



Summary of the Pacific Community's 2015 work programme in Marshall Islands



(November 2015 update)

The following table lists key work areas that SPC is undertaking in 2015 in cooperation with Marshall Islands. The country-specific work listed here complements other SPC work undertaken at a regional level to benefit the people of Marshall Islands and achieve its national development priorities. SPC's key regional work will be presented in its next Programme Results Report (to be published in May 2016).

SPC’s expected contribution to national development goals			
Expected long-term result (impact)	Expected medium-term result (outcome)	Key outputs for the year	Status
<i>Pacific communities are empowered and resilient</i>			
Climate Change			
Strengthened resilience to climate change and disasters	Increased capacity to effectively manage the risks posed by climate change and disasters	Increased awareness in some local communities about integrated coastal management practices; Marshallese glossary of climate change terms available for use in primary and secondary schools and local communities	On Track
		Capacity of Ministry of Public Works to plan and construct coastal protection measures is enhanced	On Track
Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems			
Increased contribution of fisheries to food security and livelihoods	Improved strategic policy, planning and administration of the aquaculture sector to meet current and future needs	Technical assistance provided on establishment of an aquaponic facility in Majuro in response to request from Marshall Islands	Ongoing
Improved management of coastal fisheries	Enhanced coastal fisheries management policies and systems, based on scientific assessments of the status of national coastal marine resources	Coastal fisheries awareness-raising, educational and other information materials produced and distributed; Sea cucumber identification cards produced to assist enforcement	Completed
		Age, growth and genetic parameters determined for a selection of coastal finfish; Samples collected and analysis underway	On Track
		Baseline assessments and monitoring report completed for the aquarium trade; Capacity development, including training attachment at SPC headquarters, provided	On Track
	Enhanced community-based approaches and national management arrangements; Incorporation of ecosystem-based principles and coastal fisheries legislation into community-based fisheries management	Technical support provided in coastal fisheries monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) frameworks and needs	On Track

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<i>Pacific Island people reach their potential and lead long and healthy lives</i>			
Gender, Human Rights and Culture			
Enhanced development for all Pacific people, through increasing the observance of all human rights and good governance standards	Increased observance of human rights and good governance standards by decision-makers	Training provided to enable states to submit a second round report to the UN Human Rights Council for the Universal Periodic Review (UPR); UPR technical assistance mock support provided	Completed
Increased development potential of Pacific Island people in culture, and empowerment of women and young people	Integrated approach to human development fostered at regional and national levels	Key findings of the gender profile disseminated; Technical assistance provided to increase capacity to use gender statistics for informed policy-making and monitoring and evaluation	On Track
		Increased capacity to implement the Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development project	Ongoing
<i>The Pacific region and its people benefit from inclusive and sustainable economic growth</i>			
Energy Services			
Sustainable economic development through accessible, affordable, efficient, secure and safe energy services	Strengthened institutions and expertise in the energy sector	Technical vocational education and training (TVET) need and gap analysis conducted - workshop report produced	Completed
Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems			
Improved management of oceanic fisheries	Enhanced national capacity in oceanic fishery data management and data use	National tuna fishery data management staff trained in using the tuna fisheries database management (TUFMAN-2) system	Completed
	Enhanced national oceanic fishery data management to meet national requirements and international obligations	New TUFMAN-2 system installed and trialed	Completed
		Data quality and coverage audits of tuna fishery data (logsheets, unloading and port sampling) conducted according to established procedures and agreed schedule, and outcomes of audits conveyed	On Track
	National tuna oceanic fisheries policy- and decision-making are informed by the best, science-based, stock assessments and advice	Updated report on the impacts of restrictions on the use of fish aggregating devices (FADs) in industrial purse seine fisheries within the RMI EEZ	Completed

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Land Resources			
Increased contribution from agriculture and forestry sectors to inclusive, broad-based economic growth	Increased capacity of Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs) to meet standards, guidelines and conditions for exports and domestic trade	Market access support provided on areas of audit and negotiations for selected priority commodities; Kalang report: country consultation has been completed	On Track
		Pest diagnostic support provided	On Track
	Increased capacity of sustainable land and forest management	Participatory rural appraisal completed to inform future project interventions	On Track
		Viable agribusinesses have a development impact created or strengthened	Training provided to enterprises to ensure supply of competitive products through advice on process flow system, equipment, infrastructure design complying with Hazard Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP), process methods, packaging and labelling, and HACCP-compliant kitchens, and processing centres; Training completed for Tobolar Copra Processing Authority
	Local businesses assisted to obtain food safety (HACCP and/or ISO) certification and product labelling appropriate to their targeted market(s); Process line improved for Tobolar Copra Processing Authority; Training and documentation completed	On Track	
Statistics for Development			
Pacific national and regional statistics are accessible and are being utilised	PICTs have the technical capacity to manage and implement all core statistical collections, including key administrative databases, as required by national development plans, including national strategies for the development of statistics	Co-facilitated a workshop on the Marshall Islands Education Management Information System (MIEMIS) for all school principals/vice principals and head teachers	Completed
		Provided targeted technical development support aimed at strengthening the information management capacity of PICTs' ministries of education	On Track
		Assisted north Pacific countries update and finalise national civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) improvement plans, in line with the regional action framework, through a regional workshop	On Track
Transport Services			
Sustainable economic development through accessible, affordable, efficient, secure and safe transport services	Development and implementation of effective policies, plans and regulatory frameworks supported	Two shipping companies were provided with technical assistance to develop standard operating procedures (SOPs); Five domestic vessels were considered under the Pacific Island Domestic Ship Safety (PIDSS) programme; Adopted and implemented safety management systems (SMS) and SOPs on domestic fleet	Completed