

## MARINE RESOURCES DIVISION

### Tim Adams leaves SPC for a new challenge in Nauru

Dr Tim Adams left SPC in September 2008, after exactly 11 years at the helm of SPC's Marine Resources Division. He took up the post of Fisheries Management Adviser with Nauru's Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority, citing a need to "refresh his batteries by working at the national level again".

Born in northern England, Tim is a naturalised Scot and started his professional career with the Fiji Fisheries Division in the 1980s, learning the trade under such luminaries as Dr Peter Hunt, Ratu Tui Cavuilati and Dr Tony Lewis. During his time in Fiji he supervised the largest survey of giant clam stocks ever carried out, introduced the first limited-entry licencing regulations for the Fiji tuna fishery, and computerised the division's accounts, licencing and catch/effort-reporting systems.

He joined SPC in 1992 as Senior Inshore Fisheries Scientist and was later promoted to direct the newly-created SPC Marine Resources Division in 1997 by Dr Bob Dun. Working alongside, and then under, Bob's successors Lourdes Pangelinan and Dr Jimmie Rodgers, he oversaw a doubling of the Marine Resources Division's staff, a major increase in the number of Pacific islanders fisheries professionals, and campaigned for the addition of aquaculture advisory services, social science, and ecosystem science to the Division's portfolio.



### Mike Batty, new Director of SPC Marine Resources Division



Mike Batty is already known to many fisheries people in the region as the former Development Policy Specialist with the Forum Fisheries Agency, and team leader of the EU-funded DevFish Project — a position he held for the last three years. He started work with SPC in December 2008.

Originally from Britain, Mike first came to work in the Pacific Islands in 1982 as Fisheries Adviser for the Government of Tuvalu. He then worked with the Solomon Islands Fisheries Department for two four-year contracts (with a break in-between for further studies). More recently, he managed Papua New Guinea's National Fisheries Authority during the reform of that agency, and has undertaken short-term work in Tonga and the Federated States of Micronesia.

Outside the region, Mike has also worked on fisheries projects in the South Atlantic and Red Sea, and developed an aquaculture research facility in Namibia. He is married with three children.