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FOREWORD

It is with deep appreciation that I present the Pacific Community's 2024 Results Report – my final as Director-General.

This report reflects a year of extraordinary resilience and collaboration across our Pacific Community family. The past year tested us in many ways from the New Caledonia crisis to the devastating earthquake in Vanuatu and the ongoing global disruptions; but rather than splintering under pressure, SPC came together, demonstrating the strength of all our values, but especially *aroha* (care) and *kaitiakitanga* (stewardship), and our unwavering commitment to our members and to each other.

Our One SPC approach has never been more important or more visible. Across the organisation, from our divisions to our regional offices, teams collaborated across disciplines, sharing burdens, innovating solutions, and putting people first. As the Pacific and the world continue to navigate uncertainty and complex challenges, SPC's Strategic Plan 2022–2031: Sustainable Pacific development through science, knowledge and innovation has been our guiding star. It clearly articulates our values and the ways in which we work to support and benefit the region. This marks our third report of progress towards implementing the Strategic Plan 2022–2031 and offers an opportunity to reflect on our achievements and identify adaptions required to meet evolving needs and contexts.

Within this report, you will find detailed accounts of key outcomes achieved by the organisation across a wide range of areas including climate action, resilience, natural resource management, food systems, education, social development, sustainable livelihoods and planetary health. While it is not possible to tell every story of change we contributed to in 2024, the report offers a powerful narrative of what can be achieved through unified efforts rooted in common principles, for the benefit of the region.

2024 has been a year of many proud moments. Without delving into every programme, I wish to highlight a few standouts. We celebrated the success of the 13th Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture (FestPAC), proudly supported our members' voices in shaping global governance and policy dialogues and played a critical role in assisting our Pacific Island member states at the historic International Court of Justice obligations of States in respect of climate change hearings. We saw the launch and expansion of initiatives such as the Pacific Data Hub, Digital Earth Pacific and Unlocking Blue Pacific Prosperity. Our flagships – climate change, gender equality, food systems and oceans – continue to be refined



and strengthened, including setting the stage for future digital transformation in our region through a digital flagship to unlock more resilient and inclusive development in our region. In times of crisis, our staff across the organisation stepped up to ensure business continuity and service delivery and our staff warden networks embodied the very best of One SPC values. We are also encouraged by the growing engagement and strengthened connections among our members, as reflected in the success of the 54th meeting of the Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (CRGA 54).

Reflecting on this year, the lesson is clear: we are stronger and more resilient when we stand together. Through an integrated approach and a shared culture of service, we demonstrated that SPC is not only a technical and scientific organisation but a true partner to the Pacific — adaptive, responsive, and enduring.

SPC will continue to build on the strength of its scientific and technical expertise, ensuring the organisation remains fit-for-purpose and responsive to the evolving needs and priorities of its members. I sincerely thank our members, partners and SPC staff – together, we have weathered challenges and emerged stronger. As I conclude my tenure, I do so with confidence that SPC is on a strong path, grounded in purpose, guided by science, and united in service to the Pacific.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stuart Minchin".

Stuart Minchin
Director-General

ABBREVIATIONS

CCES	Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability (SPC)	NDC	nationally determined contribution
CePaCT	Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees (SPC)	NDC Hub	Regional Pacific Nationally Determined Contribution Hub
CRGA	Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations	NGO	non-governmental organisation
CROP	Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific	OMD	Operations and Management Directorate (SPC)
DEP	Digital Earth Pacific	PCCOS	Pacific Community Centre for Ocean Science
DFAT	Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (Australia)	PDH	Pacific Data Hub
EQAP	Educational Quality and Assessment Programme (SPC)	PHD	Public Health Division (SPC)
EU	European Union	PICs	Pacific Island countries
FAD	fish aggregating device	PICTs	Pacific Island countries and territories
FAME	Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems division (SPC)	PIFS	Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	PILNA	Pacific Islands Literacy and Numeracy Assessment
GEM	Geoscience, Energy and Maritime division (SPC)	SDD	Statistics for Development Division (SPC)
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit	SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
HRSD	Human Rights and Social Development division (SPC)	SER	social and environmental responsibility
KFA	key focus area	SPC	Pacific Community
LRD	Land Resources Division (SPC)	SPL	Strategy, Performance and Learning unit (SPC)
MEL	monitoring, evaluation and learning	SRF	Strategic Results Framework
MFAT	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (New Zealand)	UN	United Nations
NCD	non-communicable disease	UNESCO	United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation





EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Pacific Community (SPC) Results Report 2024 highlights efforts to advance member priorities and foster a safer, healthier, more productive, inclusive and sustainable Pacific. Guided by the Strategic Plan 2022–2031, the organisation operates across 22 Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs) in over 20 development sectors, supporting communities and amplifying marginalised voices. Through scientific and technical expertise, we deliver culturally relevant, evidence-based solutions to address regional challenges.

