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ACIAR	Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
AIMS	Australian Institute of Marine Science
AMC	Australian Maritime College
CFA	Community Fisheries Adviser (SPC)
CFP	Coastal Fisheries Programme (SPC)
CFS	Community Fisheries Section
C-SPOD	Canada-South Pacific Ocean Development
CPUE	Catch per unit of effort
CRGA	Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (SPC)
CROP	Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific
DWFN	Distant Water Fishing Nation
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EU	European Union
FAD	Fish Aggregation Device
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; IO, HQ in Rome, Italy
FFA	Forum Fisheries Agency
FFC	Forum Fisheries Committee
FETA	Fisheries Education and Training Adviser (SPC)
FIA	Fisheries Information Adviser (SPC)
FMCIL	Fisheries Management Consultancy International Ltd
ForSec	Forum Secretariat
FSTAT	Fisheries Statistician (SPC)
SOPAC	South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission
GMDSS	Global Marine Distress Safety System
GPS	Global Positioning System
HACCP	Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point
HIV/AIDS	Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome
HOF	Heads of Fisheries
ICFMP	Integrated Coastal Fisheries Management Project (SPC)
ICLARM	International Center for Living Aquatic Resources Management
IFRP	Inshore Fisheries Research Project (SPC)
IMA	International Marinelife Alliance
IMR	Institute of Marine Resources (USP)
IRD	Institut de recherche pour le développement (ex ORSTOM)
MCS	Management of Coastal Systems
MHLC	Multilateral High Level Consultation
MRD	Marine Resources Division (SPC)
MSR	Marine Scientific Research
NZODA	New Zealand Overseas Development Assistance
ODA	Overseas Development Administration (UK)
OFDC	Overseas Fisheries Development Council
OFCF	Overseas Fisheries Cooperation Foundation (Japan)
OFP	Oceanic Fisheries Programme (SPC)
PFS	Principal Fisheries Scientist (SPC)
PIIDS	Pacific Islands Industrial Development Scheme
PIMRIS	Pacific Islands Marine Resources Information System
PIN	Pacific Island Nation
PHFDP	Post-Harvest Fisheries Development Project
PWRB	Pacific Women's Resources Bureau
ROC	Republic of China
ROK	Republic of Korea
RTMF	Regional Technical Meeting on Fisheries (SPC)
SCTB	Standing Committee on Tuna and Billfish
SICHE	Solomon Islands College of Higher Education
SMR	Service des Ressources Marines

SPAR	South Pacific Albacore Research
SPC	Secretariat of the Pacific Community
SPMC	South Pacific Maritime Code
SPRCARF	South Pacific Comparative Assessment of Reef Resources
SPREP	South Pacific Regional Environment Programme
SPRTRAMP	South Pacific Regional Tuna Resource Assessment and Monitoring Programme (SPC)
STCW-F	Standard of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Skippers, Officers and Radio Personnel of Fishing Vessels
STD	Sexually Transmitted Disease
TBAP	Tuna and Billfish Assessment Programme (SPC)
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
UK	United Kingdom
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USP	University of the South Pacific
WPFC	Western Pacific Fisheries Consultative Committee
WPRFMC	Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council
WPYRG	Western Pacific Yellowfin Research Group
WRI	World Resources Institute
WTP	Western Tropical Pacific

## I. INTRODUCTION

Most of the papers to this meeting are available on the Secretariat of the Pacific Community's website at the universal resource locator address: <http://www.spc.int/coastfish/Reports/RTMF28/index.html>



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#### **1.3. Approval of Agenda**

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During the course of the 2nd SPC Heads of Fisheries (HOF) Meeting (Noumea, New Caledonia, 23-27<sup>th</sup> July 2001) the following recommendations or statements were agreed by Pacific Community island member representatives to be included into the record of discussion, for the guidance of the Secretariat of the Marine Resources Division and/or the benefit of other SPC or international processes:-

**V. DOCUMENTS PRESENTED TO THE MEETING****WORKING PAPERS**

- Working Paper 1      Overview of the Marine Resources Division  
(prepared by the Secretariat)
- Working Paper 3      Overview of the Coastal Fisheries Programme  
(prepared by the Secretariat)
- Working Paper 4      Principles of Community Fisheries Management  
(prepared by the Secretariat)
- Working Paper 5      Bycatch in the tuna longline fishery  
(prepared by the Secretariat)
- Working Paper 6      Pacific Islands Regional Ocean Policy  
(prepared by the Secretariat)
- Working Paper 7      The Johannesburg Summit on Sustainable Development  
(prepared by the Secretariat)
- Working Paper 8      Community-based fisheries management  
(prepared by the Secretariat)

**INFORMATION PAPERS**

- Information Paper 1    Marine Resources Division - Information Section  
(prepared by the Secretariat)
- Information Paper 2    Reef Fisheries Assessment and Management Section  
(prepared by the Secretariat)
- Information Paper 3    Community Fisheries Section  
(prepared by the Secretariat)
- Information Paper 4    Fisheries Development Section two-year overview  
(prepared by the Secretariat)
- Information Paper 5    Fisheries Training Section  
(prepared by the Secretariat)
- Information Paper 7    Statement by FAO Sub-Regional Office for the Pacific Islands  
(Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations)

- Information Paper 8 Request for Country Report-Information:  
Aquaculture Training Needs  
(prepared by the Secretariat)
- Information Paper 9 Report of the Pacific Islands Marine Resources Information System (PIMRIS) steering committee
- Information Paper 10 Outputs of the Meeting  
(prepared by the Secretariat)
- Information Paper 11 Aquaculture at the University of the South Pacific  
(University of the South Pacific)
- Information Paper 12 FAO Programme on Fishermen's Safety at Sea
- Information Paper 13 World summit on sustainable development fisheries agenda  
U.S. Position Paper
- Information Paper 14 Recommendations of the FAO/SPC Pacific Islands Regional Workshop  
on Fishery Statistics  
(FAO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific)
- Information Paper 15 Ideas for an Industry Code of Conduct  
for the Live Reef Food Fish Trade  
(International Marinelife Alliance Hong Kong)
- Information Paper 16 Update on marketing information on tuna  
(Forum Fisheries Agency)
- Information Paper 17 Sustainable Fisheries in the Pacific Region:  
Environmental Certification for the Marine Aquarium Trade  
(Marine Aquarium Council)
- Information Paper 18 USP Post Harvest Fisheries Development Project  
(Marine Studies Program  
The University of the South Pacific)
- Information Paper 19 Papua New Guinea - Country report on the  
'Status of live reef fish food trade' fishery
- Information Paper 20 Fourth Meeting of the South West Pacific Ministers of Agriculture  
(FAO Sub-Regional Office for the Pacific Islands)
- Information Paper 21 Canada-South Pacific Ocean Development Program:  
Current and Future Activities  
(Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat)
- Information paper 22 SPC-ACIAR Aquaculture Workshop
- Information Paper 23 Statement by the University of the South Pacific (USP) and  
Marine Studies Programme (MSP)

**COUNTRY STATEMENTS**

- Country Statement 1    French Polynesia  
Country Statement 2    New Caledonia  
Country Statement 3    Solomon Islands  
Country Statement 4    Papua New Guinea

**INFORMAL DOCUMENTS**

- Informal Paper 1        List of Participants/Observers  
Informal Paper 2        List of Documents  
Informal Paper 3        Meeting Arrangements

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