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Submitted by CCMs

**Obligation / Requirement**

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General provisions of CMM on SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES AND TERRITORIES

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**Audit Point Definition:**

**Implementation (IM)**

refer to Audit Point Definition for CMM 2013-07 19

The Secretariat confirms that CCM submitted information in AR Pt 2 on any assistance it provided to SIDS/T in accordance with CMM 2013-07, or CCM submitted information on any assistance required.

▼ **Australia (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Australia supports the issue of disproportionate burden on SIDS and Territories becoming a standard part of all Commission discussions, including through rigorous application of the CMM 2013-06 SIDS impact assessment for new proposals. Australia notes the benefits to a highly consultative approach to developing these assessments. We continue to encourage all CCMs to continue to rigorously apply the checklist to proposals, and to engage with FFA on these issues.

Australia continues to support the Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) adopted by the WCPFC in 2018, including the provision of AUD100,000 per year 2019-21 to the Commission's Special Requirements Fund (SRF). The SIP identifies potential sources of funding to address the identified capacity needs SIDS and Territories. Australia continues to work with SIDS and Territories through the programs listed in this report and through other fora such as the FFA MCS Working Group, TCC and through bilateral and regional engagement, to assist SIDS and Territories with capacity development.

Submitted: 14 Jun 2024 - 11:09 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 11:37 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Canada (Completed 06-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

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Submitted: 06 Jun 2024 - 03:31 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 01:30 Pacific/Pohnpei

## ✓ China (Completed 12-May-2024 )

### Response:

**Implemented:** Yes

China has long recognized the importance of developing the PICs fishing capabilities, acknowledging their desire to advance their own fisheries. We are committed to promoting fisheries cooperation between China and the Pacific Island nations. In terms of high-level China-Pacific Island fisheries cooperation, China has already hosted three China-Pacific Island Fisheries Cooperation Forums. These forums serve as a platform for cooperation with members of the Pacific Island fisheries community, fostering comprehensive exchanges and targeted development. In 2023, China continued to encourage its fishing enterprises to arrange vessels through chartering arrangement to local companies, aiding these PICs in accumulating historical fishing data in their Exclusive Economic Zones and on the high seas. We remain dedicated to maintaining and enhancing the construction of comprehensive fisheries bases in the Pacific Islands, including building ship repair yards and processing plants in the ports of these nations to advance the construction of their fisheries industry chains. China is also committed to jointly establishing biodegradable fishing gear processing centers with Pacific Island nations, employing local labor to boost local employment rates. Furthermore, we support the development of local distant-water fishing industries by purchasing fishing gear that reduces by-catch species.

Submitted: 12 May 2024 - 13:59 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 14:00 Pacific/Pohnpei

## ✓ Cook Islands (Completed 25-May-2024 )

### Response:

**Implemented:** N/A

Cook Islands is a SID country, there for this measure does not apply.

No assistance required.

Submitted: 25 May 2024 - 08:09 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 25 May 2024 - 11:14 Pacific/Pohnpei

### ✓ Curacao (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Curacao is part of the Dutch Kingdom and in this regards not an independent country, but receives funding and technical assistance from the Dutch Kingdom as an OCT( Overseas Country and Territories). As Cooperating Non-Member Party Curacao is willing to provide if possible assistance to SIDS if needed.

Submitted: 13 Jun 2024 - 02:18 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 13 Jun 2024 - 02:18 Pacific/Pohnpei

### ✓ Ecuador (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Ecuador is a Cooperating Non-Member Party. We will be glad to provide any possible assistance to SIDS as needed. We have recently signed an Memorandum of Understanding with Cook Islands Fishing Authority to develop information exchange.

<https://mfai.gov.ck/news-updates/cook-islands-formalises-diplomatic-relations-e...>

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### ✓ El Salvador (Completed 31-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

As a CNM, El Salvador supports and implement all of the CMM applicable to the Salvadoran fleet. El Salvador also pays the financial contribution established by the commission every year, by doing so, El Salvador is providing to SIDS and developing States. It should be mentioned that El Salvador is also a developing State.

Submitted: 31 May 2024 - 20:42 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 16 Jun 2024 - 08:21 Pacific/Pohnpei

### ✓ European Union (Completed 10-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

The EU provides support to the Pacific Region in various sectors such as Oceans' Governance; Climate change and Disaster Risk; Trade; Energy; Health, Gender; Public Finance Management (PFM) and Governance.

The activities and initiatives funded by the EU to support pacific SIDS are designed in consultation with SIDS and FFA. Details can be found in the latest EU report on implementation of Article 30 of the Convention and Resolution 2008-01 of WCPFC that was published as a delegation paper to WCPFC20.

<https://meetings.wcpfc.int/index.php/node/21443>

Submitted: 10 Jun 2024 - 22:30 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 08:00 Pacific/Pohnpei

### ✓ Federated States of Micronesia (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

FSM is a small island developing state and SIDS are the recipients of such assistances.

Submitted: 14 Jun 2024 - 09:23 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 09:23 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Fiji (Completed 05-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

There was not submission done by Fiji in 2023.

Submitted: 05 Jun 2024 - 13:47 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 05 Jun 2024 - 13:47 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **France (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Cooperation and capacity programs exist but are not directly and specifically related to fisheries.

Submitted: 14 Jun 2024 - 03:03 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 03:08 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **French Polynesia (Completed 24-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

FP is a developing Territory

Submitted: 24 May 2024 - 08:37 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 30 May 2024 - 09:58 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Indonesia (Completed 22-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Indonesia's involvement in the SIDS (Small Island Developing States) partnership was officially announced at the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, held from September 1 to 4, 2014, in Apia, Samoa. As a committed partner, Indonesia has actively participated in several multi-stakeholder partnership initiatives aimed at supporting SIDS. Notably, Indonesia has been instrumental in the Coral Triangle Initiative, which is operational in several SIDS, including Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. This collaboration underscores Indonesia's dedication to fostering sustainable development and environmental conservation in small island nations.

For further details on these initiatives, you can visit the following links:

<http://www.sids2014.org/partnerships/countries/?country=219>

<http://www.sids2014.org/partnerships/countries/?country=238>

In mid-2020, Indonesia strongly advocated for the mobilization of adequate resources and support for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) during a high-level discussion. The discussion focused on mobilizing international solidarity, accelerating action, and exploring new pathways to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the Samoa Pathway for SIDS. Indonesia's call underscores its commitment to supporting the sustainable development and resilience of small island nations, highlighting the need for global cooperation to address the unique challenges faced by SIDS.

Indonesia unequivocally reaffirmed its steadfast commitment to the sustainable development and advancement of Small Island Developing States (SIDS) at the 4th SIDS Conference on May 28th, 2024, in Antigua and Barbuda. By recognizing the unique challenges faced by these nations and enhancing partnerships based on mutual interests, Indonesia aims to foster significant progress and shared prosperity.

Submitted: 22 May 2024 - 17:02 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 19:36 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Japan (Completed 15-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Japan has provided developing States, in particular SIDS with fishery cooperations through Fisheries Grant Aid, JICA, OFCF, FFA Promotion Fund and JTF.

Submitted: 15 Jun 2024 - 00:27 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 00:27 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Kiribati (Completed 21-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Kiribati is one of the SIDS countries that depend much on assistance from regional and sub-regional agencies such as WCPFC, FFA and PNA including donor partners.

Submitted: 21 May 2024 - 18:47 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 10:14 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Liberia (Completed 12-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 12 Jun 2024 - 13:29 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 13:29 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Nauru (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Nauru will continue to implement this measure where possible through FSMA and other arrangements

Submitted: 11 Jun 2024 - 12:43 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 12:18 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **New Caledonia (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

New Caledonia is one of the SIDS and territories and has received no assistance in this category in 2023. New Caledonia neither received any request in this regard in 2023.

Submitted: 11 Jun 2024 - 14:23 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 14:23 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **New Zealand (Completed 09-Apr-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

New Zealand works closely with SIDS when developing CMMs so that a disproportionate burden is not placed on SIDS when these CMMs are implemented and completes the "SIDS checklist" with all proposed CMMs.

Submitted: 09 Apr 2024 - 09:15 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 12:02 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Nicaragua (Completed 28-Jul-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Nicaragua is not a small State or Island Developing Territory in the area of Convention.

Submitted: 28 Jul 2024 - 02:47 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 28 Jul 2024 - 05:12 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Niue (Completed 08-Jul-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not applicable

Submitted: 08 Jul 2024 - 14:06 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 08 Jul 2024 - 14:06 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Palau (Completed 27-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

N/A

Submitted: 27 May 2024 - 14:20 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 15:23 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Panama (Completed 23-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

The Republic of Panama's participation rights in the WCPFC Fisheries Commission are limited to support fishing vessels as CNCP.

Submitted: 23 May 2024 - 07:15 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 31 May 2024 - 10:56 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Papua New Guinea (Completed 01-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

PNG fully recognizes the SIDs and territories special requirements in the Convention Area in implementing this measure and other applicable measures and shall request assistance if and when required.

Submitted: 01 Jun 2024 - 13:06 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 12:58 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Philippines (Completed 07-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

PH comply requirement of SIDS thru economic engagements

Submitted: 07 Jun 2024 - 14:12 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 10:25 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Republic of Korea (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Korea fully recognize the special requirements of SIDS and territories in the Convention Area in the implementation of the Convention and WCPFC relevant CMMs. In addition, Korea has assessed the impact of new proposals on SIDS and territories in considering or submitting any new proposals in pursuant to CMM 2013-06.

Submitted: 14 Jun 2024 - 18:45 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 18:45 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ Republic of Marshall Islands (Completed 27-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

This does not apply to RMI as a SIDS.

Submitted: 27 May 2024 - 08:45 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 11:26 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ Samoa (Completed 12-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** No

Samoa, as a SIDS have not sought or requested any assistance in accordance with this CMM in the reported year

Submitted: 12 Jun 2024 - 21:59 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 08:20 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ Solomon Islands (Completed 10-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

N/A

Submitted: 10 Jun 2024 - 10:30 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 19:58 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ Chinese Taipei (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

We have already worked, either directly or indirectly, with other members to implement those paragraphs.

Submitted: 13 Jun 2024 - 13:02 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 01:20 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ Thailand (Completed 05-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 05 Jun 2024 - 14:22 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 13 Jun 2024 - 17:52 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ Tokelau (Completed 30-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Tokelau is not a flag state. Tokelau does not authorize vessel to fish on the High Seas. Tokelau does not charter Foreign Fishing Vessels. Tokelau is a SIDS and therefore this obligation is NA

Submitted: 30 May 2024 - 10:07 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 05 Jun 2024 - 13:48 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ Tonga (Completed 15-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A



Tonga is one of the SIDS countries but it cooperates with regional and sub-regional initiatives to support the development of SIDS fisheries. Tonga is the recipient of the non-SIDS country assistance.

Submitted: 15 May 2024 - 21:20 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 17:57 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ▼ Tuvalu (Completed 27-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 27 May 2024 - 13:27 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 27 May 2024 - 13:27 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ▼ United States of America (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

The United States continues to provide support, assistance and training opportunities to SIDS, as described in CMM 2013-07.

