



# 14<sup>th</sup> SPC Heads of Fisheries Meeting

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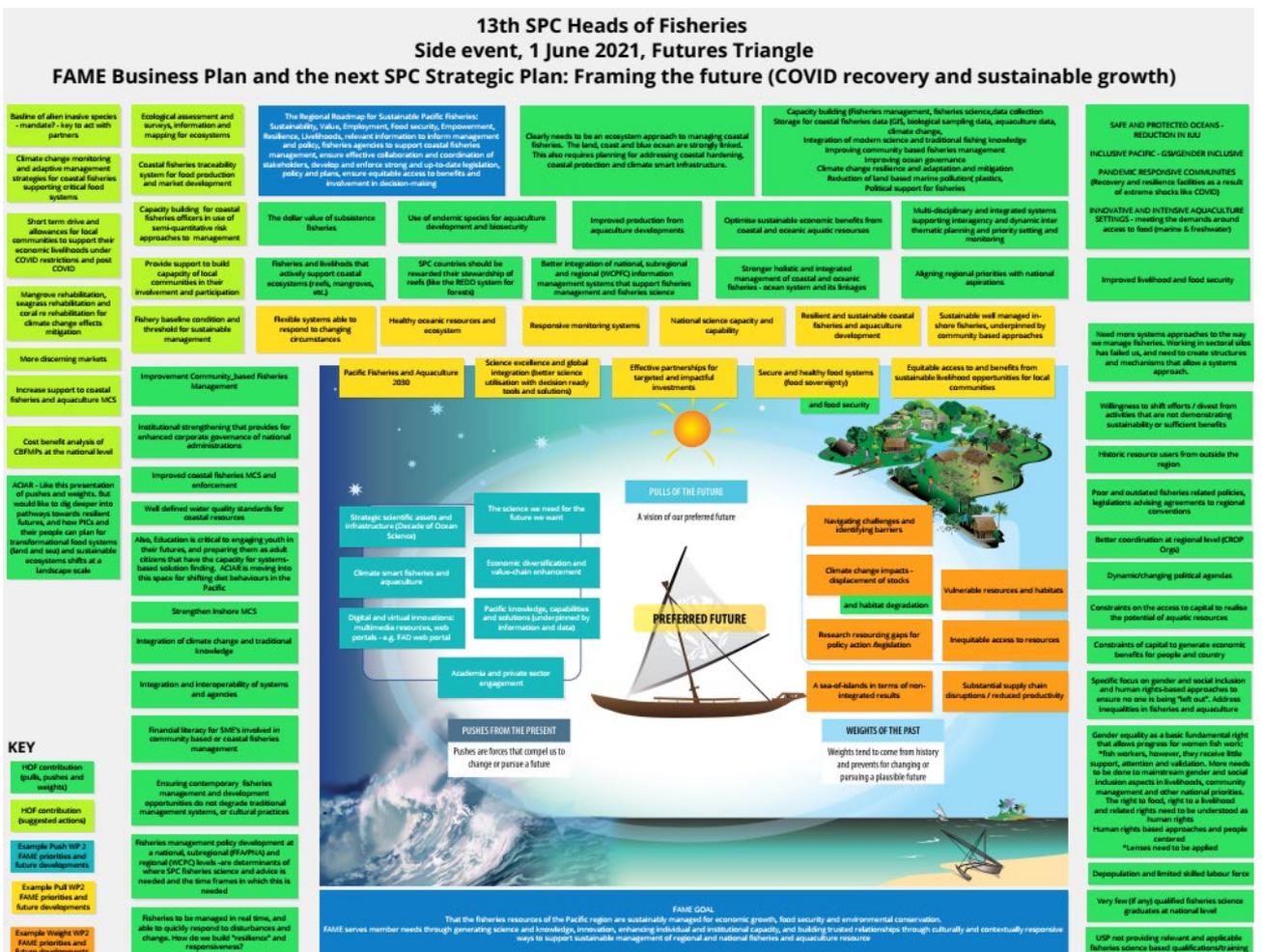
Information Paper 7

## Progress against the 13<sup>th</sup> SPC Heads of Fisheries Outcomes

FAME Secretariat

## Overview

1. More than 160 participants from 24 SPC member countries and territories, CROP partners, observers and other stakeholders attended the 13<sup>th</sup> SPC Heads of Fisheries meeting (HoF13), conducted online via zoom platform, from the 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2021.
2. The meeting was chaired by Ms Alexa Cole, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, United States of America.
3. HoF13 reviewed and deliberated on eight working papers, nine information papers in which recommendations on *Policy on the governance of FAME data*, *Evaluation of capacity development efforts at FAME*, *Scaling up community-based fisheries management*, *Future priorities for Pacific aquaculture development*, *FAD work and Climate Change* were noted, agreed to or endorsed.
4. Since the endorsement of recommendations from HoF13, FAME has begun implementing the outcomes and progress on some outcomes are reported in the 14<sup>th</sup> SPC Heads of Fisheries Meeting through working papers seeking further decision or as information papers (WP 4, WP6, IP 4, IP5, IP8, IP11, IP12)
5. FAME used the outcomes from the afternoon sessions during HoF13, included consultations on the new business plan – using futures triangle approach, presentations on the Pacific Research Vessel and the Marine Specimen lab, to develop a substantial work priority seeking HoF14 endorsement in 2022 (WP3 - FAME Business Plan 2022-2027 and WP4 – FAME’s work programme on climate impacts on Pacific fisheries and ocean ecosystems)



