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Republic of the Marshall Islands

Statement

1. CLIMATE CHANGE

What national climate change activities or initiatives are underway to manage and adapt to the impacts of climate change on fisheries and aquaculture?

Current activities:

- Ongoing expansion of 'Reimaanlok' to new communities;
- RMI Protected Areas Network support (technical/funding) to Local Governments and Communities at Reimaanlok sites;
- Coordinating activities with the RMI National Adaptation Plan;
- Collaboration, cooperation, and coordination among Members of the Coastal Management Advisory Council;
- Ongoing coral monitoring assessments in support of the Micronesia Challenge.

Cont.

Planned activities:

- Trialing ecobuoys for FAD program;
- Life history, SPAGs and stock assessments of groupers;
- Community Marine Monitoring Toolkit trainings at Reimaanlok sites;
- Review/Updates to the Reimaanlok Framework and other national policies and strategies to ensure alignment with the new MC 2030 goals.

2. COVID-19 IMPACTS

What are your national fisheries and aquaculture current and planned activities to reduce the residual impacts of COVID-19 on food security, livelihoods, and economic growth?

Current activities:

- Accelerating Fisheries Development Programs at the community level (FAD & Aquaculture) and linking with ongoing Fish Collection & Distribution Program;
- Post-harvest fisheries and value Adding Trainings;
- Promotion of RMI PAN Fund opportunities for Local Governments and Communities;
- CA Division working closely with Industry to become an authorized country by the EU.

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Planned activities:

- Research local feed options to offset dependence on feed imports for hatcheries;
- Conduct CBAs on potential aquaculture commodities;
- CA is working on a multipurpose marine lab to support MIMRA's science and research requirements.