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in the World’s Largest Tuna Fishery**

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## **Cooperation, Conservation, Development and Equity in the World's Biggest Tuna Fishery**

The Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary in December 2024, providing an opportunity to look back through the history of the WCPFC and consider its achievements, its challenges and its future. The WCPFC is often cited as a role model for regional fisheries management organizations, and has established important global precedents in transboundary cooperation and fisheries governance. The history of the WCPFC is a truly remarkable human story that needs to be remembered – as a regional success story, and as a global example of what can happen when communities cooperate to support their mutual interests.

A diverse group of WCPFC experts are cooperating to write a book on the WCPFC and hope to publish it in time for the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The book will explore the history of the WCPFC, collect and summarise existing institutional knowledge for current and future generations, and consider future challenges.

From the Multi-lateral High Level Conferences onwards, the book will provide a comprehensive and thematic analysis of the WCPFC's past, present and future, and will be informed through interviews with key participants, as well as studies of annual reports and associated literature. Interviews will be conducted virtually and in-person as opportunities become available. Quotations from interviews and personal anecdotes will be used where illustrative, but only in circumstances where the interviewee has confirmed the text and given explicit written permission.

The book will be published by the academic publisher, Elsevier, in print and as an e-book. The ANCORs-Ocean Nexus research program will fund complimentary copies to be distributed to all WCPFC members at WCPFC21. While researching the book, the authors are also developing an archive of all public materials from the 1990s onwards, and hope to support the development of a public archive that can ensure enduring access to these important and historical documents.

The authors of the book hold decades of experience in the WCPFC and hope to actively engage with colleagues, remembering the negotiation and development of the WCPFC. The authors are undertaking this work in their individual and personal capacity and are guided by the University of Wollongong's Research Ethics guidelines and requirements. The authors include:

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