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Country Statement



1. NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Outline up to three new developments in the last twelve months relating to fisheries and/or aquaculture in your country/territory which are relevant to HoF.

Completion of:

- FSM Aquaculture Development Plan
- Summary report - legal analysis on gender and human rights for coastal fisheries and aquaculture in FSM
- FSM National Strategy on Aquatic Biosecurity
- National biosecurity framework (inclusive of aquatic aspects)

New Developments:

- Blue Prosperity Micronesia – Sustainable Fisheries, Marine Spatial Planning, and Blue Economy Development
- NORMA Strategic Institutional Reform
- Oceanic Fisheries Investment Policy
- Planning for Observer Redeployment



2. KEY FISHERIES/AQUACULTURE DECISIONS

What are the key fisheries and/or aquaculture decisions (1–2) that will have to be made in your country/territory over the next couple of years?

- Conduct an overall legislative review of coastal fisheries and aquaculture legislation in FSM (support states and municipalities develop legislation, in consultation with relevant stakeholders and local communities)
- Develop an overarching policy/roadmap/strategy for institutional coordination (management, development and enforcement)
- Alternative livelihood opportunities (capacity building for communities on small-scale aquaculture, fish post-harvest management/value adding, inclusive of packaging and labelling)
- EU Competent Authority (added value will improve the socio-economic development in the FSM ports)
- Port State Measures (support ongoing obligations to ensure illegal, unregulated and unreported (IUU) fishing or fishing related activities related to IUU fishing is discouraged)
- Oceanic Fisheries Investment Policy Implementation
- Review and passage of proposed Marine Spatial Plan Act



3. KEY EMERGING PRIORITIES

What does your country/territory consider to be the top emerging priorities for fisheries or aquaculture in the Pacific Islands region?

- Strengthen or scaling-up CBFM (CBFM actions supporting communities and actions to enabling CBFM)
- Biosecurity/Quarantine improvements (develop Quarantine protocols for aquatics and update regulations for the new National Biosecurity Law/Framework)
- Reef resources valuation (there is no estimate of the value of the reef as a whole so reef valuation exercise for the whole FSM would be very valuable)
- Capacity building/human resources development on MCS (states and communities are empowered to conduct Monitoring, Control and Surveillance and to be able to present cases in court)
- New Technology (such as Technology for Tuna Transparency, Electronic Reporting, Drones and FAD Tracking Buoys)
- Development through Offshore fisheries (WB PROPER/UST/BPM/Fisheries Investment Policy/VDS)
- Climate Change