

Manual grinders are available, meaning silage can be produced at an individual level as well as on an industrial scale. The pilot projects on Lifou and Niue were funded by SPC, but communities that want to invest in this activity will find that the initial investment is well within their means and they will get rapid returns on that investment.

It costs about AUD 20,000 for a big machine like the one used on Lifou and about AUD 4,000 for a grinder like the one used on Niue.

In Noumea, New Caledonia, the existing volume of fish waste and potential market for silage suggest a high potential for this type of investment. The Cook Islands and Nauru have also shown interest in this technique.



Workshop participants could go back home with a bottle of freshly made fish silage.

Meanwhile on Niue...

Fish silage continues to be produced on Niue. The fertiliser is being tested on various farm produce to measure both its nutritional and financial

advantages. Niue will have to organise the collection of fish waste, build appropriate facilities, identify who will be in charge, and set a per-litre price for silage.

Fair winds and happy sailing to Terii Luciani...



One of the direct results of the severe financial crisis SPC experienced in 2009 was a “freeze” placed on several professional staff positions. The Marine Resources Division did not escape from this and it was

with very heavy hearts that we had to say goodbye to Terii Luciani at the end of December.

Terii joined the Fisheries Training Section in 1997 from the French Polynesia Fisheries Department. He brought his development experience in island settings, his knowledge of aquaculture, and his strong computer and desktop publishing skills. Terii then became Fisheries Training Adviser when the Training and Development Sections were combined into one unit.

Terii’s many talents perfectly matched those of the other members of the new Section: William Sokimi, Steve Beverly, Jonathan Manieva, Christine Bury, and Jennifer Corigliano. A short, very fruitful period (2006–2009) then followed; the

Section was active and innovative in several areas such as shallow-water inshore FADs, fish silage production, and developing coastal sport fishing. Terii took part in these initiatives while continuing to coordinate the Section’s capacity building activities, including holding yearly courses on safety at sea and fisheries techniques, and keeping our databases up to date. He also brought an “artistic touch” to all our documents, manuals, posters, brochures and DVDs.

Our team is deeply grateful for his 12 years of contributing to capacity building in the Pacific Islands fisheries sector.

Thanks for everything and happy sailing, Terii!