



Information Paper 2

Session 2: Defining Community-Based Fisheries Management (CBFM) and CBFM Scaling in the Pacific Context

Time allocated	60 mins
Session objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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

Summary/Short description:

The Pacific Islands have a tradition of community stewardship over resources which has been harnessed over the past three decades in a diversity of ways to achieve different approaches to what is broadly referred to as CBFM. While all countries carry out what is known as collaborative or co-management between communities and government the precise roles of each depend on a number of factors. Co-management and the requirements in terms of rights and participatory processes to achieve CBFM will be discussed and clarified amongst the participants in particular the minimum conditions required for communities to be "empowered" enough to shoulder a major proportion of the compliance and enforcement burden.

The context and history of CBFM in countries presents very different challenges and opportunities for scaling up in different countries, as highlighted in the regional review¹ and captured in the flexibility of the CBFM Framework². Participants will explore the implications of this and potential strategies for the different country contexts.

¹ https://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/H_uNgzxUo7kB36r

² <https://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/yr5yv>