



Summary of the Pacific Community's 2015 work programme in Cook Islands



(November 2015 update)

The following table lists key work areas that SPC is undertaking in 2015 in cooperation with Cook Islands. The country-specific work listed here complements other SPC work undertaken at a regional level to benefit the people of Cook Islands and achieve its national development priorities. SPC's key regional work will be presented in its next Programme Results Report (to be published in May 2016).

SPC's expected contribution to national development goals			
Expected long-term result (impact)	Expected medium-term result (outcome)	Key outputs for the year	Status
<i>Pacific communities are empowered and resilient</i>			
Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems			
Improved management of coastal fisheries	Enhanced coastal fisheries management policies and systems based, where possible, on scientific assessments of the status of national coastal marine resources	Age, growth and genetic parameters determined for a selection of coastal finfish; Samples collected and analysis underway	On Track
		Baseline assessments and monitoring report completed for the aquarium trade; Capacity development, including training attachment at SPC headquarters, provided	Completed
Increased contribution of fisheries to food security and livelihoods	Competent authorities with strengthened capability using science-based approaches to manage aquatic biosecurity risks and to facilitate trade	Report on the current status of viral pathogens in macrobrachium prawns completed to assess biosecurity implications	On Track
	Increased skills and knowledge base to maximise the return on investments in aquaculture	Technical training provided to improve skills and knowledge in sea cucumber aquaculture	On Track
Climate Change			
Strengthened resilience to climate change and disasters	Increased capacity to effectively manage the risks posed by climate change and disasters	Activity management system implemented across government; Refresher training on the logical framework approach provided, and the impact of training assessed	On Track
		Feasibility study conducted of appropriate marine resource-related livelihood activities in Penrhyn, Rakahanga, Pukapuka and Palmerston, in light of changing climate	On Track
		Community engaged in implementing the pearl farming management plan	On Track
		Awareness and understanding of the results from environmental monitoring of the lagoon system advanced through weekly updates on notice boards and mobile phone alerts to pearl farmers	On Track
		Environmental monitoring system strengthened, especially in Manihiki, through training and on-the-job installation	On Track
Land Resources			
Informed policy decisions, advocacy and knowledge-sharing on sustainable land, agriculture and forestry development supported	Awareness and understanding of key issues relating to land, agriculture and forestry enhanced	Information knowledge management and social media training conducted for agriculture and forestry information	On Track
		National training on extension material production provided on request	Ongoing

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<i>Pacific Island people reach their potential and lead long and healthy lives</i>			
Gender, Human Rights and Culture			
Increased development potential of Pacific Island people in culture and empowerment of women and young people	Integrated approach to human development fostered at regional and national levels	Mainstreaming of gender statistics and sex-disaggregated data in the national strategy for the development of statistics; Launch of gender statistics profile and policy implications brochure; Technical assistance provided to increase capacity to use gender statistics for informed policy-making and monitoring and evaluation	On Track
		Technical assistance provided for the release of annual statistics on police complaints and investigations by Cook Islands Police Force	On Track
		Mid-term review of the national policy on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment completed; Progress and acceleration measures identified	Completed
		Bi-annual health statistics digest includes gender-sensitive indicators and sex-disaggregated statistics	On Track
		Gender mainstreaming handbook to implement gender mainstreaming customised for the public service	On Track
<i>The Pacific region and its people benefit from inclusive and sustainable economic growth</i>			
Energy Services			
Sustainable economic development through accessible, affordable, efficient, secure and safe energy services	Development and implementation of effective policies, plans and regulatory frameworks supported	Implementation of labelling and standards for selected electrical appliances	On Track
	Strengthened institutions and expertise in the energy sector	Technical vocational educational and training (TVET) need and gap analysis conducted	Completed
	Improved access to affordable and efficient energy and transport services	Supported Cook Islands' '50 days for 50 years' anniversary bicycle campaign; Promoted clean, green and healthy environment and people	On Track
Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems			
Improved management of oceanic fisheries	Enhanced national capacity in oceanic fishery data management and data use	National tuna fishery data management staff trained in using tuna fisheries database management system (TUFMAN-2); New TUFMAN-2 system installed and trialled	On Track
	Enhanced national oceanic fishery data management to meet national requirements and international obligations	Data quality and coverage audits of tuna fishery data (logsheets, unloading and port sampling) conducted according to established procedures and agreed schedule, and outcomes of audits conveyed	On Track
	National tuna oceanic fisheries policy- and decision-making are informed by the best, science-based, stock assessments and advice	Report on fish aggregating device (FAD) closures updated	Completed
		Reports of longline fishing performance in the southern longline fishery produced	On Track

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Land Resources			
Increased contribution from agriculture and forestry sectors to inclusive, broad-based economic growth	Increased availability of, and better access to, traditional and improved crop and animal diversity	Pig and chicken genetic resources and conservation activities developed	On Track
	Increased capacity of Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs) to meet standards, guidelines and conditions for exports and domestic trade	Technical advice provided on the development of import risk assessment for livestock and livestock products; Importation of livestock products from the United States	Completed
		Fruit fly surveillance support - provided chemicals, traps and technical advisory backstopping	On Track
		Technical assistance provided in the area of biosecurity legislation and regulations; Draft biosecurity regulation given to the National Plant Protection Organisation (NPPO)	Completed
		Market access support provided on areas of audit and negotiations for selected priority commodities; Kalang Report: country consultation has been completed	On Track
		Pest diagnostic support provided	On Track
		Technical assistance provided to submit and negotiate market access requests based on scientific evidence; Payment of annual audit for Chinese organic certification of Noni from Cook Islands to China	Ongoing
		Technical assistance provided to undertake crop surveillance	On Track
	Increased capacity of sustainable land and forest management	Conservation and multiplication sites for indigenous pigs and chickens identified and established	Completed
		Participatory rural appraisal completed to inform future project interventions	On Track
	Viable agribusinesses have a development impact created or strengthened	Survey undertaken to determine usefulness of strategic and inclusive business and marketing plans, and strategies developed for enterprises	Completed
		Local businesses assisted to obtain food safety certification (Hazardous Analysis Critical Control Points (HACCP) and/or ISO) and product labelling appropriate to their targeted markets; Quality assurance manual completed for the True Pacific brand	On Track
		Training provided to enterprises to ensure supply of competitive products; Advised on process flow system, equipment, infrastructure design complying with HACCP, process methods, packaging and labelling, and HACCP-compliant kitchens and processing centres	On Track

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Statistics for Development			
Pacific national and regional statistics are accessible and are being utilised	PICTS are producing the agreed core set of statistics across key sectors, including, but not limited to, economics, population, civil regional and vital statistics, education and health, as required by their national plans and agreed regional and international reporting frameworks	National websites completed and upgraded with the latest technologies	On Track
	PICTs have the technical capacity to manage and implement all core statistical collections, including key administrative databases, as required by national development plans, including national strategies for the development of statistics	Household Income and Expenditure Survey (HIES) field enumeration training completed for Cook Islands 2015/2016; HIES plans and budgets agreed; HIES data entry system set up completed	On Track
Transport Services			
Sustainable economic development through accessible, affordable, efficient, secure and safe transport services	Development and implementation of effective policies, plans and regulatory frameworks supported	Maritime designated authority initial audit conducted; Quality systems processes and procedures assistance provided to port authority	Completed
		Aitutaki port facility International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) code follow-up audit conducted	Completed
	Strong leadership in the Pacific's transport sector, with good governance, effective multi-sectoral coordination and strategic partnerships, including monitoring and evaluation	Conducted port worker training for Aitutaki ports staff - 10 port personnel trained	Completed