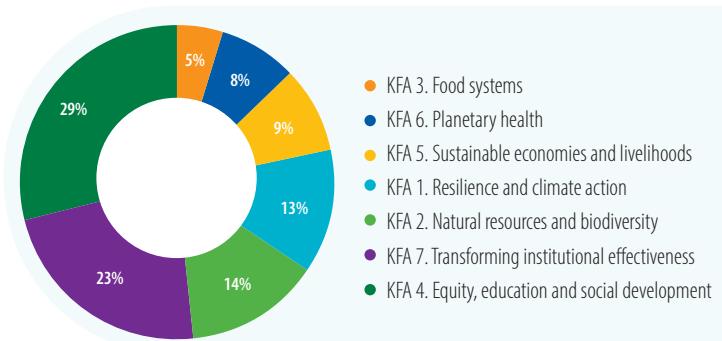
This is SPC's third report on the implementation of its Strategic Plan 2022–2031.

In 2024 SPC achieved 540 results, supported by 855 staff across five offices, with assistance from over 70 donors and development partners, contributing over EUR 130 million. This represents a 7% increase from 2023.

We integrate our cross-sectoral priorities – such as climate resilience, gender equality, social inclusion and institutional effectiveness – across all areas of our Strategic Plan 2022–2031 and Strategic Results Framework. Through initiatives like the Social

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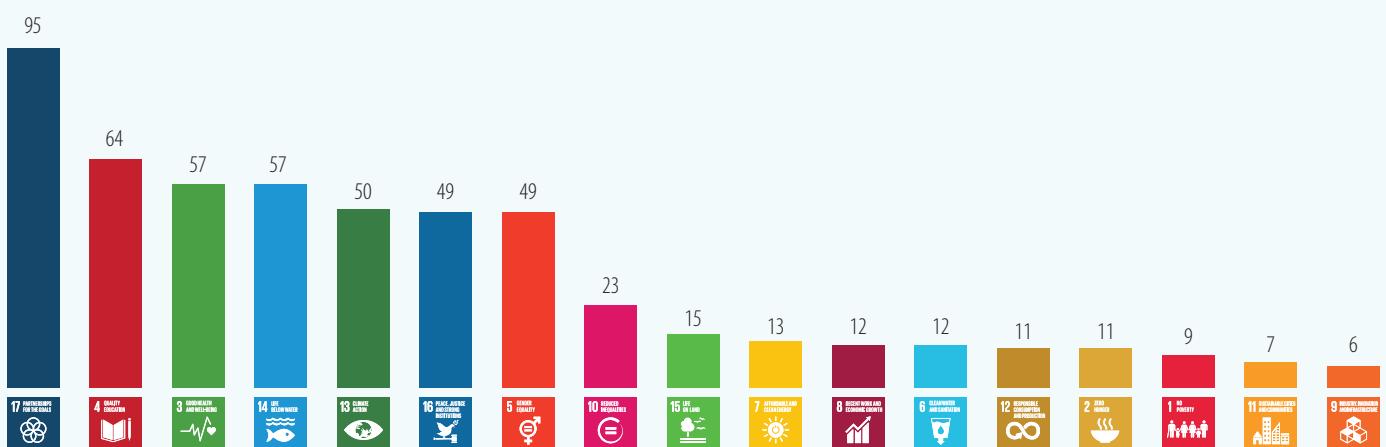
Results by KFA (n = 540)



and Environmental Responsibility (SER) Policy and Women in Leadership Programme, we leverage our scientific and technical expertise to support value-based and member-led sustainable development and lasting impact.

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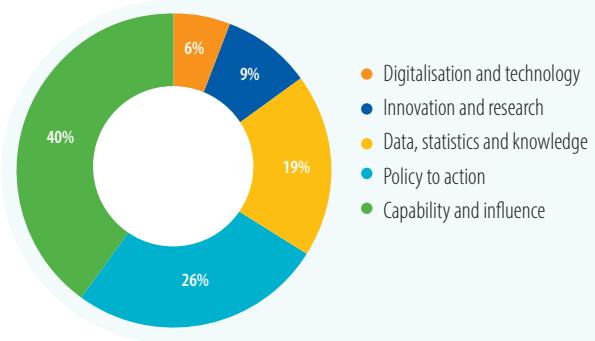
Contributions to SDGs (n = 540)



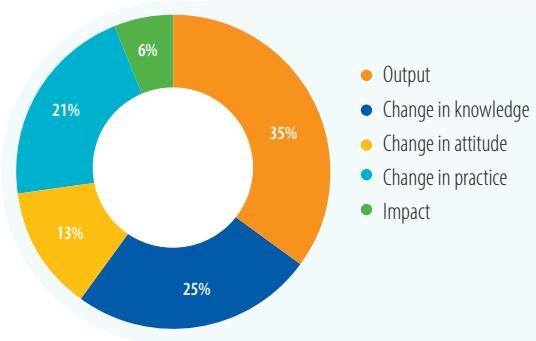
- Results¹ by key focus area (KFA):** Over 70% of our results contributed to four KFAs: KFA 4 (equity, education and social development), KFA 2 (natural resources and biodiversity), KFA 7 (institutional effectiveness) and KFA 1 (resilience and climate action). A sizeable proportion of our results (23%) stem from SPC initiatives implemented across its divisions towards institutional effectiveness (KFA 7).
- Results by Sustainable Development Goal (SDG):** All our work is aligned to the SDGs, as well as the 2050 Strategy goals and key thematic areas. We contribute to all 17 SDGs, with 60% of results contributing to SDG 3 (good health and well-being), SDG 4 (quality education), SDG 13 (climate action), SDG 14 (life below water) and SDG 17 (partnerships for the goals).
- Results by pathway:** 40% of the results and work reflected in this report have contributed towards strengthening capabilities and influencing policies at the regional and national levels. This includes capacity-building related activities and approaches, as well as reach through our advocacy work.
- Results type:** We continue to achieve a solid proportion (35%) of our results at the output level, which is evidence of significant scope of implementation and expansion in capability to implement projects and investments. In 2024 we achieved more higher-level results (change in knowledge, change in attitude, change in practice, impact), which increased from 63% in 2023 to 65%, while our impact level results rose from 4% to 6%.

