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# Coastal fisheries management

*Reviewing and updating  
legislation and policy*



## POLICY AND LEGISLATION SUPPORT

- Technical assistance
- Training opportunities
- Information tools

Project funding:

New Zealand Aid, USAID, Australian Aid

# Technical Assistance

- Drafts of 16 management plans and 15 regulations progressed in 12 PICTs, since 2022
- Focus areas include:
  - coastal fisheries management measures (e.g. size limits, quotas, gear limitations, licensing, reporting)
  - fish aggregating devices
  - community-based fisheries management
  - penalties for violations



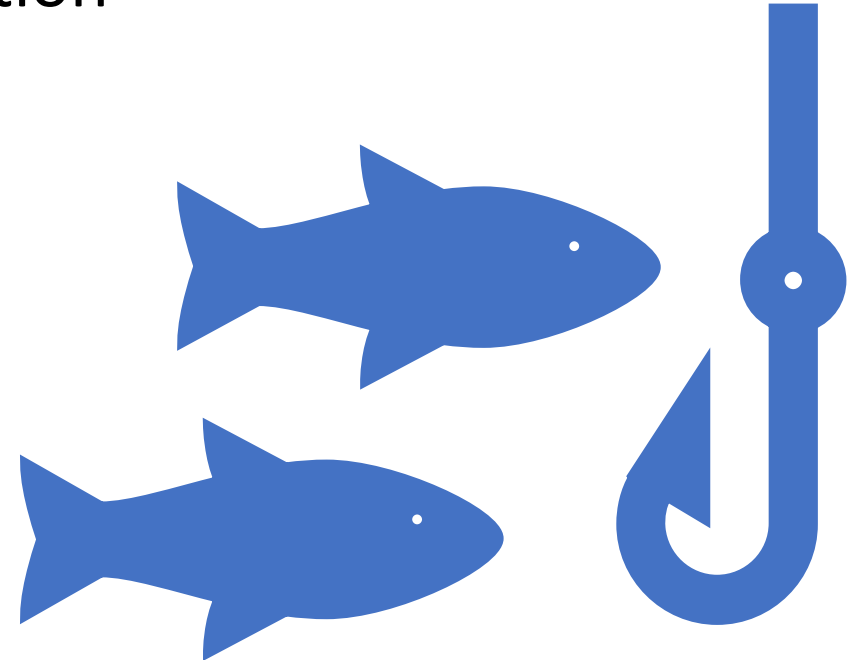


# Technical Assistance

- Development or review of management & development plans, strategies and policies
- Development or review of laws, regulations and local by-laws
- Provision of advice to members on specific measures and issues
  - Size limits, quotas, Law of the Sea, CBFM, offences, penalties, enforcement powers

# Training Opportunities

- 136 PICTs government officers trained in various aspects of coastal fisheries policy or legislation since 2022:
  - How to write a management plan
  - How to draft legislation
  - How to read legislation for enforcement
- Mentoring, internships and Pacific Island Fisheries Professionals



# Policy & Planning: Training

- In-country and virtual training on preparing fisheries policies and management plans
- Supporting the delivery of virtual trainings in partnership with the New Zealand Ministry of Primary Industries (NZ MPI)
  - Te Patui e-Modules Webinar on Fisheries Management





# Laws & Regulations: Training



Jointly developed with University of California College of the Law, SF for PICTs officials.

## SPC Legislative drafting course on coastal fisheries

Course Overview	PHASE I Module 1 - Coastal Fisheries and the Law	Module 2 - Policy vs. Law and Legislative Process	Module 3 - Legislation and Drafting Basics
Module 4 - Writing Clearly and Unambiguously	Module 5 - Grouping and Ordering Provisions	PHASE II Module 6 - Elements of Legislation and Explanatory Documents	Module 7 - Organizing your Thinking and Writing
Module 8 - Clear and Effective Drafting	Module 9 - Critiquing Draft Legislation	Module 10 - Contextualizing Draft Legislation	

Clear  
Unambiguous  
Logical  
Concise

## How to turn policy into law

- 10 modules online
- Zoom meetings
- Competency-based Assessment workshop in person (a week)

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<https://spc.learnbook.com.au/login/index.php>

# Pacific Law & Policy Database



Enhanced with new content!

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Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems

**REEFLEX** Pacific Law & Policy Database on Coastal Fisheries & Aquaculture

**Find Laws & Policies**  
Search and download the full text of laws and policies by country or territory (constitutions, acts and regulations, policies and plans).

**Compare Regulations**  
Search and compare management measures in force in countries and territories by marine species and type of regulations.

