



Pacific
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Solomon Islands

Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources

statement

1. CLIMATE CHANGE-Solomon Islands



What national climate change activities or initiatives are underway to manage and adapt to the impacts of climate change on fisheries and aquaculture?

Current activities:

- CBRM Initiative-Implementing the Community Vulnerable Impact Assessment. This involves community Profiling, Roadmap on aspect for improvement (Sanitation, protection, adaptation needs, etc)
- Fad Program-Lord Howe & Shorlands Islands.
- Value-Adding-Seaweed & Reef fish-Lord Howe & Shortlands
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- Relevant Community and Staff trainings.
- Biodiversity Restoration –Work Bota in Guadalcanal Provinces to restore nesting ground for leather back turtle been destroy by storm surges.

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Offshore Fisheries

- **Nationally & Supported by FFA , a TOR for a desk top analysis on climate change impact on the tuna fisheries. The work is on assessment of impacts on the tuna fisheries in national waters.**
- **Regionally, SI-MFMR in collaboration with regional and subregional partners furthers work on the climate change impacting on tuna fisheries. This includes securing maritime boundaries, climate change adaptations, and climate justice considerations.**
- **Support SPC SEAPODYM modelling work is vital in terms of tuna movement. The ecosystem modelling by the Spatial Ecosystem and Population Dynamics Model (SEAPODYM) showed that, under continued high emissions, by 2050, tuna biomass in the combined waters of the PNA and others will shift substantially and decrease by 13%.**

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Planned activities:

- Ongoing activities under fisheries program on Lord Howe and Shortland.
- MFMR to recruit a staff for climate change work under Fisheries programs (offshore, inshore & Aquaculture).

2. COVID-19 IMPACTS

What are your national fisheries and aquaculture current and planned activities to reduce the residual impacts of COVID-19 on food security, livelihoods, and economic growth?

Current activities:

- CBRM Initiative-Ongoing
- Seaweed-Lord Howe and Shortlands
- Value-adding-Lord Howe and Shortlands
- Tilapia-Seaweed –ADB-Covid Funding
- Temporary suspension on the Observers program by the WCPFC has impacted on the livelihood of Fisheries Observer and the program. However SI-MFMR had been working with members to reopen the suspension and for the redeployment of Observers. Which sees January 1st 2023 first deployment of observer on Foreign vessels.

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Planned activities:

- Ongoing Fisheries and Aquaculture Program.