¹ We classify our results by KFA, pathway, results type and SDG, aggregating work across multiple programmes and disciplines. Detailed and interactive results from 2018 onwards can be accessed via the Results Explorer, including country-specific reports.

Graph 3:
Results by pathway (n = 540)



Graph 4:
Results by type (n = 540)



Results highlights by KFA

SPC STRATEGIC PLAN 2022–2031 GOALS

GOAL 1 – ALL PACIFIC PEOPLE BENEFIT FROM SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT; GOAL 2 – ALL PACIFIC COMMUNITIES AND CULTURES ARE EMPOWERED AND RESILIENT; GOAL 3 – ALL PACIFIC PEOPLE REACH THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AND LIVE LONG AND HEALTHY LIVES.



In 2024 SPC advanced climate adaptation, resilience and access to climate finance through a comprehensive, multi-sectoral approach, reinforcing member countries' commitments to climate action.

- Leadership of Regional Pacific Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Hub: SPC is now officially leading the Regional Pacific NDC Hub.
- Secured climate finance: USD 68.7 million secured since 2021 for 11 climate projects, plus an additional USD 6.36 million in 2024 to bolster adaptation efforts in Fiji and Papua New Guinea.
- Enhanced ocean data access: Over 5000 Pacific users now access vital ocean information via the Pacific Tides app, with tide calendar coverage expanded from 25 to 40 locations and new wave climate reports covering 96 sites.
- Nature-based solutions qualification: The first accredited micro-qualification under the Kiwa Initiative was developed, providing Pacific-specific training in Nature-based Solutions to strengthen long-term resilience.



In 2024 SPC supported members in enhancing natural resource and biodiversity management by providing strategies and guidance to promote sustainable practices.

- Ocean science leadership: SPC is now the designated Ocean Decade Collaborative Centre (DCC), reinforcing its leadership in ocean governance and scientific collaboration.
- Genetic resource conservation: The Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees (CePaCT) conserves 2466 crop and tree accessions – 90% maintained in vitro, 9% as seeds and 1% in the field.
- Fisheries and aquaculture capacity building: A total of 1379 Pacific Islanders (963 men, 415 women, 1 other) from 22 PICTs received training in fisheries and aquaculture, and 183 individuals (160 men, 23 women) earned regionally recognised vocational certifications.
- Enhanced tuna management: SPC's tuna-focused apps processed around 10,677 log sheet trips and 1417 observer trips; at-sea observers deployed 2000 seeded tags on purse seine vessels and collected 52,671 tissue samples.



In 2024 SPC continued to invest in regional food systems, ensuring they are accessible, regenerative, biodiverse, equitable and resilient through agricultural development, sustainable fishing and food systems policy and data.

- Pacific Monitoring Alliance for NCD Action (MANA) Dashboard and non-communicable disease (NCD)-related policy: 21 PICTs have endorsed the MANA dashboard to drive the Pacific NCD Roadmap; 25 NCD-related policies and legislative frameworks across seven PICTs were reviewed, updated or newly developed.
- Climate-resilient crops from CePaCT: Fiji launched the drought-resilient Vanuavatu sweet potato from CePaCT. CePaCT distributed 36 accessions (across seven crops) and 596 plantlets to Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Niue and Papua New Guinea, with Nauru and Tuvalu preparations underway.
- Food, beverage and trade platform: SPC's Pacific Food, Beverage and Trade portal is now open to all members. Ongoing support includes capacity building, such as, training Tuvalu's National Statistics Office (NSO) on food data processing and poverty analysis using its Labour Force Survey.
- Food Systems Flagship: Significant progress has been made through member consultations in Vanuatu and Tonga to validate the initiative's strategic focus.



SPC continued to invest in strengthening social development systems to achieve lasting and impactful progress in education, gender equality and social inclusion, backed by its established mechanisms and technical expertise.

- Regional coordination for technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV) response: SPC serves as the regional coordination hub for the TFGBV programme, supporting PICTs in addressing trafficking and gender-based violence against women and girls in all their diversity.
- Advancing disability-inclusive electoral processes: SPC helped establish Tonga's first Election Disability Access Working Group (EDAWG) and secured the Marshall Islands' commitment to form its own EDAWG, enhancing election accessibility for persons with disabilities.
- Ensuring consistent, transparent and comparable education standards: SPC continues to provide tailored technical support to align national qualifications frameworks and quality assurance systems with the Pacific Qualifications Framework (PQF).
- South Pacific Form Seven Certificate (SPFSC) 20th anniversary impact: Over 20,000 students across six countries have benefited from the SPFSC programme, now celebrating two decades of achievements in 14 subjects and 37 schools.
- Education Research Bank launch: A new Education Research Bank, hosted on SPC's Pacific Data Hub, was launched to provide streamlined access to research materials across the region.

