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Brief update on the implementation of the Pacific Framework
for Action on Community-Based Fisheries Management: 2021-
2025

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Background

1. The 12th SPC Heads of Fisheries meeting in 2020 requested the Pacific Community (SPC) to work with members and partners to assess community-based fisheries management (CBFM) and scaling-up approaches in the region and to assist members in developing effective scaling-up approaches that are appropriate at each member's context.
2. At the first Regional Fisheries Ministers Meeting (RFMM1) the Ministers stressed the broad and deep impacts of COVID-19 on coastal fisheries and communities and acknowledged the increased importance of community-based fisheries management (CBFM) for long-term recovery.
3. After an extensive bottom-up process of members and regional stakeholders, sub-regional and regional dialogue, and consultation, the "Pacific Framework for Action on Scaling-up Community-based Fisheries Management: 2021-2025" (hereafter referred to as the CBFM Framework for Action) was subsequently reviewed and approved at the 13th SPC Heads of Fisheries Meeting (HoF13) and endorsed at the Second Regional Fisheries Ministers Meeting (RFMM2).
4. The CBFM Framework for Action is a Pacific led framework that acknowledges Pacific diversity and sovereignty over coastal fisheries, and it is designed to provide guidance to Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) in developing, prioritising, and implementing national actions for scaling up CBFM that supports local communities and to achieve national and regional policy goals.

Purpose of the paper

5. To provide a brief update to the Community-Based Fisheries Dialogue (CBFD) participants on the implementation of the CBFM Framework for Action since endorsement. The paper highlights the key activities being implemented so far at the regional level within the first 12 month's period and outlines some planned activities for the second year (August 2022 – July 2023) period.

Implementation status

6. The CBFM Framework for Action has five objectives and 11 outcomes. Tabulated below the list of key activities that are being implemented or currently under implementation since the endorsement of the CBFM Framework for Action:



Activities	Purpose	Alignment to CBFM Framework for Action Outcomes	Status
CBFM Scaling-up Policy Brief: <i>Scaling up Community-based Fisheries Management: A regional commitment supporting Pacific Island communities in sustaining coastal fisheries¹</i>	A brief for Heads of Fisheries and Fisheries Ministers on what is scaling-up of CBFM, why it is needed and how the implementation of the CBFM Framework for Action can be supported and promoted at regional, national and subnational level.	As per RFMM2 outcome 12	Completed and published
Objective 1: Information, awareness and communications			
Development of the regional CBFM website	The website is to facilitate access and sharing of CBFM information and awareness materials to support resource management. It is also to share regional and national CBFM information that may assist in tracking the scaling-up of CBFM in the region.	1.1	In progress
Continue development of regional CBFM information and awareness materials	The information materials are targeting fishing communities to make informed decisions in the management of their own resources. This activity also aims at raising fishers' voices to share their own CBFM experience.	1.1 and 5.2	Ongoing

¹ [Policy brief: Scaling up community-based fisheries management](#)



Objective 2: Joint actions at site level			
Continue development and review of CBFM approaches	Ongoing support to members and partners in developing and reviewing CBFM plans, manual, information, and awareness tools, etc.	2.1 and 5.2	Ongoing
Development of Nearshore Fishing Technique: A manual for community fishers in the Pacific Islands	To build capacity of local fishers on pelagic fishing methods. The initiative is to support CBFM communities in managing their inshore fisheries resources by encouraging them to target the more abundant and resilient nearshore resources.	2.1	In progress
Objective 3: Strong and up-to-date management policy, legislation, planning and operational guidance			
Development of CBFM legal guide	The guide is intended to support PICTs' fisheries agencies in assessing and improving their co-management legislative framework to enable local fishing communities to meet their aspirations for healthy coastal ecosystems, while preserving their livelihoods. It is addressed to fisheries managers, legal officers and CBFM practitioners broadly.	3.1, 3.2 and 5.2	In progress
Work with interested members in developing country level CBFM scaling-up strategy	To guide members on priority actions to be implemented to scale-up their own CBFM approach.	3.1, 3.2, 5.2 and 1.1	In progress
Objective 4: Organisational and individual capacity			
Assessing status of enabling environment for scaling up CBFM	To understand the status of the enabling environment for scaling-up CBFM (legislation, policy, staffing), the coverage of site-based	4.3, 5.2, 3.5, 3.2 and 2.1	In progress



	<p>approaches and some insights into broader human rights and tenure aspects across the region.</p> <p>To update a regional CBFM baseline information that was collected in 2015 by SPC. Information collated will be shared on the CBFM website to enable tracking of CBFM scaling-up progress in the region.</p>		
Development of regional CBFM scaling-up training module	This is to assist targeted practitioners in enhancing their understanding of scaling-up of CBFM and how it can be implemented in their respective countries. The training module is targeting national and subnational level fisheries and NGOs / CSOs partners working in CBFM.	4.2	In progress
Development of community wardens training modules	To build capacity of community authorised officers / wardens to legally and effectively national and locally agreed fisheries rules in a given CBFM area.	4.2, 3.2 and 2.2	Completed and ready to be rolled-out to interested countries / communities
Community-based Fisheries Dialogue	To provide Civil Society Organisations / Non-State Actors and local communities an opportunity to discuss key needs and issues concerning community-based Fisheries to inform Fisheries Ministers and Pacific Island forum leaders	4.3	Established and ongoing

Planned activities for year 2

- Continue working with members and partners on CBFM scaling-up activities that are in-progress and ongoing.



- Continue responding to members and partners request on CBFM scaling-up technical assistance.
- Respond to ad hoc CBFM scaling-up requests from the Heads of Fisheries and Regional Fisheries Ministers.
- Continue to provide annual activity progress updates on the implementation of the CBFM Framework for Action to the Regional Fisheries Ministers Meeting.
- Recruitment of a Regional CBFM Adviser to oversee the implementation of the CBFM Framework for Action and to lead regional coordination of CBFM in Pacific Island Countries and Territories.
- Regional CBFM sharing and lessons-learned workshop on the implementation of the CBFM Framework for Action.