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SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION

TWENTY-FIFTH REGIONAL TECHNICAL MEETING ON FISHERIES  
(Noumea, New Caledonia, 14-18 March 1994)

COUNTRY STATEMENT BY NEW CALEDONIA

**Summary**

Over the past two years, the Territory of New Caledonia and its three Provinces have continued with their activities in the following major areas:

- Skill training: the "Ecole des Métiers de la Mer", a public institution, has established a training programme for Artisanal Fishing Boats Skippers under which 14 certificates have been issued. The school has also gone ahead with its continuing training activities.
  - Development of lagoon and coastal fisheries: Activities carried out have included publication of a maritime fisheries statistical report for 1991, organisations of deep-sea fishing, training trips, mooring of two fish aggregation devices (FAD) in New Caledonia and one FAD in Wallis and Futuna, and completion of a longline fishing trial targeting swordfish.
  - Support of offshore fishing: Contact was made with the South Pacific Commission to organise a workshop on monofilament techniques for a master fisherman from the Territorial Merchant Marine and Maritime Fisheries Division. The goal was to provide training for and follow-up of 8 newly-commissioned small tuna longliners which use the Hawaiian method. In addition, the Territory is now conducting tuna sampling work at the port of Noumea, an activity previously carried out by the Tuna and Billfish Assessment Programme.
  - Aquaculture development: IFREMER (French Institute for Research into the Exploitation of the Sea) is continuing its work in applied research on saltwater shrimp culture and its assistance to farms which practise this type of aquaculture. IFREMER has also commenced a programme entitled "New Aquacultures" on local oysters and giant clams. The "Mud Crab" project was completed at the end of 1993.
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