- Biogas advancing renewable energy in Tuvalu: Twenty biogas systems are helping Tuvaluan households convert organic waste into clean energy, cutting 129 metric tonnes of CO₂ emissions annually, reducing reliance on firewood and kerosene, and saving families AUD 80–85 per month on liquefied petroleum gas costs.

- Boosting sustainable aquaculture for small and medium enterprises (SMEs): SPC supported seven aquaculture enterprises in Fiji through solar power installations, technology transfers, training and infrastructure upgrades, strengthening small-scale, sustainable aquaculture across the region.
- New resources strengthen Pacific energy knowledge sharing: SPC added 1606 publications, 224 datasets, 118 events and 81 projects in 2024 to the Pacific Regional Data Repository (PRDR). These updates reinforce PRDR's role as a central platform for energy-related data and knowledge sharing across the Pacific.



SPC continued promoting planetary health by integrating human, animal and environmental health, strengthening health capacities in the region at both institutional and individual levels.

- Strengthening NCD policy and governance: SPC supported Pacific leaders in reviewing or developing 25 policies across eight PICTs in 2024, focusing on marketing restrictions, tobacco control and food safety to combat NCDs.
- Boosting veterinary capacity and strengthening regional early warning systems for animal health: Fiji launched a polymerase chain reaction (PCR) veterinary lab, supported by SPC, to enhance disease detection and response, broadening its scope beyond bovine tuberculosis.
- Leveraging technology for health: SPC is using digital tools to tackle health challenges, including childhood obesity and inclusive health services. Key initiatives include piloting the I-recall nutrition app, launching the SPC Regional Health Guidelines App and introducing a People with Disabilities database in Vanuatu.
- Enhancing healthcare capacity through professional networks and development: 138 health practitioners (78 men, 60 women) participated in capacity-building activities. SPC also strengthens healthcare delivery in the region through networks such as the Pacific Clinical and Nursing Networks (PCNNs) and other associations.



As we journey towards a 2031 future of an inclusive Blue Pacific with a well-being economy, our areas of focus in 2024 were sustainable livelihoods in fisheries, aquaculture and agriculture, domestic shipping and sea safety, energy and access to maritime zone information.

- Strengthening regional maritime governance through collaboration: SPC is advancing regional maritime governance through the Pacific One Maritime Framework (POMF) and biannual Heads of Maritime meetings. Key priorities include maritime safety, decarbonisation and inclusive access.

GOAL 4 – ONE SPC DELIVERS INTEGRATED PROGRAMMES THROUGH STREAMLINED SERVICES.



KFA 7 forms the foundation of all our accomplishments as we work to enhance institutional effectiveness as a unified SPC entity. Every division contributes to this focus area, guided by the organisation's core values.

- Recognized regional leadership: The 2024 Independent Institutional Review affirmed SPC as a trusted, well-resourced CROP agency, contributing significantly to member development needs, with potential to enhance coordination with partners.
- Staff well-being and resilience: With 855 staff in 2024, SPC introduced initiatives to support staff well-being and strengthen its capacity to respond to operational disruptions.

- Strengthening regional data and innovation: SPC advanced data systems through national statistics profiles, interoperability reporting, and the launch of key tools such as the Pacific time use survey methodology, National Data Portals and the 2050 Dashboard. The Regional Disability Statistics Project Plan (2024–2026) was also launched.
- Sustainable resource mobilisation: SPC's first Resource Mobilisation Strategy, shaped by member input, sets a long-term approach for financial stability and strategic partnerships to support flagship programmes.
- Operational excellence through One SPC: The Operating Model Transformation Programme and Shared Services initiative continue to improve efficiency and ensure delivery of critical services despite external shocks.
- Enhanced subregional engagement: SPC expanded the capabilities of its subregional offices in Micronesia, Polynesia and Melanesia to improve coordination, service delivery and engagement with member countries.

Note: More details of results are provided in each KFA chapter, starting on page 21.

At an organisation level, we monitor the implementation of our Strategic Plan 2022–2031 through selected pathway indicators, which are used to aggregate change at national and regional levels. SPC has demonstrated through its pathways that it has grown in both reach and capability across the region compared to 2022. The table below contains highlights for a selection of indicators, with more details found in the Our pathways chapter on page 70.

