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SPC Work Plan in Marshall Islands



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The following table lists key work areas that SPC is undertaking in 2017 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 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)	Enhance data collection and provide data management services for fisheries and marine ecosystems	Ongoing	Support given to data entry in country, through the 'Slack' online collaboration platform	TUFMAN2 database
		Ongoing	Purse seine logsheet data received and processed at SPC on behalf of RMI	Logsheet data processing
		Ongoing	Observer workbooks received and processed at SPC for the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) on behalf of Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI)	Observer data processing
		Completed	Participants from RMI attending Tuna Data Workshop TDW11 - WCPFC Funding. Annual catch estimates provided by country	Tuna Data Workshop
		Ongoing	Assist RMI with WCPFC reporting obligations, particularly with the WCPFC Annual Report Part 1 (related to fleet activities in the WCPFC Convention Area)	WCPFC reporting obligations
		Ongoing	Collection of biological samples for the tuna tissue bank	WCPFC Project 35b: Tuna Tissue Bank
		On Track	Grant agreement on port monitoring coordination across catch sampling, biological sampling and tag recovery	GEF OFMPII
		Not Started	Port monitoring review	Integrated Fisheries Monitoring
		Not Started	Use of tag recovery database by Tag Recovery Officer and promoting the recovery of tags by fishers and observers	WCPFC Project 42: Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme
		Ongoing	Collection of tag recovery information and deployment of tag seeding kits	WCPFC Project 42: Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme
		Completed	Participated in and supported sub-regional workshop on Electronic Monitoring (EM) hosted by Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority (MIMRA), RMI. Participating countries were SI, RMI, FSM and Palau. Workshop covered plans for and systems to support the implementation of EM in longline fisheries across the sub-region, including the flow of EM data from countries to SPCs regional database system	Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring
		Ongoing	Trials of Electronic Reporting and EM technologies for improved fisheries data quality and flow. Tablets deployed in support of OnBoard and TAILS trials. In-country training and support	Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring

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	Provide analyses and advice for evidence-based fisheries management	Ongoing	Support to Parties to the Nauru Agreement (PNA) Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) decision making	DFAT tagged funding
		Completed	National bio-economic analyses of longline fisheries	GEF
		Completed	Report on the distribution of fishing within the RMI Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ)	GEF
		Completed	Report on seasonality and value of longline bycatch	GEF
		Ongoing	Ongoing work provided in oceanic fisheries under WCPFC	WCPFC
		Completed	Assist with RMI National Oceans Symposium	Core
	Support the sustainable development of aquaculture	Completed	National OIE-World Organisation for Animal Health report on aquatic animal health updated	Pacific Aquaculture Dev
		On Track	National capacity strengthened on aquatic biosecurity planning	Pacific Aquaculture Dev
		Not Started	National capacity strengthened on aquatic diseases detection, diagnosis and analysis	Pacific Aquaculture Dev
		Not Started	National aquaculture business investment plan developed	FAO/SPC Aquaculture Business Investment Planning and Development to increase resilience and improve food security
	Identify sustainable alternative livelihood options for nearshore fisheries	Completed	Training of MIMRA staff and members of Majuro big game fishing club in Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) rigging and deployment (offshore surface and nearshore sub-surface designs); FAD fishing skills workshop. All FAD materials and fishing gear purchased by MIMRA	FAD project
	Support capacity development in fisheries and aquaculture among PICTs	Completed (February 2017)	Annual workshop to promote coordination and cooperation among observer programmes	ROCRS - Regional Observer Coordinators Workshop 17
		Ongoing	Active training of a Pacific Islands Regional Fisheries Observer (PIRFO) Trainer through mentoring and 6 practical training attachments	ROCRS - PIRFO Trainee Trainer attachments
		On Track	Workshop for PIRFO trainers to coordinate training activities for the year (2 RMI attendees)	ROCRS - Trainer/ Assessor workshop

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		Completed (May 2017)	11 certified PIRFO observers	ROCRS - National Observer Training
		On Track	12 trainee PIRFO observers	ROCRS - National Observer Training
		On Track	Observer training specifically in procedures for reporting and managing critical incidents	ROCRS - Critical Incidents Workshop
Forestry, land use and agriculture				
1. Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)		Ongoing	Capacities and priorities of Lands and Survey Departments mapped	OCG Geodetics
	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 PAFPNet portal (infrastructure in place for RMI)	Agriculture Policy - PAPP
		Completed	Baseline Study and National Policy Inventory and Analysis (RMI, with 14 other Pacific countries; to be published)	Agriculture Policy - PAPP
		Ongoing	RMI consulted in the development of several agriculture policy frameworks (draft Pacific Regional Extension Strategy)	Agriculture Policy - PAPP
		Completed	Agriculture National Minimal Development Indicators (NMDI) updated through desk-based data collection and analysis; Infographic of agricultural statistics from the household income and expenditure survey (HIES) prepared in partnership with FAO	Agriculture Policy - PAPP
		On Track	Paravet training launched; training progressing	Animal Health - Paravet Training (2013 NZ Services agreement)
Minerals and water				
1. Strengthen sustainable management of natural resources (fisheries, forestry, land use, agriculture, minerals, water)		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

