



Papua New Guinea National Tuna Fishing Industry Consultation

23rd - 24th February 2022

Hilton Hotel, Port Moresby



Holistic Tuna Fisheries Development How Do We Do it?



National
Fisheries
Authority

BACKGROUND

The National Fisheries Authority holds regular consultations with key stakeholders in the fisheries sector. The consultations are usually focused on each of the declared commercial fisheries including tuna, prawn, lobster, sea cucumber, trochus shells and mud crab fishery. These commercial fisheries have their own respective management plans. In addition, consultations are also held with provincial fisheries offices.

The tuna industry consultation brings together representatives from the government departments and agencies including the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency based in Solomon Islands and key development partners together with senior officers of the NFA to meet and discuss with managers and operators of tuna fishing fleets and processing plants.

The purpose of the consultation is for the dissemination of government policies and to ensure that industry is well-informed about new policy initiatives or changes in fisheries management, labour, immigration, vessel registration, etc. that may affect their operations.

The industry also provides an overview of their current operations and highlight challenges and issues that impedes or limits their operations. The ultimate aim is to ensure that the industry complies with legislations and policies and the government address impediments and work towards having an environment that is conducive for the growth of vibrant and viable industries.





PROGRAM DAY 1 - Wednesday 23rd February

8:30 - 9:00 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

9:00 - 10:00 OFFICIAL OPENING
- Opening Prayer

WELCOMING REMARKS

Mr Ango Wangatau – Chairman, National Fisheries Authority Board
Overview of the Tuna Industry Consultation meeting.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER AND OFFICIAL OPENING

Dr Lino Tom MBBS, MA-Surg - MP Minister for Fisheries & Marine Resources
Highlighting Government's policy on the Fisheries Sector in particular the tuna industry sub-sector

10:00 - 10:30 MORNING TEA - OFFICIAL GROUP PHOTO - MEDIA CONFERENCE
Morning tea served outside meeting venue

SESSION 1 - OBJECTIVE I: SUSTAINABLE FISHERIES MANAGEMENT & DEVELOPMENT POLICY

The core function of the NFA is to ensure the sustainable management and development of fisheries and marine resources. Presentations and discussions will focus on sustainable tuna fisheries management and development and will include major policies such as the PNG Fisheries Strategic Plan 2021 to 2031, the management of purse seine fishing effort in PNG and the waters of the Parties to the Nauru Agreement under the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) and PNG's initiative towards increasing volumes of tuna processed by PNG based processors through the Rebate Scheme.

10:30 - 10:50 PNG Fisheries Strategic Plan 2021-2031
Mr Justin Ilakini - Acting Managing Director, National Fisheries Authority

10:50 - 11:10 PNG Fisheries Strategic Plan 2021-2031: Alignment with Vision 2050 and Medium-Term Development Plan
Ms Marie Pais - FAS – Economic Sector Division, Department of National Planning

11:10 - 11:30 Direct Government's Involvement in Fisheries Investment
Mr Ango Wangatau (OBE) - Chairman, National Fisheries Board

11:30 - 12:00 Sustainable Management of Tuna Fisheries in Papua New Guinea: Focusing on the Vessel Day Scheme
Mr Thomas Usu - Acting Executive Manager, Fisheries Management, National Fisheries Authority & Mr Brian Kumasi, Policy Manager, PNA Office

12:00 - 1:00 LUNCH *served outside meeting venue*

1:00 - 1:30 Rebate Scheme Policy and Implementation
Mr. Rodney Kirarok - Marine Program Officer, PIF & Mr Gerry Katai - CDS / Rebate Officer, NFA

1:30 - 1:50 Status of Tuna Industry Development in Papua New Guinea
Mr Geoff Puri - Industry Development Coordinator, NFA

1:50 - 2:10 Development of Enabling Infrastructure - Current and Future Investments
Mr John Chris Dotson - Deputy Managing Director - Corporate Affairs, NFA

2:10 - 2:30 Promoting Efficient Tuna Industry Growth and Development through provision of Enabling Infrastructure
Mr John Rina - Acting FAS, Industry Division, Department of Commerce & Industry

