



Scaling-up Community-based Fisheries Management in the Pacific Virtual Polynesian Workshop 26-29 January & 2 February 2021

Background

The *New Song for Coastal Fisheries*¹ and the *Regional Roadmap for Sustainable Pacific Fisheries*² provide the regional context for community-based fisheries management in the Pacific Islands. The combined vision that these policies contribute to can be summarized as:

Underpinned by community-based approaches and supported by national controls, policy and legislation, communities are empowered to drive local management regimes that secure or improve fisheries, ecosystems and associated livelihoods.

Community-based Fisheries Management (CBFM)³ was identified by members and partners as a priority topic at the SPC 12th Heads of Fisheries (HoF) meeting in May 2020. With the recognition of the importance of having effective CBFM in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs), the HoF requested SPC FAME to work with members and regional partners experienced in CBFM and scaling-up approaches⁴, to assist members in developing and implementing effective CBFM scaling-up approaches. The need for effective CBFM in the PICTs was further reiterated at the First Regional Fisheries Ministerial Meeting (RFMM) in August 2020, where Fisheries Ministers called for the strengthening of coastal fisheries management underpinned by CBFM.

To fulfill this, SPC FAME are implementing sub-regional workshops with members and partners to allow countries from the same sub-region and cultural background to discuss and find ways to achieve scaling-up of CBFM. During these workshops' participants will assess country CBFM scaling-up status, share approaches, experiences, lessons-learned and opportunities in implementing CBFM and identify potential strategies to expand CBFM. A final combined regional workshop will be held afterwards to bring together relevant stakeholders that are working in the field of CBFM (i.e. local communities and CSOs, national fisheries, national and regional NGOs) to discuss common issues identified from the sub-regional workshop and to discuss effective and appropriate approaches to scaling CBFM.

Workshop Objectives

The workshop objectives are to:

- a) Provide a forum for national fisheries agencies and in-country CBFM partner organizations/stakeholders/practitioners to:
 - a. have a general understanding of what it means to scale-up CBFM
 - b. assess current national status on scaling-up CBFM
- b) Understand the context for using various approaches and tools in scaling-up CBFM
- c) Identify in-country priority areas/issues that need to be addressed in order to scale-up CBFM, and potential strategies to do so.
- d) Promote effective collaboration and coordination among CBFM stakeholders in country and in the Polynesian region

¹ <https://coastfish.spc.int/component/content/article/461-a-new-song-for-coastal-fisheries.html>

² https://www.spc.int/DigitalLibrary/Doc/FAME/Brochures/FFA_SPC_2015_Roadmap.pdf

³ There are many terms used by countries that encompass community-based fisheries management and this could be used interchangeably, provided they are community driven and encompass an ecosystem approach that will sustain livelihoods and ensure resilient communities.

⁴ The term scaling-up is used in this brief as it is in the New Song to refer to the process of moving from a few examples of CBFM to achieving coverage of a meaningful proportion of the coastal environment. The LMMA network uses '100%' to capture this scaling ambition.



Workshop Expected Outputs

The workshop outputs are:

- a) An open forum/discussion on scaling-up CBFM by national fisheries agencies and in-country CBFM stakeholders/practitioners, including challenges, lessons-learned
- b) Key priority areas for achieving scaling and potential strategies to scale-up CBFM are identified per country
- c) Country status report in relation to scaling-up CBFM

Workshop information

- The virtual Polynesia CBFM workshop will take place over **five (5) morning sessions (i.e. Tue 26 January to Friday 29 January and Tuesday 2 February 2021 and in Noumea Time)**. The agenda is designed to have 20-30 minutes of presentations and 2 hours of break-out group discussions and presentations.
- The virtual meeting room will be open from **9:30am**, therefore requesting all workshop participants to join the meeting at this time to facilitate starting of the workshop at 10:00am.
- An **Information Paper (IP)** on scaling-up of CBFM is provided. The purpose of the IP is to help participants conceptualize scaling-up of CBFM, assist in assessing CBFM progress and potentially develop priority strategies in the broader diverse context of different PICTs. Kindly request all participants to read the IP in preparation for the workshop. IP are also available on the link below:

English version: <http://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/cc937>

French version: <http://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/zipk3>

- The workshop will be conducted through the **zoom online platform** and in both English and French. Please join the Zoom workshop <https://zoom.us/meeting/92960418008?>. National Fisheries agencies and in-country CBFM partners are kindly requested to assist nominated community representatives on this.
- All workshop participants are invited to join a test session on **Wednesday 20th January 2021** at **10am Noumea Time**, so that we can check audio, video, etc. Please join the test session using the same zoom link above.
- All documents relating to the workshop can be found on the SPC FAME meeting web page: <https://fame1.spc.int/en/meetings/255>
- For any other enquiries regarding the workshop please, contact SPC FAME on: FAME_Meetings@spc.int



