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ORSTOM* PROJECTS ON FISH AND FISHING IN THE CALEDONIAN LAGOON

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Summary

Fish and fishing in the extremely large Caledonian lagoon are, while relatively unexplored, potentially of great significance for the Territory. For this reason, a survey programme has recently been undertaken by ORSTOM. It covers:

- (a) <u>Fishing</u>: description of fishing gear and methods, quantities landed, breakdown of catches and inputs, fishing effort and, in some cases, catch per unit of effort.
- (b) <u>Fish</u>: (biology and dynamics of main species)
 detailed study of <u>Lethrinus nebulosus</u> (Spangled Emperor), less detailed study of certain other species.

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