyses and single species assessments. Finally, they worked through a case study to carry out a PSA (productivity-susceptibility analysis) themselves. Feedback was positive and this training will be repeated in coming years to keep national technical staff up to date with SPC-OFP research and its implications for fisheries management.

Component Two

Sub-component 2.1: Legal Reform	
Output 2.1.1: A strategy and workplan for activities on regional and national legal issues	
Activity 2.1.1.1: Carry out legal and technical reviews of legal issues and national legal structures	See 2.1.2.1.
Activity 2.1.1.2: Hold a Regional Legal Consultation on Legal Issues, National Legal Structures and the Project strategy for legal work.	<p>Regional Conference on Legal and Policy Trends in the Implementation of International Fisheries Instruments held in Nadi, 7-9 April 2008. Co-funded by GEF and FFA core budget.</p> <p>Sub-regional WCPFC workshop in Kiribati, which included strategising on approaches to give effect to WCPFC conservation and management measures. See also 2.1.2.1.</p> <p>FFA workshop on WCPFC High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures held in Nadi, 21-23 April.</p>
Output 2.1.2 New draft laws, regulations, agreements and license conditions in line with WCPF Convention prepared and shared with Pacific SIDS.	
Activity 2.1.2.1. Prepare templates of legal provisions to implement the Convention.	Updating of legislative matrices to reflect the WCPFC4 outcomes for the sub-regional WCPFC sub-regional workshop in Kiribati held at the end of June. Co-funded by GEF and core budget.
Activity 2.1.2.2. Undertake national legal reviews.	Samoa Project underway. Legal consultations with stakeholders on draft Bill to be held on 17-18 July in Apia. Co-funded by GEF and core budget.
Activity 2.1.2.3. Provide draft Bills, regulations, license conditions and access agreements to Pacific SIDS.	See 2.1.2.2
Output 2.1.3. Proposals for the Commission from Pacific SIDS for legal arrangements to implement the Convention.	
Activity 2.1.3.1. Undertake legal studies on Commission and Convention issues including non-Contracting Parties and new members.	Studies to take place in third and fourth quarters as response to issues arising out of sub-regional WCPFC workshops. Two more sub-regional WCPFC workshops are scheduled for July 2008.
Activity 2.1.3.2. Prepare legal briefs for Pacific SIDS for Commission and subsidiary body meetings.	Scheduled for WCPFC related meetings in third and fourth quarters.
Activity 2.1.3.3. Hold Regional Legal Consultations.	See 2.1.1.2.
Output 2.1.4. Training of policy makers and legal personnel in oceanic fisheries management legal issues.	
Activity 2.1.4.1. Hold Regional Legal Workshops.	See 2.1.1.2.
Activity 2.1.4.2. Hold National Legal Workshops.	In-country Prosecution and Dockside Boarding workshop in Fiji held in Suva in April.

Sub-component 2.2: Policy Reform	
Output 2.2.1. National oceanic fisheries management Plans, policies and strategies.	
Activity 2.2.1.1. Prepare Plans, policy and strategy documents.	Consultancy work on Vanuatu Tuna Management Plan. Vanuatu national stakeholders workshop
Activity 2.2.1.2. Support the implementation of Plans, policies and strategies.	See 2.2.1.1.
Activity 2.2.1.3. Undertake Plan, policy and strategy reviews.	See 2.2.1.1.
Output 2.2.2. Strategies and specific proposals for the overall development of the Commission, including its Secretariat and technical programs, and for Commission conservation and management measures.	
Activity 2.2.2.1. Undertake studies on Commission and Convention conservation and management issues.	Subregional WCPFC workshop in Kiribati, which included papers on bigeye and yellowfin management options, transshipment, regional observer programme, cooperating non members to prepare participants for the WCPFC and its related meetings, in preparation for the Management Options workshop to be held in October and for the WCPFC related meetings.
Activity 2.2.2.2. Prepare and present reports on regional oceanic fisheries management issues to Pacific SIDS, including analysis of proposals for the Commission and its subsidiary bodies.	See 2.2.2.1.
Activity 2.2.2.3. Hold Regional Fisheries Management Workshops and Consultations.	See 2.2.2.1.
IUCN	
Output 2.2.3. Identification of possible management options for seamounts, including compliance options. (IUCN)	
Activity 2.2.3.1. Undertake technical studies on management of oceanic fisheries around seamounts.	(i) Initiated literature review. (ii) Obtained information from Australia management authorities and literature. (iii) Queries made to the five tuna-RFMOs related to any relevant conservation and management measures addressing pelagic longlining or other pelagic fishing methods on seamounts. (iv) Fisher interviews, planned in Samoa, Fiji and Tonga, will augment information on conservation issues.
Activity 2.2.3.2. Hold Workshops on seamount-related management options.	(i) We are in the process of hiring Mr. Kelvin Passfield, to be based in the IUCN Oceania Regional Office in Suva, who will be the lead in organizing the technical workshop and development of outreach materials. (ii) To identify alternative management and compliance methods related to pelagic longlining at seamounts, we have begun to synthesize information through a literature review, and will use information obtained from fisher interviews, as well as from an in kind project involving analyses of observer data from the Hawaii pelagic

