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Update on supporting members to review regional fisheries policies

The Future of Fisheries: A Regional Roadmap for Sustainable Pacific Fisheries, The New Song for Coastal Fisheries: Noumea Strategy

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Overview

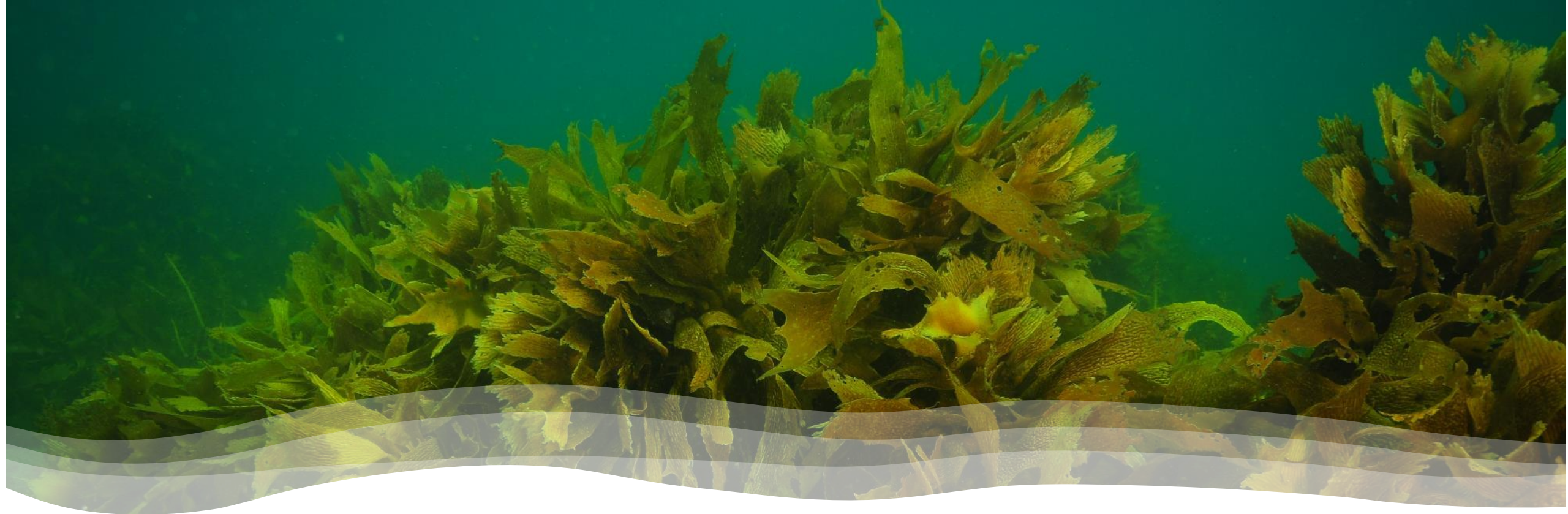
- Refer to:
 - **Working paper 5** – supporting members to review regional fisheries
 - **Terms of Reference**
- **Overview**
 - Context
 - Purpose of this presentation
 - What the review will cover
 - Challenges in progressing the review
- **Next steps and Recommendations**
- **Plenary**





Context

- RFMM4 endorsed:
 - the proposed process, element and timeline for the review,
 - endorsed the nominations from six members (Cook Islands, Fiji, Republic of the Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Palau and Tokelau) to be part of the review committee that will oversee the review,
 - tasked the review committee to draft Terms of Reference
 - tasked SPC and FFA to work with officials to include the review in their annual work programmes.



Purpose of this update

The purpose of this paper is to:

- update Heads of Fisheries on progress to date, identify challenges in progressing this work
- provide an opportunity for members to input on the draft Terms of Reference before they are finalised in consultation with the Review Committee.



Review will cover

- the goals and objectives of the policies;
- the strategies and actions outlined in the policies;
- the progress made in implementing the policies;
- the challenges and constraints to implementation;
- the relevance of the regional fisheries policies to the region's needs and priorities
- the effectiveness of the policies in achieving their goals; and
- the alignment of the policies with the 2050 Strategy and its Implementation Plan.



Challenges in progressing the review

- One of the aims of the review is to align the regional fisheries policies with the 2050 Strategy and its implementation.
- During 2023 a process was undertaken to develop a 2050 Strategy Implementation Plan, which was reported to Leaders in late 2023. SPC and FFA participated in this process to support alignment of the Review terms of reference to the 2050 Strategy work.
- During 2023 a process was also undertaken to develop a Pacific Regional Economic Development framework. SPC and FFA participated in this process to support alignment of the Review terms of reference to this 2050 Strategy related work.
- The heavy schedule of associated meetings and the complexity of aligning differing processes has caused some delays in the development of the Review Terms of Reference. This means that one element of the revisions by SPC and FFA with the Review Committee will be to update the timeline for the Review.
- The other key challenge faced has been the allocation of resources to this activity



Next steps

- The opportunity for members to input on the draft Terms of Reference at HoF16 before they are finalised in consultation with the Review Committee
- Allocation of resources to the activity, in particular a Project Manager
- Finalisation of the Terms of Reference with the Review Committee, and
- Procurement of the Consultant(s).

Recommendations

Members are invited to:

- i. **note** the progress of the review
- ii. **Provide input on the draft Terms of Reference**

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