**Legal Profiles**  
Browse our legal profiles to have a snapshot of the coastal fisheries and aquaculture framework in each country and territory.

**Resources**  
More law & policy resources from the region.

**Become a contact point?**

- Understand PICTs coastal fisheries laws & policies
- Supports SPC trainings and technical advice
- Interlinked with
  - USP PacLII
  - FAOLEX / SSF-LEX
  - Echoes of Oceania

[www.spc.int/CoastalFisheries/Legislation/main](http://www.spc.int/CoastalFisheries/Legislation/main)



## REEFLEX information by species, type of measure or PICT

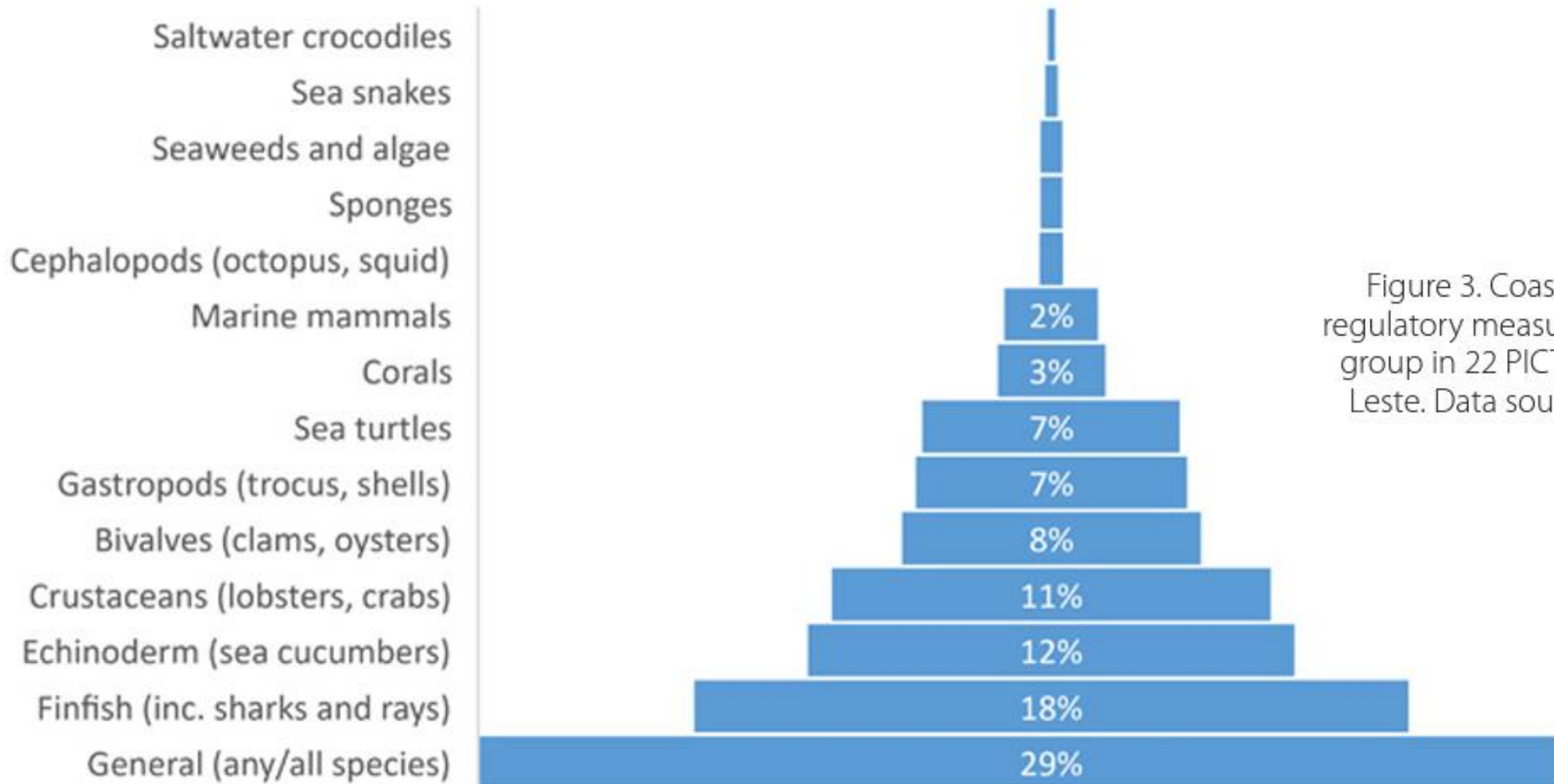
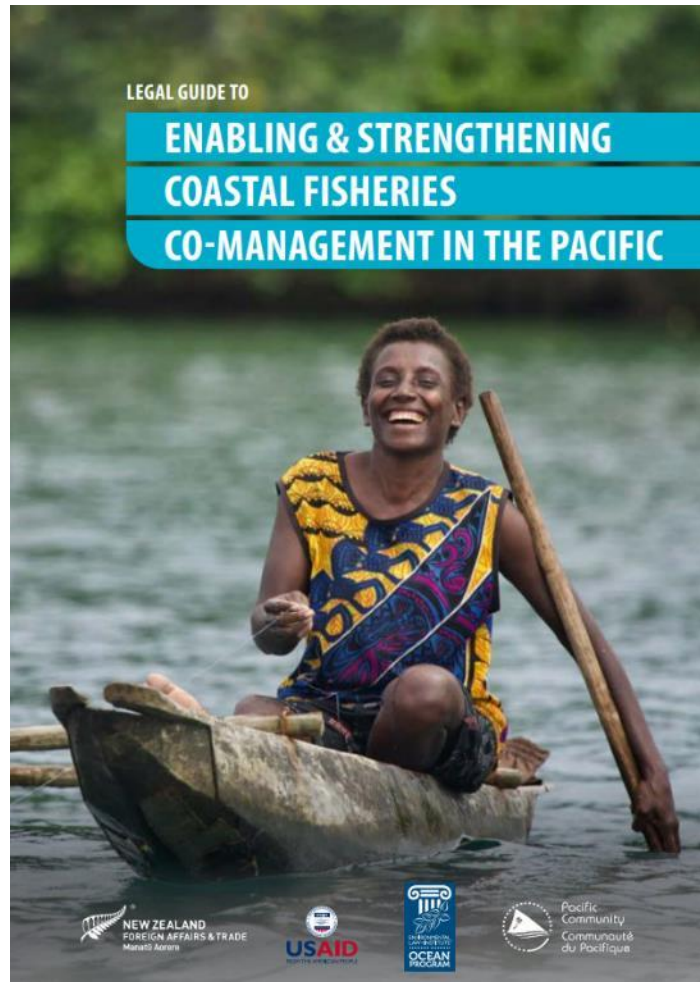
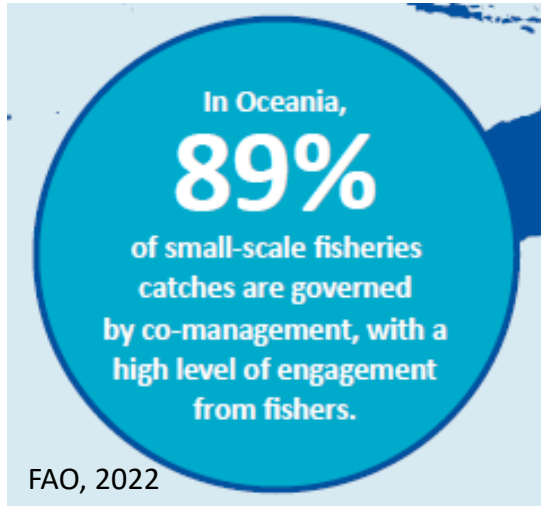


