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For Sustainable and Equitable Benefits”



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## NEWS RELEASE

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### **Fisheries shares experience with Judiciary to enhance development**

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The Fisheries single most significant threat to the long-term sustainability of our marine resources is the issue of Illegal Unregulated and Unreported (IUU) fishing.

In this 3rd day of the Fisheries Judicial Conference, Fisheries continues to share its experience of IUU with the Judiciary for it to better understand so that fisheries matters including prosecutions and their outcomes, and how the associated fisheries offences can be resolved on timely manners.

Courts play an important role in translating the intent and spirit of Fisheries laws and Regulations, having regard to the seriousness of fisheries offences and application of appropriate penalties for offenders.

The conference is enabling members of the Judiciary and the Magisterial Services to recognise the importance of fisheries resources to PNG and its people, including national revenue, food security and for achieving development aspirations.

Participants of the conference are reminded to be mindful of the impact of IUU fishing on fisheries, conservation and management measures, and its imminent threat to food security in PNG, as a coastal state.

Again, Judiciary plays an important role in deterring IUU and promoting transparency, and accountability with the view of protecting our fisheries resources.

By the end of the conference, judges and magistrate will have good background information to international, regional, and national fishery policy regime and practice; PNG customised operational platforms that give effect to overall cascading fishery management regimes including; reflections on judicial approach.

This Fisheries Judicial Conference is a follow-on conference from previous conferences organized by FFA, and held in Honiara, Solomon Island for members of the judiciary from FFA member states.

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