	longline tuna fishery.
Activity 2.2.3.3. Prepare proposals on seamount-related conservation and management measures.	We have not yet initiated work directly related to this component. This will be our final output, after the technical workshop and completion of a technical project report.
Output 2.2.4. Training of policy makers, technical personnel and other Pacific SIDS stakeholders to increase understanding of sustainable and responsible fisheries.	
Activity 2.2.4.1. Hold Regional Policy Consultations / Workshops.	See Activity 2.2.2.3.
Activity 2.2.4.2. Offer a TSC/USP Policy Training Course.	No activity undertaken this quarter.
Activity 2.2.4.3. Present National Fisheries Management Seminars and Workshops.	Kiribati EAFM stakeholders consultation workshop.
Activity 2.2.4.4. Attach Fisheries Management personnel to FFA and arrange study tours for Pacific SIDS personnel to other Fisheries Commissions.	Fisheries Management Advisor to observe at annual meeting of IATTC in Panama. Kiribati delegate to be funded could not attend. See also 2.3.2.4.
Activity 2.2.4.5. Support relevant Ministerial meetings.	Papers provided to FFC Ministerial meeting in Palau in May.
Sub-component 2.3: Institutional Reform	
Output 2.3.1. Strategies, plans and proposals for the reform, realignment and strengthening of national oceanic fisheries management administrations.	
Activity 2.3.1.1. Prepare a review of experience and best practices in institutional reform.	Report finalised and placed on FFA GEF OFMP webpage.
Activity 2.3.1.2. Undertake and support implementation of reviews of national oceanic fisheries management institutions.	3 week Kiribati in-country Institutional Strengthening scoping study conducted in Kiritimati Island and Tarawa.
Activity 2.3.1.3. Present National Institutional Reform Workshops.	Kiribati Institutional Strengthening workshop involving all outer island Councils and Ministry of Fisheries.
Output 2.3.2. Processes for national consultation between stakeholders in oceanic fisheries management.	
Activity 2.3.2.1. Advise on and support national consultative processes.	No activity undertaken this quarter.
Activity 2.3.2.2. Support strengthening of national environmental non-governmental organisations (ENGOs) and industry non-governmental organisations (INGOs) to empower them to participate in oceanic fisheries management.	No activity undertaken this quarter.
Activity 2.3.2.3. Support national workshops for non-state stakeholders.	No activity undertaken this quarter.
Activity 2.3.2.4. Arrange attachments and study tours for	Fisheries Management Advisor and PNG delegate funded to attend annual meeting of IOTC.

