Climate Awareness Workshop (CLAW) - 4-Day Course with Emphasis on Fisheries Impacts in the Pacific, Adaptation and Loss and Damage Advocacy



CLIMATE AWARENESS WORKSHOP Wellington NZ FEB 19-22, 2024

Meeting Venue

Wharewaka Function Centre 2 Taranaki Street Wellington, New Zealand

Day 1: Te Puni room

Days 2-4: Matiu room

8 AM coffee, Talks start 9 AM

## Day 1: Climate Change Terminology, IPCC Scenarios, and Basics of Climate Variability and Change

#### Workshop Rapporteur: Stephen Brouwer

#### Morning Session Moderator: Simon Nicol/Steven Hare

## Introduction to Workshop – 9:00-10:30

- Welcoming Ceremony, prayer and address MFAT
- Opening of CLAW Simon Nicol, SPC
- Welcoming Comments Forum Fisheries Agency
- Logistics, format, goals, expected outcomes MFAT/SPC
- Group photo

## MORNING TEA: 10:30-11:00

## 01 - Climate Change Terminology (SPC - Espen Ronneberg) 11:00-11:30

- Essential terminology: greenhouse effect, carbon footprint, adaptation, mitigation
- Clarifying key concepts to establish a common understanding.

## 02 - Introduction to IPCC Scenarios (Consultant - Beth Holland) 11:30-12:00

- Understanding the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) and its role.
- Overview of different IPCC scenarios: RCPs (Representative Concentration Pathways).
- Exploring how climate models predict future changes in temperature, currents, and ecosystems.

#### LUNCH BREAK: 12–1:30 – ON YOUR OWN (NOT CATERED)

#### Afternoon Session Moderator: Zulfikar Begg

## 03 - Exploring Climate Variability (SPC - Moleni Tu'uholoaki) 1:30-2:15

- Defining climate variability: Natural fluctuations in climate patterns.
- Understanding short-term variations and their impacts on weather patterns.

## 04 - Basics of Climate Change (CSIRO - Richard Matear) 2:15-3:00

- Differentiating between climate variability and climate change (ie. Attribution).
- Introduction to anthropogenic factors, including greenhouse gas emissions.

## AFTERNOON TEA: 3:00-3:30

## 05 - Melting Ice and Sea-Level Rise (CSIRO-Hobart-Richard Matear) 3:30-4:15

- Understanding the melting of glaciers and polar ice.
- Implications for sea-level rise, coastal erosion, and vulnerable communities.

## Day 1 wrapup/questions (SPC/FFA) 4:15-4:30

## Day 2: Physical and Biological Impacts of Climate Change

#### Morning Session Moderator: Brad Moore

## 06 - Ocean warming and marine temperature extremes (CSIRO - Thomas Moore) 9:00-9:45

- Exploring the connection between climate change, rising marine temperatures, and ocean heat content.
- Marine heat waves and cold-spells: what do we see globally and for the region.

#### 07 - (The great) tuna fisheries of the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (SPC - Steven Hare) 9:45-10:30

- Introduction to the importance of tuna fisheries for the region's economy and food security.
- Overview of key tuna species and their distribution in the Pacific.
- Stock status and management of the four target tuna species

## MORNING TEA: 10:30-11:00

#### 08 - Biodiversity Loss and Ecosystem Disruption (IRD - Christophe Menkes) 11:00-12:00

- Exploring the impact of climate change on ecosystems and species.
- Consequences for biodiversity, habitat loss, and ecosystem services.
- Consequences for marine life, coral reefs, and seafood resources.

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#### Afternoon Session Moderator: Thomas Moore

#### 09 - Ocean and Marine Ecosystems (SPC - Patrick Lehodey) 1:30-2:15

- How climate change affects ocean temperatures, currents, and acidity.
- Understanding the link between rising ocean temperatures and tuna behavior.
- Implications for tuna migration patterns, spawning grounds, and feeding habits.
- Discussing how climate change affects fish stocks, distribution, and productivity.

## 10 - SEAPODYM and modeling of tuna population dynamics (SPC - Inna Senina) 2:15-3:00

- Exploring how the model estimates tuna habitats, biomass distributions and abundance.
- Differences among the four target tuna species.
- Existing uncertainties in modeling of tuna population dynamics.
- Projected biomass redistributions under climate change and related implications for the Pacific Island Countries and Territories.