2:30 - 2:50 OPEN PANEL DISCUSSION - Q+A
Panelists: Mr Ango Wangatau, Mr Justin Ilakini, Ms Marie Pais, Mr John Chris Dotson, Mr Thomas Usu, Mr Brian Kumasi, Mr Geoff Puri, Mr John Rina, Mr Gerry Katai, Mr David Ganaii

2:50 - 3:30 AFTERNOON TEA BREAKOUT MEETING BETWEEN NMSA, NFA & FIA

SESSION 2 - OBJECTIVE II: STATUS OF TUNA FISHING AND PROCESSING - THE WAY FORWARD

The tuna fishing and processing industry will provide an update on their operations and highlight issues and challenges facing the sector. A highlight in this session will be presentations by the PNG Fishing Industry Association on the industry's performance as holder of Marine Stewardship Council certification for all tuna catch within PNG waters. The PNG FIA utilizes Integrated Fisheries Management System (IFIMS) in ensuring real-time monitoring for traceability throughout the supply chain and the chain of custody. It will also cover presentations on what the industry's programs in putting in place social responsibility & human rights welfare on board fishing vessel, and marine litter & fishing gear mitigation and management.

3:30 - 3:50	A Re-look at the Growth of the Fishing & Processing Industry Mr Sylvester B Pokajam - President/Chairman, FIA-PNG
3:50 - 4:10	Fishing Industry Association (PNG) Responsible Sourcing Policy – 4 Pillars Mr Marcelo Hidalgo - FIA Director Sustainable
4:10 - 4:30	Industry Review: Downstream processing, Export earnings, Market access and Employment Mr Napoleon Benitez - General Manager - Majestic Seafoods
4:30 - 4:50	Manufacturing Sector Challenges and the role of Government Mr Chey Scovell - CEO, Manufacturing Council
4:50 - 5:30	PANEL DISCUSSION: Q+A Panelists: Mr Napoleon Benitez, Mr Marcelo Hidalgo, Mr Sylvester B Pokajam, Mr Chey Scovell
5:30 - 6:00	BREAKOUT MEETING - NFA AND FIA
7:00	WELCOME COCKTAIL - Venue Hilton Hotel



DAY 2 - Thursday 24th February

SESSION 3 - OBJECTIVE III: ENABLING ENVIRONMENT FOR A VIABLE INDUSTRY

The Forum Fisheries Agency will provide an update on the push by Pacific Islands Leaders to establish tuna fisheries regional processing hubs as a vehicle to support growth in the region. The head of the European Union Delegation to PNG will highlight latest policies on access to the European Union market. It will be followed by contributions from national government departments and agencies on their respective roles that they play to facilitate investments, ensuring access to markets and provide services which contribute to an enabling environment for a viable tuna fishing and processing industry.

8:30 - 8:50 **Tuna Development Opportunities: Regional Processing Hubs**
Mr Tony Sullivan - Investment Facilitation Manager, Forum Fisheries Agency, Solomon Islands

8:50 - 9:10 **PNG Trade Policy: iEPA and Market Access**
Technical Officer, Trade Policy Division, PNG National Trade Office

9:10 - 9:30 **Tariffs and duties on imported canned and related tuna products**
Mr William Sapak, Assistant Commissioner – Modernisation Division, PNG Customs

9:30 - 9:50 **MORNING TEA - BREAKOUT MEETING BETWEEN PNG PORTS, NFA AND FIA**

9:50 - 10:10 **Tax Compliance & GST Refund**
Mr Samuel Loi, Commissioner of Taxation, Internal Revenue Commission

10:10 - 10:30 **Foreign Exchange and Balance of Payment Issues**
Bank of Papua New Guinea

10:30 - 10:50 **Mobilization of Savings from the Fisheries Sector**
Ms Fiona Nelson, Chief Investment Officer, Nasfund

10:50 - 11:10 **Setting Standards and Developing good Labour practice guidelines in the fishing Industry**
Mr George Taunakekei, Acting Secretary, Department of Labour

11:10 - 12:00 **PANEL DISCUSSION: Q + A**
Panelists: Mr Tony Sullivan, NTO Officer, Mr William Sapak, Mr Samuel Loi, Ms Fiona Nelson, Mr George Taunakekei

12:00 - 1:00 **LUNCH BREAKOUT MEETING BETWEEN BPNG, NFA AND FIA**



SESSION 4 - OBJECTIVE IV: ENVIRONMENT, CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY ISSUES

Environment, capacity development and technology are important considerations for the tuna industry. Discussions will be centered on what the government through NFA are doing to provide appropriate training and capacity-building in fishing and post-harvest and also look at the use of technology in provision of fisheries management as well as in fishing and management of fishing fleets.

