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Summary

1. The Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership (PEUMP) Programme aims to improve the economic, social and environmental benefits for 15 Pacific ACP states by stronger regional economic integration and the sustainable management of natural resources and the environment through supporting sustainable management and development of fisheries for food security and economic growth, while addressing climate change resilience and conservation of marine biodiversity. With European Union (EUR 35M) and Swedish (EUR 10M) funding, it was launched in October 2017 and the Contribution Agreement signed in September 2018.
2. The Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) is the lead agency, implementing in partnership with Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), Secretariat of the Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), and through a separate EU Agreement, the University of the South Pacific (USP). Each agency has a number of implementing partners. The programme will run for 57 months from July 2018 (6 months Inception Phase; 4 years Implementation Phase; 3 months Closing Phase).
3. Letters of Agreement were signed with FFA (Sep 2018) and SPREP (Oct 2018) and initial funding disbursements were made in late 2018. The Programme Management Unit (PMU) has been established at SPC Suva.
4. The Programme has six Key Results Areas (or components) targeting gaps in fisheries science; fisheries development; coastal resources and livelihoods; illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing; ecosystem-based management; biodiversity conservation; and capacity building at the national and community levels:
 - KRA 1: Scientific advice for management of the oceanic fishery (EUR 4.45M) – Lead agency: SPC
 - KRA 2: Economic development of national tuna industries (EUR 4.4M) – Lead agency: FFA
 - KRA 3: Coastal fisheries science and management (EUR 12.3M) – Lead agency: SPC
 - KRA 4: Enhanced MCS to control IUU fishing (EUR 4.85M) – Lead agency: FFA
 - KRA 5: Ecosystem management and biodiversity conservation (EUR 5.8M) – Lead agency: SPREP
 - KRA 6: Relevant tertiary training (EUR 5.6M) – Lead agency: USP
 - PMU: Programme management and communication (EUR 4.2M + 1.65M)
5. Programme activities under the approved work plan commenced in January 2019.

Background

6. Marine resources are the backbone of the region's economies and form the basis of people's livelihoods in the Pacific countries.
7. Economically, oceanic fisheries are vital to the region as: a) a source of economic growth and government revenue; b) a source of decent employment for women and men and small business opportunities. The European Union is the main market for the cooked tuna loins produced in Pacific processing plants.
8. Coastal fisheries are vitally important at community level, providing food security, livelihoods and income for small-scale fishers with more than 60% of households in coastal areas relying on fishing as a mechanism to increase resilience and reduce vulnerability.
9. Overall, the PEUMP programme aligns with all regional priorities and strategic documents, including the [*The Future of Fisheries – A Regional Roadmap for Sustainable Pacific Fisheries*](#) and [*The New Song for Coastal Fisheries – Pathways to Change: The Noumea Strategy*](#).

Main objectives

10. The Programme's overall objective is to:
 - Improve the economic, social and environmental benefits for 15 Pacific ACP states (PACPs) arising from stronger regional economic integration and the sustainable management of natural resources and the environment.
11. The specific objective (outcome) is to:
 - Support sustainable management and development of fisheries for food security and economic growth, while addressing climate change resilience and conservation of marine biodiversity.

Key result areas (KRAs) and agencies involved

12. The Programme covers six KRAs, detailed below. Its overall management is undertaken by the Programme Management Unit (PMU) based in SPC Suva, Fiji.
13. Four main agencies are implementing six Programme KRAs through a multisectoral approach: 1) The Pacific Community (SPC), which is the lead agency for the Programme and is responsible for the overall management; 2) the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA); 3) the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP); and 4) The University of the South Pacific (USP).
14. Given the scope and breadth of the PEUMP Programme, agencies also work with and through partners in some areas of implementation: The International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN), the Locally Managed Marine Area (LMMA) Network, the Pacific Islands Tuna Industry Association (PITIA) and the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF). Other partnerships may develop during the implementation of the Programme.

KRAs and objectives – Activities

KRA 1: High quality scientific and management advice for oceanic fisheries provided and utilised at regional and national levels.

15. Lead agency: SPC OFP

- Analysis of tuna by-catch at regional and national levels.
- Ecosystem modelling and development of indicators.
- Evaluation of electronic monitoring for purse seine vessels.
- Research to address biological uncertainties in tuna stock assessment models.
- Improved modelling of relative abundance using catch per unit effort.
- Capacity development through long-term and short-term attachments with SPC.

