LEGAL REFORM:
Sub component 2.1

Pacific Islands
Oceanic Fisheries Management

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Component 2: Law, Policy and Institutional, Reform, Realignment and Strengthening

Sub-components:
- Legal Reform
- Policy Reform
- Institutional Reform
- Compliance Strengthening
Effective participation by Pacific Island nationals in the work of the Commission

National laws updated to implement the WCPF Convention and other fisheries instruments

Building national capacity in oceanic fisheries law
OUTPUT 2.1.1: A strategy and workplan for activities on regional and national legal issues

OUTPUT 2.1.2: New draft laws, regulations, agreements and licence conditions in line with WCPF Convention and measures

OUTPUT 2.1.3: Proposals for the WCPF Commission from Pacific SIDS for legal arrangements to implement the Convention

Output 2.1.4: Training of policy makers and legal personnel in oceanic fisheries management legal issues
A strategy and workplan for activities on regional and national legal issues

- Legal issues covered in FFA papers for WCPFC subregional workshops, WCPF Commission and related meetings
- Comprehensive analyses of gaps in legislation and port State schemes for all Pacific island countries – reports presented and discussed at the WCPFC subregional workshops
- Regional workshop on WCPFC High Seas Boarding and Inspection Procedures – 2008
- Subregional WCPFC workshops in 2007 and 2008, which included examining the national approaches to give effect to WCPFC conservation and management measures
Guidelines for fisheries legislation, which are to be used for fisheries legislative review

Regulations to give effect to the Third Implementing Arrangement adopted by the Parties to the Nauru Agreement

Samoa Project underway – conducted consultations with stakeholders

Draft Act for Samoa shall be analysed with legal fellow from Samoa, and will be taken to national workshop for consultations with stakeholders.

Fiji Project commenced

Other countries to follow – Kiribati, Nauru

Legal analysis provided to Access Agreements Negotiations workshop in 2008 on minimum terms to be incorporated into access agreements/legislation

Draft licence conditions to give effect to VDS
Proposals for the Commission from Pacific SIDS for legal arrangements to implement the Convention

- Legal briefs - consultations with Japan in 2007 and 2008
Legal fellowships – Solomon Islands, Vanuatu, Niue (Samoa, Tonga)

In-country prosecution and dockside boarding workshops – Samoa, Fiji, Palau (Tonga, Niue, Solomon Islands)
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