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Tuvalu

country statement



1. NEW DEVELOPMENTS

Outline up to three new developments in the last twelve months relating to fisheries and/or aquaculture in your country/territory which are relevant to HoF.

- Coastal Fisheries Section developing fisheries management plans for inshore fisheries working with communities in the seven outer islands.
- Study on the size at maturity of key species of reef fish to inform the introduction of size limits and spawning seasons in Funafuti.
- Registration and tracking of all drifting FADs used by the Purse Seine fishery in Tuvalu waters to become mandatory in 2023 (PNA 4th Implementing Arrangement) as well as electronic reporting by all longliners.

2. KEY FISHERIES/AQUACULTURE DECISIONS

What are the key fisheries and/or aquaculture decisions (1–2) that will have to be made in your country/territory over the next couple of years?

- For Coastal Fisheries – Introduction of new fisheries management measures and their enforcement.
- For Oceanic Fisheries – Agreement on high seas limits for Tuvaluan (and other SIDS) purse seine fishing.

3. KEY EMERGING PRIORITIES

What does your country/territory consider to be the top emerging priorities for fisheries or aquaculture in the Pacific Islands region?

- Management of coastal fisheries
- Support for small-scale tuna fishing and post-harvest in the outer islands for food security
- Market access for tuna catches of domestic purse seine vessels (EU competent authority, US MMPA, etc.)
- Development of appropriate aquaculture activities for Tuvalu