

SOUTH PACIFIC ISLANDS FISHERIES DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

PROPOSED SUB-PROJECT

1) Title: Rock Lobster Resource Survey - Marquesas and Gambier Regions, French Polynesia.

2) Background and Justification:

The Report by Dr Ray George, Consultant on Rock Lobster (Crayfish) emphasises that reports via questionnaire and interview suggest that good catches of two species of Panulirus can be made in the Marquesas region. Distance and transport difficulties prevented his visiting the region from Papeete. In his Recommendations, he suggested that on the evidence available to him, a short term survey should be carried out.

3) Objectives:

To identify species and describe habitat preferences of rock lobsters in Marquesas and Gambier regions, French Polynesia; to review fishing methods; to advise on the fishing potential and management and advise on future lines of development in the area.

4) Work Plan Schedules:

One to two months' visit for the two areas in French Polynesia at a time when good transport and communications are realised in these areas.

5) Government Counterpart Support:

One Assistant, vessels at Marquesas and Gambier, transport ex Papeete to and from these areas.

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