At the 2023 U.S.-PIF Summit, President Biden announced plans to expand the U.S. Pacific Islands Infrastructure Initiative, working with Congress, to provide more than \$28 million, and to request from Congress an additional \$12 million, to support secure, sustainable, and resilient infrastructure in the Pacific Islands.

The United States provided \$4.5 million in assistance support for the PIF Pacific Resilience Facility.

In addition, the United States provides more targeted support to SIDS, as identified in the other 2013-07 responses in this report.

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#### ▼ Vanuatu (Completed 10-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

- VU is a SIDS

- VU cooperate with other SIDS+T and non-SIDS directly and through the Commission to assist SIDS+T develop our fisheries.

Example is the work on SPA, through the SPG group, FFA and through the WCPFC SPA IWG "

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#### ▼ Vietnam (Completed 16-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Non SIDS

Submitted: 16 Jun 2024 - 02:44 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 16 Jun 2024 - 02:44 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### Wallis and Futuna (Pending )

**Obligation / Requirement**

[CMM 2013-07 04-05](#)

Requirements to assist with Capacity Development of Personnel of SIDS and Territories

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▼ **Australia (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Australia provides core funding to the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) (AUD5 million per year) to help Pacific Island countries manage and monitor fishing fleets and improve access to export markets; and the Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems Division (FAME) of the Pacific Community (AUD3 million per year for its fisheries division) to provide scientific information and support for fisheries management.

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## ✓ China (Completed 12-May-2024 )

### Response:

#### Implemented: Yes

To fulfill our obligations, China has consistently welcomed students from Pacific Island nations to study in China through the China-Pacific Island Countries Forum and various scholarship programs. These students are encouraged to pursue studies in marine biology, fisheries resources, and other related fields at institutions such as Shanghai Ocean University, where scholarships are specifically available to support them. Additionally, China is committed to developing centers in the Pacific Island nations for the manufacture of biodegradable, non-entangling fish aggregating devices, as well as other equipment designed to reduce seabird bycatch. Negotiations are ongoing with several Pacific Island nations to utilize natural materials for the production of these devices.

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▼ **El Salvador (Completed 31-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

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▼ **Fiji (Completed 05-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Fiji did not make a submission for 2024; however Fiji needs training and attachments in the following areas:

1. WCPFC MCS data analysis
2. Training on Commission VMS
3. CMR

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For further details on these initiatives, you can visit the following links:

<http://www.sids2014.org/partnerships/countries/?country=219>

<http://www.sids2014.org/partnerships/countries/?country=238>

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▼ **Japan (Completed 15-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Japan has provided developing States, in particular SIDs with fishery cooperations through Fisheries Grant Aid, JICA, OFCF,FFA Promotion Fund and JTF.

▼ **Kiribati (Completed 21-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Kiribati is a SIDS.

Submitted: 21 May 2024 - 18:48 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 10:15 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Liberia (Completed 12-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 12 Jun 2024 - 13:29 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 13:29 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Nauru (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Nauru will continue to support this measure and implement where possible such as FMSA arrangement and other arrangements

Submitted: 11 Jun 2024 - 12:46 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 12:18 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **New Caledonia (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

New Caledonia is one of the SIDS and territories and has received no assistance in this category in 2023. New Caledonia neither received any request in this regard in 2023.

Submitted: 11 Jun 2024 - 14:24 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 14:24 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **New Zealand (Completed 09-Apr-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

The NZ Government has been funding its Pacific wide capacity building program (Te Patuitanga Ahumoana a Kiwa) in both MCS and Fisheries Management for the last 10 years, this has been extended and will continue to run.

<https://www.mpi.govt.nz/fishing-aquaculture/fishing-aquaculture-funding-support...>

Submitted: 09 Apr 2024 - 09:21 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 04 Jun 2024 - 08:06 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Nicaragua (Completed 28-Jul-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Nicaragua is not a SIDS of the Convention area.

Submitted: 28 Jul 2024 - 02:48 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 28 Jul 2024 - 05:12 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Niue (Completed 08-Jul-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

No assistance requested for previous reporting year

Submitted: 08 Jul 2024 - 14:01 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 08 Jul 2024 - 14:01 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Palau (Completed 27-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

N/A

Submitted: 27 May 2024 - 14:20 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 15:24 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Panama (Completed 23-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

The Republic of Panama's participation rights in the WCPFC Fisheries Commission are limited to support fishing vessels as CNCP.

Submitted: 23 May 2024 - 07:16 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 31 May 2024 - 10:58 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Papua New Guinea (Completed 01-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

PNG has identified and seek assistance to facilitate workshops on Compliance Case File Management.

Submitted: 01 Jun 2024 - 13:17 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 13:00 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Philippines (Completed 07-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

PH comply requirement of SIDS thru economic engagements

Submitted: 07 Jun 2024 - 14:14 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 10:25 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Republic of Korea (Completed 15-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

In 2023, Korea provided assistance to certain SIDs CCMs to strengthen their capacity to implement IMO requirements and also provided tailored course of international maritime leader. It is a five-year project for 2023~2027.

Submitted: 15 Jun 2024 - 16:08 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 16:13 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Republic of Marshall Islands (Completed 27-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

This does not apply to RMI as a SIDS.

Submitted: 27 May 2024 - 08:45 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 11:29 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Samoa (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** No

Samoa has not sought any assistance as stipulated in this CMM, however, Samoa has received ongoing support and assistance from developed countries and regional agencies through bilateral and multilateral agreements.

Submitted: 13 Jun 2024 - 07:02 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 08:23 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Solomon Islands (Completed 10-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

N/A

Submitted: 10 Jun 2024 - 10:30 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 20:00 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Chinese Taipei (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

We have scholarship programme for human resource training and capacity building.

Submitted: 13 Jun 2024 - 13:03 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 01:20 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Thailand (Completed 05-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 05 Jun 2024 - 14:22 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 13 Jun 2024 - 17:53 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Tokelau (Completed 30-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Tokelau is a SIDs territory and therefore this obligation is not applicable.

Submitted: 30 May 2024 - 10:10 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 05 Jun 2024 - 13:48 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Tonga (Completed 16-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Tonga is one of the SIDs countries and therefore this obligation is not applicable. Our current national capacity does not provide Tonga ability to assist capacity development of other SIDs, but Tonga is the recipient of capacity development assistance from developing countries through FFA, SPC, WCPFC, MPI, AFMA, FAO etc.

During the reporting period, Tonga participated in SPC/FFA regional training for observers, observers refresh training, and newly recruited 10 observers on board, SPC conducted bio-sampling training with observers and staff. Few staff join Certificate IV on Coastal and Aquaculture, Diploma on Investigation and Prosecution Cert, Certificate Level IV on Fisheries Enforcement and Compliance, and Law of the Seas Courses.

SPC also conducted a training on e-reporting basically for data collection, training the Science Division on stock assessment. FFA financially supported Tonga in conducting the e-PSM training and Tonga was the first country to implement the e-PSM,



Dockside Boarding, NTSA training, and Aerial Surveillance Training.

Submitted: 16 May 2024 - 12:51 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 18:00 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Tuvalu (Completed 27-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 27 May 2024 - 13:27 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 27 May 2024 - 13:27 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **United States of America (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

\$110,794 for the Pacific Islands Managed and Protected Area Community (PIMPAC) program to provide continuous support for marine protected area managers through training, knowledge sharing, and partnership formation. These funds focus on supporting ecosystem-based management to include: 1) building existing on-the ground site managers capacity to lead activities for effective management, 2) leveraging regional success to improve protected area networks, and 3) expanding opportunities for youth and existing staff to access capacity building.

\$5 million to establish Resilience and Adaptation Fellowship Program with University of the South Pacific in partnership with universities including University of Hawaii and UC Santa Barbara.

Over \$3 million to enhance USCG training in PICs for maritime security and marine protection.

Under the Pacific Australia Maritime Partnership (AMP) program, the USCG continues to provide maritime law enforcement trainings through in-region mobile training team (MTT) engagements with recipients of Australia's Guardian Class patrol boats. This program will fund 30 MTT visits over three years as well as an annual shiprider symposium. In 2023, eleven MTT visits were conducted.

USCG also had seven resident students attending USCG schools: Two Fijian students completed International Maritime Officer Course, two Samoan students completed Boarding Officer Course, one Tongan student completed International Maritime Officer Course, and two students (Palau, FSM) attended U.S. Coast Guard Academy -- Expanded United States Coast Guard (USCG) Security Cooperation in the Pacific.

In 2023, the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) and the Government of Kiribati signed a \$29.1 million threshold program grant agreement to advance economic growth in Kiribati in partnership with the International Labour Organization and American Councils for International Education. This program will help bolster the capabilities of the Kiribati Ministry of Employment and Human Resources to promote safe, accessible, and inclusive employment opportunities for i-Kiribati workers and to strengthen workers' rights and resilience.

Submitted: 14 Jun 2024 - 11:31 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 12:59 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Vanuatu (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

- VU is a SIDS

- VU received capacity assistance through various means, both from regional organizations as well as from other CCMs. Example include: Assistance received to date are as follows: 1) Fisheries Bio-Economics Training 2) VMS capacity Assistance Attachments at WCPFC Secretariat 3) In-country Visit from FFA Secretariat on CMR matters 4) E-PSMA In-Country Visit from FFA Secretariat

- VU is anticipating and welcome more capacity assistance on other areas to ensure CCM personnel are well versed with obligations and related requirements.

Submitted: 11 Jun 2024 - 06:21 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 11:43 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Vietnam (Completed 16-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Non-SIDS

<http://mard.gov.vn>

Submitted: 16 Jun 2024 - 02:53 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 16 Jun 2024 - 02:53 Pacific/Pohnpei

Wallis and Futuna (Pending )

**Obligation / Requirement**

[CMM 2013-07 06-07](#)

Requirements to assist with technology transfers to SIDS and Territories

**Notes and Suggested Guidelines:**

Non-SIDS CCMs in preparing this statement might consider providing information / details of types of assistance provided to SIDS related to this category of provisions, with an emphasis on the reporting year

SIDS CCMs in preparing this statement might consider providing details on assistance needs that are specific to this category of provisions

**Audit Point Definition:**

**Implementation (IM)**

refer to Audit Point Definition for CMM 2013-07 19

The Secretariat confirms that CCM submitted information in AR Pt 2 on any assistance it provided to SIDS/T in accordance with CMM 2013-07, or CCM submitted information on any assistance required.

▼ **Australia (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Australia provides core funding to the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) (AUD5 million per year) to help Pacific Island countries manage and monitor fishing fleets and improve access to export markets; and the Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems Division (FAME) of the Pacific Community (AUD3 million per year for its fisheries division) to provide scientific information and support for fisheries management. Australia is providing an additional \$2 million to the FFA to support members with the implementation of the Regional Monitoring Control and Surveillance Strategy (2021-24). This includes support for new and emerging technologies such e-reporting and e-monitoring.

The Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) is implementing the third phase of a Community Based Fisheries Management initiative to promote the sustainable use of coastal resources. This is a DFAT-funded AUD10 million (including AUD2 million from ACIAR) project over four years (2021-25) with the aim of scaling up community based fisheries management, aligned with implementation of the Pacific's New Song for Coastal Fisheries.

