

# Pacific Coastal Fisheries Management and Compliance



## Donor:

United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

## Beneficiaries:

Regional (USAID eligible countries): Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu

## Grant:

USD \$6 Million over 5 years

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## End Date:

29 September 2026

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## Background

The United States Agency for International Development (USAID) has developed a five-year programme on fisheries in the Pacific region that seeks to address the drivers of illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing that are degrading coastal fisheries and biodiversity and negatively impacting local livelihoods and maritime security. The Pacific Sustainable Coastal Fisheries Management programme will support Pacific island countries and communities to mitigate IUU fishing. Key investment areas include sustainable management of coastal fisheries, monitoring, control and surveillance in coastal waters and private sector engagement to promote sustainable supply chains.

The Pacific Coastal Fisheries Management and Compliance (PCFMC) activity forms a key part of this new initiative.

# 1. Objectives

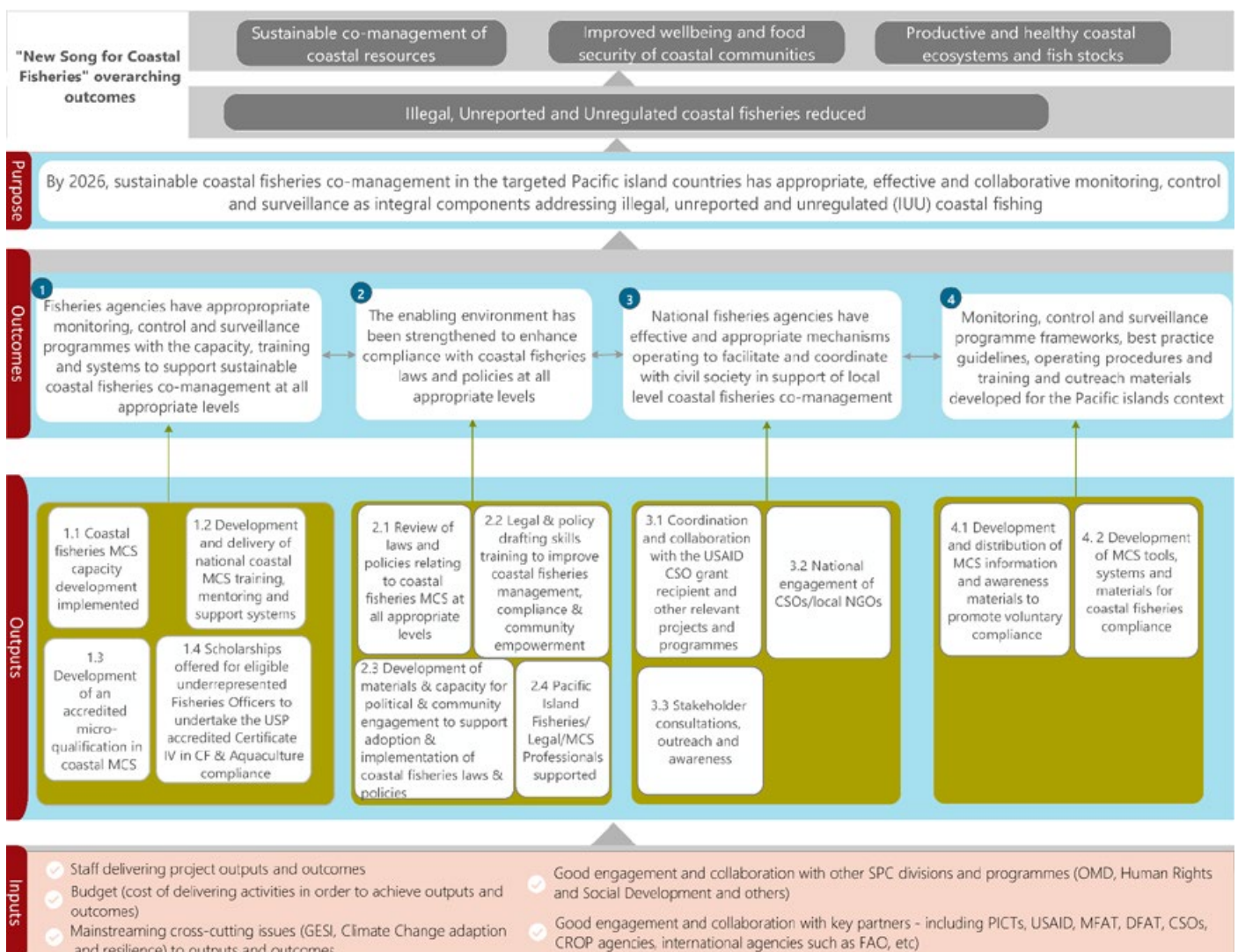
**Vision:** Sustainable, well-managed coastal fisheries that provide food security, and long-term economic, social and ecological benefits to current and future generations of Pacific Island countries

