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**Video – The Importance of Harvest Strategies in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean**

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The Western and Central Pacific Ocean is home to the biggest tuna fishery in the world. It is arguably one of the best managed. Stocks of all three tropical tunas and north and south Pacific albacore are 'in the green,' that is, not overfished and not subject to overfishing. Adopting harvest strategies, also called management procedures, will ensure these fisheries remain healthy, within a target range and profitable for future generations.

This [video](#), produced by [harveststrategies.org](#) with the Pacific Community (SPC) and The Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency, looks at the science behind harvest strategies and features the thoughts and perspectives on the harvest strategy approach from some of the individuals in the region who are most closely connected to these critically important tuna fisheries.

#### Featuring:

- **Francisco Blaha**, independent fisheries advisor
- **Brett Haywood**, managing director, Sea Quest (Fiji) Ltd
- **Marcelo Hidalgo**, director of sustainability, Fishing Industry Association, Papua New Guinea
- **Graham Pilling**, deputy director, FAME, Oceanic Fisheries, SPC
- **Neomai Ravitu**, director, Ministry of Fisheries, Fiji
- **Feleti Teo**, former Executive Director of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
- **Manu Tupou-Roosen**, director general, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency
- **Marino-O-Te-Au Wichman**, Fisheries Scientist, SPC

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