## **Promote ocean expertise**



## Following country agenda

## Promote and participate in Pacific country and territories capacity building

**Objectives:** Build capacity for fishery management and integrated approaches to climate change adaptation.



There is a need for capacity building in the Pacific and a growing effort to increase the level of ocean expertise of Pacific Islanders.

Research cruises will have the capacity to include students and instructors, with a mix of ship operations training and regular classroom work. This "floating university" concept is compatible with, and can be complementary to other activities such as ecosystem research cruises and bathymetric surveys. These floating university cruises fit well within the existing Ocean Teacher Global Academy (OTGA), and the Early Career Ocean Professional (ECOP) programmes currently in development at SPC.

Crewing on this regional vessel could also be included within regional maritime academies that train professionals.

