

# 13<sup>TH</sup> SPC HEADS OF FISHERIES MEETING

## PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK SURVEY RESULTS

### Snapshot:

- The participants rated highly on the meeting content and organisation (4.44 out of 5); and the majority of participants stated that they were given the opportunity to provide feedback when they wanted
- Ninety-four percent of the participants agreed that the purpose of each session was clear
- All sessions received high ratings with an average score of 4.2 out of 5



## Introduction

The 13<sup>th</sup> SPC Heads of Fisheries (HoF13) was held in Noumea using Zoom from the 1<sup>st</sup> until the 4<sup>th</sup> of June. There were 16 responses, thirteen of which were member countries, two were donor partners or funding bodies and one under the category other.

Participants were asked to rate the organisation of the meeting, the content, the use of Zoom and Break out groups as well as the opportunity to provide feedback and overall engagement. Overall, these aspects were rated highly with an average of 4.31 out of 5. Particularly the aspects of meeting content and organisation were rated the highest with 4.44 out of 5.

### Suggestion – Sessions:

“The climate change and fisheries session could do with a bit more on the coastal fisheries side. I think that the questions asked were not properly answered and I felt that this particular session which is an important topic was not given enough attention”.

### Suggestion – Use of Zoom:

“Internet connectivity is patchy but that is based on the speed on LAN connections. So, it is advisable the next major meetings should be hosted in venues with high-speed internet services e.g., hotel with backup generator/power supply.”

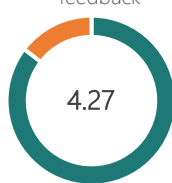


## Meeting content & participation

Meeting Content



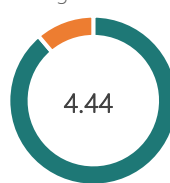
Opportunity for feedback



Participant engagement



Meeting organisation



Use of Zoom



**Most useful:** Overall, all the sessions were rated highly according to the responses of the survey. A few sessions received the highest ratings including the FAME Results Reporting 2020, FAME Priorities and Future Developments, the session on anchored FADS, the final discussion and endorsement as well as the opening session. These five sessions received a rating of 4.33 out of 5.

“Inter-activeness of the session and in-depth preparations on hosting such a high-level meeting with anticipated full participation of all HOFs in PICTs”

“Scale-up Community-based Fisheries Management as I understand that coastal resources mostly overfished and need improved management strategies.”

**Least useful:** When participants were asked to state the least useful aspects most responses stated that none of the sessions were not useful. However, a few comments were made as it can be seen in the boxes below.

“Group work -time is of essence and group work should be done in another time & workshop. Not during the actual HOF. HOF should concentrate on the actual presentations for Decision Making as and where necessary.”

“Anchored FADs as it basically models what my country has trialled out already and is currently using.”

“Strategic Plan discussion used too much jargon; simple English is best.”