Submitted: 14 Jun 2024 - 11:13 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 11:40 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Canada (Completed 06-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Like other members, Canada provides capacity-building assistance to SIDS and Territories via its contributions to the Commission (e.g. budget contributions to ROP training, Assistance & Development, CCM/Staff VMS Training, Targeted Capacity Building etc.).

In 2023, Canada provided 65,000 USD to the Special Requirements Fund.

In 2023, Canada also funded the WCPFC Secretariat to progress work that aims to develop a dashboard which will leverage existing data available to the Secretariat to assist WCPFC members in effectively implementing their WCPFC obligations with a view to strengthening efforts to combat IUU fishing in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean. This work is a natural next step for the Secretariat's continued work to operationalize, enhance and further develop prototypes that have been created through the two 2023 analytical consultancies.

There was support expressed at the 2023 TCC meeting for the continuation of this work, however the Commission through the adoption of the 2024 budget supported partial continuation of the two data analytical consultancies, specifically the funds available in 2024 to support the Compliance and Monitoring Analyst Consultant's work, which is most directly related to the online dashboards, were reduced.

Two project activities were completed:

1. Preparatory work, development of training materials and delivery of training sessions for Secretariat staff to support and embed the prototype tools created through 2023 analytical consultancy by the Compliance and Monitoring Analyst Consultant.

During the reporting period, the funding towards the professional services of the Compliance and Monitoring Analyst Consultant supported the preparations for and delivery of two staff trainings covering the following prototype tools:

- VMS reporting gap analytical tools
- Record of Fishing Vessels and Charter Vessel analytical and reporting tool
- High Seas Pocket analytical and reporting tools.

The trainings provided familiarization for these prototype tools to all staff in the Compliance and MCS team. This has supported the broader use of these tools by the Compliance staff for routine reporting gap/issue identification and follow-up processes with CCMs, including annual compliance monitoring report reviews to prepare for the TCC20 meeting in 2024. Feedback from the training sessions has supported the improvement and continual enhancement of the prototype tools, so that they can further support the routine reporting gap/issue identification and follow-up processes with CCMs by the Compliance Team.

## 2. Purchase of a database server

A HP ProLiant DL380 Gen11 Server was purchased to assist with ongoing trainings. The server has sufficient capacity to host the SQL Server database for the on-going analytical plus capacity for future development activities in the compliance space.

Additionally, Canada continues to support several members and CNMs improve their MCS and enforcement capabilities. Since 2021, Canada has supported the SIDS within the WCPFC improve their maritime domain awareness by supporting the FFA fisheries monitoring centre with maritime remote sensing imagery data, as delivered through Canada's Dark Vessel Detection (DVD) platform. Canada's state-of-the-art DVD platform delivers near real-time space-based surveillance data into the hands of analysts and fisheries officials in order to safeguard the EEZs of SIDS, thereby supporting efforts to combat IUU fishing activities, a practice which results in detrimental impacts to highly migratory fish stocks. Since 2023, Canada has also supported the Philippines by providing direct access to the DVD platform and associated programming.

In 2023, Canada facilitated the delivery of the world's largest workshop amongst MCS practitioners, the Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop (GFETW), which took place in Halifax, Canada. Canada was the largest financial contributor for this international event designed to deliver specialized fisheries MCS and enforcement training and promote improved coordination amongst professionals. This event was attended by several WCPFC SIDS members. Funds were also contributed to subsidize the travel costs of various agency representatives. In 2023, the Government of Canada also provided \$1M CAD in funding the Joint Analytical Cell, a consortium of world leading organizations specializing in fisheries transparency, intelligence and capacity building. Canada's JAC funding supported the International MCS Network during this year, enabling them to support various WCPFC SIDS and developing countries through their engagement at training workshops executed to support members improve their fisheries MCS and enforcement capabilities.

Submitted: 06 Jun 2024 - 03:33 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 01:31 Pacific/Pohnpei

## ✓ China (Completed 12-May-2024 )

### Response:

#### Implemented: Yes

In 2020, the People's Republic of China, Republic of Fiji, the Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Niue, the Independent State of Samoa, the Kingdom of Tonga, and the Republic of Vanuatu agree to advance cooperation in sustainable fishery development through Nadi Declaration of the Agriculture Ministers Meeting of China and Pacific Island States (adopted). In the Declaration, We will conduct fishery policy exchange and cooperation in regional fishery management organizations, step up fisheries resource and marine biodiversity conservation and capacity building,

We, ministers of agriculture and fisheries and their representatives from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Fiji, the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, the Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Niue, the Independent State of Samoa, the Kingdom of Tonga, and the Republic of Vanuatu, met in Nadi, Fiji on 29th March 2019 for the Agriculture Ministers Meeting of China and Pacific Island States.

Centering on the theme "seizing the opportunity of jointly contributing to the Belt and Road Initiative, advancing the practical agricultural cooperation between China and Pacific island states", we discussed issues of common interest relating to agricultural development, and adopted by consensus the Nadi Declaration of the Agriculture Ministers Meeting of China and Pacific Island States.

We believe that, China and Pacific island states enjoy a great potential for agricultural cooperation thanks to our mutual complementarity, and our further cooperation will be significant to enhancing peoples' well-being and deepening our

"comprehensive strategic partnership that features mutual respect and common development".

We commit to fully implement the consensus reached in November 2018 at the collective meeting of Chinese President Xi Jinping and leaders from Pacific island states, uphold the principle of equality, mutual benefit, cooperation and win-win outcomes, and advance our practical agricultural cooperation in a down-to-earth manner.

We agree to better align with each other's agricultural development strategies and plans, and jointly formulate the 2020-2022 Action Plan on Agricultural Cooperation of China and Pacific Island States, which will identify the direction and priorities for our agricultural cooperation, facilitate resource pooling, leverage complementary strengths, and promote shared growth in agriculture. We agree to conduct cooperation in personnel exchange and capacity building in agriculture, and facilitate people-to-people exchange at various levels. From 2020 to

2022, Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs of the People's Republic of China(MARA) will offer agricultural technology training to 120 people from the Pacific island states through two training courses each year. The first training course for agricultural officials is to be launched in late April 2019.

We agree to strengthen cooperation in agricultural technology. We encourage and support agricultural research institutes in enhancing exchanges, building joint laboratories, jointly applying for funds from international organizations and the Chinese Government, and carrying out collaborative research, with a view to serving agricultural development of China and Pacific island states.

We agree to expand cooperation in agricultural investment and trade. Upon mutual agreement, we will hold agribusiness meetings as deemed necessary in China and the Pacific island states to build business cooperation platforms. Upon mutual agreement, we will encourage and support Chinese enterprises in investing in tropical crops, e-commerce, and logistics in the Pacific island states, and expanding the export of local produce to China, so as to help host countries extend agricultural value chains.

We agree to strengthen South-South Cooperation (SSC) in agriculture with FAO.

Agricultural experts and technicians will be selected and dispatched to Pacific island states for technology demonstration and training with financial support from the SSC Trust Fund contributed by the Chinese Government.

Submitted: 12 May 2024 - 15:21 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 14:01 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ✓ Cook Islands (Completed 25-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Cook Islands is a SID County, therefore we consider this audit obligation not applicable.

No assistance required

Submitted: 25 May 2024 - 08:14 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 25 May 2024 - 11:13 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ✓ Curacao (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Curacao is part of the Dutch Kingdom and in this regards not an independent country, but receives funding and technical assistance from the Dutch Kingdom as an OCT( Overseas Country and Territories). As Cooperating Non-Member Party Curacao is willing to provide if possible assistance to SIDS if needed.

Submitted: 13 Jun 2024 - 02:20 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 13 Jun 2024 - 02:20 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ✓ Ecuador (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Ecuador is a Cooperating Non-Member Party. We will be glad to provide any possible assistance to SIDS as needed. We have recently signed an Memorandum of Understanding with Cook Islands Fishing Authority to develop information exchange.

<https://mfai.gov.ck/news-updates/cook-islands-formalises-diplomatic-relations-e...>

Submitted: 11 Jun 2024 - 07:40 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 07:40 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ✓ El Salvador (Completed 31-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

As a developing state, El Salvador does not have technology to share with SIDS. However, by adopting and complying with the applicable CMM adopted by the Commission we are cooperating with science data provision.

Submitted: 31 May 2024 - 20:44 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 16 Jun 2024 - 08:25 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **European Union (Completed 10-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

The EU provides support to the Pacific Region in various sectors such as Oceans' Governance; Climate change and Disaster Risk; Trade; Energy; Health, Gender; Public Finance Management (PFM) and Governance.

The activities and initiatives funded by the EU to support pacific SIDS are designed in consultation with SIDS and FFA. Details can be found in the latest EU report on implementation of Article 30 of the Convention and Resolution 2008-01 of WCPFC that was published as a delegation paper to WCPFC20.

<https://meetings.wcpfc.int/index.php/node/21443>

Submitted: 10 Jun 2024 - 22:31 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 08:03 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Federated States of Micronesia (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Collaborating with other SIDS on the development of technology including EM/ER and other digital transformation.

Submitted: 14 Jun 2024 - 09:24 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 09:24 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Fiji (Completed 06-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Fiji has progressed with initial training and implementation towards 100% vessel coverage on e-reporting and continues to work with SPC that provide the backend support in-country issues experienced during the phase of implementation.

Submitted: 06 Jun 2024 - 05:39 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 06 Jun 2024 - 05:39 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **France (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Cooperation and capacity programs exist but are not directly and specifically related to fisheries.

Submitted: 14 Jun 2024 - 03:05 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 03:10 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **French Polynesia (Completed 24-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

FP is a developing Territory

Submitted: 24 May 2024 - 08:37 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 30 May 2024 - 09:58 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Indonesia (Completed 22-May-2024 )**

**Response:****Implemented:** Yes

Indonesia's involvement in the SIDS (Small Island Developing States) partnership was officially announced at the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, held from September 1 to 4, 2014, in Apia, Samoa. As a committed partner, Indonesia has actively participated in several multi-stakeholder partnership initiatives aimed at supporting SIDS. Notably, Indonesia has been instrumental in the Coral Triangle Initiative, which is operational in several SIDS, including Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. This collaboration underscores Indonesia's dedication to fostering sustainable development and environmental conservation in small island nations.

For further details on these initiatives, you can visit the following links:

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<http://www.sids2014.org/partnerships/countries/?country=238>

In mid-2020, Indonesia strongly advocated for the mobilization of adequate resources and support for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) during a high-level discussion. The discussion focused on mobilizing international solidarity, accelerating action, and exploring new pathways to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the Samoa Pathway for SIDS. Indonesia's call underscores its commitment to supporting the sustainable development and resilience of small island nations, highlighting the need for global cooperation to address the unique challenges faced by SIDS.

Submitted: 22 May 2024 - 17:03 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 19:36 Pacific/Pohnpei

**▼ Japan (Completed 15-Jun-2024 )****Response:****Implemented:** Yes

Japan has provided developing States, in particular SIDs with fishery cooperations through Fisheries Grant Aid, JICA, OFCF,FFA Promotion Fund and JTF.

Submitted: 15 Jun 2024 - 00:28 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 00:28 Pacific/Pohnpei

**▼ Kiribati (Completed 21-May-2024 )****Response:****Implemented:** N/A

Kiribati is one of the SIDS countries.

