



Regional Community-Based Fisheries Management (CBFM) Workshop: Implementation of the Pacific Framework for Action on Scaling-up CBFM

Background

For Pacific people, coastal fisheries are fundamental for supporting their livelihoods, nutrition and health, culture, and economies. However, it is only in the last 30 years or so that fisheries policies in the Pacific Islands region have come to recognise the significant contributions of coastal fisheries and only in the last decade has this translated to the need for management underpinned by community-based fisheries management (CBFM) approaches.

The Future of Fisheries Roadmap¹ and the Noumea Strategy² provide the regional context for managing coastal resources in ways that are underpinned by CBFM. The need to scale-up CBFM has led to the approval and endorsement of the Pacific Framework for Action on Scaling up CBFM: 2021 – 2025³ by the Heads of Fisheries and Fisheries Ministers, respectively.

Next year marks the final year of the current CBFM Framework for Action, and subsequently, it is timely to now bring together Pacific Islanders experiences in CBFM to share experiences and lessons learned. These experiences will assist with scaling up CBFM in the Pacific Islands region, identifying and prioritising key areas and associated priority actions. This is to ensure that the Pacific people will continue to have healthy coastal fisheries and sustainable and resilient livelihoods which are critical to the wellbeing in an uncertain future.

Workshop Objectives

The workshop objectives are to:

- a) Assess progress made in the implementation of the CBFM Framework for Action
- b) Identify key lessons-learned, challenges and successes in implementing the CBFM Framework for Action
- c) Provide an opportunity for respective Pacific people, and supporting partners to share their experience of scaling up initiatives
- d) Identify way forward in scaling up CBFM in the Pacific beyond 2025

Workshop Expected Outputs

The workshop outputs are:

- a) Status of individual Pacific Island countries and territories in scaling up CBFM.
- b) Lessons-learned on scaling-up CBFM.
- c) Key actionable priorities and associated actions to scale up CBFM at national and the regional level.

¹ <https://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/xnc9f>

² <https://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/q4ntz>

³ <https://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/yr5yv>



Workshop Agenda

Day 1 – Monday 29 April 2024				
Time (Fiji)	Sessions	Information Paper (IP)	Format	Lead
Opening Session: Workshop Official Opening				
09:00-10:00 (60 mins)	Official Opening, welcome and workshop procedures Opening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPC • EU Delegation (PEUMP) Purpose of the workshop Housekeeping announcement ***Group photo***			SPC SPC SPC
10:00-10:30	Morning Tea			Participants
Session 1: Status of Scaling-up Community-Based Fisheries Management (CBFM) in the Pacific				
Objectives:				
1. To have a common understanding on the status of coastal fisheries in the Pacific 2. To have a common understanding on the status of CBFM in the Pacific and to introduce the CBFM clusters. 3. To have a common understanding of the status of scaling per country and for country to share their main scaling activities.				
10:30-10:45 (15 mins)	Status of Coastal Fisheries Resources in the Pacific Islands region	IP 1	PPT	SPC
10:45-11:00 (15 mins)	Status of CBFM in the Pacific Islands region	IP1	PPT	SPC
11:00-12:00 (60 mins)	Series of Country Presentation: CBFM scaling-up activities implemented in individual PICTs	IP 1	PPT	PICTs
12:00-13:00	Lunch			Participants
13:00-14:00 (60 mins)	Cont. with Series of Country Presentation: CBFM scaling-up activities implemented in-country	IP 1	PPT	PICTs
14:00-15:00 (60 mins)	Regional update: CBFM scaling-up activities implemented regionally	IP 1	PPT	Regional CBFM partners
15:00-15:30	Afternoon Tea			Participants
Session 2: Defining Community-Based Fisheries Management (CBFM) and CBFM Scaling in the Pacific Islands Context				
Objectives:				
1. Refining definitions of CBFM and CBFM scaling in the Pacific Islands context 2. Achieve common understanding main factors and principles of CBFM and scaling up CBFM				
15:30-15:45 (15 mins)	Presentation on CBFM scaling	IP 2	PPT	SPC Consultant, FAO
15:45-16:15 (30 mins)	CBFM and scaling		BOG	Facilitators and notetakers
16:15-16:30 (15 mins)	Report back and discussion		Plenary	SPC Consultant, FAO
16:30-17:00 (30 mins)	Wrap-up			SPC