## AFTERNOON TEA: 3:00-3:30

## 11 - Incorporating Climate Scenarios in Fisheries Research (Univ. of Melbourne-John Morrongiello) 3:30-4:15

- Methods for integrating climate scenarios into fisheries research design.
- Case studies demonstrating the application of scenarios in fisheries research.

## Day 2 wrapup/questions (SPC/FFA) 4:15-4:30

## Day 3: Climate Change Planning within the WCPO

## Morning Session Moderator: John Morrongiello

## 12 - Coastal fisheries and Climate Change (NIWA - Brad Moore) 9:00-9:30

- Current status of Pacific coastal fisheries.
- Summary of impacts of climate change to Pacific coastal habitats and species.
- Projected impacts of climate change on Pacific coastal fisheries catches.

## 13 - Case studies on Climate Change Impacts on PICTs - summary (SPC - Zulfikar Begg) 9:30-10:00

- Identifying specific climate impacts on Pacific Island communities.
- Discussing sea-level rise, extreme weather events, and threats to livelihoods.

## MORNING TEA: 10:00-10:30

14 - Potential economic impacts on tuna fisheries and resource owners (FFA - Chris Reid) 10:30-11:15

- Brief overview of the economic significance of tuna fisheries in the Pacific region.
- Discuss the challenges posed by changes in stock abundance and its distribution and the potential economic repercussions for resource owners

## 15 - Climate-Informed Fisheries Management Strategies (FFA - Marina Abas) 11:15-12:00

- Introduction to climate-resilient fisheries management approaches.
- Exploring adaptive management, harvest strategies, and ecosystem-based approaches.
- Climate change adaptation strategies for the fisheries sector

## LUNCH BREAK: 12–1:30 – ON YOUR OWN (NOT CATERED)

## Afternoon Session Moderator: Marina Abas

16 - Introduction to International Climate Change cooperation frameworks (Anna Broadhurst/Todd Croad - MFAT) 1:30-2:15

- UNFCCC and Paris Agreement overview
- Implications for Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) and National Adaptation Plans (NAPs)

## 17 - What regional collaborations are currently ongoing (SPC - Simon Nicol) 2:15-2:45

- Summary of SPC work to date
- CROP agencies initiatives
- Regional Strategies: WCPFC CC resolution, CROP CC strategies

## AFTERNOON TEA: 2:45-3:15

## 18 - Data Collection and Modeling for Climate Scenarios (SPC - Simon Nicol) 3:15-3:45

- Importance of collecting and using climate-related data for fisheries modeling.
- Data we aren't yet collecting but should be
- Advance Warning systems

## Day 3 wrapup/questions (SPC/FFA) 3:45-4:00

## Day 4: Loss and Damage and Advocacy for Pacific Island Countries and Territories

## Morning Session Moderator: Ludwig Kumoru

## 19 - Understanding Loss & Damage (SPC - Pasha Carruthers) 9:00-10:00

- Defining loss and damage and its relevance to vulnerable communities in PICTs.
- Exploring the ethical, social, and human rights dimensions of climate impacts.
- Other processes such as ICJ

## MORNING TEA: 10:00-10:30

## 20 - Grassroots Organizing and Community Engagement (FFA - Ueta Faasili) 10:30-11:15

- Showcasing grassroots initiatives for climate justice in PICTs.
- Discussing the role of local communities in
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## 21 - Advocacy Strategies for loss and damage (SPC - Espen Ronnenberg) 11:15-12:00

- Exploring effective advocacy approaches tailored to PICTs.
- Empowering participants to engage with policymakers and the international community.
- COP Pacific Pavilion

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## Afternoon Session Moderator: Tuikolongahau Halafihi

## 22 - Decision Pathways (FFA - Ludwig Kumoru) 1:30-2:00

- FFA Climate Strategies
- Decision making pathways

## 23 - International Platforms and Collaborations (SPC - Espen Ronnenberg) 2:00-2:45

- Discussing opportunities for PICTs to engage on the international stage.
- Overview of regional and global platforms for climate advocacy.

## AFTERNOON TEA: 2:45-3:15

# 24 - Introducing tools that increase accessibility to climate change indicator data (SPC - Joanne Potts) 3:15-3:45

- Numerous tools currently exist for accessing climate data
- We will introduce a new platform from SPC that includes environmental inputs and biomass outputs based on SEAPODYM.

## PICT short presentations or GCF video (TBD) 3:45-4:30

- Guam presentation on fish catches
- Niue presentation on Cyclone Heta damage
- GCF short video in Climate Information Systems

## Workshop wrapup (Attendees or panel) 4:30-5:00

• Open discussion on all matters