1:00 - 1:20	NMSA Standards and Requirements for a Safer Fishing Industry Mr Paul Unas, General Manager/CEO, NMSA
1:20 - 1:40	Strengthening of Research, Development, Extension Support Services, Training and Capacity Building Dr. Jeff Kinch - Principal, National Fisheries College
1:40 - 2:00	Build, Strengthen International Fisheries Cooperation and Engagements HE Ambassador Jernej Videtič, EU Delegation to PNG
2:00 - 2:20	Observer Program support of the Fishing Industry and the Challenges amidst COVID-19 pandemic Mr Adrian Nanguromo Manager, NFA Observer Program
2:20 - 2:40	Integrated Fisheries Information Management Scheme – FIA PNG iFims portal and industry portal Mr Herman Kisokau - Deveoplent Support & Trainer FIMS
2:40 - 3:20	PANEL DISCUSSION: Q+A Panelists: Mr Paul Unas, Dr. Jeff Kinch, HE Mr Jernej Videtič, Mr Adrian Nanguromo, Mr Herman Kisokau
3:20 - 4:00	AFTERNOON TEA <i>BREAKOUT MEETING BETWEEN IMMIGRATION, NFA AND FIA</i>
4:00 - 5:00	FACILITATOR TO PROVIDE SUMMARY OUTCOME CLOSING REMARKS: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mr Sylvester Pokajam FIA Chairman / President• Mr Justin Ilakini, Acting Managing Director, NFA
7:00pm	CLOSING BUFFET DINNER - <i>Venue: Hilton Hotel</i>



FACILITATOR

Mr Noan Pakop

Deputy Managing Director - Technical Operations, National Fisheries Authority

Mr. Pakop is a very experienced Manager, technical expert and career professional in the fisheries sector. He has dedicated over 33 years of his career to this sector, from serving as an Assistant Fisheries Extension Officer with the then Department of Fisheries & Marine Resources in the late 1980s, to his current role as the Deputy Managing Director, Technical & Operations. In this role he oversees NFA's mandated functions in Fisheries Management; Aquaculture & Inland Fisheries; Monitoring, Control & Surveillance; Licensing & Data

Management and Provincial Support & Industry Development.

He has also worked regionally and spent five years with the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) as a Policy Advisor in Monitoring Control and Surveillance and then Director in Fisheries Operations.



SPEAKERS

"Direct Government's involvement in Fisheries investment"

Mr Ango Wangatau

Chairman, National Fisheries Board



"PNG Fisheries Strategic Plan 2021-2031"

We now have a very clear way forward in creating the kind of future we want for our fisheries sector and industry in Papua New Guinea. This future basically reflects the aspiration of the fathers of our nation who dreamt for our children to be in control of their natural resources and their destiny.

Mr Ilakini has over 20 years of experience in the fisheries sector, in contributing to both private sector-led growth and development through the promotion of conducive policy and operational environments for the fisheries industry. This experience extends to regional economic integration and investment facilitation related work, policy formulation, project management and advisory support services to governments, private sector and industry associations in Papua New Guinea and the wider Pacific region.

He has played lead role towards the achievement of a number of historic milestones in the fisheries sector, both in PNG and regionally, including the establishment of the PNA office in Majuro, the push for greater benefits under the multilateral US Treaty in the previous negotiations, ratification of the interim Economic Partnership Agreement with the EU, the push for regional tuna processing hubs, the reactivation of the PMIZ and the reconstruction of the Fisheries Strategic Plan, including establishing direct access to the Chinese seafood market, amongst others. In his recent appointment as Acting Managing Director of the National Fisheries Authority, he is committed to encapsulating the philosophy of empowering growth through consistent efficiency gains, identifying essential aspects for capacity building and enabling an environment of cost-effective and pragmatic management of our resources and maintain a sustainable and quality output for generations to come.



