

ORIGINAL: ENGLISH

SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC COMMUNITY

**THIRTY-NINTH MEETING OF THE
COMMITTEE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS AND
ADMINISTRATIONS**

(Nuku'alofa, Tonga, 6–9 October 2009)

**AGENDA ITEM 3.2.4 – MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION/FISHERIES
AQUACULTURE AND MARINE ECOSYSTEMS DIVISION 2010–2013 DRAFT
STRATEGIC PLAN**

(Paper presented by the Secretariat)

SUMMARY

1. The end of this year marks the end of the four-year period covered by the strategic plans of the Coastal Fisheries Programme and the Oceanic Fisheries Programme of the Marine Resources Division. A new strategic plan for the whole division has been prepared for the next four-year cycle (2010–2013), in line with the recommendations of the review of the programmes.
2. The plan proposes a new name for the division – Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems. Marine Resources Division was considered somewhat unsatisfactory as the programmes have never dealt with non-living marine resources, much aquaculture and some fisheries work deals with freshwater (non-marine) species, and the work of the division on broader marine ecosystem issues needs to be recognised.
3. Otherwise, the plan is intended to be self-explanatory. The goals, objectives and results were developed by the SPC Heads of Fisheries meeting in February, and subsequently endorsed by the Forum Fisheries Committee (although participants pointed out that this does not preclude amendments by SPC's governing body). As with the strategic plans of other SPC divisions, this plan provides overall direction, and will form the basis for more detailed annual work plans.
4. Although presented in a 'print-ready' form with illustrations, this is a draft plan and comments and recommendations of CRGA will be incorporated in the final version.

Recommendations:

5. CRGA is invited to:
 - i. review the draft strategic plan for the Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems Division;
 - ii. recommend any changes or amendments needed; and subject to these
 - iii. endorse the plan as the basis for the division's work for the period 2010–2013.
