

5 Country/Territory Specific Information on Benefits from Fisheries

In the following 22 country and territory chapters, information on benefits from fisheries is provided for each Pacific Island country and territory. Each country chapter contains the most recent and readily available data in the following areas:

- The recent annual fishery harvests: values and volumes covering the six fishery production categories – (1) coastal commercial fishing; (2) coastal subsistence fishing; (3) locally based offshore fishing; (4) foreign-based offshore fishing; (5) freshwater fishing; and (6) aquaculture.
- Fishing contribution to GDP: the current fishing contribution, how it was calculated, and a production approach re-calculation based on annual harvest levels obtained during the study.
- Fishery exports: amounts, types, and the ratio to all exports.
- Government revenue from the fisheries sector: access fees and other revenue.
- Fisheries-related employment.
- Fisheries contribution to nutrition.

The information presented generally covers the period since the Gillett (2009) study, but in some cases there has been not been any new data in the last decade. New data was most often lacking in the areas of employment and nutrition.

For most of the areas above, the country and territory chapters simply cite and summarise the findings from existing studies. However, in all countries, to determine the volumes/values of recent annual fisheries harvests in the six production categories, considerable analysis and, in some cases, speculation (based on as much rigour as possible, including general understandings of the sector), was required.