Submitted: 21 May 2024 - 18:50 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 10:15 Pacific/Pohnpei

**▼ Liberia (Completed 12-Jun-2024 )****Response:****Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 12 Jun 2024 - 13:30 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 13:30 Pacific/Pohnpei

**▼ Nauru (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )****Response:****Implemented:** N/A

Nauru supports the transferring of fisheries technology to accelerate the social and economic development of SIDS/T

✓ **New Caledonia (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

New Caledonia is one of the SIDS and territories and has received no assistance in this category in 2023. New Caledonia neither received any request in this regard in 2023.

Submitted: 11 Jun 2024 - 14:24 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 14:25 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **New Zealand (Completed 09-Apr-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

New Zealand crew train pacific island fishermen how to use the most up to date technology when they are working on NZ flagged fishing vessels

Submitted: 09 Apr 2024 - 09:28 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 07 Jun 2024 - 10:34 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Nicaragua (Completed 28-Jul-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Nicaragua is not a territory of the Convention area.

Submitted: 28 Jul 2024 - 02:49 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 28 Jul 2024 - 05:13 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Niue (Completed 08-Jul-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not applicable

Submitted: 08 Jul 2024 - 13:57 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 08 Jul 2024 - 13:57 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Palau (Completed 27-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

N/A

Submitted: 27 May 2024 - 14:22 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 15:25 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Panama (Completed 23-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

The Republic of Panama's participation rights in the WCPFC Fisheries Commission are limited to support fishing vessels as CNCP.

Submitted: 23 May 2024 - 07:27 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 31 May 2024 - 10:59 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Papua New Guinea (Completed 01-Jun-2024 )**



**Response:**

**Implemented:** No

PNG has yet to identify technology needs and request for assistance. (Labor Standards / Electronic Reporting)

Submitted: 01 Jun 2024 - 13:22 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 13:00 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Philippines (Completed 07-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

PH comply requirement of SIDS thru economic engagements

Submitted: 07 Jun 2024 - 14:19 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 10:28 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Republic of Korea (Completed 15-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

In 2023, Korea provided assistance to certain SIDs CCM in relation to ocean thermal energy conversion. It is a four-year project for 2023~2026.

Submitted: 15 Jun 2024 - 16:12 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 16:13 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Republic of Marshall Islands (Completed 27-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

This does not apply to RMI as a SIDS.

Submitted: 27 May 2024 - 08:46 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 11:31 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Samoa (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** No

Samoa has not provided or requested for any assistance as per CMM 2013-07 19 in the reported year, however, Samoa will liaise with the relevant organizations when assistance is needed

Submitted: 13 Jun 2024 - 07:09 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 08:26 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Solomon Islands (Completed 10-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

N/A

Submitted: 10 Jun 2024 - 10:31 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 20:00 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Chinese Taipei (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Apart for the scholarship program, we also have fisheries cooperation programme, including the aquaculture.

Submitted: 13 Jun 2024 - 13:04 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 01:20 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Thailand (Completed 05-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not applicable

Submitted: 05 Jun 2024 - 14:22 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 13 Jun 2024 - 17:53 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Tokelau (Completed 04-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Tokelau is not a Flag State. Tokelau does not authorize vessels to fish in the HS. Tokelau does not charter any foreign fishing vessels.

Submitted: 04 Jun 2024 - 09:38 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 06 Jun 2024 - 08:33 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Tonga (Completed 16-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Tonga is one of the SIDs countries and therefore this obligation is not applicable. Tonga's national capacity does not provide the ability to assist the capacity development of other SIDs. Tonga is the recipient of capacity development assistance. According to the Fisheries Management Act 2002, under section 4, sub-section(j)"...it promotes and conduct scientific research and develop appropriate technologies in support of fishery conservation and management"....

SPC financially supports Tonga in conducting the Bio-sampling training with observers and data collection officers at the Science Division. The Ministry signed an MOU with SPC on trial the Bio-sampling for 3 years. SPC assists in the implementation of e-reporting basically for data collection through OLLO, Onboard, and onshore, TAILS, and Close Kin Mark Recapture Sampling. For the protection and preservation of the marine environment, Tonga ratified the MARPOL Convention, the Marine Pollution Prevention Act (MPPA), and incorporated it into the Ministry of Marine National Law. Boarding and inspection of all vessels was 100% coverage and Rubbish records must submitted. The science division has now collected the drifting FADs and reported them to SPC.

Submitted: 16 May 2024 - 13:07 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 18:01 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Tuvalu (Completed 27-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 27 May 2024 - 13:28 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 27 May 2024 - 13:28 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ United States of America (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

\$15 million (2021-2026) for OurFish OurFuture which is a regional project that aims to address the social and ecological drivers of IUU fishing that are degrading coastal fisheries and biodiversity, as well as negatively impacting local livelihoods, food stability, and maritime security in the 12 Pacific Island countries with specific focus on six countries: Federated States of Micronesia, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Solomon Islands, and Vanuatu.

\$6 million to expand the Information Services for Resilience Initiative and to support access to early warning systems by Pacific Island communities.

\$18 million to expand USAID's PNG Electrification Partnership throughout PICs to increase region's access to affordable and clean energy in PNG. August 13, 2023, USAID Administrator Samantha Power announced adding \$1.2 million to establish a solar mini-grid system in PNG with a private sector partner.

\$3.5 million to support digital transformation of PICs (initial incremental funding for the regional activity, which covers 12 Pacific Island countries). Priorities include: to improve broadband access, strengthen policy and regulations, advance platforms for public services, enhance digital literacy. USAID formally launched its five-year Digital Connectivity and Cybersecurity Partnership – Pacific (DCCP – Pacific) activity August 17, 2023.

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### ▼ Vanuatu (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

- VU is a SIDS

- VU welcome assistance relating to fisheries science and technology and with the aim of accelerating the social and economic development of VU.

- Anticipating more capacity assistance on other areas to ensure CCM personnel are well versed with obligations and related requirements. This include training of personnel on VMS and E-PSMA requirements.

- Given the broader definition of Technology Transfers, it would be more on the intellectual side, whereby Secretariat provides capacity assistance, enhancing capabilities such as understanding E-PSMA, Bio-economics, VMS gaps etc. The FFA Secretariat also provided technological support work relating to data, VMS and other related matters.

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### ▼ Vietnam (Completed 16-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Non-SIDS

<http://mard.gov.vn>

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### Wallis and Futuna (Pending )

**Obligation / Requirement**

[CMM 2013-07 08-09](#)

Requirements to assist SIDS and Territories in the areas of fisheries conservation and management

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**Audit Point Definition:**

**Implementation (IM)**

refer to Audit Point Definition for CMM 2013-07 19

The Secretariat confirms that CCM submitted information in AR Pt 2 on any assistance it provided to SIDS/T in accordance with CMM 2013-07, or CCM submitted information on any assistance required.

▼ **Australia (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Australia provides core funding to the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) (AUD5 million per year) to help Pacific Island countries manage and monitor fishing fleets and improve access to export markets; and the Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems Division (FAME) of the Pacific Community (AUD3 million per year for its fisheries division) to provide scientific information and support for fisheries management.

Australia supports the Pacific to advocate for the sustainable development, management and conservation of the ocean and its resources, including the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (AUD1.47 million 2022-2023) to support regional advocacy and coordination on climate and ocean issues. This includes support for countries in negotiations on a new treaty covering biodiversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) and implementation of SDG14.

Since 2011, Australia has supported the Pacific to determine 15 shared maritime boundary agreements and establish maritime zones. In 2021, we committed a further \$1.7 million (2021-2023) to support the Pacific to determine the remaining 13 shared maritime boundaries, including the launch of the Pacific Maritime Boundaries Dashboard to increase awareness on the current status of boundaries in the region. In 2019, Australia announced that it would fund a new project with the Pacific Community, the Resilient Boundaries for the Blue Pacific Project (\$3.5 million 2019-2024) to examine the effects of sea level rise and other climate change impacts on the physical features used to generate the maritime zones of the Pacific island States, and to develop possible, Pacific-led response options. Both projects include ongoing assistance through Geoscience Australia and the Attorney General's Department, to provide legal and technical support to Pacific island countries to delineate their maritime boundaries and deposit them with the UN. In total, Australia's total investment in Pacific maritime boundaries to \$8 million over the period from 2017 to 2024.

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▼ **Canada (Completed 06-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Like other members, Canada provides capacity-building assistance to SIDS and Territories via its contributions to the Commission (e.g. budget contributions to ROP training, Assistance & Development, CCM/Staff VMS Training, Targeted Capacity Building etc.).

In 2023, Canada provided 65,000 USD to the Special Requirements Fund.

In 2023, Canada also funded the WCPFC Secretariat to progress work that aims to develop a dashboard which will leverage existing data available to the Secretariat to assist WCPFC members in effectively implementing their WCPFC obligations with a view to strengthening efforts to combat IUU fishing in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean. This work is a natural next step for

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There was support expressed at the 2023 TCC meeting for the continuation of this work, however the Commission through the adoption of the 2024 budget supported partial continuation of the two data analytical consultancies, specifically the funds available in 2024 to support the Compliance and Monitoring Analyst Consultant's work, which is most directly related to the online dashboards, were reduced.

Two project activities were completed:

1. Preparatory work, development of training materials and delivery of training sessions for Secretariat staff to support and embed the prototype tools created through 2023 analytical consultancy by the Compliance and Monitoring Analyst Consultant.

During the reporting period, the funding towards the professional services of the Compliance and Monitoring Analyst Consultant supported the preparations for and delivery of two staff trainings covering the following prototype tools:

- VMS reporting gap analytical tools
- Record of Fishing Vessels and Charter Vessel analytical and reporting tool
- High Seas Pocket analytical and reporting tools.

The trainings provided familiarization for these prototype tools to all staff in the Compliance and MCS team. This has supported the broader use of these tools by the Compliance staff for routine reporting gap/issue identification and follow-up processes with CCMs, including annual compliance monitoring report reviews to prepare for the TCC20 meeting in 2024. Feedback from the training sessions has supported the improvement and continual enhancement of the prototype tools, so that they can further support the routine reporting gap/issue identification and follow-up processes with CCMs by the Compliance Team.

2. Purchase of a database server

A HP ProLiant DL380 Gen11 Server was purchased to assist with ongoing trainings. The server has sufficient capacity to host the SQL Server database for the on-going analytical plus capacity for future development activities in the compliance space.

Additionally, Canada continues to support several members and CNMs improve their MCS and enforcement capabilities. Since 2021, Canada has supported the SIDS within the WCPFC improve their maritime domain awareness by supporting the FFA fisheries monitoring centre with maritime remote sensing imagery data, as delivered through Canada's Dark Vessel Detection (DVD) platform. Canada's state-of-the-art DVD platform delivers near real-time space-based surveillance data into the hands of analysts and fisheries officials in order to safeguard the EEZs of SIDS, thereby supporting efforts to combat IUU fishing activities, a practice which results in detrimental impacts to highly migratory fish stocks. Since 2023, Canada has also supported the Philippines by providing direct access to the DVD platform and associated programming.

