

Sashimi tuna handling workshop in the Northern Province of New Caledonia

In March, SPC Fisheries Development Officer Steve Beverly conducted a sashimi tuna handling workshop for captains and crew of Pêcheries de Nouvelle-Calédonie (PNC) in the Northern Province of New Caledonia (Fig. 1).

PNC has a fleet of eight aluminium longliners that operate out of Pandop Harbour in Koumac (Fig. 2). All of their fish is processed at Pêcheries du Nord's processing facility at Pandop Harbour. Fish are

graded as either A grade or grade B soon after being unloaded from the boats. Captains and crews are paid based on fish grade. An A grade fish earns more for the boat than a B grade or a reject fish. This fact was impressed on the captains and crew as they learned the fine points of fish handling to ensure that they land more A grade fish and, thus, get more in their pay packets. A copy of SPC's manual, *Onboard handling of sashimi grade tuna*, was given to each workshop participant.



Figure 1 (left): Fish handling workshop at Pandop Harbour.
Figure 2 (right): One of PNC's longline boats, F/V Karaavha 8, at Pandop Harbour.

Canoe building workshop in Nauru

In May, SPC, in collaboration with the Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority (NFMRA), hosted a workshop in Nauru on canoe building.

SPC's Fisheries Development Officer (FDO) William Sokimi assisted with setting up the canoe building training component by organising tools and building materials in preparation for the workshop, which was conducted by Kiribati-based boatbuilder Mike Savins.

Nine local boatbuilders from the communities of Anetan, Anibare, Bauda, Boe, Denig and Meneng were trained in modern canoe building techniques by Mike Savins. SPC ordered building materials and tools for the workshop while NFMRA provided the venue and managed the logistics. At the end of the training, four canoes had been built: three one-man FAO KIR 7 (4.7 m) design (Fig. 1) and one two-man FAO KIR 6 (6.5m) design (Fig. 2).



Figure 2: KIR 6 two-man canoe



Figure 1: KIR 7 one-man canoe