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PRAS and RFAB update

Purpose of this presentation

To update members on;

1. the Pacific Regional Aquaculture Strategy (PRAS)
2. the mid-term review of the Regional Framework for Aquatic Biosecurity (RFAB)

Aquaculture Assessment

- Assessment commissioned in response to the identified need to address challenges of developing long term and sustainable aquaculture
- Concluded that current strengths and opportunities outweigh weaknesses and threats
- identified needs were in capability and capacity, post harvest quality control, marketing, biosecurity, as well as feed supplies
- **Recommendation for development of a regional aquaculture strategy**, enhancing ability to cooperate and trade regionally and with the rest of the world



SPC FAME

Assessment of the aquaculture needs, priorities and future direction in the Pacific Islands region

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PRAS Subregional and regional workshops

- A process and scope for the PRAS was set out in WP6 of HoF15 and endorsed by SPC members
- Requires a consultation process that is inclusive and fully endorsed by members.
- Regional aquaculture strategy is wider than SPC FAME's mandate
- Series of workshops coordinated by an external consultant



Mid-term review of Regional framework on aquatic biosecurity

- Aquatic biosecurity is a key component to long term sustainability of aquaculture and wild fisheries
- The framework includes a regional workplan that focusses on (i) aquatic animal health management and (ii) the safe translocation of aquatic species, with the specific objective of enhancing regional aquaculture production in a sustainable manner
- As outlined in WP5 of HoF15, a mid-term review of RFAB is required
- The PRAS workshops also provide opportunity for RFAB consultation

Regional framework
on aquatic biosecurity



Developed by the Aquaculture Section of the Fisheries,
Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems Division (FAME)
of the Pacific Community.

Workshop structure

- Virtual format
- Three sub-regional workshops and one regional workshop
- Each workshop is scheduled to occur over five days, consisting of 2 x two-hour sessions each day (or as required)
- These are scheduled to begin on during early March and continue throughout April/May
- The workshops will be facilitated by an external consultant
- Exercise will be similar to Scaling Up CBFM Framework for Action developed during 2021

A large school of silver fish, possibly mackerels, swimming in clear blue water. The fish are densely packed and moving in various directions, creating a sense of dynamic movement. The background is a deep, clear blue, suggesting an open ocean environment.

What do we need from you?

- Invitations for sub-regional workshops to be sent out to PICT members during December
- PICTs will be requested to nominate focal points who can assist with local coordination
- PICT representatives with a back-ground in aquaculture development are requested to attend virtual workshops
- PICT representatives with a back-ground in aquatic biosecurity will be requested one day of each workshop focusing on biosecurity
- PICTs will be invited to nominate representatives to attend a regional workshop