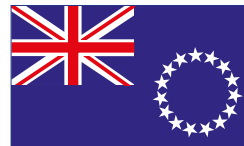


SPC Work Plan in Cook Islands



01/01/2017 – 31/12/2017

The following table lists key work areas that SPC is undertaking in 2017 in cooperation with the Cook Islands. The country-specific work listed here complements other SPC work undertaken at a regional level to benefit the people of Cook Islands and achieve its national development priorities. SPC's key regional work is presented in the Pacific Community Results Report.

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Goal 1: The Pacific region and its people benefit from inclusive and sustainable economic growth				
Fisheries				
1. Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)	Support the sustainable development of aquaculture	Completed	National OIE - World Organisation for Animal Health report on Aquatic Animal Health Code updated	MFAT Pacific Aquaculture Dev
		Ongoing	Capacity development provided to government and farmers in aquatic biosecurity	MFAT Pacific Aquaculture Dev
	Enhance data collection and provide data management services for fisheries and marine ecosystems	Ongoing	Provision of new and updated internet-based tools to acquire and manage tuna fishery data	GEF, programme funding, E-Reporting and E-Monitoring
		Ongoing	Support provided to users of SPC-developed Tuna Fisheries Data Management Systems, through the Oceanic Fisheries Programme (OFP) Helpdesk via 'Slack' online collaboration platform	GEF, programme funding
		On track	In-country training and utilisation of SPC-developed smart phone / tablet application, Tails, for artisanal fisheries data collection	GEF, programme funding
		Ongoing	Purse-seine or longline logsheet data processed at SPC on behalf of member countries	Core, GEF, programme funding
		Ongoing	Observer workbooks received and processed at SPC on behalf of member countries	WCPFC ROP data management
		Ongoing	Port-sampling or unloading data received and processed at SPC on behalf of member countries	Core, GEF, programme funding
		Completed	Participants attend 11th Tuna Data Workshop. Support provided to prepare and submit national annual catch estimates.	Tuna Data Workshop (WCPFC capacity building)
		Completed	Country assisted with WCPFC reporting obligations, particularly with Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Annual Report Part 1 (related to its fleet's activities in the WCPFC Convention Area)	Core, GEF, programme funding
		Ongoing	Provision of tuna fishery data summaries responding to various ad hoc national requests (e.g. for access negotiation briefs, etc.)	Core, GEF, programme funding
		Ongoing	Support for development of electronic reporting mechanisms and technologies for improved fisheries data quality and flow - Including in-country training and support.	Electronic Reporting
	Provide analyses and advice for evidence-based fisheries management	Ongoing	Ongoing work provided in oceanic fisheries as the 'science provider' to the WCPFC (includes WCPFC members and participating territories)	WCPFC

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		Ongoing	Scientific analyses, advice and technical support provided to the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)	Core, programme funding
		Completed	National bio-economic analyses of longline fisheries	GEF
		Completed	Report on the distribution of fishing within the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)	GEF
		Completed	Report on seasonality and value of longline bycatch	GEF
		Completed	Participants attend introductory or advanced regional Stock Assessment Workshop to build capacity in analysis of ocean stock assessment methods and results	Programme funding
		Ongoing	Analyses and outreach in support of the development of harvest strategies for WCPO tuna stocks	WCPFC, MFAT
		Ongoing	Secure national web pages delivering country-specific scientific advice on the status of oceanic fisheries resources updated and enhanced	GEF
Forestry, land use, agriculture				
1. Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)	Capacity to make evidence-based policy decisions on food security, sustainable resource management and economic growth strengthened	On Track	Regional repository of national Agriculture Policy Banks developed in the PAFNet portal (infrastructure in place for Cook Islands)	Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
		Completed	Baseline study and national policy inventory and analysis (Cook Islands as part of 15 Pacific countries; to be published)	Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
		Ongoing	Cook Islands consulted in the development of several agriculture policy frameworks (draft Pacific Regional Extension Strategy)	Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
	Sustainable forestry, agriculture and land use	Completed	Development of national organic association	Capacity building for resilient agriculture in the Pacific (IFAD)
		On Track	Development of audio-visual materials for resilient agriculture	Capacity building for resilient agriculture in the Pacific (IFAD)
	Strengthened development and management of natural resources, systems and processes	Ongoing	Progress made toward adopting a modern Geodetic Reference Frame that underpins fundamental geospatial systems and applications	OCG Geodetics