Day 2 – Tuesday 30 April 2024				
Time (Fiji)	Sessions	Information Paper (IP)	Format	Lead
08: 00-08:30 (30 mins)	Day 1 Recap: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key takeaways Clarification and questions Feedback and suggestions Alignment with workshop agendas 		Plenary	SPC
Session 3: Community-Based Fisheries Management Monitoring				
Objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To identify the various data, tools and processes applied for tracking CBFM in PICTs To gather information on current CBFM monitoring activities in the region and introduce the CBFM monitoring guideline work. 				
08: 30-08:40 (10 mins)	Introduction to session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Session outline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Objectives & Structure “CBFM tracking” vs “CBFM monitoring” 	IP 3	PPT	UOW, SPC
08: 40-09:25 (45 mins)	‘Experiences in Tracking CBFM (e.g. Solomon Islands)’ Break out group (BoG) discussions. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> three by region/cluster and one NGO and partners Objective: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> challenges in ensuring accurate and up-to-date tracking are sustained, and alignment of diverse approaches into a meaningful regional reporting system 	IP3	PPT BOG	UOW, SLB Facilitators and notetakers
09: 25-09:55 (30 mins)	Region/Cluster feedback (10 min per group)		Plenary	UOW, SPC
09: 55-10:00 (5 mins)	Preliminary synthesis/reflection of responses		Plenary	UOW
10:00-10:30	Morning Tea			Participants
10:30-10:40 (10 mins)	Introduction to the session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What are the objectives of CBFM monitoring? Break out group instructions 	IP 3	PPT	SPC Consultant
10:30-11:25 (45 mins)	Breakout Group		BOG	Facilitators and notetakers
11:25-11:45 (20 mins)	Report back		Plenary	SPC Consultant
11:45-12:00 (15 mins)	CBFM Guide discussion		PPT and Plenary	SPC Consultant
12:00-13:00	Lunch			Participants
13:00-13:30 (30 mins)	Cont. with CBFM Guide discussion:	IP 4		SPC
Session 4: Monitoring, Compliance and Surveillance; and Enforcement for CBFM				
Objective 4: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To inform participants of the CBFM related indicators in the CFRC and other regional and related indicators To discuss how the CBFM related indicators can be integrated into existing reporting processes at the national and sub-national levels 				
13:30-13:10 (10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide examples of MCS&E issues that a community may face. Detail linkages to targets, actions, and outcomes in the CBFM Framework for action. Detail the voluntary, assisted, directed, and enforced (VADE) model. 	IP 5	PPT	SPC, FAO
13:10-14:10 (60 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Who are those that do not comply with community fisheries rules and government regulations? 		BOG	Facilitators and notetakers



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Why do these groups not comply? • How can you manage these groups? • Discuss the challenges and identify opportunities to address the challenges. 			
14:10-15:00 (40 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report back 			
15:00-15:30	Afternoon Tea			Participants
15:30-16:00 (30 mins)	Wrap -up			SPC



Day 3 – Wednesday 1 May 2024				
Time (Fiji)	Sessions	Information Paper (IP)	Format	Lead
08:00-08:30 (30 mins)	Day 2 Recap: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key takeaways Clarification and questions Feedback and suggestions Alignment with workshop agendas 			SPC
Session 5: Information and Awareness				
Objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To share lessons learned and best practises in low-cost dissemination reliable and accurate CBFM information for coastal communities. To understand the potential and actual impacts of information dissemination To identify best communication mechanism/channels for communities to provide feedback and raise concerns. 				
08:30-08:45 (15 mins)	Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Information, awareness and scaling up CBFM 	IP 6	PPT	SPC, cChange
08:45-08:50 (5 minutes)	Testimony		Video	
08:50-09:40 (50 mins)	Panel discussion <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lessons learned and best practises in low-cost dissemination of reliable and accurate CBFM information for coastal communities 		Panellist	Moderator
09:40-10:00 (20 mins)	Question and Answers		Plenary	Moderator
10:00-10:30	Morning Tea			Participants
10:30-10:35 (5 mins)	Testimony	IP 6	Video	SPC, LMMA
10:35-10:45 (10 mins)	Setting the scene <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What do we know about feedback mechanisms? Break out group instructions 		PPT	LMMA
10:45-11:55 (70 mins)	Group exercise <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Communication mechanisms/channels for communities to provide feedback and raise concerns 		Group exercise	Facilitator and notetakers
11:55-12:00 (5 mins)	Testimony		Video	SPC, LMMA
12:00-13:00	Lunch			Participants
Field trip				
13:00-16:00 (3 hrs)	Objective: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To enable the workshop participants to hear directly from the local communities about their efforts in community-based fisheries management 			FLMMA, SPC



