



Scaling-up Community-based Fisheries Management in the Pacific Virtual Micronesian Workshop 8-12 February 2021

Background

The *New Song for Coastal Fisheries*¹ and the *Regional Roadmap for Sustainable Pacific Fisheries*² provide the regional context for community-based fisheries management in the Pacific Islands. The combined vision that these policies contribute to can be summarized as:

Underpinned by community-based approaches and supported by national controls, policy and legislation, communities are empowered to drive local management regimes that secure or improve fisheries, ecosystems and associated livelihoods.

Community-based Fisheries Management (CBFM)³ was identified by members and partners as a priority topic at the SPC 12th Heads of Fisheries (HoF) meeting in May 2020. With the recognition of the importance of having effective CBFM in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs), the HoF requested SPC FAME to work with members and regional partners experienced in CBFM and scaling-up approaches⁴, to assist members in developing and implementing effective CBFM scaling-up approaches. The need for effective CBFM in the PICTs was further reiterated at the First Regional Fisheries Ministerial Meeting (RFMM) in August 2020, where Fisheries Ministers called for the strengthening of coastal fisheries management underpinned by CBFM.

To fulfill this, SPC FAME are implementing sub-regional workshops with members and partners to allow countries from the same sub-region and cultural background to discuss and find ways to achieve scaling up of CBFM. During these workshops' participants will assess country CBFM scaling up status, share approaches, experiences, lessons-learned and opportunities in implementing CBFM and identify potential strategies to expand CBFM. A final combined regional workshop will be held afterwards to bring together relevant stakeholders that are working in the field of CBFM (i.e. local communities and CSOs, national fisheries, national and regional NGOs) to discuss common issues identified from the sub-regional workshop and to discuss effective and appropriate approaches to scaling CBFM.

Workshop Objectives

The workshop objectives are to:

- a) Provide a forum for national fisheries agencies and in-country CBFM partner organizations/stakeholders/practitioners to:
 - a. have a general understanding of what it means to scale up CBFM
 - b. assess current national status on scaling up CBFM
- b) Understand the context for using various approaches and tools in scaling up CBFM
- c) Identify in-country priority areas/issues that need to be addressed in order to scale-up CBFM, and potential strategies to do so
- d) Promote effective collaboration and coordination among CBFM stakeholders in country and in the Micronesia region

¹ <https://coastfish.spc.int/component/content/article/461-a-new-song-for-coastal-fisheries.html>

² https://www.spc.int/DigitalLibrary/Doc/FAME/Brochures/FFA_SPC_2015_Roadmap.pdf

³ There are many terms used by countries that encompass community-based fisheries management and this could be used interchangeably, provided they are community driven and encompass an ecosystem approach that will sustain livelihoods and ensure resilient communities.

⁴ The term scaling up is used in this brief as it is in the New Song to refer to the process of moving from a few examples of CBFM to achieving coverage of a meaningful proportion of the coastal environment. The LMMA network uses '100%' to capture this scaling ambition.



Workshop Expected Outputs

The workshop outputs are:

- a) An open forum/discussion on scaling up CBFM by national fisheries agencies and in-country CBFM stakeholders/practitioners, including challenges, lessons-learned
- b) Key priority areas for achieving scaling and potential strategies to scale up CBFM are identified per country
- c) Country status report in relation to scaling up CBFM

Workshop Information

- The virtual Micronesian CBFM workshop will take place over **five (5) morning sessions (i.e. Monday 8 February to Friday 12 2021) and in Noumea Time**. The agenda is designed to have 20-30 minutes of presentations and 2 hours of break-out group discussions and presentations.
- The virtual workshop room will be open from **9:30am**, therefore requesting all workshop participants to join the workshop at this time to facilitate starting of the workshop at 10:00am.
- An **Information Paper (IP)** on scaling-up of CBFM is provided. The purpose of the IP is to help participants conceptualize scaling-up of CBFM, assist in assessing CBFM progress and potentially develop priority strategies in the broader diverse context of different PICTs. Kindly request all participants to read the IP in preparation for the workshop. IP are also available on the link below:

English version: <http://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/cc937>

French version: <http://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/zipk3>

- The workshop will be conducted in English through the **Zoom online platform**. The workshop Zoom link will be sent to all participants via email. National Fisheries agencies and in-country CBFM partners are kindly requested to assist nominated community representatives on this.
- All workshop participants are invited to join a test session on **Wednesday 3rd February 2021** at **10am Noumea Time**, so that we can check audio, video, etc. Please join the test session using the same zoom link that will be sent via email.
- All documents relating to the workshop can be found on the SPC FAME meeting web page: <https://fame1.spc.int/en/meetings/255>
- For any other enquiries regarding the workshop please, contact SPC FAME on: FAME_Meetings@spc.int

