

Fishing for a Sustainable & Equitable Future in the Pacific

World Bank approves US\$32.97 million for regional fisheries program

RECIPIENT	Federated States of Micronesia (FSM)
SUMMARY	PROP will support the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority (NORMA) – the FSM’s entity responsible for fisheries management – to strengthen its capacity to ensure the number of vessel days for commercial tuna fishing in FSM waters remains at sustainable levels. Coastal fisheries with the greatest potential for export earnings and livelihood support will be identified in each of the four states. This will be done through feasibility studies, project design and wide stakeholder consultations, with the objective that identified activities will be carried out in subsequent years with additional financing.
FINANCING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDA US\$5 million for sustainable management of ocean fisheries (including US\$2.575 million in disbursements to the National Oceanic Resource Management Authority) • IDA US\$0.3 million for sustainable management of coastal fisheries • IDA US\$0.2 million for national program management, monitoring and evaluation

RECIPIENT	Republic of Marshall Islands (RMI)
SUMMARY	PROP will support the Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority (MIMRA) to focus on strengthening the RMI’s regulation of the number of vessel days permitted for commercial fishing. Sea patrols to police fishing activities will be increased to enforce stronger regulations. Coastal fisheries will be cared for under new controls required for the implementation of new regulations around the harvest and export of bêche-de-mer (sea cucumber) and ornamental species. PROP will also support MIMRA’s plans to engage with isolated atolls or local government areas to create and implement fisheries management plans.
FINANCING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDA US\$5.45 million for sustainable management of ocean fisheries • IDA US\$0.95 million and GEF US\$1.83 million for sustainable management of coastal fisheries • IDA US\$0.35 million for national program management, monitoring and evaluation

RECIPIENT	Solomon Islands
SUMMARY	PROP will assist the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR) in improving the effective management of tuna fisheries – ensuring that vessel days are sustainable, properly recorded, and not exceeded. Additional sea patrols will be funded to enforce stronger standards. PROP will also support MFMR to work with Provincial governments and communities to assess, monitor and manage coastal fisheries, while empowering local communities with the skills to legally manage them. Technical assistance will also be provided to identify how coastal fish products can best be linked to regional markets.
FINANCING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDA US\$7.75 million for sustainable management of ocean fisheries • IDA US\$1.8 million and GEF US\$1.37 million for sustainable management of coastal fisheries • IDA US\$0.2 million for national program management, monitoring and evaluation

RECIPIENT	Tuvalu
SUMMARY	PROP investments will build upon the support provided to date by the Government of New Zealand to strengthen coastal and ocean fisheries management and the benefits it can generate for Tuvalu. The Tuvalu Fisheries Department (TFD) will be supported with funds to improve the recording, assigning, and enforcement of vessel days in tuna fisheries. TFD will also receive funds to conduct coastal fisheries assessments in selected islands, and deliver support to develop and implement management plans for approval by local councils (<i>Kapule</i>).
FINANCING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDA US\$5.77 million for sustainable management of ocean fisheries • IDA US\$1.13 million and GEF US\$0.91 million for sustainable management of coastal fisheries • IDA US\$0.1 million for national program management, monitoring and evaluation

RECIPIENT	Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)
SUMMARY	<p>PROP will help the FFA deliver technical assistance to Pacific tuna fisheries to strengthen and enforce management systems. Technical advice will also be provided to help participating countries equitably share in the benefits of sustainably managed tuna fisheries. The Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) will assess coastal fisheries with a particular focus on restoring and bolstering <i>bêche-de-mer</i> (sea cucumber) fisheries and other export-oriented coastal fishery products.</p> <p>Through the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, regional and national activities to establish financing activities to support marine protected areas, and technical assistance to design a pilot program for conservation incentives for coastal communities will help protect critical fishery habitats. Implementation, coordination and management of FFA activities under PROP will be assisted by a Program Support Unit within FFA and an oceanscape unit located with the Pacific Island Forum Secretariat.</p>
FINANCING	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IDA US\$1.27 million for sustainable management of ocean fisheries • GEF US\$0.5 million for sustainable management of coastal fisheries • IDA US\$1.0 million and GEF US\$1.69 million for sustainable financing of the conservation of critical fishery habitats • IDA US\$1.7 million for national program management, monitoring and evaluation

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