KRA 2: Inclusive economic benefits from sustainable tuna fishing increased through supporting competent authorities and strengthening private sector capacities to create decent employment.

16. Lead agency: FFA. Main partner: PITIA

- Establishment of a competent authority support unit to assist P-ACP government agencies meet sanitary market access requirements
- Support for sanitary and IUU competent authorities to comply with applicable legislation allowing for market access
- Assistance with fisheries development and national policies;
- Annual policy dialogue with the EU
- Assistance to P-ACP to comply with the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Conservation Management Measures and to implement checklist identified priorities
- Building the capacity and engagement of the regional tuna industry association
- Pilot projects and technical assistance for small and medium enterprises in the sector

KRA 3: Sustainable management of coastal fisheries resources and ecosystems improved through better quality scientific information, legal advice, support, mentoring and empowerment at community level.

17. Lead agency: SPC. Main partner: LMMA Network

- Surveys of commercially important invertebrates
- Socio-economic surveys of coastal communities including gender segregated data

- Mainstreaming of gender and rights-based approach, trainings, and national gender stocktakes
- Coastal fisheries data collection and national database development including trials of new technology
- Support and mentoring for the community-based ecosystem approach to fisheries management (CEAFM) at national and local levels
- CEAFM management and coordination with NGOs
- CEAFM activities at sub-national and community levels
- Communication activities and production and dissemination of information and materials for communities
- Capacity development through long-term and short-term attachments for national fisheries and NGO staff
- Outreach activities including adaptation with communities

KRA 4: Illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing reduced through enhanced monitoring control and surveillance of both oceanic and coastal fisheries, improved legislation, access to information, and effective marine area management.

18. Lead agency: FFA. Main partner: WWF

- Support for the review of national legislation in line with international principles as well as the implementation of IUU national plans of action
- Training to deal with IUU incidents and assistance with prosecutions and sanctions
- Trials of new technology to assist national and regional monitoring, control and surveillance (MCS) efforts
- Technical assistance with catch documentation systems, electronic monitoring and electronic reporting
- International outreach and advocacy on IUU and control of high seas fisheries
- Capacity building and training of MCS officers with emphasis on the enforcement of port state controls and coastal fisheries regulations
- Development of tools and systems to combat IUU fishing activities in coastal waters

KRA 5: Sustainable utilisation of the coastal and marine biodiversity promoted through improving marine spatial planning, increasing climate change resilience, enhancing conservation, mitigation and rehabilitation

19. Lead agency: SPREP Main partner: IUCN

- Support for marine spatial planning in at least two countries
- Integrated ecosystem strategies and coastal zone management planning
- Climate change adaptation strategies integrated into coastal community plans
- Endangered marine species by-catch assessed and extinction risk evaluated
- By-catch mitigation strategies developed and rolled-out
- Capacity development through research grant
- Support for community monitoring and protection of endangered species

KRA 6: Capacity built through education, training and research and development for key stakeholder groups in fisheries and marine resources management

20. Lead agency: USP

- Comprehensive needs and gap analysis undertaken
- Accreditation and delivery of existing technical and vocational education and training (TVET) courses (e.g. fisheries enforcement)
- Design of continuing professional development and career pathways including business skills
- Development and delivery of additional training courses identified through needs and gap analysis related to coastal fisheries management and sustainable marine development
- Applied research, postgraduate, workplace development training and TVET scholarships
- Outreach, including on-line delivery of education and training, publications, talanoa, open educational resources and mobile applications

Programme Management Unit

Objectives

21. Strengthening gender and rights-based approaches across all KRAs through positive change to people's livelihoods, in particular, women, youth and the most vulnerable groups.
22. Lead agency: SPC
23. Activities:
 - Overall reporting and financial management, as well as communications and visibility of the PEUMP programme

- Integrating and mainstreaming gender and human rights-based approaches across the programme
- Providing technical assistance for the delimitation and negotiation of maritime boundaries

Programme genesis

The concept of the Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership programme was launched under the 11th European Development Fund in October 2017 on the occasion of the Our Ocean Conference hosted by the EU in Malta, with the signing of the Financing Agreement for the programme. The Contribution Agreement for implementing the PEUMP Programme was signed in Nauru on 5 September 2018 at the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting. The partnership will be implemented in the 15 Pacific-ACP countries with a total budget of € 45 million, made up of € 35 million from the EU and a € 10 million co-financing contribution by the Swedish Government through their International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

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