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		Ongoing	A modern Geodetic Reference Frame that underpins fundamental geospatial systems and applications is adopted	OCG Geodetics
		Ongoing	Printed annual tide calendar received by relevant agencies and available online to public - a tidal fact sheet and additional information and improvements were included with the tide calendar for Majuro, 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 the preparation of negotiation meetings	Regional Maritime Boundaries Project
		Ongoing	National diagnostic analyses for Integrated Coastal Management (ICM) conducted for prioritising and scaling up key ICM/Integrated Water Resource Management reforms and investments	GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Project
		Ongoing	Targeted investigations on Laura coastal and land ecosystem processes, local knowledge and strategic partnerships	GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Project
		Ongoing	Laura Village on-site waste management systems - pilot project testing methods for catalysing local community action, utilising and providing best practice examples, and building institutional linkages for integrated land, forest, water and coastal management	GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Project
		On Track	Development and establishment of water monitoring, reporting and assessment systems for Wotje Atoll	Strengthening Water Security of Vulnerable Island States (NZ)
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	Ongoing	Capacity building support in biosecurity and trade	Biosecurity and Trade Support
		Ongoing	Market access information systems updated and maintained - 2016: World Animal Health Information System (WAHIS): Updated 1st and 2nd Semester Country Reports	Biosecurity and Trade Support / Animal Health
	Capacity of private sector to meet acceptable market quality and safety standards strengthened	On Track	Pacific Farmers and producers are able to market products under the Participatory Guarantee Scheme (PGS)	POETCom/Organics

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Transport and energy				
3. Strengthen sustainable transport and energy security	Strong leadership in the Pacific's energy sector, with good governance, effective multi-sectoral coordination and strategic partnerships, including monitoring and evaluation	Ongoing	Climate Change Adaptation and Sustainable Energy training networks are strengthened	PacTVET - Technical and Vocational Education Training USP
		Ongoing	Developed and established training courses and support facilities within TVET institutions	PacTVET - Technical and Vocational Education Training USP
Development statistics				
4. Strengthen access to and use of development statistics in policy development and monitoring progress	Preenumeration activities	On Track	1) CAPI application tested; 2) Deployed highly trained HIES enumerators; 3) Uploaded data ready for initial HIES assessments	Australia, WORLD BANK: DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		On Track	Workshop provided to assess the quality of data collected - problems regarding interview, tablets and logistics will be raised and discussed	Australia, WORLD BANK: DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
		Completed	Agreed HIES plans and budgets with World bank, National Statistics Office (NSO) and DIDA	Australia: DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
	Ongoing technical support	On Track	End-of-mission report on achievement of technical assistance mission objectives	Australia: DFAT-Strengthen Pacific Statistics_2016-2017
	Trade statistics	Completed	Technical assistance provided for the collection and compilation of international merchandise trade statistics - COMTRADE database and the Dissemination Tables are work-in-progress for RMI. Recommendation is to strengthen trade data at Customs	New Zealand: Statistics NZAID 2014-2019
		Completed	Scope mission provided for the collection and compilation of international merchandise trade statistics: 'where and how the RMI IMTS data could be sourced, compiled and mainstreamed'	New Zealand: Statistics NZAID 2014-2019
Goal 2: Pacific communities are empowered and resilient				
Climate change and disasters				
5. Improve multi-sectoral responses to climate change and disasters	Strengthen the development and management of natural resources, systems and processes.	On Track	Hiring of Joint National Action Plan (JNAP) Coordinator to implement JNAP for Disaster Risk Management (DRM) and Climate Change Adaptation	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)
		On Track	Revised DRM Plan - First draft presented to National Disaster Committee members. Comments received	Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific (EDF 10 ACP-EU)

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		Not Started	Inception phase for EU - North Pacific - Readiness for El Niño (RENI) project starts in July and runs until December 2017 - introduction of project, hiring project team and designing activities	EU - North Pacific - Readiness for El Niño project (RENI)
	Integrated approach to human development fostered at regional and national levels	Ongoing	Innovative post-graduate training programme in Integrated Coastal Management /Integrated Water Resource Management and related Climate Change adaptation delivered for project managers and participating stakeholders through partnership with James Cook University	GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Project
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	Effective shared agendas, regional platforms and institutions	Ongoing	Increased capacity to implement the Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development (PWSPD) project	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		Completed	Increased knowledge and understanding of mayors to implement gender mainstreaming	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Technical Support for Micronesian Women’s Conference (RMI host)	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		Ongoing	Provide effective assistance to the Australian Embassy in FSM to develop and implement Pacific Women activities in FSM, Palau and RMI	Pacific Women
		On Track	Report recommendations from the regional conference of Pacific women and Ministers and Senior Government Officials Meeting	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Technical support to Human Rights Committee to integrate gender mainstreaming	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
	Pacific peoples adapt to their changing environment while protecting and promoting their rights, assets and identity	Completed	RMI Formal Labour Market Gender Profile	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	RMI Formal Labour Market Gender Analysis training workshop	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Gender Equality: Where do we Stand? RMI publication and associated gender statistics and data analysis capacity development	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
		On Track	Historic Preservation Plan development	Funded by RMI
		Completed	Public School System Action Plan for Gender Equality	Progressing Gender Equality in PICTs
	Women and girls have increased access to justice in cases of domestic violence	Ongoing	Family Protection legislation implementation planning, monitoring and resourcing supported	Regional Rights Resource Team