		2022	2023	2024	% change (2023–2024)	
	CAPABILITY AND INFLUENCE	Number of people accessing capacity-building activities	11,208	19,138	28,496	49
	POLICY TO ACTION	Number of legislation/regulations/policies endorsed, adopted and implemented	40	50	63	26
	DATA, STATISTICS AND KNOWLEDGE	Total number of statistical datasets published on PDH.stat	11,527	12,721	13,122	3
	INNOVATION AND RESEARCH	Number of research outputs published in PDH (scientific papers, publications, reports, policy briefs, policy documents, manuals, handbooks)	10,777	11,900	12,322	4
	DIGITALISATION AND TECHNOLOGY	Number of digital initiatives or tools supported by SPC in the reporting year	50	52	65	25



ABOUT THIS REPORT

The Pacific Community Results Report 2024 illustrates SPC's contribution to members' impacts on their priorities through science, technology and innovation, and the benefits they bring for Pacific peoples, their ocean, other natural resources, systems and institutions. This is the third report in response to the Strategic Plan 2022–2031.

This report covers the period January to December 2024.

Every year we endeavour to improve the results report in response to feedback, including recommendations on the previous report from the CRGA Subcommittee for the Strategic Plan.

All the results included in this report are accessible online via our Results Explorer, an interactive dashboard hosted on the Pacific Data Hub (PDH). With this tool, you can view results spanning from 2018 to 2024, searching by country, SDG, KFA, year, result type or keyword. The Results Explorer is available in English and French.



[See Appendix 1](#)
for further information on the results reporting methodology, including alignment with the SDGs and the 2050 Strategy, and details of the improvements that have been incorporated.



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ABOUT SPC

SPC is the principal scientific and technical organisation in the Pacific region, proudly supporting development since 1947. We are an international development organisation owned and governed by our 27 country and territory members.

We serve our Blue Pacific region as One SPC with our members and partners, working in unity across sectors, programmes, services and locations. We support sustainable development by integrating science and Pacific knowledge; strengthening individual and institutional capacity; building trusted relationships; working in culturally and contextually responsive and people-centred ways; and creating a shared understanding and pathways to impact.

Our unique organisation works in more than 25 sectors and disciplines in 22 PICTs. As a Pacific organisation, we serve our members by interweaving science, technology and innovation with cultural wisdom and Indigenous knowledge for our region's collective betterment. We harness our expertise across climate, ocean, land, culture, rights and good governance,

investing in Pacific people, working innovatively, and delivering through national, regional and international engagement and commitments, centres of excellence, and country, integrated and sectoral programming.

ORGANISATIONAL GOALS AND STRATEGIC PRIORITY AREAS

Guided by SPC's Strategic Plan 2022–2031, our work contributes to realising the priorities of our members – a unified, safe, just, equitable and resilient Blue Pacific – through four development goals and seven key focus areas.

VALUES

Rooted in our core values of kaitiakitanga (stewardship), aroha (care), gida gaituvwa (unity) and enginkehlap (generosity), and driven by making positive contribution and impact for our members, SPC continues to empower the Pacific through science, partnerships and innovation for a sustainable future.

Our Pacific values guide us – respect, solidarity and mutuality – in navigating towards our collective well-being and prosperity. Voyaging together as we serve our Blue Pacific, we embrace:



Enginkehlap | Generosity

We provide for each other. We work together towards our shared mission valuing all contributions.



Gida Gaituvwa | Unity

We progress together. Leaving no one behind, we harness the richness of our history and culture across generations.



Kaitiakitanga | Stewardship

We are the stewards of our Blue Pacific. Our history, knowledge and science hold the solutions for contemporary challenges.



Aroha | Care

We care for each other. The well-being of our people and places are at the centre of our efforts.

Note: SPC's Theory of Change is found in Appendix 2, page 89.

STRATEGIC PLAN 2022–2031

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Sustainable Pacific development
through science, knowledge
and innovation



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OUR VISION

We are voyaging towards a resilient Pacific. A region of peace, harmony and prosperity where all our people and communities live safe, free, healthy sustainable and productive lives. As wayfinders, our paths are intertwined with the culture, environment and resources of our Blue Pacific Continent. We recognise our role as stewards of our Pacific Ocean and are responding with urgent collective action to the threat of climate change.

OUR MISSION

To progress all Pacific peoples' rights and well-being through science and knowledge, guided by our deep understanding of Blue Pacific contexts and cultures.

VALUE PROPOSITION

The Pacific Community supports sustainable development by applying a people-centred approach to science, research and technology across all of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). We serve our members by interweaving and harnessing the nexus of climate, ocean, land, culture, rights and good governance; through trusted partnerships; investing in Pacific people; and understanding Pacific contexts.

OUR SECTORS AND DISCIPLINES

The Pacific Community covers more than 20 thematic sectors that are key to Pacific development, with a focus on climate change, education, statistics, coastal and oceanic fisheries, geoscience, oceans, disaster management, public health, land resources, human rights and social development.

We are a values led organisation

Enginkehlap	Kaitiakitanga	Gida Gaituvwa	Aroha
Generosity	Stewardship	Unity	Care

Navigating and measuring progress on our 10-year journey towards our preferred future



GOAL 1	All Pacific people benefit from sustainable development.
GOAL 2	All Pacific communities and cultures are empowered and resilient.
GOAL 3	All Pacific people reach their full potential and live long and healthy lives.
GOAL 4	One SPC delivers integrated programmes through streamlined services.

