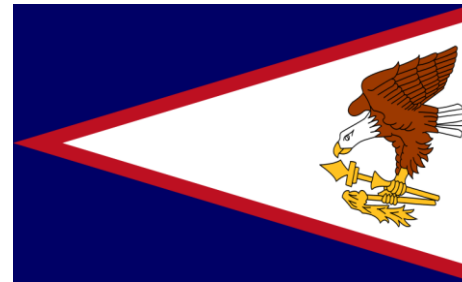




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American Samoa statement





1. CLIMATE CHANGE

What national climate change activities or initiatives are underway to manage and adapt to the impacts of climate change on fisheries and aquaculture?

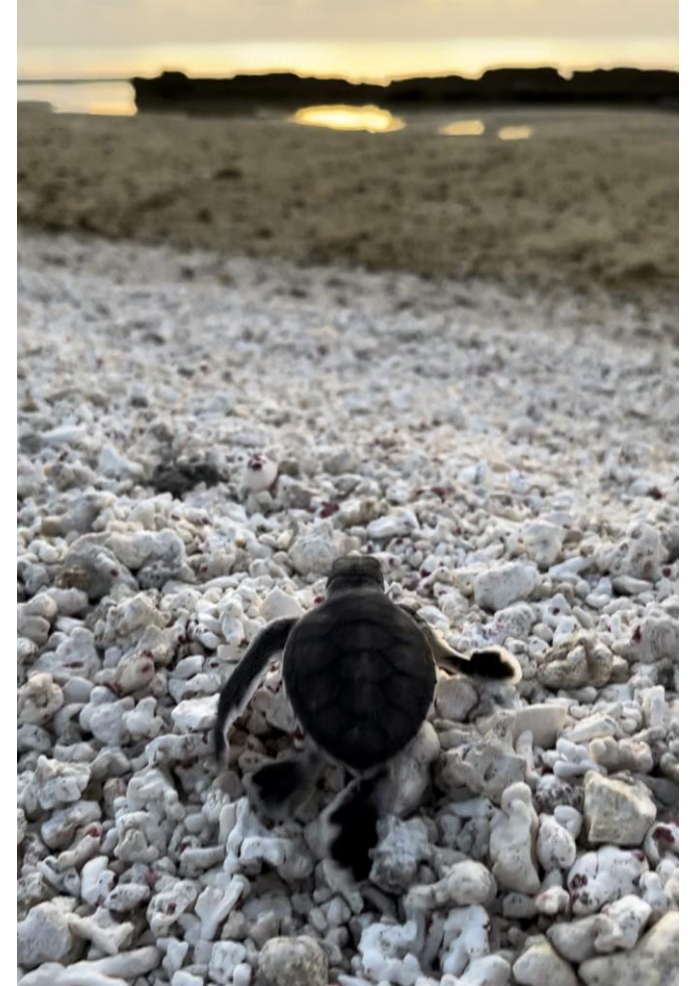
Current activities:

- High level Policy Initiatives
 - Creation of The American Samoa Resilience Commission and Governor's Resilience Office (GRO) .
 - *Mission statement: American Samoa recognizes the urgency of climate change impacts, with grave concern, and the need to respond quickly and strategically to ensure the protection, adaptive capacity resilience and well-being of the islands and residents of American Samoa.*
 - Territorial Climate Change Adaptation Framework – Revisit, Review & update
- Supporting research and collaborations on forecasting impact of climate on nearshore and tuna fisheries
- Enhance Community-Based Fisheries Management Program engagement to support coastal communities for livelihood & food security
- Data collection via Creel survey programs to capture important information to support programs.
- Offshore FAD systems support & deployment to support indigenous fishermen



Planned activities:

- Mariculture reengagement project in collaboration with Samoa MAF. Identified giant clams and seaweeds as feasible species for mariculture
- American Samoa Watershed Planning; Coral Reef Restoration and Green Infrastructure
- Strengthening Community-Based Fisheries and Watershed Management Program
- American Samoa Biosecurity Plan – development
- American Samoa sea-level rise adaptation
 - Sea level rise viewer to be available in 2023 and will support the development of an adaptation strategy and plan.
- Work with regional partners to identify climate change priorities and highlight research needs for adaptation





2. COVID-19 IMPACTS

What are your national fisheries and aquaculture current and planned activities to reduce the residual impacts of COVID-19 on food security, livelihoods, and economic growth?

Note: During COVID-19, there was a significant increase in nearshore subsistence fisheries. However, our indigenous longline fishery suffered due to federal requirements on crews, etc. Various funding programs were implemented to provide economic support to fishery participants.

Current activities:

- Continued advocating for full benefits as a SIDS / PT
- Explore opportunities to promote aquaculture / mariculture promotion
- Support artisanal fisheries
- Data collection
- Policy & regulations reform





On-going activities:

- Continued analysis of fish source and fish flow to develop a framework for food and fisheries security
- Strengthening its tuna economy by developing adaptive oceanic fisheries policies based on globally dynamic tuna industry
- Diversification of economy
- Support for artisanal fishermen