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The Post Harvest Fisheries Development Project is funded by the Canada-South Pacific Ocean Development Program, Phase II.

The Project aims to improve the utilization of inshore and nearshore marine resources through:

- √research (needs assessment, seafood poisoning (histamine in tuna), prototypes, sea plants, project impacts)*
- √school curricula (Primary and Secondary)*
- √training and awareness resources*
- √training workshops and attachments*

Project Team

Project Leader – Tony Chamberlain, USP

Project Coordinator – Samasoni Sauni, USP

Project Trainer – Gabriel Titili (resigned)

Various resource people as required.

Overall Status

All activities going ahead, but a bit delayed due to coup in Fiji, etc. The project was due to finish Dec 2001 but is now extended to June 2002 to allow sufficient time for impacts to be realized and evaluations to be done.

Needs Assessment

A needs assessment was completed over several months 1999 by Dr Irene Novaczeck & Tony Chamberlain and is available as an MSP Technical Report.

Countries visited

Palau, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu, Kiribati, Vanuatu, Solomon Is, Nauru, RMI, FSM, Fiji.

Countries not visited

Cook Islands (workshop planned Aug/Sep), Niue (to attend Cook Island workshop), Tokelau (attended Samoa workshops)

Training Materials/Resources

√3 *Primary School Readers*

√1 *Secondary School Book (also on CD)*

√1 *Poster/Board Game*

√1 *Audio Cassette*

√10 *Community Training Booklets (in pub.)*

- Fishing
- Seafood in our Meals
- Sea Plants
- Guide to Common Edible and Medicinal Sea Plant of the Pacific Islands
- Sea Vegetable Recipes
- Seafood Spoilage and Sickness
- Seafood Handling
- Seafood Processing
- Business Skills
- Fisheries Management

Workshops

√*Pretesting - Fiji, Kiribati, RMI, Samoa, Vanuatu*

√*Sub-regionals (resource orientation & implementation strategies)-*

- Samoa (&Tonga & Tokelau) April 2001
- Fiji (& Kiribati & Nauru & Tuvalu) May 2001
- Vanuatu (& Solomon Islands) July 2001
- Palau (& FSM & RMI) August 2001
- Cook Islands (& Niue) Aug/Sep 2001

√*Wan Smol Bag (Vanuatu)*

√*Fiji Red Cross Teachers*

√*Sub-Regional Teacher Training (Nadi with SPREP)*

√*Cold Chain for Deep Sea Snapper (with Fiji Fisheries)*

- √ *Food Safety and Quality (Kiribati with Forum Sec)*
- √ *Food Safety and Quality (Nauru)*
- √ *Sea Plants Workshop (regional ws in Suva)*
- √ *CETC (3 years with SPC's Community Fisheries Sect)*
- √ *Fish Handling Module (with FIT Maritime School)*

Other

- √ *Seafood Product Development Attachments to USP Post Harvest Laboratory*
- √ *TV Spots with "Pacific Way"*
- √ *Radio Spots (Fiji only)*
- √ *Promotion through Newspapers, Magazines Newsletters and Bulletins.*

Post Harvest Fisheries Development Project "Phase II"?

- √ *Pending funding*
- √ *Seafood Risk Management Certification (GMP, SSOP, HACCP, CODEX)*
- √ *Certification with USFDA (USA), RIPHH (EU), QSA (AUS, NZ and international)*
- √ *USP summer schools (certification courses) plus "in-country" services*