Workshop Agenda

Day 1 – Monday 8 February 2021		
Scaling-up CBFM in the Pacific Island Countries and Territories		
Time (Noumea)	Sessions	Lead
09:30-10:00	Please could everyone endeavour to join the meeting at this time to facilitate starting of the meeting at 10:00am Noumea Time. Thank you.	
10:00-10:15	Opening, welcome and workshop procedures	SPC
10:15-10:25	Presentation 1: Status of CBFM in Micronesia	SPC
10:25-10:40	Presentation 2: Scaling-up CBFM in the Pacific region	SPC
10:40-11:40	Breakout group discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What current processes/practises are in place through which national fisheries agencies support local communities in implementing CBFM? 2. What proportion of all communities in the country are being supported as much as they need? 3. What are the key challenges and lessons learned from the current process/practises that limits/restrict national fisheries in providing adequate CBFM support to all coastal communities? 4. What would be some key changes within current budgets and activities that might improve support to all motivated/needy coastal communities on CBFM? 	BoG Facilitators and Note takers
11:40-12:20	Country presentations	Countries
12:20-12:30	Wrap up day 1	SPC
End of day 1		

Day 2 – Tuesday 9 February 2021		
Information and Awareness		
Time	Sessions	Lead
09:30-10:00	Please could everyone endeavour to join the meeting at this time to facilitate starting of the meeting at 10:00am Noumea Time. Thank you.	
10:00-10:10	Presentation 1: General and simple awareness for all	cChange, SPC & LMMA
10:10-10:20	Presentation 2: Lessons learned from providing information and awareness to communities in Kiribati	Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development - Kiribati
10:20-11:30	Breakout group discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What type of programmes have been undertaken in your country to raise community awareness to coastal communities? 2. Based on the programmes undertaken, what do you estimate: 	BoG Facilitators and Note takers



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Which stakeholder groups receive information/awareness? What proportion of the total of each? How regularly do they receive information/awareness? What kinds/topics of awareness? <p>3. What might be more cost-effective ways of disseminating key information identified to reach all communities and stakeholders?</p>	
11:30-12:20	Group presentation	Countries
12:20-12:30	Wrap up day 2	SPC
End of day 2		

Day 3 – Wednesday 10 February 2021

Establishing and/or strengthening 2-way communication		
Time	Sessions	Lead
09:30-10:00	Please could everyone endeavour to join the meeting at this time to facilitate starting of the meeting at 10:00am Noumea Time. Thank you.	
10:00-10:10	Presentation 1: Why 2-way communication is important in scaling-up CBFM?	LMMA Network
10:10-10:20	Presentation 2: Experiences in CBFM networks in the Federated States of Micronesia	Conservation Society Pohnpei (CSP)
10:20-11:20	Breakout group discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> What could be the role of community networks to help scale up and sustain CBFM in your country? Are there any now and what could be improved? What mechanisms are in place that allows communities to inform national fisheries on their needs? How could these be improved? How would you ensure that community voices are represented to national and regional levels (e.g. policy) through networks and/or other mechanisms? 	BoG Facilitators and Note takers
11:20-12:20	Group presentation	Countries
12:20-12:30	Wrap up day 3	SPC
End of day 3		

Day 4 – Thursday 11 February 2021

Enabling conditions to support / empower local communities		
Time	Sessions	Lead
09:30-10:00	Please could everyone endeavour to join the meeting at this time to facilitate starting of the meeting at 10:00am Noumea Time. Thank you / Merci.	
10:00-10:10	Presentation 1: Existing support towards CBFM (policies, staffing and budgets)	SPC
10:10-10:20	Presentation 2: Experiences and lessons learned from trying to reach as many communities as possible on CBFM in Marshall Islands	Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority (MIMRA)



10:20-11:20	Breakout group discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What are the available resources with national fisheries to support CBFM? 2. Are the available resources able to support the coastal CBFM scaling-up suggestions from the first 2 days? How much would be needed? 3. Are the existing legal framework (laws/regulation) and policies sufficient to support and recognise local communities in managing coastal resources? Are these implemented and enforced? What is needed to achieve scaling-up? 	BoG Facilitators and Note takers
11:20-12:20	Group presentation	Countries
12:20-12:30	Wrap up day 4	SPC
End of day 4		

Day 5 – Friday 12 February 2021		
Emerging / Cross-cutting issues		
Time	Sessions	Lead
09:30-10:00	Please could everyone endeavour to join the meeting at this time to facilitate starting of the meeting at 10:00am Noumea Time. Thank you.	
10:00-10:10	Presentation 1: Non-fisheries issues in Micronesia.	SPC
10:10-11:00	Breakout group discussion: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What effective mechanisms/process in place in your country (sub-national and national level) that help address non-fisheries issues faced by communities: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) community impacts on ecosystem (internal) b) wider ecosystem impacts (external) c) climate change, disasters, and pandemics d) people centred approach 2. How could these be improved? 	BoG Facilitators and Note takers
11:00-11:30	Group presentation	Countries
11:30-12:15	Summary of the workshop	
12:15-12:30	Closing of workshop	
End of day 5		

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