

Strengthening and scaling community-based approaches to Pacific coastal fisheries management in support of the New Song



Key details

Location

Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Vanuatu

Duration

Start Sep 2017

End Dec 2021

Budget

AUD 7,454,544

Commissioned organisation

University of Wollongong

Partners

Fisheries Department; Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources; Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development; Secretariat of the Pacific Community; University of Wollongong; WorldFish Center

Project Leader

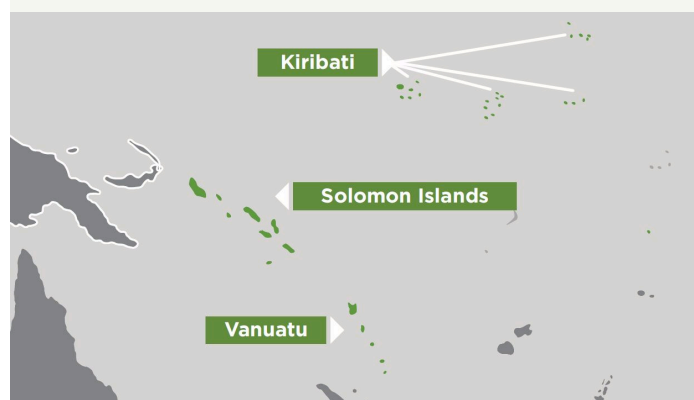
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Program

Fisheries

Project code

FIS/2016/300



Overview

This project aimed to improve the wellbeing of men, women and children in Pacific coastal communities through more productive and resilient fisheries and better food and nutrition security.

Most fish eaten in the Pacific Islands are caught close to shore, but these fisheries are declining due to poor management and rising populations. Climate change and other external threats increase the risk that coastal fisheries will not be able to provide required economic, cultural and nutritional benefits into the future.

Many Pacific Island countries are affected by malnutrition and non-communicable diseases, childhood stunting and anemia. Productive and resilient fisheries are critical to improving food and nutrition security across the Pacific.

The project was framed within the Pacific Community-led A New Song for Coastal Fisheries—pathways to change: the Noumea strategy (the New Song). Its pathways for change outline actions that all stakeholders need to commit to. This project will assist the Pacific Community to implement the New Song across the Pacific.

Expected project outcomes

- Enhanced food security, sustainability and human wellbeing achieved through improved governance and management.
- Increased capacity in research and management in national and sub-national agencies and in communities.
- Policy outcomes including improved sub-national and national law and policy, and integration of fish into rural development policy through whole-of-government approaches to nutrition outcomes.



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