Figure 3. Coastal fisheries regulatory measures by species group in 22 PICTs and Timor-Leste. Data source: REEFLEX

# Launch of CBFM Legal Guide



[www.spc.int/DigitalLibrary/FAME](http://www.spc.int/DigitalLibrary/FAME)



Credits: NZ Aid | US Aid | ELI | SPC

## Co-management > CBFM

- different degrees of participation
- local communities
- fishers' organisations

## Purpose of Legal Guide

Assist and train PICTs' fisheries agencies to achieve the goals of **CBFM Framework** and **SSF Guidelines**

- Legal basis **enabling** CBFM
- **Laws** in Pacific + World
- Inspire **local** solutions
- Feed into national **strategies**



## QUESTIONS?

**Thank you!**

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## Members and partners are invited to:

- a. *Discuss* national priorities in receiving SPC support for the review and update of coastal fisheries policy and legislation and for the delivery of training on management plans and legal drafting;
- b. *Note* the launch of a new SPC *Legal guide to enabling coastal fisheries co-management in the Pacific* (BP 1) and other resources available on the SPC REEFLEX database (BP 2) and the availability of dedicated training opportunities on coastal fisheries law and policy;
- c. *Request* the HoF to encourage the identification of dedicated staff for each official request made to SPC on coastal fisheries policy or legislation, who will liaise with SPC and be specifically trained and mentored, including through short-term attachments.



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