In 2023, Canada facilitated the delivery of the world's largest workshop amongst MCS practitioners, the Global Fisheries Enforcement Training Workshop (GFETW), which took place in Halifax, Canada. Canada was the largest financial contributor for this international event designed to deliver specialized fisheries MCS and enforcement training and promote improved coordination amongst professionals. This event was attended by several WCPFC SIDS members. Funds were also contributed to subsidize the travel costs of various agency representatives. In 2023, the Government of Canada also provided \$1M CAD in funding the Joint Analytical Cell, a consortium of world leading organizations specializing in fisheries transparency, intelligence and capacity building. Canada's JAC funding supported the International MCS Network during this year, enabling them to support various WCPFC SIDS and developing countries through their engagement at training workshops executed to support members improve their fisheries MCS and enforcement capabilities.

Submitted: 06 Jun 2024 - 03:34 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 01:32 Pacific/Pohnpei

## ✓ China (Completed 12-May-2024 )

### Response:

**Implemented:** Yes

In Nadi Declaration of the Agriculture Ministers Meeting of China and Pacific Island States (Adopted) , ministers of agriculture and fisheries and their representatives from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Fiji, the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, the Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Niue, the Independent State of Samoa, the Kingdom of Tonga, and the Republic of Vanuatu, met in Nadi, Fiji on 29th March 2019 for the Agriculture Ministers Meeting of China and Pacific Island States.

Centering on the theme "seizing the opportunity of jointly contributing to the Belt and Road Initiative, advancing the practical agricultural cooperation between China and Pacific island states", we discussed issues of common interest relating to agricultural

development, and adopted by consensus the Nadi Declaration of the Agriculture Ministers Meeting of China and Pacific Island States.

the People's Republic of China, Republic of Fiji, the Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, Niue, the Independent State of Samoa, the Kingdom of Tonga, and the Republic of Vanuatu agree to advance cooperation in sustainable fishery development. We will conduct fishery policy exchange and cooperation in regional fishery management organizations, step up fisheries resource and marine biodiversity conservation and capacity building, and jointly combat illegal, unreported and unregulated(IUU) fishing. The Marine Institute of the National University of Samoa was built with Chinese aid, which also provided the necessary teaching and research equipment. This institute has taken on the role of training specialists in marine science and maritime management for Samoa and other Pacific Island nations.

In December 2021, the inaugural China-Pacific Island Countries Fisheries Cooperation and Development Forum was held in Guangzhou, where the "Guangzhou Consensus" was released, marking a new phase in fisheries cooperation between the parties. On December 8, 2021, ministers and representatives of agriculture and fisheries from the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Fiji, the Republic of Kiribati, the Federated States of Micronesia, the Cook Islands, Niue, the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, the Independent State of Samoa, the Solomon Islands, the Kingdom of Tonga, and the Republic of Vanuatu convened in Guangzhou, China, for the China-Pacific Island Countries Fisheries Cooperation and Development Forum. The theme of the forum was "Creating a New Phase in China-Pacific Island Countries Fisheries Cooperation."

Reflecting on our firm commitment in the "Nandi Declaration" of the China-Pacific Island Countries Ministers of Agriculture Meeting, we seize the opportunities presented by the Belt and Road Initiative to advance practical agricultural cooperation. Building on the consensus reached during the November 2018 collective meeting between Chinese President Xi Jinping and Pacific Island nations' leaders, our cooperation is guided by the principles of "equality, mutual benefit, and win-win cooperation."

China and the Pacific Island nations share both opportunities and challenges, with closely aligned interests. In keeping with the spirit of the Belt and Road Initiative, our fisheries development must promote sustainable "rooted" growth, and collectively foster a new type of international relations, establishing an integrated development model characterized by mutual inclusion.

In our commitment to the "Regional Organizational Framework and Combatting IUU Fishing," we recall the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention. We support vigorous actions against illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing activities, undertake resource monitoring, implement observer programs, trial electronic fishing logs, and develop traceability systems for the entire fisheries industry chain. Within the framework of the corresponding regional fisheries management organizations, we continuously strengthen the monitoring and investigation of fishery resources and expand international and regional cooperation.

We are committed to fully implementing the "Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries," contributing to the achievement of sustainable fisheries development goals. We call for multi-channel cooperation between civil society and governments, such as through educational cooperation memorandums signed between schools and the governments of Pacific Island nations. This would assist and encourage citizens of these nations to apply for Chinese government scholarships for master's and doctoral studies and continuing professional education in China, jointly fostering high-level talent.

We also encourage increased cooperation between universities of both sides, jointly offering programs in biodiversity conservation and utilization, resource remote sensing, fishery resources, and marketing, thereby enhancing the scientific and technological level across the fisheries sector.

Submitted: 12 May 2024 - 17:13 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 14:01 Pacific/Pohnpei

### ✓ Cook Islands (Completed 25-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Cook Islands is a SID. nO ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

Submitted: 25 May 2024 - 11:12 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 25 May 2024 - 11:12 Pacific/Pohnpei

### ✓ Curacao (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Curacao is part of the Dutch Kingdom and in this regards not an independent country, but receives funding and technical assistance from the Dutch Kingdom as an OCT( Overseas Country and Territories). As Cooperating Non-Member Party Curacao is

willing to provide if possible assistance to SIDS if needed, until now Curacao did not receive any request to provide assistance to other SIDS. According to the national decree of Curacao PB. No 109 if Curacao becomes a member of an RFMO, Curacao must comply with all the rules and regulations of the RFMO.

Submitted: 13 Jun 2024 - 02:29 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 13 Jun 2024 - 02:29 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ✓ Ecuador (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Ecuador is a Cooperating Non-Member Party. We will be glad to provide any possible assistance to SIDS as needed. We have recently signed an Memorandum of Understanding with Cook Islands Fishing Authority to develop information exchange.

<https://mfai.gov.ck/news-updates/cook-islands-formalises-diplomatic-relations-e...>

Submitted: 11 Jun 2024 - 07:41 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 07:41 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ✓ El Salvador (Completed 31-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

By paying the financial contribution established by the Commission, El Salvador makes his effort in hopes to assist SIDS and territories.

Submitted: 31 May 2024 - 20:46 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 16 Jun 2024 - 08:25 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ✓ European Union (Completed 10-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

The EU provides support to the Pacific Region in various sectors such as Oceans' Governance; Climate change and Disaster Risk; Trade; Energy; Health, Gender; Public Finance Management (PFM) and Governance.

The activities and initiatives funded by the EU to support pacific SIDS are designed in consultation with SIDS and FFA. Details can be found in the latest EU report on implementation of Article 30 of the Convention and Resolution 2008-01 of WCPFC that was published as a delegation paper to WCPFC20.

<https://meetings.wcpfc.int/index.php/node/21443>

Submitted: 10 Jun 2024 - 22:31 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 08:04 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ✓ Federated States of Micronesia (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

FSM's participation in regional/sub-regional fora on fisheries management.

Submitted: 14 Jun 2024 - 13:02 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 13:02 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ✓ Fiji (Completed 06-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Fiji through the support of the New Zealand Government (MPI), Australian Government (AFMA), and FFA conducted 2 national workshops on High Seas Boarding and Inspections as means to ensure that front line officers are well versed with measures related to the convention area. The training included roles and responsibilities of flag states, reporting requirements and other related measures.

Submitted: 06 Jun 2024 - 05:47 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 13 Jun 2024 - 13:32 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ France (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Cooperation and capacity programs exist but are not directly and specifically related to fisheries.

Submitted: 14 Jun 2024 - 03:09 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 03:10 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ French Polynesia (Completed 24-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

FP is a developing Territory

Submitted: 24 May 2024 - 08:38 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 30 May 2024 - 09:59 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Indonesia (Completed 22-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Indonesia's involvement in the SIDS (Small Island Developing States) partnership was officially announced at the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, held from September 1 to 4, 2014, in Apia, Samoa. As a committed partner, Indonesia has actively participated in several multi-stakeholder partnership initiatives aimed at supporting SIDS. Notably, Indonesia has been instrumental in the Coral Triangle Initiative, which is operational in several SIDS, including Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. This collaboration underscores Indonesia's dedication to fostering sustainable development and environmental conservation in small island nations.

For further details on these initiatives, you can visit the following links:

<http://www.sids2014.org/partnerships/countries/?country=219>

<http://www.sids2014.org/partnerships/countries/?country=238>

In mid-2020, Indonesia strongly advocated for the mobilization of adequate resources and support for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) during a high-level discussion. The discussion focused on mobilizing international solidarity, accelerating action, and exploring new pathways to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the Samoa Pathway for SIDS. Indonesia's call underscores its commitment to supporting the sustainable development and resilience of small island nations, highlighting the need for global cooperation to address the unique challenges faced by SIDS.

Submitted: 22 May 2024 - 17:03 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 19:36 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Japan (Completed 15-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Japan has provided developing States, in particular SIDS with fishery cooperations through Fisheries Grant Aid, JICA, OFCF, FFA Promotion Fund and JTF.

Submitted: 15 Jun 2024 - 00:28 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 00:28 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Kiribati (Completed 21-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Kiribati is one of the SIDS countries depending on assistance from non-SIDS countries.



▼ **Liberia (Completed 12-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 12 Jun 2024 - 13:32 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 13:32 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Nauru (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Nauru will continue to support this measure and assist SIDS where possible to implement their Commission obligations and ensure the collection and analysis of fisheries data

Submitted: 11 Jun 2024 - 12:57 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 12:20 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **New Caledonia (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

New Caledonia is one of the SIDS and territories and has received no assistance in this category in 2023. New Caledonia neither received any request in this regard in 2023.

Submitted: 11 Jun 2024 - 14:25 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 14:25 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **New Zealand (Completed 09-Apr-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

The NZ Government has been funding its Pacific wide capacity building program (Te Pātuitanga Ahumoana a Kiwa) in both MCS and Fisheries Management for the last 10 years. The programme has been extended and will continue to run.

Submitted: 09 Apr 2024 - 09:29 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 04 Jun 2024 - 08:07 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Nicaragua (Completed 28-Jul-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Nicaragua is not a territory of the Convention area.

Submitted: 28 Jul 2024 - 02:50 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 28 Jul 2024 - 05:13 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Niue (Completed 07-Jul-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not applicable

Submitted: 07 Jul 2024 - 18:43 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 07 Jul 2024 - 18:43 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Palau (Completed 27-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

N/A

Submitted: 27 May 2024 - 14:54 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 15:25 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Panama (Completed 31-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

The Republic of Panama's participation rights in the WCPFC Fisheries Commission are limited to support fishing vessels as CNCP.

Submitted: 31 May 2024 - 11:00 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 31 May 2024 - 11:00 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Papua New Guinea (Completed 01-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

PNG is a SIDS

Submitted: 01 Jun 2024 - 13:40 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 13:03 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Philippines (Completed 07-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

PH comply requirement of SIDS thru economic engagements

Submitted: 07 Jun 2024 - 14:30 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 10:28 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Republic of Korea (Completed 15-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Korea is providing assistance to certain SIDs CCM to improve its fisheries resources management system for sustainability and to produce fishery products of higher added value. The assistance has been provided through FAO and the duration of the assistance is from 2020 to 2025.

Submitted: 15 Jun 2024 - 16:23 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 16:23 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Republic of Marshall Islands (Completed 27-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

This does not apply to RMI as a SIDS. No assistance needed.

