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# Echoes of Oceania

**An online portal for community-based fisheries management in the Pacific**

Our Pacific region is characterised by vast areas of ocean, dotted by myriads of islands that are home to thousands of coastal communities. Coastal fisheries take place in a small, vulnerable, and highly biodiverse proportion of the ocean space. Pacific Island communities are central to coastal fisheries management because they depend on marine resources for their livelihoods, cultural heritage, and wellbeing. These communities draw on rich traditional knowledge and practices for utilisation and management of marine resources and, in many cases, have customary or legal rights over those resources. They are custodians of our ocean resources.

Community-based fisheries management (CBFM) is taken to mean fisheries management approaches that are community-driven and encompass an ecosystem approach that will sustain livelihoods and ensure resilient island communities.

[cbfm.spc.int](http://cbfm.spc.int)





## Why an online portal on CBFM?

While the different CBFM approaches and activities applied by Pacific Island countries and territories are documented, information and tools are often scattered and not easily accessible. Echoes of Oceania supports the implementation of the Pacific Framework for Action on Scaling-up CBFM: 2021–2025, as an online portal that serves as a regional e-platform for CBFM in the Pacific.

Echoes of Oceania aims to assist governments, communities, and other CBFM practitioners easily access and share CBFM information and knowledge to enable them to make informed decisions about the management of coastal resources.

It also raises the profile and understanding of CBFM in the Pacific region, and enhances capacity and knowledge on establishing and sustaining CBFM.



## What does Echoes of Oceania stand for?

The peoples of Oceania echo a deep voice that carries all traditional knowledge and wisdom. The name “Echoes of Oceania” is also meant to evoke the idea of passing down knowledge and wisdom from one generation to the next, just as a father, for example, teaches his daughter how to fish and care for marine resources as a way of showing his deep love for his family.

Echoes of Oceania serves as a platform for sharing and preserving the knowledge and practices of CBFM in the Pacific region, so that it may be passed on to future generations – the Pacific Way of managing coastal fisheries. The name represents the continuity and preservation of knowledge, culture and tradition in Pacific communities.



## Who is it for?

Echoes of Oceania is designed to serve multiple audiences including: CBFM practitioners such as government agencies, fisheries officers, non-governmental organisations and civil society organisations, academic institutions, regional organisations, media, donors, and students.

## What does it contain?

### STARTING KIT

- Main recognised steps to start CBFM programmes.
- Practical solutions to manage your marine resources.



Gear restrictions



Protecting marine ecosystems



Quotas



Size limits and species bans

### MAP THE REGION

- Country profiles and description of CBFM approaches in the Pacific Island countries and territories.
- Links to projects and organisations working on CBFM in the region.



#### CBFM site-based coverage

Community unit: villages

\*CBFM active site: a defined managed area which has had recorded activity over the previous three years.

850	Coastal communities in total
89	CBFM sites active*
437	Coastal communities covered by CBFM

### RESOURCES

A search tool to find documents relevant to the implementation of CBFM:

- Technical reports
- Articles
- Guides and manuals
- Awareness tools and toolkits
- Management plans



Fishing communities toolkit



Information sheet 01: Groupers



Groupers: The most important love story of the ocean  
The Fisher's Tales 51 (English)



The more the merrier with giant clams  
The Fisher's Tales 51 (English)

### CONTACTS

A search tool to find a person or an organisation working on CBFM in the region.



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### INSPIRING STORIES

Cases studies with web stories and video testimonies.



Seamounts in Futuna

Wallo and Futuna  
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Tabu areas to allow fish to grow big enough to breed

Fiji  
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Coral restoration

Samoa  
Read more



Spear fishing

Cook Islands  
Read more





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## How can you contribute?

You can contribute by sharing relevant resources and information on CBFM in your country (current projects, testimonies, contacts, etc.).

## How can you contact us?

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