"Development of Enabling Infrastructure - Current and Future Investments"

An overview presentation outlining the driving philosophy and methodology behind the move towards enabling more genuine commercial infrastructure needed to maximise the income from all aspects of the Papua New Guinea fisheries industry.

Mr John Chris Dotson

Deputy Managing Director - Corporate Affairs, National Fisheries Authority

Mr Dotson has over 30 years of Corporate management, consultation and audit experience working alongside a wide range of private business, public service and government agencies. His commercial background alongside his intricate understanding of the PNG fisheries industry gained from his current post as Deputy Managing Director of the NFA, makes him a key and valuable ally to implement the Fisheries Strategic Plan and secure the elements needed to push Papua New Guinea fisheries forward and into the commercial space.



"Sustainable Management of Tuna Fisheries in Papua New Guinea: Focusing on the Vessel Days Scheme"

Mr Thomas Usu

Acting Executive Manager, Fisheries Management, National Fisheries Authority



Mr Brian Kumasi
Policy Manager, PNA Office

"Implementation of the Rebate Scheme"

The presentation focuses on providing updates on the overall performance of the Industry on key benchmark indicators -landing, productions, employment and exports over the last 4 years (2018-2021) of implementation. It will also highlight whether or not the scheme has achieved its intended outcomes.

Mr Rodney Kirarok

Programme Officer, Marine Resources, Pacific Islands Forum

Rodney has worked with the National Fisheries Authority for more than 10 years. He has held a number of positions until his last post as Special Projects Manager (2017-2020) in charge of overseeing the rebate scheme.

Rodney is currently working as the Programme Officer in the Economic Policy Team of the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat.



Mr Gerry Katai

Catch Documentation & Certification Officer, National Fisheries Authority

Gerry has been working with the National Fisheries Authority for over 8 years. He is Catch Documentation & Certification Officer. Gerry is also the Officer in Charge (OIC) of the Rebate Scheme.

"Status of Tuna Industry Development in Papua New Guinea"

Mr Geoff Puri

**Acting Executive Manager, Provincial Support and Industry Development Division
National Fisheries Authority**

"PNG Fisheries Strategic Plan 2021-2031 with respect to Vision 2050 and Medium-Term Development Plan"

Ms Marie Pais

First Assistant Secretary – Economic Sector Division, Department of National Planning

"Promoting efficient tuna industry growth and development through provision of enabling infrastructure"

Presentation will from the outset what DCI per its mandates can contribute in developing the tuna industry in PNG especially from a policy initiator and formulator perspective. The presentation will cover:

1. Roles & responsibilities of DCI,
2. Current and ongoing policy initiatives and/or work that is being undertaken by DCI that is seen to have some direct impact on developments of the tuna industry,
3. Ongoing activities/programs/projects that can have some influence on some areas of tuna industry development in PNG,
4. A short highlight of DCI PMIZ experience, &
5. Concluding with suggested cross-sector policy networking areas that are anticipated to be import for a holistic tuna industry development approach going forward.

Mr John Rina

Acting FAS, Industry Division, Department of Commerce & Industry

Joined DCI in 1995 and have been with same now for almost 26 years. Have a business and project management academic background.



As an officer of DCI since joining I have been involved mostly with industry development and assistance work especially in terms of ensuring compliances and seeking government support through incentives and providing general guidance to FDIs willing to invest in PNG in the areas of downstream processing or manufacturing as well as other potential business ventures of interest to not only FDIs but DDIs as well. In addition, I have also been involved also in implementing government-initiated programs (PIPs).

"Industry review: Downstream processing, export earnings & market access, and employment"



Mr Napoleon Benitez

General Manager, Majestic Seafoods Corporation Ltd

Mr. Benitez is an experienced Technical and Operation Executive in the Food Industry and has over 30 years of experience in research and development, quality management, food manufacturing and food distribution operations. He has strong food science and statistical quality control background having worked in food research and applied quality team circle in a food manufacturing and distribution operation.

Mr. Benitez is currently the General Manager of Majestic Seafood Corporation Ltd, based in Lae. A fully integrated tuna canning company designed to process an average of 220 metric tons of canned tuna per day for international market.