Day 4 – Thursday 2 May 2024				
Time (Fiji)	Sessions	Information Paper (IP)	Format	Lead
08:00-08:30 (30 mins)	Day 3 Recap: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key takeaways Clarification and questions Feedback and suggestions Alignment with workshop agendas 			SPC
Session 6A: Addressing external and non-fisheries threats (i.e. upstream, watershed, land-based, and along shore, climate change, natural disasters, and risk reduction).				
Objectives:				
1. To assess the status of non-fisheries threats in PICTs.				
2. To discuss, identify and share success and challenges in addressing these threats				
08:30-08:40 (10 mins)	Threats and hazards and historical reports from fisheries agencies	IP 7	PPT	FAO, SPC
08:40-09:35 (55 mins)	Current status of threats and hazards, experiences of responding and potential opportunities and strategies		BOG	Facilitators and notetakers
09:35-10:00 (25 mins)	Report back		Plenary	FAO, SPC
10:00-10:30	Morning Tea			Participants
Session 6B: Gender and Social Inclusion (GESI)				
Objectives:				
1. To identify what are common exclusive practises in CBFM and how this is addressed.				
2. To discuss, and find potential solutions of how GESI are taken up by communities without external support?				
10:30-10:40 (10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide examples of good and bad GESI Describe existing GESI best practices for CBFM practitioners Discuss the challenges to ensure suitable GESI in your community, going beyond ‘just gender’ 	IP 8	PPT	SPC, UOW, LMMA
10:40-10:50 (10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Testimony from a community voice on exclusive practices in CBFM 		Story telling	Community representative
10:50-11:25 (35 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expert panel discussion on GESI and exclusion issues and identifying the risks and opportunities for better inclusivity in CBFM Followed by Q&A 		Interactive panel discussion	3 panellist (1 per sub region) and moderator
11:25-11:45 (20 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group exercise 		BOG	Facilitators and notetakers
11:45-12:00 (10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report back 		Plenary	SPC, UOW, LMMA
12:00-13:00	Lunch			Participants
Session 7: CBFM Networks				
Objectives:				
1. To discuss what constitute community network in fisheries?				
2. To identify what are the potential costs and benefit are for networking?				
3. To identify lessons-learned from existing networks in influencing policies and legal frameworks (e.g., Acts, Regulations, By-laws)?				
4. To identify lessons learned from existing networks in management and compliance uptake.				
5. To identify lessons learned in cost-effective way of networking				
13:00-13:10 (10 mins)	Introduction to CBFM Networks	IP 9	PPT	LMMA, FAO, SPC
13:10-13:50 (40 mins)	Expert panel discussion on experience with networks.		Interactive panel discussion	3 or 4 individuals (traditional network, NGO sponsored and government) and moderator
13:50-14:00 (10 mins)	Q & A with panellist		Plenary	LMMA, FAO, SPC



14:00-14:45 (45 mins)	Participants to discuss networking activities surrounding the following questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What networks already exist (using the broadest definition – traditional to recent above)? • Which of these networks would be useful for various aspects of CBFM (influencing policy/law, providing feedback to government, supporting management or compliance). • What are the strengths and weaknesses of each. • Given that such things take money and work – what are the considerations for developing new networks and what factors need consideration. 		BOG	Facilitators and notetakers
14:45-15:00 (15 mins)	Report back		Plenary	LMMA, FAO, SPC
15:00-15:30	Afternoon Tea			Participants
15:30-16:00	Wrap -up			SPC



Day 5 – Friday 3 May 2024				
Time (Fiji)	Sessions	Information Paper (IP)	Format	Lead
08: 00-08:30 (30 mins)	Day 4 Recap: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Key takeaways Clarification and questions Feedback and suggestions Alignment with workshop agendas 			SPC
Session 8: Synergies and Mismatches between Conservation and Fisheries Management				
Objectives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss and identify issues arising in specific sites. Discuss potential solution? Discuss issues and identify potential solution on distribution of responsibility over coastal fisheries management between fisheries and environment agencies 				
08: 30-08:40 (10 mins)	Results from regional survey	IP 10	PPT	WCS, FAO, SPC
08: 40-09:40 (60 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> classify their sites by those that have emerged more from conservation or fisheries origins. each country quantify the extent to which different agencies are responsible financially for the support (relative proportions) – fisheries, environment, NGOs (and communities?) 	IP 10	BOG	Facilitators and Notetakers
09: 40-10:00 (20 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report back 		Plenary	WCS, FAO, SPC
10:00-10:30	Morning Tea			Participants
Session 9: Looking forward to and beyond 2025.				
Objective: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Identification of top two priorities for achieving CBFM scaling for each PICT Identification of gaps in the Framework Guide short-term partner support and longer term policy development 				
10:30-10:40 (10 mins)	Revisiting the past 8 sessions	IP 11	PPT	SPC
10:40-11:40 (60 mins)	Group discussion. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> By individual country within the groups – identify: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> top two priorities for them to concentrate on implementing and any major areas of importance to coastal fisheries management not covered in the framework (40 mins) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Countries within groups share amongst themselves (20 mins) 		BOG	SPC
11:40-12:00 (20 mins)	Groups share highlights or summary e.g. what was similar and different within the group		Plenary	
12:00-13:00	Lunch			Participants
Revisiting Session 2				
13:00-14:00	Defining Community-Based Fisheries Management (CBFM) and CBFM Scaling in the Pacific Islands Context		Plenary	SPC
Session 10: Forums for Promoting Scaling up of CBFM				
Objective: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Share existing and / or upcoming regional forums where CBFM is discussed and promoted 				
14:00-14:10 (10 mins)	4 th Community-based Fisheries Dialogue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background, purpose How to contribute Regional Fisheries Ministers Meeting	IP 12	PPT	SPC
14:10-14:20	2 nd Small-scale Fisheries Summit		PPT	FAO



(10 mins)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Background information about the SSF summit Assess current draft agenda. Nomination process of PICTs participants What should be promoted 			
14:30-15:00 (30 mins)	<p>Enhancing CBF community of practice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contribute to build and share CBFM in the Pacific region. Which communication platform do you prefer? What CBFM information do you want? 		Online survey	SPC
15:00-15:30	Afternoon Tea			Participants
Session 10: Official Closing				
15:30-16:00	Wrap-up			SPC