Five pathways guide the high-level actions towards our goals across SPC's seven key focus areas

Policy to action	
Data, statistics and knowledge	
Innovation and research	
Digitalisation and technology	
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PERFORMANCE REPORT

THE REGIONAL PICTURE

PACIFIC SOLIDARITY IN ACTION: STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE AND REGIONAL LEADERSHIP

Amid global crises, the Pacific region continues to exemplify resilience, solidarity and leadership in addressing shared challenges, particularly climate change, ocean sustainability and global justice. At the 53rd Pacific Islands Forum in Tonga, UN Secretary-General António Guterres reinforced the Pacific's vulnerability to climate change, with the region suffering disproportionate impacts despite contributing only 0.02% of global emissions.

Key regional developments included election of the new Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) Secretary-General, democratic elections in Kiribati, Palau, Solomon Islands and Tuvalu, and the

Pacific's collective support for New Caledonia's crisis. The Vanuatu earthquake, which claimed 24 lives and impacted over 80,000 people, along with landslides and flooding in Papua New Guinea resulting in nearly 700 fatalities, underscored the critical need for urgent climate action and strengthened disaster resilience.

Pacific leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the 2050 Strategy, with SPC and other CROP agencies aligning their contributions to regional priorities. SPC's scientific and technical expertise continues to play a pivotal role in strengthening Pacific resilience and advancing sustainable development.



OUR IMPACT

Our impact is measured by our contribution to the SDGs and the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

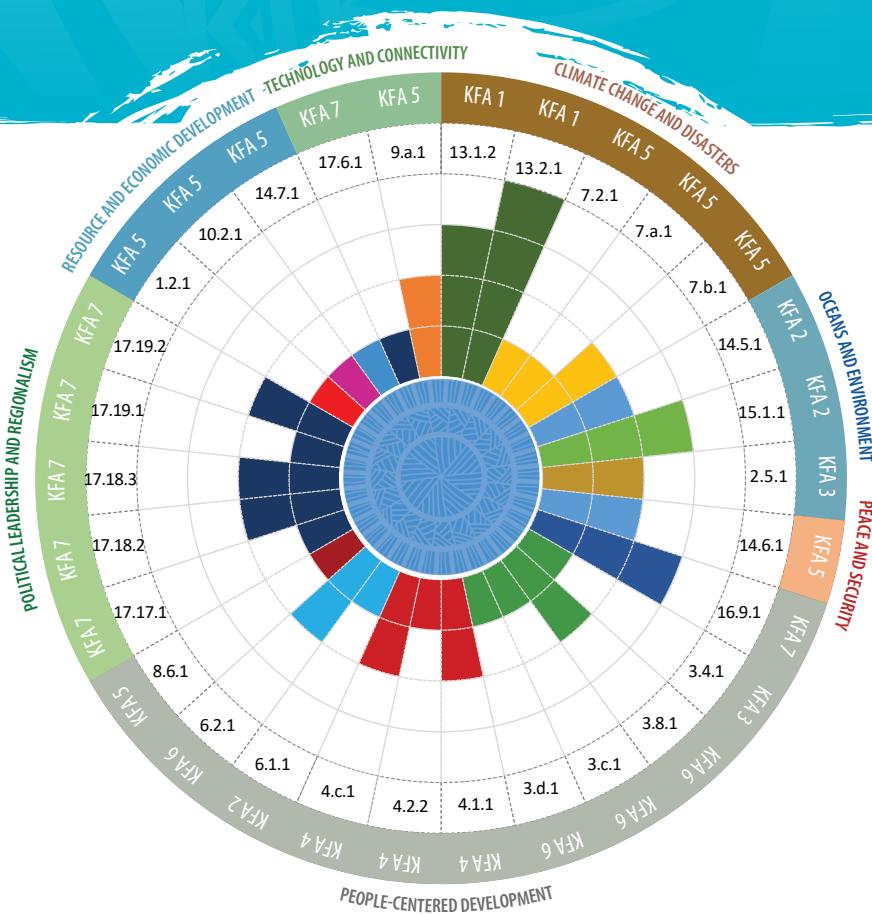


Figure 1: Regional progress on the SDGs for 30 of the 47 SDG indicators that SPC has identified as relevant to its work.

In 2024 the Pacific region continued to demonstrate resilience and unity, tackling challenges such as COVID-19 recovery, global tensions and political crises. The successful Forum Leaders

Meeting in Tonga highlighted the region's collective strength and determination in navigating shared adversities.

SUPPORTING OUR MEMBERS' PRIORITIES THROUGH STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT TO THE SDGS AND THE 2050 STRATEGY

We commit to delivering impact at the regional level through multiple initiatives and pathways. Our contribution to achieving regional development goals is through implementation of our strategic plan. We align and measure our contributions to global and regional priorities through the SDGs and 2050 Strategy.

The four strategic goals and seven key focus areas of our Strategic Plan 2022–2031 contribute to all 17 SDGs and seven thematic areas of the 2050 Strategy. This demonstrates that our work harmonises and supports the strategic priorities of our members, which are also aligned to the SDGs and 2050 Strategy.

