



Information Paper 4

Session 3B: Regional Community-Based Fisheries Management Monitoring

Time allocated	60 mins
Session objectives	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To inform participants of the CBFM related indicators in the CFRC and other regional and related indicators 2. To discuss how the CBFM related indicators can be integrated into existing reporting processes at the national and sub-national levels.

Summary/Short description:

Effective coastal fisheries management requires reliable data to track progress towards policy goals and outcomes, such as those outlined in the *New Song for Coastal Fisheries*¹ and *Sustainable Fisheries Roadmap*². However, challenges around data availability and limited data on some indicators have made it difficult to quantify progress since the implementation of these policies in 2015. These challenges were recognised by the 14th SPC Heads of Fisheries Meeting³, which endorsed the need to address data issues to improve coastal fisheries management.

During the 3rd Regional Fisheries Ministers meeting in Tarawa, Kiribati, an endorsement was made for the development of improved indicators for the Coastal Fisheries Report Card (CFRC) that included capturing work of NGOs, NSAs and other stakeholders⁴. The revised indicators included aggregation of qualitative and quantitative indicators to provide better insights into progress at both national and regional levels.

Extensive regional consultations, including engaging with multiple and relevant stakeholders in the process to ensure that the revised CFRC indicators are appropriate, and reflective of the realities of coastal fisheries management in the region and most importantly it is relevant and useful at national level.

The updated indicators received endorsement at the 4th Regional Fisheries Ministers Meeting held in Majuro, Marshall Islands, in 2023.⁵

¹ <https://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/q4ntz>

² <https://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/xnc9f>

³ [Outcomes of the Fourteenth SPC Heads of Fisheries Meeting \(HoF14\)](#)

⁴ [Statement of Outcomes from the Third Regional Fisheries Ministers Meeting \(RFMM3\)](#)

⁵ [Statement of Outcomes from the Fourth Regional Fisheries Ministers Meeting \(RFMM4\)](#)



This session aims to provide participants with an update on the pertinent indicators aligned with the Community-Based Fisheries Management (CBFM) framework⁶ and to facilitate discussions on the integration and reporting of these indicators moving forward.

⁶ <https://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/yr5yv>