**Goal/Purpose:** By 2026, sustainable coastal fisheries co-management in the targeted Pacific island countries has appropriate, effective and collaborative monitoring, control and surveillance as integral components addressing illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) coastal fishing.

## Outcomes:

1. Fisheries agencies have appropriate monitoring, control and surveillance programmes with the capacity, training and systems to support sustainable coastal fisheries co-management at all appropriate levels.
2. The enabling environment has been strengthened to enhance compliance with coastal fisheries laws and policies at all appropriate levels.
3. National fisheries agencies have effective and appropriate mechanisms operating to facilitate and coordinate with civil society in support of local level coastal fisheries co-management.
4. Monitoring, control and surveillance programme frameworks, best practice guidelines, operating procedures and training and outreach materials developed for the Pacific islands' context.

# 2. Theory of change





### 3. Interventions

Outputs under each Outcome:

**Outcome 1: Fisheries agencies have appropriate monitoring, control and surveillance programmes with the capacity, training and systems to support sustainable coastal fisheries co-management at all appropriate levels.**



#### **1.1 Implement coastal fisheries MCS capacity development:**

- 1.1.1 Conduct targeted training and support of MCS officers through virtual and face to face methodologies
- 1.1.2 Extend training opportunities to stakeholders involved in coastal fisheries management and MCS including from the concurrent USAID Sustainable Coastal Fisheries Management Activity in the Pacific Region
- 1.1.3 Support and mentor trained MCS officers to implement their skills through virtual and/or face to face mentoring
- 1.1.4 Enhance MCS officer capability by providing core MCS supplies

#### **1.2 Development and delivery of national coastal MCS training, mentoring and support systems:**

- 1.2.1 Identify and support experienced MCS officers to participate in a training and mentoring programme for less experienced coastal counterparts and relevant stakeholders involved in concurrent USAID Sustainable Coastal Fisheries Management Activity in the Pacific Region
- 1.2.2 Support these experienced MCS officers to engage, train and mentor in their countries

#### **1.3 Development of an accredited micro-qualification in coastal MCS:**

- 1.3.1 Contribute to a needs assessment to ensure relevant topics and skills are included for coastal MCS officers and volunteer/community-based wardens
- 1.3.2 Co-develop a micro-qualification with formal certification (Certificate III/Professional Certificate level) based on this assessment
- 1.3.3 Encourage local training organisations and providers to deliver this curriculum with SPC virtual support where/when needed

#### **1.4 Scholarships offered for eligible underrepresented Fisheries Officers to undertake the USP accredited Certificate IV in Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture Compliance:**

- 1.4.1 Co-support the review of the Certificate IV program to ensure it has the right balance of course work and practical skills implementation
- 1.4.2 Offer two scholarships per year that are in addition to support being provided by other programmes to increase the number of participants, especially from underrepresented countries
- 1.4.3 Conduct follow up with the graduates as they are placed in MCS officer positions to assess impact of the programme and to improve their effectiveness using virtual and face to face mentoring

## Outcome 2: The enabling environment has been strengthened to enhance compliance with coastal fisheries laws and policies at all appropriate levels.