Our Strategic Results Framework uses 47 SDG indicators across all 17 SDGs to assess our contributions as an organisation, recognising

that our contribution goes beyond these indicators. While the region is making progress in some SDG target areas, other areas are experiencing setbacks or lack data to accurately assess progress.

Regional progress – the aggregation of progress at the national level on each SDG indicator – reflects changes in the conditions of individuals, communities or systems. In 2024 progress was observed against 30 indicators (compared to 26 in 2023), while the remaining 17 indicators relevant to our work either lacked data to assess levels of progress or showed regression. Since our member and regional priorities are aligned to the SDGs, this progress indicates that our collective contributions are improving the lives of our people.

We acknowledge the ongoing commitment of our members and partners in supporting SPC to compile and update national data. As the custodian of Pacific data via the Pacific Data Hub, SPC remains dedicated to improving data availability and quality. A core role for SPC under the 2050 Implementation Plan and regional collective actions (RCAs) is enabling the region to access data to inform decision-making and track our progress, both as individual countries and as a region.

We continue to use this report to provide insights into our progress based on the available data and to highlight key areas where SPC contributes to significant impact in the region. A summary of regional progress on the 30 indicators is highlighted in each KFA chapter. Further details on each SDG indicator can be accessed here: <https://pacificdata.org/dashboard/17-goals-transform-pacific>.

DRIVING IMPACTS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL THROUGH 2050 STRATEGY REGIONAL COLLECTIVE ACTIONS, REGIONAL PUBLIC GOODS, CONVENINGS AND EVENTS

SPC's contributions through the 2050 Strategy's regional collective actions

Launched in 2022, the 2050 Strategy sets out a long-term approach to working together in the Pacific. Its vision is for a resilient Pacific of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity that ensures all Pacific peoples can lead free, healthy and productive lives.

While we contribute to all the RCAs, SPC serves as the lead agency for one and is co-lead for three of the 28 priority regional collective actions under the 2050 Strategy's thematic area People-Centered Development, leading regional efforts to drive system change to improve the lives of people in the Pacific.

People Centered Development	Regional collective action	Key highlights for 2024
	4. Regional support for cultural and legislative guidelines for the policy protection, safeguarding, and cross sectoral use of traditional knowledge and access benefit sharing. SPC lead	The 13th Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture (FestPAC13) held in June 2024 in Hawaii was a major cultural event, bringing together 3000+ delegates from 25 countries and Indigenous communities, alongside 100,000+ visitors. Key outcomes included the launch of the Pacific Regional Culture Strategy (PRCS) 2022–2032, which promotes cultural preservation and integration into national development policies. Traditional leaders signed the Tuurama Ariki Declaration, committing to using Indigenous knowledge for sustainable development and climate resilience. As the overseer of PRCS, SPC supports efforts to safeguard and promote Pacific cultures, ensuring traditional knowledge, crafts and artistic expressions remain vibrant for future generations.
	7. Improved research, GESI disaggregated data collection, analysis, sharing and dissemination to support evidence informed decision making. SPC co-lead with PIFS	SPC is committed to strengthening gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) data by supporting national statistics offices (NSOs) with technical assistance to improve national statistics and inclusive data collection, in addition to mainstreaming GESI through capacity building to both members and within SPC. In 2024 SPC supported national data efforts, hosted regional meetings, trained stakeholders and advanced inclusive data access through the Pacific Data Hub. Key achievements include the launch of the 2050 Strategy dashboard, in addition to the existing regional dashboards on gender, youth and disability, enhancing visibility and use of disaggregated data across the Pacific.
	9. Regional support to encourage the ratification of internationally agreed conventions to achieve internationally recognised qualifications. SPC co-lead with USP	Through the Pacific Regional Education Framework (PacREF), SPC continues to support the ratification of internationally recognised conventions to enhance the recognition of qualifications across the region. The PacREF Implementation Rolling Plan provides a structured approach for the delivery of training and assessment courses that align with international standards. This initiative helps ensure that qualifications obtained in the Pacific are recognised globally, facilitating greater mobility for students and professionals. SPC's support focuses on building local capacity in education and vocational training, ensuring that training programmes are both relevant and of high quality.
	10. Regional support for benchmarking to attain international certification and also meet global education standards for Pacific formal and non-formal education at all levels. SPC co-lead with USP	SPC supports Pacific countries in aligning their education systems with global standards, including UNESCO's Education 2030 Agenda (SDG 4) and PacREF. Through initiatives like the Pacific Qualifications Framework (PQF), technical and vocational education and training (TVET) programmes and standardised assessments such as Pacific Islands Literacy and Numeracy (PILNA), SPC strengthens qualifications, accreditation, examinations and teacher standards. We also work to improve education data systems (EMIS) and integrate non-formal education into national frameworks, enhancing the credibility, quality and competitiveness of education across the region.

SPC remains an important steward of key events and delivers on vital regional commitments

We make impacts through regional events such as public convenings, supporting leaders with technical advice to make commitments across multidisciplinary areas of work. Thirty-two regional convenings were held in 2024, including:

15th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women and 8th Pacific Ministers for Women Meeting

- Reaffirmed commitments to gender equality in PICTs and reinforced the revitalised Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration (PLGED) and the 2050 Strategy.
- Called for CROP agencies and governments to strengthen collaboration on a regional gender equality ecosystem.