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	Enhanced management and accessibility of information and data by PICTs and strengthened coordination of knowledge networks	Ongoing	Capacities and priorities of Lands and Survey Department mapped and information provided on activities and outcomes of Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Strategy	OCG Geodetics
Minerals and water				
1. Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)	Strengthened assessment and monitoring of natural resources, systems and processes	Ongoing	Technical support to maintain regional sea-level monitoring stations - Tide gauges are fully operational and deliver high-quality sea-level and meteorological data	Climate and Oceans Support Program in the Pacific
		Ongoing	Levelling survey of tide gauges and associated land monitoring stations - Tide gauges are operational and deliver precise water-level information and continuous operating geodetic stations monitor ground movement	OCG Geodetics
	Enhanced management and accessibility of information and data by PICTs and strengthened coordination of knowledge networks	Ongoing	Annual tide calendars are received by relevant agencies and are available to end users - Tidal fact sheet and additional information and improvements included with the tide calendar following a user survey	Ocean Information and Knowledge Management
	Natural resources developed and managed and governance strengthened	Ongoing	Technical solutions prepared with Pacific Island countries for shared/overlapping EEZ - Technical support for preparations for negotiation meetings	Regional Maritime Boundaries Project
Mobility, private enterprises, phytosanitary and biosecurity standards supporting trade				
2. Improve pathways to international markets (mobility, private enterprises, phytosanitary and biosecurity standards supporting trade)	Increased capacity of PICTs to meet standards, guidelines, and conditions for exports and domestic trade - Improved information available on plant and animal health status	Ongoing	Market access information systems updated and maintained - 2016: WAHIS: Updated 1st and 2nd Semester Country Reports	Biosecurity and Trade Support / Animal Health
	Development of pesticide stock management system	On Track	Pesticide registration system harmonised in FAO member countries	Plant Health

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Transport and energy				
3. Strengthen sustainable transport and energy security	Strong leadership in the Pacific energy sector, with good governance, effective multi-sectoral coordination and strategic partnerships, including monitoring and evaluation	Ongoing	Training courses and support facilities developed and established within TVET institutions	PacTVET - Technical and Vocational Education Training USP
		Ongoing	Climate change adaptation (CCA) and Sustainable energy (SE) training networks strengthened	PacTVET - Technical and Vocational Education Training USP
Development statistics				
4. Strengthen access to and use of development statistics in policy development and monitoring progress	PICTs are producing the agreed core set of statistics across key sectors including economics, population, CRVS, education and health, as required by their national plans and agreed regional and international reporting frameworks	On Track	Work attachment provided for Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) report writing	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		On Track	Data analysis and reporting for the Census Analytical Report from 2016 Cook Islands Census finalised	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
	On Track	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	Data editing and tabulation completed for Household Income and Expenditure Survey 2014/2015 and Household Income and Expenditure Survey 2015/2016	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017

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		On Track	Administrative data review assessment work attachment completed including opportunities and challenges for admin data linkage	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		On Track	Rebased consumer price indices; compilation manual produced	DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
Goal 2: Pacific communities are empowered and resilient				
Climate change and disasters				
5. Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters	Strengthen development and management of natural resources, systems and processes	On Track	Retrofitting of evacuation centres on Rarotonga	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Awareness, data collection and Emergency Management support targeted at People with Disabilities (PWDs)	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Support for DRM through Teachers Resource Kits	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	National Emergency Operations Centre design and plans completed and costed to help ensure construction by Government	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Geo Portal officer selected and contracted	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Review of National Building Plan	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Northern Group island level DRM training and awareness raising and data collection (4 island groups)	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
Human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity and opportunities for young people				
6. Advance social development through the promotion of human rights, gender equality, cultural diversity and opportunities for young people	Pacific peoples adapt to their changing environment while protecting and promoting their rights, assets and identity	Ongoing	Strengthened capacity of National Women's Machinery to implement gender mainstreaming through technical assistance and mentoring	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs - 7125

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		On Track	Gender policy review completed	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Cook Islands Census 2016 gender fact sheet	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Support for gender mainstreaming process in fisheries sector	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Mainstreaming of gender statistics and sex disaggregated data in National Strategy for the Development of Statistics	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Report recommendations from workshop on strengthening the role of central agencies in governments in supporting gender mainstreaming across government policies, programmes and services	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
	Effective shared agendas, regional platforms and institutions	On Track	Report of recommendations from the regional conference of Pacific women and Ministers and Senior Government Officials Meeting (2-5 October 2017)	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Support for engagement on gender equality and exchange and learning and organisation of 13th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		Ongoing	National Culture Policy Peer Review and Learning Meeting	Culture – Regional Culture Strategy Review Working Group
		Ongoing	Work with the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC) to compile data on the cultural dimensions of the ocean	Culture – Cross sectoral work
		Ongoing	Progressing the recommendations from the Mid-Term Review of the Regional Culture Strategy: Investing in Pacific Cultures 2010-2020 and resource mobilisation strategies at national and regional levels	Culture – Regional Culture Strategy Review Working Group - HHCM01C
		On Track	Regional Culture Strategy Review Working Group	Culture – Regional Culture Strategy Review Working Group - HHCM01C
		Ongoing	Mapping: Distribution of development support – to identify gaps and reach	PYDF Regional Coordination
		On Track	Strategic communication: Technical assistance to LGBTI Youth-net to develop strategic communication strategy and facilitate online dialogue for policy engagement	PYDF Regional Coordination
On Track	Partnership with Commonwealth Secretariat, ILO and PYC to advance for strategic policy commitments to youth entrepreneurship; Partnership with ADB to strengthen evidence base for youth unemployment	PYDF Regional Coordination		