"Fishing Industry Association (PNG) Responsible Sourcing Policy: 4 Pillars"

The RSP was developed in 2017 and launched officially in 2018 together with the announcement of the FIA-PNG tuna fishery entering for full assessment under the Marine Steward Council (MSC) scheme. RSP pillars of FIA-PNG is focused on undertaking policies & procedures, strategies, audit tools, and work programs.

1. Marine Stewardship Certification (MSC) for sustainable tuna stocks
2. Fishery Traceability
3. Marine Litter and Fishing Gear Mitigation procedure
4. Social Responsibility & Human Rights Welfare onboard

Mr Marcelo Hidalgo

Sustainability Director for the Fishing Industry Association (PNG) Inc

Founder of Seafoodmatter, and co-founder of Onboard Social Accountability International. 25 years of experience in the aquaculture and fisheries supply chain, advising large retail companies, tuna fleets, seafood processing suppliers, NGOs, and government in the application and improvement of responsible sourcing & sustainable matters - creating a change that drives the global seafood supply value chain.



"A Re-look at the Growth of the Fishing & Processing Industry"

The tuna fishing and processing industry in recent times have gone into an intermittent relapse after certain period of improvement. With its challenges, one's got to ask some hard questions. This presentation will touch on the fundamental policy issues that need to be discussed in an open and frank manner. And perhaps there may be a need have it re-aligned with the reality of the industry.



Mr Sylvester B Pokajam
President & Chairman, Fishing Industry Association (PNG) Inc.,

Mr Sylvester Pokajam is currently the Chairman and President of the Fishing Industry Association (PNG) Inc. He is currently serving as a board member of the National Fisheries Authority Board, representing the fishing & processing industry. Mr Pokajam has over 25 years of accounting experience. Starting as an accounts clerk, then financial accountant to chief accountant and financial controller. He served for 10 years as the Managing Director of NFA, with over 12 years of board room experience. He is currently serving his 5th year as the President and Chairman of the Association since 2017.

"Manufacturing Sector challenges and the role of Government"

Mr Chey Scovell
CEO, Manufacturing Council



"Tuna Development Opportunities: Regional Processing Hubs"

The potential for the development of processing hubs across the region, findings and recommendations.



Mr Tony Sullivan
Investment Facilitation Manager, Forum Fisheries Agency, Solomon Islands
Tony joined FFA in 2017 as Investment Facilitation Manager tasked with promoting and supporting new investment opportunities in member countries, supporting development in the SME segment, and providing advice on fisheries investments and planned projects. Tony has over 30 years' experience in financial services in areas of private sector and development finance, investment banking, enterprise assessments and due diligence, feasibility studies, and project management. The last 18 years has been spent in the Pacific Islands, prior to which Tony held senior corporate banking roles in Australia and New Zealand.

"PNG Trade Policy: iEPA and market access"

Papua New Guinea National Trade Office

"Tariffs and duties on imported canned and related tuna products"

Mr William Sapak
Assistant Commissioner, Modernisation Division, PNG Customs



"Tax Compliance & GST Refund"

Mr Samuel Loi
Commissioner of Taxation, Internal Revenue Commission



"Foreign exchange and balance of payment issues"

Bank of Papua New Guinea



"Mobilization of Savings from the Fisheries Sector"

Highlight the usefulness of mobilization of savings and discuss the application of these models in the resource sector

Ms Fiona Nelson
Chief Investment Officer, Nasfund

Financial economist specialized in:

1. Investment analysis and commercial advice with respect across all asset classes for specialist asset management advice on any scale inclusive of the infrastructure.
2. Skilled financial and economic modeler to inform strategic investment analysis, planning and decision making to inform key policy outcomes.
3. Specialised in fund management and executive oversight across a broad set of asset classes inclusive of equities, fixed income and property asset classes for clients institutional investors.



“Setting Standards and Developing Good Labour Practice and Guidelines in the Fishing Industry”
The Department of Labour and Industrial Relations supports the endeavors of the workshop for a holistic approach to the whole of the fishing industry in fact, and not just the Tuna Fishing.

The Department administers the National Employment Act, the basic legislation governing terms and conditions of employment in PNG. Unfortunately, this piece of legislation does not extend to cover the maritime industry, including the fishing sector.

