

PEUMP Mid-Term Evaluation, 2022

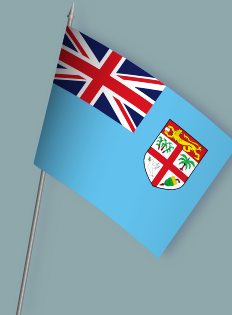
Fiji



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 Fiji. 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



Extended Continental Shelf (ECS) training session held to review the South Fiji Basin ECS submission

Capacity built on Gender Equality & Social Inclusion and Human Rights Based Approaches (GESI/HRBA) through trainings and workshops

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

CAPACITY ENHANCED FOR

160+

PARTICIPANTS THROUGH THE
FIJI NATIONAL AND MARITIME
BOUNDARIES WORKSHOP



FIJI AND SOLOMON ISLANDS SIGN
MARITIME BOUNDARY AGREEMENT



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 DEVELOPMENT OF PACIFIC ISLAND FISHERIES** Professionals for bycatch analyses and purse seine fishery sustainability achieved through long term and short term attachments with the SPC
- **INFORMATIVE INDICATORS DEVELOPED** for monitoring ecosystems and climatic trends across the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO)
- **REGIONAL FISH INSPECTORS WORKSHOP** Completed in 2019 for the Forum Fisheries Agency

KRA 2 SUSTAINABLE TUNA FISHERIES



25% - 50%
Achievement
Level



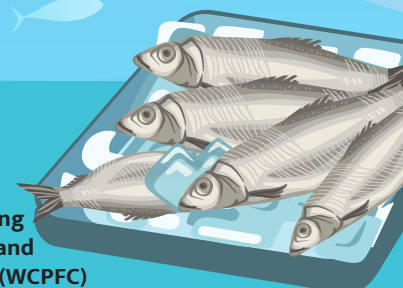
At the end of the fourth year of the programme, Fiji retained their access to EU markets for fish and fisheries product exports.

PILOT PROJECTS AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED TO SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISES.

The Fiji FIA Bigeye tuna Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) Scope Extension assessment was completed in November 2020.



Conducted engagements with vessel crews, collecting data on by-catch and sharing information about relevant Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Conservation Management Measures.



KRA 3 COASTAL FISHERIES



50% - 75%
Achievement
Level



PROJECT **100%** SOLUTION LAUNCHED BY THE LOCALLY
MANAGED MARINE AREA (LMMA) NETWORK IN PARTNERSHIP WITH SPC
TO BRING DECADES OF LEARNING FROM COMMUNITY-BASED MARINE
MANAGEMENT EFFORTS TO SCALE IN FIJI.

Assisted the Fiji Ministry of Fisheries with the development of baseline information on the status of their sea cucumber populations.

Sea cucumber fishery opened in response to community leaders' request to address the economic downturn due to the effects of COVID-19.

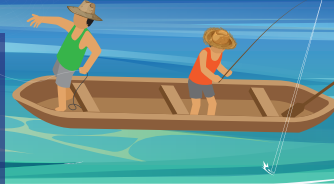
Continued development and refinement of e-data systems including the "Ikasavea" application to enable the collection of key biological and socio-economic information from fisheries markets and landings.



A SURVEY WAS CONDUCTED AND TRAINING HELD ON THE USE OF IKASAVEA AND THE WEB DATABASE FOR FISHERY-INDEPENDENT COCONUT CRAB SURVEYS IN FIJI.



"Fishers' Tales" video series produced to provide awareness and educational information of key marine species, and advice on using these resources in a sustainable way.



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

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



25% - 50%
Achievement
Level



PROVIDED SUPPORT FOR EQUIPMENT AND ONLINE TOOLS

to aid Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) and test various technologies on board a fish carrier vessels.

International outreach and advocacy on IUU and control of high seas fisheries

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



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

FIJI PROGRESS WORK TOWARDS ADOPTING A MARINE SPATIAL PLAN

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



Training provided for 25 people across 9 villages on Beqa Island on traditional canoe building and sailing through a joint partnership with the Uto Ni Yalo Trust

Pilot training and micro-qualification provided on Maintaining Seafood Safety and Quality, and Traditional Canoe-building and Sailing.

Provided micro-qualification on Establishing and Operating a Seafood Business. These were community-based trainings that provided economic and educational empowerment of communities, particularly, for women and youth.



Coconut crab surveys were undertaken for islands in Lau and Cakaudrove Provinces. As a result, a technical report was published.



Two partnership agreements signed in year 3:

February 2021 - Partnership between USP and the Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST) based in the United Kingdom >> aims to enhance continuing professional development (CPD) and mentoring of marine & fisheries management personnel, and networking & knowledge sharing opportunities across PACP's.

November 2022 - Partnership between USP and Vatuvara Foundation >> encompassed the joint research collaboration and access to privately owned islands, Vatuvara and Kaibu in the northern Lau group, for the coconut crab preliminary surveys.



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.