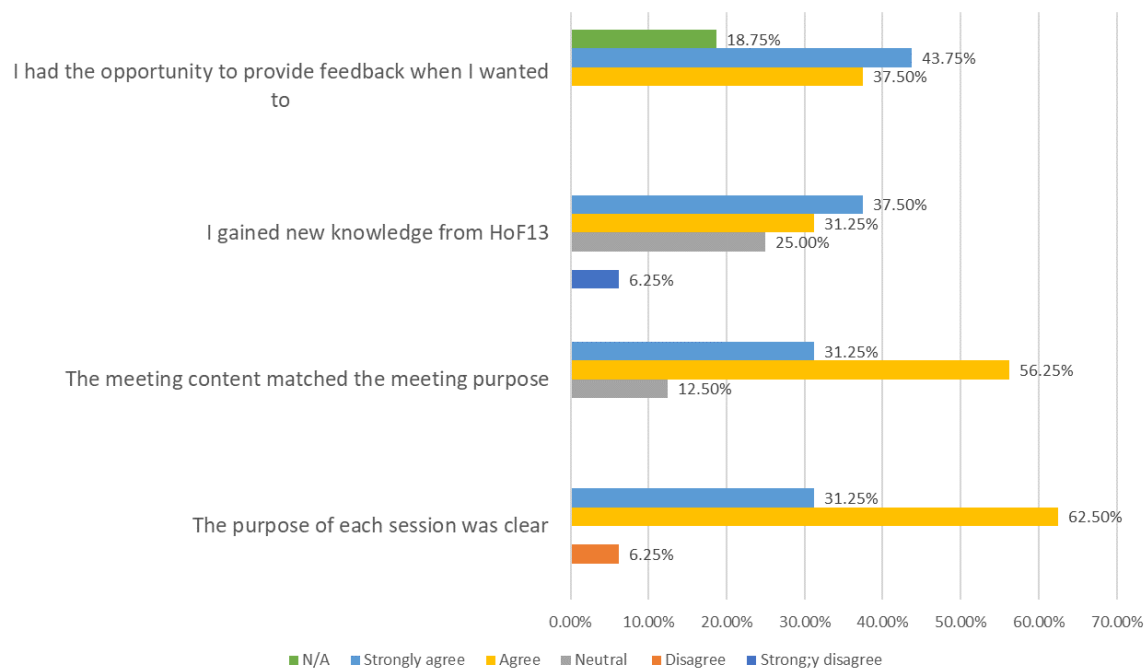


Figure 1: Participant feedback on meeting content



## Overall Ratings

**Overall,** the virtual HoF13 meeting was perceived very well. Ninety-four percent of participants agreed that the purpose of each session was clear and most (88%) agreed that the meeting content matched the purpose of the meeting. Additionally, all sessions received high ratings from the participants with an average scoring of 4.2 out of 5.



## Suggestions for improvement

Sixteen participants responded to the survey but 7 answered this section while nine skipped. Some of the suggestions were:

- ▶ **Face-to-face meeting (2 comments):** Two comments were made that a face-to-face meeting would be preferred over the online version of the meeting.
- ▶ **Shortened time (1 comment):** One participant mentioned that for the following HOF14 should be shortened by having full days of meetings instead of half days, if it is done virtually.
- ▶ **Other suggestions:** One comment was made that it would be useful to briefly go over the outcomes of the previous day to ensure everything has been captured, not looking at the language in detail.

“If the HoF14 is to be done virtually, it would be better to shorten the conference and have full days of meetings because it cut the days and was very time consuming.”



## Specific areas of improvement

- ▶ **Need on improving FAD designs that are more resilient towards natural disasters**
- ▶ **SPC should provide more aquaculture assistance in terms of Aquatic Animal Health & Disease & research on higher value commodity species which are tropically and geographically conducive to PICs**
- ▶ **In-country HR issues should be addressed at country level, if SPC is involved it should be negotiated with the country alone**
- ▶ **JICA wishes to build a closer relationship to SPC and enhance collaboration (?)**

## Annex: Result tables

Q1: Please rate the following aspects of HoF13	Very Poor	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Meeting content	0	1	0	6	9	0	16	4.44
Opportunity for feedback	0	1	1	6	7	1	16	4.27
Participant engagement	0	1	1	7	6	1	16	4.2
Time allocated for sessions	0	1	3	7	5	0	16	4
Meeting organisation (virtual)	0	0	2	5	9	0	16	4.44
Break our groups	0	0	1	6	7	2	16	4.43
Use of Zoom	0	0	1	8	7	0	16	4.38

Q2. To what extent do you agree with the following statement	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
The purpose of each session was clear	0	1	0	10	5	0	16	4.19
The meeting content matched the meeting purpose	0	0	2	9	5	0	16	4.19
I gained new knowledge from HoF13	1	0	4	5	6	0	16	3.94
I has the opportunity to provide feedback when I wanted	0	0	0	6	7	3	16	4.54

Q3. Please rate the following sessions at HoF13	Very poor	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Day 1 – Opening address & progress on HoF12	0	0	1	8	6	1	16	4.33
Day 1 – FAME Results Reporting 2020	0	0	1	8	6	1	16	4.33
Day 1 – FAME Priorities and Future Developments	0	0	0	10	5	1	16	4.33
Day 1 – Information Session: SPC’s 10 Year Strategy, Futures Ready Fisheries by SPC’s Strategic, Planning and Learning	0	0	1	10	4	1	16	4.2
Day 2 – Findings from FAME’s capacity development evaluation	0	0	2	8	5	1	16	4.2
Day 2 – Policy on the governance of FAME data	0	0	2	9	4	1	16	4.13
Day 2 – Information Session: FAME’s science initiatives (PCCOS, Research Vessel, Marine Specimen Bank and DCC)	0	0	1	9	5	1	16	4.27
Day 3 – Scaling up community-based fisheries management	0	1	2	8	5	0	16	4.06
Day 3 – Future priorities for Pacific Aquaculture development	0	0	3	8	4	1	16	4.07
Day 4 – Climate Change and fisheries	0	0	4	6	5	1	16	4.07
Day 4 – RTMCF update: Rescheduling, progress in action at PICT priorities	0	0	2	10	3	1	16	4.07
Day 4 – Anchored FADs – an update on current and proposed activities	0	0	1	8	6	1	16	4.33
Day 4 – Discussions and endorsement of Heads of Fisheries outcomes	0	0	1	8	6	1	16	4.33

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