

# COOK ISLANDS 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.*

- Enactment of Maritime Zones regulations
- Establishment of GCCA+SUPA project
- Prohibition of giant clam exports

## 2. KEY FISHERIES/AQUACULTURE DECISIONS

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

- Development of a national coastal fisheries policy
- Review of the Marine Resources Act

### 3. KEY EMERGING PRIORITY ISSUES

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

Fisheries management and policy capacity – in-country dedicated support required

Aquaculture use for eutrophication and environmental management response strategies

Maintaining pearl industry – access to technicians, research and product development

Strengthening FAD programme – access to islands, training, and livelihoods support

Livelihoods options – COVID19 impacts, diversification agenda, and working with Agriculture

Coral reef ecosystems – climate change resilience

Communication and outreach