Submitted: 27 May 2024 - 08:46 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 11:31 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Samoa (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** No

Samoa is considered as a SIDS country and did not utilize any assistance according to this CMM

Submitted: 13 Jun 2024 - 07:13 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 08:28 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Solomon Islands (Completed 10-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

N/A

Submitted: 10 Jun 2024 - 10:31 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 20:01 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Chinese Taipei (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

We did contact some SIDS for the exchange of data and information so as to enhance the fisheries conservation and management.

Submitted: 13 Jun 2024 - 13:04 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 01:22 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Thailand (Completed 05-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 05 Jun 2024 - 14:23 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 13 Jun 2024 - 17:53 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Tokelau (Completed 04-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Tokelau is a participating territory in the WCPFC and is not a Flag State.

Submitted: 04 Jun 2024 - 09:39 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 06 Jun 2024 - 08:34 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Tonga (Completed 16-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Tonga is one of the SIDs countries although our current national capacity does not provide Tonga the ability to assist capacity development of other SIDs. Tonga is the recipient of capacity development assistance.

Submitted: 16 May 2024 - 13:11 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 07:09 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Tuvalu (Completed 28-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 28 May 2024 - 10:32 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 28 May 2024 - 10:32 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **United States of America (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

\$119,935 to support Solomon Islands' communities, the Isabel Provincial Government, and the Ministry of Environment to protect and monitor leatherback turtle nesting beaches from 2023–2026, including through equitably engaging Solomon Islanders in environmental conservation work by employing women as rangers across all sites.

The United States provided \$21 million annually to support economic development in SIDS under an Economic Assistance Agreement with the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) related to the 1987 Treaty on Fisheries. The funds are managed by FFA and Pacific Island Parties to the 1987 Treaty on Fisheries and support a range of sustainable fisheries development, economic development, and capacity building activities.

Submitted: 14 Jun 2024 - 11:34 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 13:01 Pacific/Pohnpei

### ▼ Vanuatu (Completed 12-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

- VU is a SIDS

- VU has received capacity assistance on this and also has the opportunity to still assist SIDs, territories on areas such as data sharing, verification through TUFFMAN 2 systems in accordance with data sharing requirements as per relevant instruments and participate in MCS operations, surveillance and monitoring.

Submitted: 12 Jun 2024 - 11:36 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 11:49 Pacific/Pohnpei

### ▼ Vietnam (Completed 16-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Non-SIDS

<http://mard.gov.vn>

Submitted: 16 Jun 2024 - 02:57 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 16 Jun 2024 - 02:57 Pacific/Pohnpei

### Wallis and Futuna (Pending )

**Obligation / Requirement**

CMM 2013-07 10-11

Requirements to assist SIDS and Territories in the areas of Monitoring, Control and surveillance

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▼ **Australia (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Australia provides core funding to the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) (AUD5 million per year) to help Pacific Island countries manage and monitor fishing fleets and improve access to export markets. Australia is providing an additional \$2 million to the FFA to support members with the implementation of the Regional Monitoring Control and Surveillance Strategy (2021-24). This includes support for new and emerging technologies such e-reporting and e-monitoring.

Australia continues to implement the Pacific Maritime Security Program (PMSP) as a centrepiece of our defence engagement in the Pacific. The PMSP provides Australian Government funded capabilities to Pacific nations as sovereign assets to enhance their capacity to provide protection and surveillance of their own resources. The PMSP includes gifting 21 Guardian-class Patrol Boats, long-term commitment to sustainment and training, and contracted civilian aerial surveillance at an overall program cost of AUD2.1 billion over 30 years. Construction of the replacement patrol boats commenced in 2018 and the final boat will be delivered in 2023. The aerial surveillance program and associated regional coordination components are contributing to improving maritime domain awareness and interoperability. The implementation of the PMSP is making a significant contribution to developing the capacity of SIDS to manage and conserve fisheries resources, including through supporting the regional implementation of the Niue Treaty Subsidiary Agreement

Submitted: 14 Jun 2024 - 11:15 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 11:49 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **Canada (Completed 06-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

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## ✓ China (Completed 12-May-2024 )

### Response:

**Implemented:** Yes

In June 2017, the Chinese government released the "Vision for Maritime Cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative," officially proposing the establishment of a Blue Partnership. In September 2017, China hosted the China-PICs Ocean Ministers Roundtable, themed "Blue Economy and Ecological Islands." Representatives from Pacific Island nations, including Samoa, Fiji, Vanuatu, and Niue, attended the meeting, which concluded with the adoption and release of the "Pingtan Declaration." Over the past five years, China and the Pacific Island nations have built a Blue Partnership to enhance the maritime capabilities of these island nations. Strengthening the maritime capabilities of Pacific Island nations fundamentally involves improving the layout of maritime-related infrastructure and enhancing the islands' own monitoring capabilities. To this end, China has provided assistance to island nations such as Fiji with fishing vessels, patrol boats, and hydrographic survey ships. These survey ships are equipped with high-tech equipment, offering substantial support for hydrographic measurements and marine surveys, addressing climate change, and promoting sustainable development across Pacific Island nations. Additionally, China supports these nations in strengthening marine forecasting and disaster warning systems.

In 2023, Shanghai Ocean University hosted the sixth edition of the "Belt and Road" Advanced Training Program for Marine Fisheries, inviting participants from Pacific Island nations to learn about Chinese marine fisheries management measures and their

implementation. Since the program's inception in 2016, China has successfully conducted five editions of the "Belt and Road" Advanced Training Program for Marine Fisheries, with over 100 senior administrators from fisheries departments, university faculty and students, and personnel from related research institutions of countries along the Belt and Road Initiative participating in these sessions.

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#### ▼ Cook Islands (Completed 25-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

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#### ▼ Curacao (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Curacao is also a SIDS , in this regard Curacao is willing to work together with all other SIDS as much as possible and also assist them if necessary to develop national fisheries . According to the national decree of Curacao PB. No. 109 if Curacao become a member of an RFMO, Curacao must comply with all the rules and regulations of the RFMO. And in this case also WCFCPC. Although we are SIDS, Curacao is full member of ICCAT since 2014 and has gained a lot of knowledge and experience to develop International and local fisheries. We have a full fledged International Fisheries Monitoring Center 24/7 monitoring ( Themisweb and Halios Catch Management form CLS) of all vessels under the flag of Curacao. And according to our laws we must cooperate with International and regional RFMO to share if necessary data to prevent IUU fisheries. We have a traceability scheme to monitor the fisheries activities from net to plate.

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#### ▼ Ecuador (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Ecuador is a Cooperating Non-Member Party. We will be glad to provide any possible assistance to SIDS as needed. We have recently signed an Memorandum of Understanding with Cook Islands Fishing Authority to develop information exchange.

<https://mfai.gov.ck/news-updates/cook-islands-formalises-diplomatic-relations-e...>

Submitted: 11 Jun 2024 - 07:46 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 07:46 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ▼ El Salvador (Completed 31-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

El Salvador is at disposal and cooperates with SIDS and developing coastal States in regards of any VMS issues.

Submitted: 31 May 2024 - 20:47 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 16 Jun 2024 - 08:25 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ▼ European Union (Completed 10-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

The EU provides support to the Pacific Region in various sectors such as Oceans' Governance; Climate change and Disaster Risk; Trade; Energy; Health, Gender; Public Finance Management (PFM) and Governance.

The activities and initiatives funded by the EU to support pacific SIDS are designed in consultation with SIDS and FFA. Details can

be found in the latest EU report on implementation of Article 30 of the Convention and Resolution 2008-01 of WCPFC that was published as a delegation paper to WCPFC20.

<https://meetings.wcpfc.int/index.php/node/21443>

Submitted: 10 Jun 2024 - 22:31 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 08:05 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ▼ Federated States of Micronesia (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

FSM's participation i regional/sub-regional fora on MCS. FSM's joint cooperation efforts amongst the FFA membership in maritime surveillance. FSM's participation in implementations of new CMM's, bilateral arrangements to implement ROP, transshipment monitoring, CDS, EM/ER, PSM, FAD tracking and sharing MCS data when necessary.

Submitted: 14 Jun 2024 - 13:08 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 13:08 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ▼ Fiji (Completed 06-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

1. Aerial support was received US Airforce and FFA's Ariel program (8 aerial patrols)
2. Sea patrol was conducted through the Fiji Navy and US coast guard (6 surface patrols conducted)

Submitted: 06 Jun 2024 - 09:10 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 13 Jun 2024 - 13:36 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ▼ France (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Cooperation and capacity programs exist as training in fisheries police, control plan, fisheries monitoring and control state center to help the Territory to control and protect its EEZ.

Submitted: 14 Jun 2024 - 03:11 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 03:12 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ▼ French Polynesia (Completed 24-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

FP is a developping Territory

Submitted: 24 May 2024 - 08:38 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 30 May 2024 - 09:59 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ▼ Indonesia (Completed 22-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Indonesia's involvement in the SIDS (Small Island Developing States) partnership was officially announced at the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, held from September 1 to 4, 2014, in Apia, Samoa. As a committed partner, Indonesia has actively participated in several multi-stakeholder partnership initiatives aimed at supporting SIDS. Notably, Indonesia has been instrumental in the Coral Triangle Initiative, which is operational in several SIDS, including Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. This collaboration underscores Indonesia's dedication to fostering sustainable development and environmental conservation in small island nations.

For further details on these initiatives, you can visit the following links:



<http://www.sids2014.org/partnerships/countries/?country=219>

<http://www.sids2014.org/partnerships/countries/?country=238>

In mid-2020, Indonesia strongly advocated for the mobilization of adequate resources and support for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) during a high-level discussion. The discussion focused on mobilizing international solidarity, accelerating action, and exploring new pathways to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the Samoa Pathway for SIDS. Indonesia's call underscores its commitment to supporting the sustainable development and resilience of small island nations, highlighting the need for global cooperation to address the unique challenges faced by SIDS.

Submitted: 22 May 2024 - 17:04 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 19:36 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ▼ Japan (Completed 15-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Japan has provided developing States, in particular SIDs with fishery cooperations through Fisheries Grant Aid, JICA, OFCF, FFA Promotion Fund and JTF.

Submitted: 15 Jun 2024 - 00:28 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 00:28 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ▼ Kiribati (Completed 21-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

As small island state with only one patrol boat to monitor three separated EEZ. Kiribati greatly need assistance from developed partners to assist in both aerial and surface surveillance coverage.

Submitted: 21 May 2024 - 19:15 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 10:16 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ▼ Liberia (Completed 12-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 12 Jun 2024 - 13:33 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 13:33 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ▼ Nauru (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Nauru will continue to support this measure and ensuring SIDS/T participates in regional and sub-regional MCS activities through FFA and PNA programs

Submitted: 11 Jun 2024 - 13:02 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 12:20 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ▼ New Caledonia (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

New Caledonia is one of the SIDS and territories and has received no assistance in this category in 2023. New Caledonia neither received any request in this regard in 2023.

Submitted: 11 Jun 2024 - 14:26 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 14:26 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **New Zealand (Completed 09-Apr-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

New Zealand MCS capacity and training assistance to SIDs through the Te Patui (Te Pātuitanga Ahumoana a Kiwa) programme. This training includes in port inspection procedures, High Seas Boarding and Inspection, and Coastal Authorised Officer training. The Te Patui Programme has recently been extended in 2024.