### 2.1 Review of laws and policies relating to coastal fisheries MCS at all appropriate levels:

- 2.1.1 Contribute to a review of coastal MCS related fisheries laws and policies at the national, sub-national and local levels for each of the PICs involved in this project, including understanding what support is being provided by other projects, agencies and organisations
- 2.1.2 Use the review to focus on assisting agencies build the case to adopt and implement stalled / developing laws and policies
- 2.1.3 Assist these agencies to develop and implement new and needed coastal fisheries laws and policies as requested

### 2.2 Legal and policy drafting skills training to improve coastal fisheries management, compliance and community empowerment:

- 2.2.1 Contribute to the development of the curriculum for legal and policy drafting skills workshops focused on coastal fisheries management and MCS
- 2.2.2 Co-deliver and support these workshops virtually and/or face to face regionally, nationally and sub-nationally with other partners
- 2.2.3 Provide workshop and post-workshop support to participants to assist them in developing, revising and implementing their identified laws and policies

### 2.3 Development of materials and capacity for political and community engagement to support adoption and implementation of coastal fisheries laws and policies:

- 2.3.1 Co-develop awareness raising materials including the use of social media for magistrates and decision makers to help them understand the importance of coastal fisheries and the environment in their jurisdictions
- 2.3.2 Build capacity of senior fisheries and MCS officers to undertake strategic consultations, negotiations, information and awareness raising with senior government and political leaders to facilitate the understanding, support and adoption of coastal fisheries laws and policies
- 2.3.3 Support the trained senior fisheries and MCS officers with materials and mobility to engage with national and sub-national political and community leaders to promote adoption and implementation of coastal fisheries laws and policies

### 2.4 Support for Pacific Island Fisheries/Legal/MCS Professionals:

- 2.4.1 Provide support for 2 x 12-month or equivalent shorter attachments to the SPC Pacific Island Fisheries Professionals (PIFP) programme with a focus on coastal legal and MCS professionals benefiting from this USAID project
- 2.4.2 Conduct follow up with the PIFPs as they transition back into their substantive roles as fisheries professionals to assess impact of the programme and to improve their effectiveness using virtual and face to face mentoring

## Outcome 3: National fisheries agencies have effective and appropriate mechanisms operating to facilitate and coordinate with civil society in support of local level coastal fisheries co-management

### 3.1 Coordination and collaboration with the USAID CSO grant recipient and other relevant projects and programmes:

- 3.1.1 Establish regular and effective coordination and collaboration with the USAID grant recipient and across the region for all projects and activities to ensure consistent messaging and approaches are mutually developed and promoted for coastal fisheries co-management and MCS at the national, sub-national and local levels.
- 3.1.2 Communicate the outcomes of these meetings to all stakeholders involved in the project: regionally, nationally and sub-nationally.

### 3.2 National engagement of CSOs/local NGOs:

- 3.2.1 Develop a clear policy, communication and engagement plan for SPC engagement with national fisheries agencies to engage with CSOs, local NGOs and the USAID grant recipient to ensure materials and methods developed are consistent and appropriate around the region
- 3.2.2 Provide support to the fisheries agencies for their engagement with CSOs, local NGOs and the USAID grant recipient as they engage at the community level

### 3.3 Stakeholder consultations, outreach and awareness:

- 3.3.1 Train and support national and sub-regional MCS staff to undertake effective stakeholder consultations, outreach and training at the local and sub-national levels.
- 3.3.2 Provide virtual and face to face support as needed for coastal fisheries consultations and outreach occurring as a result of this work



How to establish a community-based fisheries management (CBFM) plan.



## Outcome 4: Monitoring, control and surveillance programme frameworks, best practice guidelines, operating procedures and training and outreach materials developed for the Pacific Islands context.



### 4.1 Development and distribution of MCS information and awareness materials to promote voluntary compliance:

- 4.1.1 Review existing coastal MCS information and awareness materials in the region to avoid duplication and to ensure messaging is complementary
- 4.1.2 Co-develop and implement needed awareness raising materials and campaigns that will promote voluntary compliance with coastal laws and policies at the local level with project partners
- 4.1.3 Refine and produce country specific information and awareness materials developed around this project that focus on coastal fisheries management and MCS
- 4.1.4 Distribute these information and awareness materials at the national and sub-national levels to relevant stakeholders using existing engagement and networks

### 4.2 Development of MCS tools, systems and materials for coastal fisheries compliance:

- 4.2.1 Contribute to developing and/or adapting from other jurisdictions needed MCS tools and materials, including templates and forms for standard procedures such as operational plans, routine inspections, chain of custody procedures for evidence and others that can be adapted for use by each country
- 4.2.2 Promote and refine the use of new and existing MCS tools and appropriate technologies (including MCS database)
- 4.2.3 Contribute to the development and maintenance of an interactive web portal for Pacific islands MCS resources, data entry/reporting, document management and training resources