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FISHERIES PROGRAMME

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE

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Since the Fisheries Officer departed from the Protectorate in January, 1967 there has perforce been no set programme of development. Prior to this, however, groups of interested fishermen were instructed in the use of up to date techniques of fishing and in the use of modern equipment. Instruction was also given in preservation methods. A refrigerated fish market was built in Honiara and run by the Central Co-operatives Association. The plant for this market has been suffering from a considerable amount of mechanical failure. At present, therefore, there is only a small amount of fresh fish available for sale in the urban areas although one enterprising group on Wagina Island is smoking fish and selling it in Gizo.

It is considered that the appointment of a marine biologist for a tour of one or two years would be of great value to assess the potential of the fish population, to look into the need for conservation legislation, to look into the possibilities of certain marine products for export, and if possible, to investigate the potential of minor marine products.

Accordingly the Protectorate Government has applied to the A.S.P.T.A.P. for the services of a marine biologist.

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