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1. In the first circular for the 2<sup>nd</sup> SPC Head of Fisheries Meeting, official representatives were invited to provide detailed information about aquaculture in their country reports, as follows:

“Status of aquaculture – With the start-up of SPC’s aquaculture activity, an update on the current status of aquaculture would be extremely valuable, including species cultured, enterprises operating (whether private, government or community), policy statements, expertise locally available, training needs in both public and private sectors, and any quantitative information on production, pond-areas or trade.”

2. In addition to these general headings for aquaculture information, SPC and USP are keen to obtain some specific information about training needs, as listed on the following page.

### **Public-sector aquaculture**

1. How many staff does your government employ in aquaculture?
2. What is their job-type? (e.g. research, administration, projects, licensing, etc.)
3. What are the current aquaculture qualifications or levels of training for these staff?
4. What is the number of staff you would like to see undergo additional training in aquaculture in the next five years?
5. What qualification or training level would you like to see them attain? (E.g. how many need to be University graduates, how many should be pre-degree Certificate or Diploma level, how many should receive in-service short-course training or go on attachments, etc)
6. What are the priority skill areas that you want their training to be in?
7. What is currently the main focus of your department's aquaculture activities? (E.g. Research & Development, regulation, licensing, EIA, extension, etc)
8. What new activities might become a focus in the future?

### **Private-sector aquaculture**

1. How many private-sector aquaculture operations currently exist? (List by species. You may include community and subsistence operations in addition to those of business operators)
2. How many new aquaculture proposals are in the pipeline?
3. How many people do they employ?
4. Is the current level of training adequate? If not, then what are the priority areas?

### **Current training providers**

1. Is there any in-country aquaculture training at the present time? (List training providers and qualifications offered)
2. What overseas training opportunities has your country made use of?
3. Can you comment on the suitability of current training opportunities?