New Zealand also support SIDs MCS through participation in regional surveillance operations and deployments to the Forum Fisheries Agency Regional Fisheries Surveillance Centre.

Submitted: 09 Apr 2024 - 09:31 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 07 Jun 2024 - 12:49 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Nicaragua (Completed 28-Jul-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Nicaragua is not a territory of the Convention area.

Submitted: 28 Jul 2024 - 02:51 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 28 Jul 2024 - 05:13 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Niue (Completed 07-Jul-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not applicable

Submitted: 07 Jul 2024 - 18:39 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 07 Jul 2024 - 18:39 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Palau (Completed 27-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

N/A

Submitted: 27 May 2024 - 14:57 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 15:27 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Panama (Completed 31-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

The Republic of Panama's participation rights in the WCPFC Fisheries Commission are limited to support fishing vessels as CNCP.

Submitted: 31 May 2024 - 11:00 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 31 May 2024 - 11:00 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Papua New Guinea (Completed 01-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

PNG cooperates with international, regional, sub regional and bilateral arrangements to ensure effective MCS and Enforcement activities within the region such as FAO, FFA under regional surveillance programs, Ship Rider Agreement and other bilateral Arrangements including MCS exchange programs.

Submitted: 01 Jun 2024 - 14:02 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 13:13 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Philippines (Completed 07-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

PH comply requirement of SIDS thru economic engagements. PH signed MOA with other SIDS.

Submitted: 07 Jun 2024 - 14:51 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 10:29 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Republic of Korea (Completed 15-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

In 2023, Korea provided assistance to certain SIDS CCMs to strengthen their capacity to improve their electronic communications related to MCS by dispatching Korean volunteers with IT expertise through KOICA.

Submitted: 15 Jun 2024 - 16:50 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 16:50 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Republic of Marshall Islands (Completed 27-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

This does not apply to RMI as a SIDS. No assistance needed.

Submitted: 27 May 2024 - 08:47 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 11:33 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Samoa (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** No

Samoa is a SIDS country. However, when assistance is needed regarding this audit point, Samoa will liaise with the relevant organizations to request support and assistance if needed.

Submitted: 13 Jun 2024 - 07:20 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 08:29 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Solomon Islands (Completed 10-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

N/A

Submitted: 10 Jun 2024 - 10:32 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 20:03 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Chinese Taipei (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

We have the scholarship programme for training and capacity building. The Chinese Taipei Trust fund is established and operating since 2016, in accordance with article 30 of the Convention and the requirements in CMM 2013-07.

Submitted: 13 Jun 2024 - 13:08 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 01:22 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Thailand (Completed 05-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 05 Jun 2024 - 14:23 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 13 Jun 2024 - 17:54 Pacific/Pohnpei

### ✓ Tokelau (Completed 04-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Tokelau is a participating territory in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission. Tokelau is not a flag state. Tokelau does not authorize vessel to fish on the High Seas. Tokelau does not charter Foreign Fishing Vessels

Submitted: 04 Jun 2024 - 09:40 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 06 Jun 2024 - 08:34 Pacific/Pohnpei

### ✓ Tonga (Completed 16-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Tonga is one of the SIDs countries and therefore this obligation is not applicable.

According to Fisheries Management Act 2002, under section 4, sub-section (k) ...” the need to implement and enforce conservation and management measures through effective monitoring, control and surveillance”....

According to the Fisheries Management Act 2002, under section 61, sub-section (1), (a) a global, regional, or sub-regional fisheries organization or arrangement of which Tonga is a member, or in which Tonga is a participant, establishes procedures for boarding and inspection of vessels as provided in the Fish Stocks Agreement;

Tonga participates in sea monitoring control and surveillance and also enforcement activities through bilateral arrangements with territories in the Convention area. Tonga was involved in regional surveillance patrol operation Ika Moana, Kurukuru by providing Navy support Unit Voea Ngahau Koula.

The National Monitoring Control Committee (MCC), includes the Port Authority, Ministry of Fisheries, Marine Department, Police Department, Customs Department, and the Navy. The MCC Centre is established by the committee and is housed at Navy Station. MCC conducts a national monitoring within our EEZ once per quarter. Aerial surveillance was provided by FFA in all quarters during the reporting period, and no offenses were reported.

The New Zealand Government has a bilateral agreement with Tonga on Aerial Surveillance during the Tuimoana Operation through the NTSA System. During the reporting period, Tonga participated in SPC/FFA regional training for observers, observers refresh training, and newly recruited 10 observers on board, SPC conducted bio-sampling training with observers and staff. Few staff join Certificate IV on Coastal and Aquaculture, Diploma on Investigation and Prosecution Cert, Certificate Level IV on Fisheries Enforcement and Compliance, and Law of the Seas Courses.

SPC also conducted training on e-reporting basically for data collection through OLLO, Onboard, and onshore, TAILS, and Close Kin Mark Recapture Sampling training, and SPC also conducted training the Science Division on stock assessment for sea cucumbers. FFA financially supported Tonga in conducting the e-PSM training and Tonga was the first country to implement the e-PSM, Dockside Boarding, NTSA training, and Aerial Surveillance Training.

If we conducted the Monitoring Control and Surveillance and detected an offense, the Fisheries Management Act 2002, Section 19, sub-section (5) .... “shall be guilty of an offense and shall be liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding \$25,000”. Tonga has a Standard procedure for infringement and is taken up to Court.

Submitted: 16 May 2024 - 14:26 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 18:03 Pacific/Pohnpei

### ✓ Tuvalu (Completed 28-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 28 May 2024 - 10:33 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 28 May 2024 - 10:33 Pacific/Pohnpei

### ✓ United States of America (Completed 05-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

The U.S. Coast Guard supported four Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) operations in 2023 (Rai Balang, Kuru Kuru, Island Chief, and Tui Moana) with surface and air maritime security presence on the high seas and in FFA member EEZs to counter IUU Fishing. The U.S. Coast Guard enacted bilateral agreements with partner nations to deter IUU fishing by providing surface assets to patrol partner nation EEZs with embarked shipriders from Cook Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM), Fiji, Palau, Samoa, Tuvalu, and Papua New Guinea (PNG) resulting in 30 bilateral shiprider boardings (02 in Cook Islands, 03 in FSM, 01 in Fiji, 09 in Palau, 02 in Samoa, and 13 in PNG). Additionally, the U.S. Coast Guard provided aircraft to support Operation Nasse 2023 (an annual cooperative fisheries MCS operation in the WCPO) and patrol cutters to support Operation Rematau 2023 to bolster maritime domain awareness in Micronesia. The U.S. Coast Guard led Operation Blue Pacific to conduct 30 HSBI throughout the WCPO and leveraged two Navy vessels under the Oceania Maritime Security Initiative (OMSI) by placing a law enforcement detachment onboard to provide MCS. Overall, the U.S. Coast Guard dedicated approximately 6,936 surface and 570 aerial hours to MCS activities in areas beyond our national jurisdiction and in the WCPO in support of countering IUU fishing during 2023. This equates to over 289 sea patrol days and 96 individual aerial flights.

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▼ **Vanuatu (Completed 12-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

- VU is a SIDS
- VU actively participated in numerous regional operations on surveillance and monitoring, both assets and personnel as required by mandate of such engagements. This include MCS operations coordinated by the FFA RFSC.
- Seeking further capacity assistance in this area to ensure its personnel and line agencies respond and operate more efficiently whenever needed.

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▼ **Vietnam (Completed 16-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Non-SIDS

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**Wallis and Futuna (Pending )**

**Obligation / Requirement**

[CMM 2013-07 12-18](#)

Requirements to support for the Domestic Fisheries Sector and Tuna-fisheries related businesses and market access

**Notes and Suggested Guidelines:**

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**Audit Point Definition:**

**Implementation (IM)**

refer to Audit Point Definition for CMM 2013-07 19

The Secretariat confirms that CCM submitted information in AR Pt 2 on any assistance it provided to SIDS/T in accordance with CMM 2013-07, or CCM submitted information on any assistance required.

▼ **Australia (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Australia provides core funding to the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) (AUD5 million per year) to help Pacific Island countries strengthen national capacity and regional solidarity for the sustainability, control and development of offshore fisheries in the Pacific and improve access to export markets.

The Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR) is implementing the third phase of a Community Based Fisheries Management initiative to promote the sustainable use of coastal resources. This is a DFAT-funded AUD10 million (including AUD2 million from ACIAR) project over four years (2021-25) with the aim of scaling up community based fisheries management, aligned with implementation of the Pacific's New Song for Coastal Fisheries.

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▼ **Canada (Completed 06-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Like other members, Canada provides capacity-building assistance to SIDS and Territories via its contributions to the Commission (e.g. budget contributions to ROP training, Assistance & Development, CCM/Staff VMS Training, Targeted Capacity Building etc.).

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Submitted: 06 Jun 2024 - 03:36 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 01:32 Pacific/Pohnpei

## ✓ China (Completed 12-May-2024 )

### Response:

#### Implemented: Yes

On May 9, 2023, the China-Pacific Island Countries Ministerial Conference on Agriculture and Fisheries was held. Ministers of Agriculture and Fisheries from the People's Republic of China, the Independent State of Papua New Guinea, the Republic of Fiji, the Republic of Kiribati, the Cook Islands, the Independent State of Samoa, the Solomon Islands, the Kingdom of Tonga, and the Republic of Vanuatu unanimously agreed to release the "Nanjing Consensus on China-Pacific Island Countries Agricultural and Fisheries Cooperation." They expressed a willingness to enhance cooperation on agricultural personnel development, based on the principles of equality, mutual benefit, and win-win cooperation. The consensus includes the strengthening of exchanges at various levels among agricultural personnel; enhancing cooperation in agricultural scientific and technological innovation to serve high-quality agricultural and fishery development; boosting agricultural and fisheries trade cooperation and conducting bilateral dialogues in these sectors; and enhancing cooperation with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, making effective use of the trust funds donated by the Chinese government to provide technical support and training to Pacific Island nations, and collectively promoting the "Blue Pacific 2050 Strategy." The ministers fully recognized the unique requirements and development visions of the Pacific Island countries in fisheries, expressing a desire to refine the bilateral fisheries cooperation mechanisms, strengthen sustainable fisheries harvesting cooperation, deepen exchanges and cooperation in fisheries science and technology, and encourage investment cooperation in the fisheries sector. The theme "Building a Comprehensive Cooperation Platform for Agriculture and Fisheries between China and Pacific Island Countries in the New Era, Supporting Sustainable Development of Agriculture and Fisheries in the Islands" is of significant importance for ensuring food security, promoting ocean conservation and sustainable use, and accelerating the modernization of Agriculture and Fisheries for both parties.

Submitted: 12 May 2024 - 18:32 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 14:01 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Cook Islands (Completed 25-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Cooks is a SID.

Cook Islands is not a port state and rely's heavily on tourism. As such, domestic processing is not favourable.