## Recommendations from the independent evaluation of capacity development efforts at FAME (WP9 and BP4)

0 Progress on the implementation of outcome *item 9 (d)* 100%



**FAME has since started and will continue to implement the 15 recommendations outlined in the evaluation report**

Recommendations	Status
1. Continue providing capacity development with a mix of annual courses and responsiveness to country needs.	
2. Work in close partnership with Members, especially in relation to coastal fisheries.	In progress
3. Use regional frameworks for longer term planning.	In progress
4. Enhance the monitoring and evaluation framework.	In progress
5. Approach 'training' as a specialist skill.	In progress
6. Review its privacy policy, and ensure it is understood by staff and implemented	In progress
7. Focus on trainee selection and feedback.	In progress
8. Increase the focus on cost-effectiveness.	In progress
9. Build on experience with on-line training.	In progress
10. Enhance intra-FAME coordination	In progress
11. Increasingly partner with other providers	In progress
12. Heighten intra-Pacific cooperation.	In progress
13. Continue to implement the recommendations of the FAME Gender	In progress
14. Increase participation and outcomes for women, youth, and vulnerable groups	In progress
15. Build off the COVID-19 step-change.	In progress

## Policy on the governance of FAME data (WP4)

0 Progress on the implementation of outcome *item10 (b and c)* 100%



**Information paper no. 11:**

- a. Confirm the adaptation of the FAME Data Governance Policy; and
- b. provides members with the opportunity for feedback on the policy since its implementation

- 6. After engagement with several members how requested further time after HoF13 to consider the draft policy, all members agreed and endorsed the policy as presented to HoF13 without any modifications.
- 7. SPC Director-General approved the policy on 10 December 2021, and it came into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022. Approved policy is available online through the following link <https://purl.org/spc/digilib/doc/o4wf6>.
- 8. The Policy on the governance of FAME data guided FAME's contribution towards the formulation of broader SPC wide Data Governance Policy, that is currently in development.

## Scaling up community-based fisheries management (WP4)

0 Progress on the implementation of outcome *item12 (b, d and e)* 100%



**FAME implemented all the recommendations agreed and endorsed by HoF13**

- b. FAME distributed the *Framework for Action on CBFM* following HoF13 and feedback provided were incorporated into final document
- d. The *Framework for Action on CBFM* was presented to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Fisheries Ministers Meeting in August 2021.
- e. FAME developed, in consultation with partners and stakeholders, draft CBFM policy brief and presented to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Regional Fisheries Ministers Meeting as background paper.

9. In endorsing the Regional Framework for Action on Community-based Fisheries Management, the *Regional Fisheries Ministers emphasised the importance of coastal fisheries resources to their people and communities, essential during the pandemic, and key to a sustainable recovery from the Pandemic.*

## Future priorities for Pacific aquaculture development (WP5)

0 Progress on the implementation of outcome *item 12 (a, b, c and d)* 100%

70%

**FAME implemented the recommendations agreed to during HoF13, in moving a step closer to developing a regional aquaculture strategy**

- b. FAME conducted a regional aquaculture assessment (HoF14 working paper 6 and IP 12)
- c. HoF14 will confirm the proposed process and timeline to develop the new Pacific Aquaculture Strategy.
- d. A Regional Aquaculture Strategy will be drafted after HoF14 and present at the Regional Technical Meeting on Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture, and to HoF15 for endorsement

10. FAME commissioned a study to assess aquaculture needs, priorities and future directions in the region. The outcome of the findings and timeline to develop the Regional Aquaculture Strategy will be presented to the 14<sup>th</sup> SPC Heads of Fisheries Meeting.

## Climate change and fisheries (WP6)

0 Progress on the implementation of outcome *item 14 (b and c)* 100%

75%

**FAME implemented the recommendations agreed to during HoF13, and further seeking member endorsement in HoF14 on key work programmes (HOF14 WP4)**

- b. FAME and its partners have made progress on the final documentation of the Green Climate Fund (GCF) programme *Adopting tuna-dependent Pacific Island communities and economies to climate change*
- c. FAME has made progress in improving strategic scientific assets and infrastructure to deliver the information needed by members, including expansion of Pacific Marine Specimen Bank and consideration for science vessel for the Pacific

11. The GCF have agreed to provide help to develop the full funding for the regional tuna programme “*Adapting tuna-dependent Pacific Island communities and economies to climate change* (led by Conservation international). This support will allow twelve preliminary analysis – 10 to be led by SPC over 18-month period to clear way for support and implementation of the full proposal.
12. The extension of lab at SPC is currently in procurement stages but FAME is seeking HoF14 endorsement on improving other strategic scientific assets and infrastructure, including expansion of the Pacific Marine Specimen Bank and consideration for science vessel for the Pacific.

## Anchored FADs (WP8)

0 Progress on the implementation of outcome *item 15 (a and b)* 100%



### **FAME started implementing HoF13 requests – including:**

- b. *Inviting* FAME to further explore the cost-effectiveness of -monitoring, and GPS trackers and/or acoustic buoys attached to anchored FADs
- c. Requested FAME continue to investigate and trial new fishing techniques targeting underutilised small scale pelagic resources

13. FAME, in collaboration with the Geoscience, Energy and Maritime (GEM) Division of SPC, trialled cost-effective acoustic buoys with GPS trackers attached to anchored FADs in the two different locations of province-sud in New Caledonia
14. FAME secured funding with intent supported by MFAT to trial and develop new fishing techniques targeting small scale pelagic resources.