Workshop Agenda

Day 1 – Tuesday 26 January 2021		
Scaling-up CBFM in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories		
Time (Noumea)	Sessions	Lead
09:30-10:00	Please could everyone endeavour to join the meeting at this time to facilitate starting of the meeting at 10:00am Noumea Time. Thank you.	
10:00-10:15	Opening, welcome and workshop procedures	SPC
10:15-10:25	Presentation 1: Status of CBFM in Polynesia	SPC
10:25-10:40	Presentation 2: Scaling-up CBFM in the Pacific region	SPC
10:40-11:40	Breakout group discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What current processes/practises are in place through which national fisheries agencies support local communities in implementing CBFM? 2. What proportion of all communities in the country are being supported as much as they need? 3. What are the key challenges and lessons learned from the current process/practises that limits/restrict national fisheries in providing adequate CBFM support to all coastal communities? 4. What would be some key changes within current budgets and activities that might improve support to all motivated/needy coastal communities on CBFM? 	BoG Facilitators and Note takers
11:40-12:20	Country presentations	Countries
12:20-12:30	Wrap up day 1	SPC
End of day 1		

Day 2 – Wednesday 27 January 2021		
Information and Awareness		
Time	Sessions	Lead
09:30-10:00	Please could everyone endeavour to join the meeting at this time to facilitate starting of the meeting at 10:00am Noumea Time. Thank you.	
10:00-10:10	Presentation 1: General and simple awareness for all	SPC & LMMA
10:10-10:20	Presentation 2: Lessons learned from providing information and awareness to communities in Tonga	Ministry of Fisheries - Tonga
10:20-11:30	Breakout group discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What type of programmes have been undertaken in your country to raise community awareness to coastal communities? 2. Based on the programmes undertaken, what do you estimate: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Which stakeholder groups receive information/awareness? b. What proportion of the total of each? c. How regularly do they receive information/awareness? 	BoG Facilitators and Note takers



	d. What kinds/topics of awareness? 3. What might be more cost-effective ways of disseminating key information identified to reach all communities and stakeholders?	
11:30-12:20	Group presentation	Countries
12:20-12:30	Wrap up day 2	SPC
End of day 2		

Day 3 – Thursday 28 January 2021		
Establishing and/or strengthening 2-way communication		
Time	Sessions	Lead
09:30-10:00	Please could everyone endeavour to join the meeting at this time to facilitate starting of the meeting at 10:00am Noumea Time. Thank you.	
10:00-10:10	Presentation 1: Why network is important in scaling CBFM?	LMMA Network
10:10-10:20	Presentation 2: Experiences in CBFM network in Hawaii	KUA Network
10:20-11:20	Breakout group discussion: 1. What could be the role of community networks to help scale-up and sustain CBFM in your country? Are there any now and what could be improved? 2. What mechanisms are in place that allows communities to inform national fisheries on their needs? How could these be improved? 3. How would you ensure that community voices are represented to national and regional levels (e.g. policy) through networks and/or other mechanisms?	BoG Facilitators and Note takers
11:20-12:20	Group presentation	Countries
12:20-12:30	Wrap up day 3	SPC
End of day 3		

Day 4 – Friday 29 January 2021		
Enabling conditions to support / empower local communities		
Time	Sessions	Lead
09:30-10:00	Please could everyone endeavour to join the meeting at this time to facilitate starting of the meeting at 10:00am Noumea Time. Thank you.	
10:00-10:10	Presentation 1: Existing support towards CBFM (policies, staffing and budgets)	SPC
10:10-10:20	Presentation 2: Experiences and lessons learned from trying to reach as many communities as possible on CBFM in Samoa	Ministry of Fisheries - Samoa
10:20-11:20	Breakout group discussion: 1. What are the available resources with national fisheries to support CBFM? 2. Are the available resources able to support the coastal community CBFM scaling suggestions from the first 2 days? How much would be needed?	BoG Facilitators and Note takers



	3. Are the existing legal framework (laws/regulation) and policies sufficient to support and recognise local communities in managing coastal resources? Are these implemented and enforced? What is needed to achieve scaling?	
11:20-12:20	Group presentation	Countries
12:20-12:30	Wrap up day 4	SPC
End of day 4		

Day 5 – Tuesday 2 February 2021		
Emerging / Cross-cutting issues		
Time	Sessions	Lead
09:30-10:00	Please could everyone endeavour to join the meeting at this time to facilitate starting of the meeting at 10:00am Noumea Time. Thank you.	
10:00-10:10	Presentation 1: Non-fisheries issues in Polynesia.	SPC
10:10-11:00	Breakout group discussion: 1. What effective mechanisms/process in place in your country (sub-national and national level) that help address non-fisheries issues faced by communities: a) community impacts on ecosystem (internal) b) wider ecosystem impacts (external) c) climate change, disasters, and pandemics d) people centred approach 2. How could these be improved?	BoG Facilitators and Note takers
11:00-11:30	Group presentation	Countries
11:30-12:15	Summary of the workshop	
12:15-12:30	Closing of workshop	
End of day 5		

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