However, through the process of collective bargaining under the industrial relations legislations, also administered by the Department, there had been a couple of registered industrial agreements on terms and conditions of employment applying to certain companies in the fishing industry.

Much is yet to be addressed in the maritime and fishing industry, in as far as developing standards and good work practices. Fundamental to all these measures however, as far as the Department of Labour and Industrial Relations is concerned, would be the ratification of the International Labour Organization Conventions on Maritime Labour Convention 2006 and the Work in Fishing Convention 2007.

Mr George Taunakekei

Acting Secretary, Department of Labour & Industrial Relation

Mr Taunakekei was previously a career officer in the Department of Personnel Management (DPM) from 1986 to 2015 (29 years & 5 months). He has held many different senior management roles, including several appointments as Acting Deputy Secretary – Policy, at various times. His last role with DPM was as the head of the HR Policy Research and Development Division prior to his exit. Mr Taunakekei joined the Department of Labour & Industrial Relations (DLIR) as Deputy Secretary – Operations in November 2015 and has been with the Department for over six years.



Mr Taunakekei is currently the Acting Secretary for the Department of Labour and Industrial Relations while the incumbent Permanent Secretary is on medical leave. He has been in this role since September 2021.



“NMSA Standards and Requirements for a Safer Fishing Industry”

Mr Paul Unas
General Manager/CEO, NMSA

“Strengthening of Research, Development, Extension Support Services, Training and Capacity Building”

It is widely recognised that fuller participation of Papua New Guineans in the PNG fisheries sector depends on people receiving appropriate specialised skills competency-based training.

It is also noted that there is an opportunity for the development of applied fisheries research. This presentation will provide some background to the issues facing the PNG fisheries sector.

Dr Jeff Kinch

Principal, National Fisheries College

Over the last 24 years, Dr Jeff Kinch has been involved in various donor-funded fisheries development management programmes and projects with the University of Papua New Guinea, the European Union, the United Nations and the Asian Development Bank. He also has worked for the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program and the Pacific Community. He has conducted numerous assessments and research projects on various fisheries and aquaculture activities in PNG and the wider Pacific Islands region.



“Build, Strengthen International Fisheries Cooperation and Engagements”

Fisheries play a key role for many Small Island States, both in terms of food security and economic and social development. The EU and the Pacific region share the common goals of preservation of healthy oceans as well as the conservation and sustainable use of marine living resources, including key migratory fish species. To achieve these goals, the EU and PNG have been cooperating in the framework of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) on the conservation and management of tropical tuna. Likewise, the EU and PNG have undertaken joint efforts in the fight against Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing in the Pacific region.

His Excellency Ambassador Jernej Videtič

Ambassador and Head of Delegation of the European Union to Papua New Guinea

H.E Jernej Videtič is from Slovenia and has broad experience working with the European Union. Prior to this current post, Ambassador Videtič was Head of the EU Delegation to Guyana, also covering Suriname and other Overseas Countries and Territories, namely Aruba, Bonaire, Curaçao, Saba, St Eustatius, St Maarten and Saint-Barthélemy. He is an expert in wide range of fields including multilateral and bilateral diplomacy, security policy, human rights, development cooperation policies and public administration management. Before joining the European External Action Service, Ambassador Videtič worked in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia, where he was Head of the Human Rights Department and Head of the Department for International Development Policies.



“Observer Program support of the Fishing Industry and the Challenges amidst COVID-19 pandemic”

Mr Adrian Nanguromo Manager, NFA Observer Program

I have 19 years of work experience with the National Fisheries Authority (NFA) under Fisheries Observer Program, one of the unit within Monitoring, Control & Surveillance Business Division. I have served this organization (NFA) both within PNG and throughout the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention areas (WCPFC) since 2003 through various different capacity as an employee of NFA



“Integrated Fisheries Information Management System – FIA PNG iFIMS portal and industry iFIMS portal”

Live Demonstration of FIA web base platform used by office and members as management tool to implement RSP

Mr Herman Kisokau Development Support and Trainer, Fisheries Information Management System Inc., (FIMS)

Herman Kisokau has been working in the fisheries sector for over 15 years as a Fisheries Observer, VMS/VDS Officer and now with the FIMS Inc., as a Development Support and Trainer.