Submitted: 25 May 2024 - 11:56 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 29 May 2024 - 06:51 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Curacao (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Curacao is part of the Dutch Kingdom and in this regards not an independent country, but receives funding and technical assistance from the Dutch Kingdom as an OCT ( Overseas Country and Territories). As Cooperating Non-Member Party Curacao is willing to provide if possible assistance to SIDS if needed, until now Curacao did not receive any request to provide assistance to other SIDS. According to the national decree of Curacao PB. No 109 if Curacao becomes a member of an RFMO, Curacao must comply with all the rules and regulations of the RFMO.

Submitted: 13 Jun 2024 - 02:41 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 13 Jun 2024 - 02:41 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ Ecuador (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Ecuador is a Cooperating Non-Member Party. We will be glad to provide any possible assistance to SIDS as needed. We have recently signed an Memorandum of Understanding with Cook Islands Fishing Authority to develop information exchange.

<https://mfai.gov.ck/news-updates/cook-islands-formalises-diplomatic-relations-e...>

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▼ El Salvador (Completed 31-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

El Salvador has its own needs as developing country, therefore this kind of assistance becomes very hard to offer. However, by paying the financial contribution every year, El Salvador makes his efforts to support SIDS needs.

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▼ European Union (Completed 10-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

The EU provides support to the Pacific Region in various sectors such as Oceans' Governance; Climate change and Disaster Risk; Trade; Energy; Health, Gender; Public Finance Management (PFM) and Governance.

The activities and initiatives funded by the EU to support pacific SIDS are designed in consultation with SIDS and FFA. Details can be found in the latest EU report on implementation of Article 30 of the Convention and Resolution 2008-01 of WCPFC that was published as a delegation paper to WCPFC20.

<https://meetings.wcpfc.int/index.php/node/21443>

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▼ Federated States of Micronesia (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )



**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

PNA Market related initiatives like the development of MSC processes currently in place, implementation of CDS and PSM, and FSM's collaboration with importing CCM's.

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▼ **Fiji (Completed 06-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Fiji's has a 100% domestic tuna sector. As such, 2023 was focused on getting our fleets and processing plants back to full operation. As part of Fiji's 2023 support towards the tuna sector, Government allocated 90,000 USD to support markets access for MSC certification. Additionally, to boost and streamline fish processing, Fiji has begun work digitalise vessel arrivals and catch verification to support catch verification process and market demands. There is also a assessment and review of internal processors to ensure that appropriate activities are developed to support Fiji's domestic industry.

Submitted: 06 Jun 2024 - 09:50 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 13 Jun 2024 - 13:38 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **France (Completed 15-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

France-OT assists and supports its territories in developping local products market, conducting trainings for fishermen, or by setting up national tax exemption.

Submitted: 15 Jun 2024 - 03:15 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 03:15 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **French Polynesia (Completed 24-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

FP is a developping Territory

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▼ **Indonesia (Completed 22-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Indonesia's involvement in the SIDS (Small Island Developing States) partnership was officially announced at the Third International Conference on Small Island Developing States, held from September 1 to 4, 2014, in Apia, Samoa. As a committed partner, Indonesia has actively participated in several multi-stakeholder partnership initiatives aimed at supporting SIDS. Notably, Indonesia has been instrumental in the Coral Triangle Initiative, which is operational in several SIDS, including Papua New Guinea and the Solomon Islands. This collaboration underscores Indonesia's dedication to fostering sustainable development and environmental conservation in small island nations.

For further details on these initiatives, you can visit the following links:

<http://www.sids2014.org/partnerships/countries/?country=219>

<http://www.sids2014.org/partnerships/countries/?country=238>

In mid-2020, Indonesia strongly advocated for the mobilization of adequate resources and support for Small Island Developing States (SIDS) during a high-level discussion. The discussion focused on mobilizing international solidarity, accelerating action, and exploring new pathways to achieve the 2030 Agenda and the Samoa Pathway for SIDS. Indonesia's call underscores its

commitment to supporting the sustainable development and resilience of small island nations, highlighting the need for global cooperation to address the unique challenges faced by SIDS.

Submitted: 22 May 2024 - 17:10 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 19:37 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ✓ Japan (Completed 15-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Japan has provided developing States, in particular SIDS with fishery cooperations through Fisheries Grant Aid, JICA, OFCF,FFA Promotion Fund and JTF.

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#### ✓ Kiribati (Completed 21-May-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Kiribati appreciates the assistance and support provided by development partners towards domestic fisheries related projects.

Submitted: 21 May 2024 - 19:16 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 10:16 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ✓ Liberia (Completed 12-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 12 Jun 2024 - 13:47 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 13:47 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ✓ Nauru (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Nauru will continue to support and implement this measure through the FSMA arrangement and where possible and appropriate.

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#### ✓ New Caledonia (Completed 11-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

New Caledonia is one of the SIDS and territories and has received no assistance in this category in 2023. New Caledonia neither received any request in this regard in 2023.

Submitted: 11 Jun 2024 - 14:26 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 14:26 Pacific/Pohnpei

#### ✓ New Zealand (Completed 09-Apr-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

New Zealand is primarily a seafood exporter so it does not import significant amounts of seafood, but when it does it imports most of the tuna product from Pacific Islands without any trade restrictions or barriers.

Submitted: 09 Apr 2024 - 09:33 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 07 Jun 2024 - 10:39 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Nicaragua (Completed 28-Jul-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Nicaragua is not a territory of the Convention area.

Submitted: 28 Jul 2024 - 02:52 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 28 Jul 2024 - 05:15 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Niue (Completed 07-Jul-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not applicable

Submitted: 07 Jul 2024 - 18:35 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 07 Jul 2024 - 18:35 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Palau (Completed 27-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

N/A

Submitted: 27 May 2024 - 14:59 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 12 Jun 2024 - 15:28 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Panama (Completed 31-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

The Republic of Panama's participation rights in the WCPFC Fisheries Commission are limited to support fishing vessels as CNCP.

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✓ **Papua New Guinea (Completed 04-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** No

PNG did not seek any assistance from the WCPFC for this reporting period.

Submitted: 04 Jun 2024 - 11:25 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 11 Jun 2024 - 13:15 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Philippines (Completed 07-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

Comply requirement of SIDS thru economic engagements

Submitted: 07 Jun 2024 - 16:32 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 10:29 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Republic of Korea (Completed 15-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

In 2023, Korea provided assistance to certain SIDS CCM to improve their overall fisheries infrastructure (community center, fishing port, solar-power equipment, training and education, etc.) based on Korea's existing model called "Fishing village New Deal 300".

✓ **Republic of Marshall Islands (Completed 27-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

This does not apply to RMI as a SIDS. No additional assistance required at this time however, the RMI may seek further assistance with onshore developments and market access requirements.

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✓ **Samoa (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** No

Samoa is a SIDS country. However, when assistance is needed regarding this audit point, Samoa will liaise with the relevant organizations to request support and assistance.

Submitted: 13 Jun 2024 - 07:48 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 08:30 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Solomon Islands (Completed 10-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

N/A

Submitted: 10 Jun 2024 - 10:33 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 14 Jun 2024 - 20:04 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Chinese Taipei (Completed 13-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

We do not have specific market and trade requirement for SIDS. We have encouraged our private sector to invest in SIDS so as to support the development of SIDS' domestic fisheries. In addition, we initiate dialogues with some SIDS to enhance cooperation on this matter.

Submitted: 13 Jun 2024 - 13:10 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 15 Jun 2024 - 01:23 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Thailand (Completed 05-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 05 Jun 2024 - 14:24 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 13 Jun 2024 - 17:54 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Tokelau (Completed 04-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Tokelau is not a Flag State

Submitted: 04 Jun 2024 - 09:40 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 06 Jun 2024 - 08:34 Pacific/Pohnpei

✓ **Tonga (Completed 20-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Tonga is one of the SIDs countries and therefore this obligation is not applicable.

To support the Domestic Fisheries Sector and Tuna-fisheries businesses and market access, Tonga implemented it under the Fisheries Management Act 2002, Section 7, Sub-section 36, Fishing Vessels License Term and Condition, Fishing Agreement and Access Agreement with the Fishing Company and Tuna Fisheries Management Plan.

Ministry of Fisheries established a Development Scheme for the Fisheries Sector to improve the business climate and reduce the cost of doing business a Fishing Consumer Tax Exemption was approved in June 2013 exempting imported fishing gear, bait, and essential supplies from customs tariffs. In 2013 the operation of the Tu'imatamoana fish market and Processing Facilities was transferred under an MOU to the National Fisheries Committee (Fishing Industries Committee). In addition, the Ministry of Fisheries established a Soft Loan Scheme known Fisheries Development and Export Fund (FDEF) to support the sector market Access. Not only that but the Ministry assisted the Fishing Companies in developing and improving their business planning and management, and offered a comprehensive training and capacity development program.

In 2020, Tonga ratified the PACER Plus Agreement is a Regional Development-Centre Trade Agreement designed to support Tonga in regional and Global Trade. Tonga exports fish to international markets (Australia, NZ, USA, Fiji, Pangopango, Hawaii, Taiwan, Hong Kong, and Singapore). The compliance Division inspects 100% of every export before handing the Export Permit to the companies, and entry the export data into the system and reports every quarter.

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▼ **Tuvalu (Completed 28-May-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Not Applicable

Submitted: 28 May 2024 - 10:34 Pacific/Pohnpei , Updated: 28 May 2024 - 10:34 Pacific/Pohnpei

▼ **United States of America (Completed 14-Jun-2024 )**

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

The Pacific American Fund (PAF) is a \$35 million, five-year grant facility that addresses critical development challenges across 12 Pacific Island Countries (PICs), including the Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Palau, Papua New Guinea, the Republic of Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu, and Vanuatu. For example, it has supported supports the development small-scale construction that: 1. Improves the enabling environment for increased trade and investment, 2. Promotes the expansion and further development of the agribusiness sector, and 3. Enhances natural resources governance.

convened first Trade Investment Dialogue(TID) at senior officials' level on February 27, 2023 to promote trade and address market access barriers. USTR has since delivered on PIF requests made during the TID, including arranging briefings for the PIF on the Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) and U.S. sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) regulations.

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The United States hosted the Pacific Islands Ports Visit Reverse Trade Mission (RTM) to seventeen (17) delegates from five (5) countries in the Pacific Islands, including Papua New Guinea, Fiji, Solomon Islands, Samoa, and Tonga to promote high-quality, sustainable, and resilient transportation systems in the Pacific Islands along discussion of port security and safety, digitization of port operations, port infrastructure development and modernization.

\$500,000 to expand Global Innovation through Science and Technology (GIST). GIST Pacific Islands Startup Training and Investment Forum: 4-day program of accelerated, intensive training in the Lean Startup process culminating in a final pitch and investor engagement day, welcomed 18 entrepreneurs from region. Selected participants were eligible to attend four days of training and meet regional investors during the final day of the workshop.

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✓ Vanuatu (Completed 12-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** Yes

- VU is a SIDS.

- CM definitely needs capacity assistance for both domestic and international markets. CCM sees the importance in having such assistance as it will boost domestic and international market standards as well. CCM needs capacity assistance on international market access given the rise and interest in foreign investments in fisheries.

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✓ Vietnam (Completed 16-Jun-2024 )

**Response:**

**Implemented:** N/A

Non-SIDS

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Wallis and Futuna (Pending )