non-state stakeholders to learn from experience elsewhere.	
Sub-component 2.4: Compliance Strengthening	
Output 2.4.1. Strategies, plans and proposals for realigning and strengthening national oceanic fisheries compliance programs.	
Activity 2.4.1.1. Prepare a review of Convention implications for national compliance.	Papers on compliance issues such as transshipment, port States, regional observer programme, catch documentation scheme prepared for the 11 th MCS WG held in March-April in Honiara and the subregional WCPFC workshop held in June in Kiribati. Also undertaken for FFA workshop on High Seas Boarding and Inspection held in April in Nadi.
Activity 2.4.1.2. Undertake and support implementation of reviews of needs to strengthen and realign national compliance programs.	MCS Strategy meeting in February in Brisbane (final costs made this quarter)
Output 2.4.2. Arrangements for regional coordination of monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) activities.	
Activity 2.4.2.1. Support regional consultations on coordination of air and sea patrols.	Continue to provide support and advice to member countries.
Activity 2.4.2.2. Provide advice on MCS coordination between Pacific SIDS and other states involved.	Provide advice and support
Activity 2.4.2.3. Prepare Niue Treaty subsidiary agreements.	Discussions on NTSA's during the 11 th MCS WG meeting, to be followed up with Second Meeting of the Parties in third quarter.
Output 2.4.3. Strategies and proposals for regional compliance measures and programs.	
Activity 2.4.3.1. Undertake technical studies on compliance issues under the Convention.	See 2.4.1.1 and 2.4.1.2.
Activity 2.4.3.2. Hold meetings of a Working Group of Pacific SIDS on MCS issues related to oceanic fisheries.	See 2.4.1.1.
Activity 2.4.3.3. Prepare and present reports on regional compliance issues to Pacific SIDS, including analysis of proposals for the Commission and its Technical and Compliance Committee.	See 2.4.1.1.
Output 2.4.4. Training of national compliance staff, especially in inspection and VMS.	
Activity 2.4.4.1. Present courses on National Inspection, VMS and other national MCS training programs.	Kiribati in-country Prosecution and Dockside Boarding workshop in December 2007 (final costs made this quarter)
Activity 2.4.4.2. Attach national compliance staff to FFA and other Pacific SIDS.	Tuvalu MCS fellow on FFA attachment

Component Three

Sub-component 3.1: Information Strategy	
Output 3.1.1. Project Information System for capture, storage and dissemination of project data, lessons and best practices and provision of information products using experience and guidelines from IW:LEARN.	
Activity 3.1.1.1. Design logos and other Project identifiers, Project Website/page and Project Document Cataloguing System.	Completed.
Activity 3.1.1.2. Operate the Website/page.	Completed website up-grade and on-line e-newsletter facilities. Discussions with newly appointed FFA Media Officer to align the project page with FFA website developments. Maintenance ongoing.
Activity 3.1.1.3. Project information materials including CDs, papers, videos, pamphlets, newsletters, interviews, press releases etc.	June Newsletter produced and circulated. Discussions with WWF regarding publications in 'lay terms' for NGO and other audiences to be progressed.
Output 3.1.2. Knowledge management process identifying innovative, best practice and replicable ideas within the Project and relevant to the Project and active involvement with IW:LEARN.	
Activity 3.1.2.1. Prepare Knowledge Management Strategy.	Implementing KM Strategy recommendations.
Activity 3.1.2.2. Generate Knowledge Management Components for Website/page, newsletters, and progress reports.	See Activities 3.1.1.2, 3.1.1.3 and 3.1.2.1
Sub-component 3.2: Monitoring and Evaluation	
Output 3.2.1. Measures of, and reports on, overall project performance and delivery, including independent evaluations of the Project.	
Activity 3.2.1.1. Mid-term evaluation.	Discussions with UNDP consultants undertaking the Mid-term review of the Project. They visited Honiara may 2008. Coordinated phone conference for the consultants with IUCN.
Activity 3.2.1.2. Terminal evaluation.	No activity this quarter
Activity 3.2.1.3. Post evaluation (Year 8).	
Activity 3.2.1.4. Annual reviews.	The final draft of the annual report has been circulated to participating countries, UNDP, WWF, PITIA, USP and all others involved intimately with the project.
Activity 3.2.1.5. Annual audit.	2007 Audit report submitted to UNDP. June visit to Noumea to discuss various audit concerns and recommendations with SPC. Outcomes are recorded in a report/spreadsheet. Discussed the possibility of changing project audit arrangements in 2009 and is dependent on the outcome of discussions and procedures determined by UNDP.
Output 3.2.2. Analysis of process, stress-reduction and environmental status indicators as per the GEF International Waters Operational Strategy.	
Activity 3.2.2.1. Carry out baseline studies to measure IW indicators.	Recruitment of a consultant to perform the Baseline study has been concluded and work has commenced. A report is expected to be produced by September 2008 and a draft presented to RSC4 in Apia
Activity 3.2.2.2. Include indicator	To be completed.

