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Fisheries Minister launches 7th Pacific Tuna Forum Highlights government's vision for fisheries

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The Minister for Fisheries and Marine Resources, Hon. Dr. Lino Tom, MP, has launched and acknowledges the sponsors of the 7th Pacific Tuna Forum this afternoon at the Hilton hotel in Port Moresby where the forum will be held on 12 and 13 September, 2019.

The objective of the forum is to bring together with all the strategic players in the tuna industries within Papua New Guinea and the Pacific region to share issues in different aspects of the industry as well as reviewing the status of the tuna stocks and its trade.

Pacific region is the heart of the tuna industry that contributes over 60 percent of the global harvest of the tuna species. Therefore, the Pacific Tuna Forum is the best platform for all stakeholders to keep abreast of the latest management and sustainable initiatives, and to be informed of investment opportunities in the region.

Minister Tom said the forum will bring together policy makers, fisheries managers, industry players, NGOs and other relevant stakeholders to discuss issues and matters of importance that affect the sustainable management and development of tuna fisheries in the region and the world at large.

“It is a huge plus for the NFA and the fishing industry in general as it will provide a good opportunity to highlight the state of tuna management and development within PNG and region to the new government,” said Minister Lino.

He stressed that with the current economic situation the country is facing, the new government is looking at enhancing the resource sector especially the fishing industry.

“We want to ensure that we get maximum benefits out of our fishes and marine resources.

“Government has come up with some policy initiatives and drives and one of such is that by the year 2022 we must make sure that 50 percent of the fish that is caught within our oceans is actually processed onshore,” said Lino.

He said in doing so the government will ensure there is necessary infrastructures available with lower cost of utilities to also benefit fishing industries operating in the country utilizing the infrastructures.

Over 200 participants are expected to attend the 7th Pacific Tuna Forum with the theme: Sustainable tuna fisheries: “Driver for social and economic growth and Development in the Pacific.”