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		On Track	Pacific Regional Youth Think Tank Symposium conducted	PYDF Regional Coordination
		On Track	State of Pacific Youth report and regional youth indicators published through multi-agency partnership	PYDF Regional Coordination
		Ongoing	Technical assistance to develop Pacific Young Women’s Leadership Alliance (PYWLA) structure and strategic plan; facilitate engagement of PYWLA at Triennial Conference of Pacific Women	Youth engagement
		On Track	Establishment of LGBTI Youth-net, through partnership and technical assistance to Pacific Sexual Diversity Network	Youth engagement
	Enhanced community-based approaches & national management arrangements, incorporation of ecosystem-based principles, and coastal fisheries legislation	On Track	Assessment of gender and human rights issues - Cook Islands sub-national	Coastal Fisheries Legislation, Policy and MCS
	Enhanced smallholder (particularly women and youth) participation in local, domestic and international markets	On Track	Build capacity of producer organisations to assist young farmers to enter markets	IFAD capacity building for resilient agriculture in the Pacific
		On Track	On farm demonstrations conducted to build capacity of producer organisations to assist young farmers to enter markets	IFAD capacity building for resilient agriculture in the Pacific
		On Track	Young people with production and marketing skills are newly self-employed or expanding their agricultural enterprise	IFAD capacity building for resilient agriculture in the Pacific
		On Track	Best practice for climate resilience, including improved traditional practices, are documented by young farmers and disseminated using information and communication technology/multimedia through young farmer networks	CTA Youth leading learning in climate-resilient value chains in the Pacific
		On Track	Youth members of each producer organisation share information and learning on climate-resilient agriculture and agricultural entrepreneurship	CTA Youth leading learning in climate-resilient value chains in the Pacific
		On Track	Pilot - young farmers commence production	CTA Youth leading learning in climate-resilient value chains in the Pacific

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Goal 3: Pacific Island people reach their potential and lead long and healthy lives				
Non-communicable diseases and food security				
7. Improve multi-sectoral responses to non-communicable diseases and food security	Agrobiodiversity conserved	Ongoing	Strengthen safety maintenance of Pacific regional crop and tree collections ensuring Cook Islands has ready crop reserves to respond quickly to disaster	Global Crop Diversity Trust Regeneration & Safety Duplication Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
	Agrobiodiversity conserved	Ongoing	Mass propagation using bioreactors, screening, preparation and distribution of improved crop diversity (nutrient-rich, pest and disease-resistant climate-resilient)	Global Crop Diversity Trust Regeneration & Safety Duplication Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
	Improved and resilient food production systems	Ongoing	Provision of technical assistance on the screening, evaluation and documentation of new resilient crop varieties.	CePaCT - (FAO Treaty Access Benefit Sharing)
	Improve the dissemination and adoption of agricultural production technologies	On Track	Build Rural Advisory Services (RAS) capacity to effectively service the farming community	Intra-ACP Agriculture Policy Programme
	Strengthen political leadership and ownership at national and regional level	Completed	Cook Islands Non Communicable Diseases (NCD) Parliamentarians Workshop conducted	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation (activity 7.1.1)
		Completed	Advocacy meeting conducted as part of Cook Islands Parliamentarians NCD workshop	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation (activity 7.1.3)
	Strengthen healthy public policy and legislation in all relevant sectors	Ongoing	Support for food based dietary guidelines review and development	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation (activity 7.2.3)
	Build capacity and knowledge for effective implementation/action	Not Started	Staff trained or attended professional placements/training/ courses	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation (activity 7.4.2)

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		Ongoing	Support for NCD/media training	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation (activity 7.4.3)
		Not Started	Support provided to establish national diabetes association or diabetes support group	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation (activity 7.4.4)
		Not Started	Staff trained on NCD risk factors	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation (activity 7.4.3)
		Ongoing	Information, education and communication resources needs identified and information distributed	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation (activity 7.4.6)
Public health surveillance				
8. Strengthen regional public health surveillance and response	Improve quality of surveillance and reporting at country level	Ongoing	Update of HIV and sexually transmitted illness (STI) situation in the region, and Global AIDS Response Report facilitated every year - To be updated mid-2017	PHD REI work
		On Track	PICTs supported to collate and analyse HIV/STI related data	PHD REI work
	Strengthen policy development and strategic planning for a coordinated response to effective implementation	On Track	Sexual Reproductive Health National Strategic Plan implementation status and updates mapped out	PHD REI work
	Improve capacity and standards of PICT laboratories	Not Started	Support provided for developing/updating HIV testing policy, guideline development and updates	PHD REI work
		Ongoing	Support provided for strengthening L1 lab capacity for HIV/STI testing and screening, including lab-based surveillance	PHD REI work
Education quality				
9. Improve education quality	Raising of student achievement in literacy and numeracy	On Track	Technical assistance provided in assessment and monitoring of literacy, numeracy, and life skills in the Pacific	Improving Literacy and Numeracy