measures in progress reports.	
Sub-component 3.3: Stakeholder Participation and Awareness Raising	
Output 3.3.1. ENGO participation and awareness raising in Convention-related processes.	
Activity 3.3.1.1. Conclude co-financing arrangement with a Pacific ENGO.	Completed.
Activity 3.3.1.2. Support Pacific ENGO participation in the Commission.	See FFA/WWF LOA
Activity 3.3.1.3. Provide information on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues to Pacific ENGOs.	See Activity 3.3.1.4 and 3.3.1.5
Activity 3.3.1.4. Hold national and regional Workshops for ENGOs.	No activity this quarter.
Activity 3.3.1.5. Produce information materials to raise public awareness on oceanic fisheries management issues.	No activity – current discussions with WWF-Pacific to produce material in non-technical language to raise awareness. WWF are also in the process of developing a website focusing on WCPFC and regional oceanic fisheries management.
Activity 3.3.1.6. Organise regional and national fora on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues for civil society participation.	See Activity 3.3.1.4
Output 3.3.2. Support industry participation and awareness raising in Convention-related processes.	
Activity 3.3.2.1. Conclude co-financing arrangement with Pacific INGO.	LOA completed.
Activity 3.3.2.2. Support Pacific INGO participation in the Commission.	Agreed work plan in the LOA with PITIA
Activity 3.3.2.3. Provide information flow on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues to Pacific INGOs and businesses.	Further effort is required to engage PITIA and industry representatives and the transfer of information concerning the Convention and fisheries management issues.
Activity 3.3.2.4. Support Pacific INGO consultations on the Convention and oceanic fisheries management issues.	See Activity 3.3.2.2.
Sub-component 3.4: Project Management and Coordination	
Output 3.4.1. Project Coordination Unit staffing and office.	
Activity 3.4.1.1. Appoint the Project Coordinator.	Completed
Activity 3.4.1.2. Appoint other PCU staff.	Completed
Activity 3.4.1.3. Procure equipment and other requirements to establish	Software and fan purchased.

the PCU.	
Output 3.4.2. Arrangements for coordination between Implementing and Executing Agencies.	
Activity 3.4.2.1. Preliminary UNDP/FFA/SPC/IUCN Consultations.	Completed
Activity 3.4.2.2. Conclude FFA/SPC and FFA/IUCN Letters of Agreement (LOAs).	Completed
Activity 3.4.2.3. UNDP/FFA Consultations.	On-going
Output 3.4.3. Regional Steering Committee meetings and reports.	
Activity 3.4.3.1. Hold Inception Workshop.	Completed
Activity 3.4.3.2. Hold Regional Steering Committee meetings.	RSC4 dates have been confirmed as the 17 - 18 October 2008 and will precede the FFA Management Options workshop. The report and outcomes of the mid-term review of the project are expected to be presented to the Regional Steering Committee. Draft agenda for the meeting has been partially circulated. Venue and other logistical details have yet to be confirmed.
Output 3.4.4. National Consultative Committee meetings and reports.	
Activity 3.4.4.1. Secure National Focal Point nominations.	Completed. Updated list of the project focal points has been posted on the project website.
Activity 3.4.4.2. Support National Consultative Committee meetings.	No activity
Output 3.4.5. Reports on Project implementation, workplan and finances.	
Activity 3.4.5.1. Prepare periodic financial and narrative reports.	On-going. Q1 2008 financial and narrative reports completed (some gaps in FFA reporting) and submitted on time to UNDP.
Activity 3.4.5.2. Prepare Annual Work plans	No activity
Activity 3.4.5.3: Prepare Annual Project Reports	No activity

8. Challenges/Issues Encountered

Nothing of note this quarter.

9. Solutions Applied (to address issues and challenges)

Nothing of note this quarter.

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