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## NEWS RELEASE

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### Exciting Developments in PNG Fisheries Sector: NFA's Transformation Journey and Easter Greetings

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The National Fisheries Authority (NFA) is thrilled to announce significant advancements in the PNG fisheries sector as it embarks on a transformative policy-shift aimed at boosting competitiveness, diversification, and value addition in the industry.

As part of this journey, NFA has set ambitious targets to increase export values across various seafood categories, including crab, prawn, lobster, reef fish, and seaweed. Additionally,

The Managing Director, Mr Justin Ilakini noted that NFA aims to enhance the tuna fishery by increasing tuna landings, expanding downstream processing, establishing new processing plants, and investing in commercial-scale cold storage facilities to support exports

“These initiatives will not only drive economic growth but also ensure food security and support the livelihoods of our communities.

“We are excited to have our dedicated staff on board, committed to making these goals a reality through their hard work and tireless efforts,” Mr Ilakini said.

Despite the challenges we face, NFA has implemented cost management measures and expenditure controls for the fiscal year 2024, emphasizing the importance of financial responsibility and prudent decision-making at all levels.

On the occasion of Easter, NFA extends its warmest greetings to all its staff and everyone.

“May this season of reflection and renewal bring you joy, peace, and blessings as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ,” said Ilakini.

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**Justin Ilakini**  
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