He has been fully involved in the development, implementation and management of the Fishing Industry Association (PNG) Inc., (FIA-PNG) iFIMS portal. FIA-PNG is able to track, trace and monitor all its members' activities including catch and effort from port to port and from net to plate.





KEY RESULT AREAS (KRAs) OF THE PAPUA NEW GUINEA FISHERIES STRATEGIC PLAN 2021-2030

Key Result Area 1:

Develop Enabling Infrastructure and Improve Industry Operating Environment

Strategic actions and priorities here will focus on the on the development and operationalisation of dedicated fisheries wharves, processing hubs to increase domestic value adding, creation of a conducive operating environment for the industry and increased participation by citizens in spin-off businesses and income generating activities.

Key Result Area 2:

Optimise Government Revenue

Fisheries is recognised as a strategic asset that can generate sustainable economic benefits, create wealth and contribute to National Government revenue. Strategic actions and priorities here will focus on the optimisation of revenue from resource rent through the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) and the maximization of other revenue streams including increases in tax and duty.

Key Result Area 3:

Increase Downstream Processing, Value Adding, Employment and Export Earnings

Promote value creation through expanding productive capacities, supply chain opportunities, product development and markets that increase broad economic benefits. Strategic actions and priorities here will focus on increasing the volume of downstream processing for all fish and fishery products, increases in fish and fishery export earnings, increases in employment in the processing and value adding sector, increases in employment in the fishing and catching sector, ensuring price competitiveness of locally made seafood products and maximization of production capacity of all processing plants.

Key Result Area 4:

Expand and Enhance International Trade and Market Access for Fisheries Products

Take advantage of continued global demand for seafoods by improving market access opportunities and proactive negotiation to secure beneficial trade agreements. Strategic actions and priorities focus on the maintenance of access to existing markets, the establishment of new international market access and the scaling up of strategic trade promotion and facilitation.

Key Result Area 5:

Support, Maintain and Encourage Genuine Foreign Direct Investment Inflow

Conducive policy and regulatory environment must be maintained and improved to attracts greater inflow of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to grow the sector. Strategic actions and priorities focus on efforts to increase foreign direct investment in the fisheries sector of Papua New Guinea and the development of attractive investment incentive packages.

Key Result Area 6:

Optimise Papua New Guinean Participation and Local Content in the Fisheries Sector

Constitutional directive for the Government to enable citizens and governmental bodies to have control of the bulk of the economic enterprises and production. Strategic actions and priorities focus on efforts in increasing National Government interests through the establishment of a commercial fishing entity and to increase the number of active locally-owned micro, small and medium enterprises, fishing cooperatives and associations. In addition, the enforcement of minimum standards for the export of fish and fishery products, the development and implementation of bycatch utilisation plan and providing greater opportunities for Papua New Guineans to work on-board fishing vessels operating in the waters of Papua New Guinea will be pursued.

Key Result Area 7:

Improve Food Security and Livelihood Opportunities

Abundant fisheries resources of the country must be made accessible, readily available and affordable as major source of nutrition, food security and to support livelihood. Strategic actions and priorities focus on increasing food security and livelihood programmes in rural communities with an increase in subsistence fisheries and aquaculture production as well as the development of tourism based around fishing and fish farming activities. Finally, there will be targeted efforts to increase the value at the fishers' level through improved processing.

Key Result Area 8:

Strengthen Research, Development, Extension and Capacity Building

The sector must remain relevant, proactive and fully equipped through research, training & capacity building along with hands-on extension support services to improve service delivery. Strategic actions and priorities focus on increased and effective applied research of current and emerging fisheries as well as the domestication of indigenous species with commercial potential for aquaculture, disease prevention, and better seafood quality.

Key Result Area 9:

Maintain and Strengthen Sustainable Fisheries Management & Healthy Ecosystems

Long term sustainable development of the sector and profitability of the industry is contingent on well managed fishery and in maintaining healthy ecosystems. Strategic actions and priorities focus on annual fishery status and situational reports for all fisheries managed under management plans and any other research projects and initiatives including stock assessments, habitat mapping, assessments of commercial potential; reviews of management plans and the development of new emerging fisheries. There will also be a focus on emerging international and national requirements for fisheries compliance, increase in capacity and capability for monitoring, control and surveillance.