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		On Track	Research and needs assessment conducted to plan justice sector capacity building	Regional Rights Resource Team
	PIC governments promote /protect human rights & fulfil human rights commitments	On Track	Universal Period Review (UPR) Implementation Planning supported	Regional Rights Resource Team
		Ongoing	National Human Rights Institution (NHRI) legislation drafted	Regional Rights Resource Team
		On Track	Consultations held on Climate Resilience Building in the North Pacific	Regional Rights Resource Team
		On Track	Knowledge, Attitude and Practice survey conducted on resilience building and applying a rights-based approach in the North Pacific	Regional Rights Resource Team
		Completed	Local Government Human Rights and Good Governance training conducted	Regional Rights Resource Team
		Ongoing	Legislative review conducted on human rights compliance	Regional Rights Resource Team
		Ongoing	National Human Rights Committee capacity building provided	Regional Rights Resource Team
		Civil society and communities promote human rights, gender equality and EAW	Ongoing	Human rights education sessions with schools conducted
	Enhanced smallholder (particularly women and youth) participation in local, domestic and international markets	On Track	Build capacity of producer organisations to support 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 support 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	Young people working with three lead producer organisations in RMI are trained to provide technical production and marketing support through ICT and social media	CTA Youth leading learning in climate resilient value chains in the Pacific
		On Track	Best practices for climate resilience, including improved traditional practices, are documented by young farmers and disseminated using information and communications 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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	Integrated approach to human development fostered at regional and national levels	On Track	Ridge To Reef Gender Mainstreaming Strategy implemented	GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Project
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	Improved and resilient food production systems	On Track	Provision of technical assistance on the screening, evaluation and documentation of new, resilient crop varieties	CePaCT - (FAO Treaty Access Benefit Sharing)
	Improve multi-sectoral engagement and networking	Ongoing	Non-communicable diseases (NCD) committee members trained for basic NCD issues	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation
		Ongoing	Multi-sectoral national NCD plans developed/reviewed	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation
		Ongoing	Multi-sectoral NCD and food security committee established/strengthened	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation
	Improve political leadership and ownership	Ongoing	Senior public servants attended relevant leadership training courses or inter-country shared learning programme	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation
	Improve policy and legislation enforcement	Ongoing	Consultation on, or advocacy meetings for, development/review of NCDs and food security policies and legislation conducted	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation
		Ongoing	Policies and legislation that address social and economic determinants of NCDs developed	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation
		Ongoing	Staff trained for the enforcement of NCD policies	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation
	Improve implementation/action	Ongoing	Staff trained on diabetes prevention and management, and NCD risk factors, monitoring and evaluation (M&E), surveillance etc.	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation
	Increase accountability - research, monitoring, evaluation and surveillance	Ongoing	M&E frameworks developed/revised for National NCDs and food security plan	PHD Policy Planning and Regulation

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Public health surveillance				
8. Strengthen regional public health surveillance and response	Improved timeliness, reliability and accuracy of laboratory results	On Track	Laboratory Quality Management System (LQMS) assessments carried out in PICTs	PHD REI work
		On Track	Support provided for strengthening L1 lab capacity for HIV/STI testing and screening, including lab-based surveillance	PHD REI work
		On Track	Support provided for developing/updating HIV Testing Policy, Guideline development and updates	PHD REI work
	Improve quality of country level surveillance and reporting	On Track	Updated HIV and STI situation in the region, and GARP report, facilitated every year	PHD REI work
		On Track	PICTs supported to collate and analyse HIV/STI-related data	PHD REI work
	Public health surveillance and response in PICTs guided by quality and up-to-date policies and plans	On Track	Supported PICTs to develop/update and implement their national surveillance and outbreak/disaster preparedness and response plan(s)	PHD REI work
		On Track	SRH NSP implementation status and updates mapped out	PHD REI work
		On Track	LQMS training conducted in PICTs	PHD REI work
Education quality				
9. Improve education quality	Raising of students' achievements in literacy and numeracy	On Track	Technical assistance provided in the assessment and monitoring of literacy, numeracy and life skills in the Pacific	Improving Literacy and Numeracy
	Strengthening national accreditation and assessment systems	On Track	Relevant technical and advisory support for accrediting agencies and education and training institutions provided	EQAP Accreditation
		On Track	Enhanced alignment of agency quality assurance strategies with the Pacific Qualifications and Accreditation Framework (PQAF)	EQAP Accreditation