Key Result Area 10:

Build, Strengthen International Fisheries Cooperation and Engagements

Fisheries considerations contributes to evolving geopolitical landscape in the region that cannot be ignored in promoting national interests whilst subscribing to regional solidarity on areas of common interests. Strategic actions and priorities focus on elevating Papua New Guinea's interests at subregional, regional and international fisheries for a through effective representation and building strategic partnerships to promote sustainable, responsible management and optimum utilisation of fisheries resources in all areas of common interests; and leveraging regional support and technical assistance to enhance responsiveness to emerging global issues and trends.

Key Result Area 11:

Encourage Evidence-based Policy and Planning Approach

Evidence-based policy and planning requires available data, information and knowledge to credibly inform the decision making process. Strategic actions and priorities focus on undertaking an assessment of the institutional arrangements of the fisheries sector in Papua New Guinea to ensure improved sector policies, administration, coordination and implementation is strengthened and there is transparency through timely annual reporting and fiscal management.

For a copy of the Fisheries Strategic Plan 2021-2030 please visit:
www.fisheries.gov.pg/png-fsp

FISHING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA



FIA-PNG's aim is to become the world's best industry advocate for fisheries management and reputable business, social welfare and promoting sustainable harvest of our resource
 FIA-PNG committed itself to develop and implement its "Responsible Sourcing Policy" (RSP) upon which sits four pillars.

OUR PILLARS:



Sustainable Fisheries Management
 (MSC Certification Scheme)



Fisheries Traceability
 (FIA iFims Portal)



Marine Litter & Fishing Gear
 (Mitigation)



Social Responsibility and Human
 Rights Welfare (FISHstandard)

The RSP pillars of the FIA-PNG are focused on undertaking policy, audit tools and work programmes in implementing our strategies:

- Adopt and promote sustainable fishing practices
 - Minimize environmental impact
- Ensure our members develop their employees' wellbeing and a positive social impact along the supply chain
- Produce high quality products for healthy nutrition

Our Members



Our Partnerships



1. Sustainable Fisheries Management (MSC Certification Scheme)

Our fishery includes the PNG EEZ & AW setting on associated tuna sets & unassociated tuna sets (Free School), and includes 86 MSC eligible tuna purse seiners.

FIA-PNG started its journey in 2018 to being recognised as a well-managed fishery. The MSC has become an important stakeholder for FIA-PNG in order to improve fishery management in maintaining the MSC fishery certification for skipjack, yellowfin and bigeye tuna. FIA-PNG is working with different organisations to comply with the 14 conditions obtained as part of the FIA-PNG MSC fishery certification.

2. Fishery Traceability (FIA iFims Portal)

Traceability goes hand-in-hand with PNG fishery transparency. A traceability system is the best method to prevent fraud and illegal products from entering the supply chain as certified products. It also protects consumers and the efforts of everyone working to keep our oceans healthy.

A traceable supply chain is key to delivering the MSC's vision of healthy oceans and providing its consumers with sustainable seafood they can trust through supply chain certification and thereby ensuring its certified sustainable origin.

3. Marine Litter and Fishing Gear (Mitigation)

The purpose of this pillar is to mitigate effects of ghost gears from derelict Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) and fishing gear materials catastrophic impact on oceans and our industry's urgent efforts and actions to addressing these threats on the natural marine resource and environment.

Under this pillar of FIA-PNG RSP, the objective is to define, support and promote comprehensive and science-based approaches to bycatch mitigation in gear use with emphasis on FAD and fishing gear management.

4. Social Responsibility and Human Rights Welfare (FISHstandard)

In acknowledgement of this growing expectation of social accountability compliance, FIA-PNG ensures all its members in the tuna industry, both fishing operation and shore-based processing operations in PNG, implements social accountability assessment process (action plans per company).

This comprised of an independent initial assessment of industry performance against the ILO convention 188 and the SA 8000 standard (which are applicable for a fishing and out processing operation), training and capacity-building of local counterparts to undertake self-assessment following gap identification by the independent assessment. The FIA-PNG Crew welfare and labor onboard conditions procedure and audit tool have assessed 45% of the FIA members' fleet to date.

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