13th Pacific Statistics Methods Board (PSMB) Meeting

- Endorsed a new expert subgroup to develop guidelines for integrating a time-use module focused on gender and human rights.
- Agreed to form a working group to better integrate data collection activities across household income and expenditure surveys (HIES) and multiple indicator cluster surveys (MICS).

9th Regional Meeting of Pacific Heads of Agriculture and Forestry Services (PHOAFS)

- Endorsed the draft Growing the Pacific: 2050 Strategy for Pacific Agriculture and Forestry for ministerial consideration in 2025.
- Approved a pilot phase of the Regional Research Agenda, focusing on climate-resilient crops and collaborative Pacific research.

15th Pacific Heads of Health Meeting (PHoH)

- Focused on addressing climate change-related health impacts via WHO's Small Island Developing States (SIDS) plan.
- Prioritised strengthening biomedical services and workforce qualifications.
- Emphasised youth engagement and increased female representation in the health sector.

More details can be found in Appendix 5: Outcomes of regional meetings. Our impacts on institutions and individuals through our interventions in 2024 are featured throughout the report.



STORY OF IMPACT



Tuna tagging trip in Solomon Islands

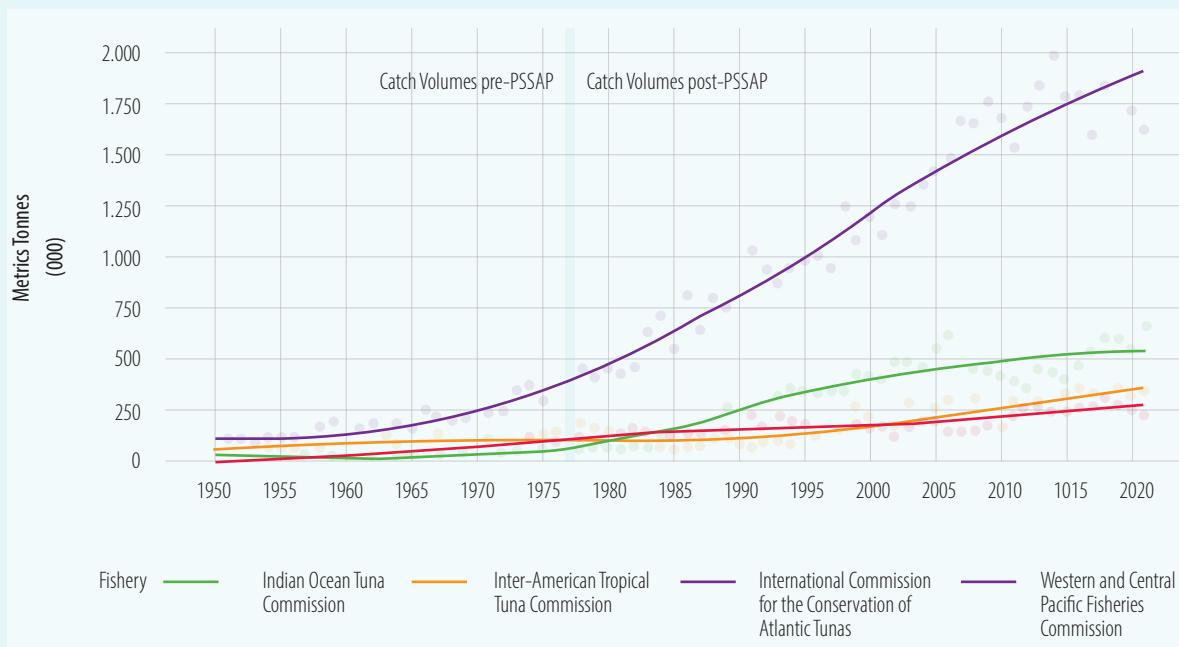
SCIENCE FUELS WEALTH: SPC'S TUNA TAGGING LEGACY

In 1977 the Pacific Community (SPC) launched a bold scientific effort – the Skipjack Survey and Assessment Programme (SSAP). With USD 4 million in funding, SPC tagged over 157,000 tuna, uncovering the vast size and resilience of the resource in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean. SPC's technical and human capacity was stretched to the limit, with SSAP accounting for 33% of our total budget and led to the purchase of our very first computer!

SSAP established a solid foundation for sustainable fisheries science and management, which has evolved into ongoing initiatives such as SPC's Tuna Tagging Programme and the Pacific Marine Specimen Bank. Today, SPC's Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme is a regionally supported initiative that has tagged nearly 800,000 tuna. SPC is commissioning a dedicated fisheries science vessel to ensure future generations benefit from ongoing research. What began as an ambitious study has transformed the Pacific's economy, demonstrating that long-term investment in science secures both prosperity and sustainability.

Pacific tuna stocks are now among the healthiest globally, with skipjack, South Pacific albacore, bigeye and yellowfin tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean considered "biologically healthy" and not subject to overfishing. Early investment in SSAP laid the foundation for a sustainable fishery that has become a USD 81 billion industry and generates over USD 500 million annually in access fees for Pacific Island nations.

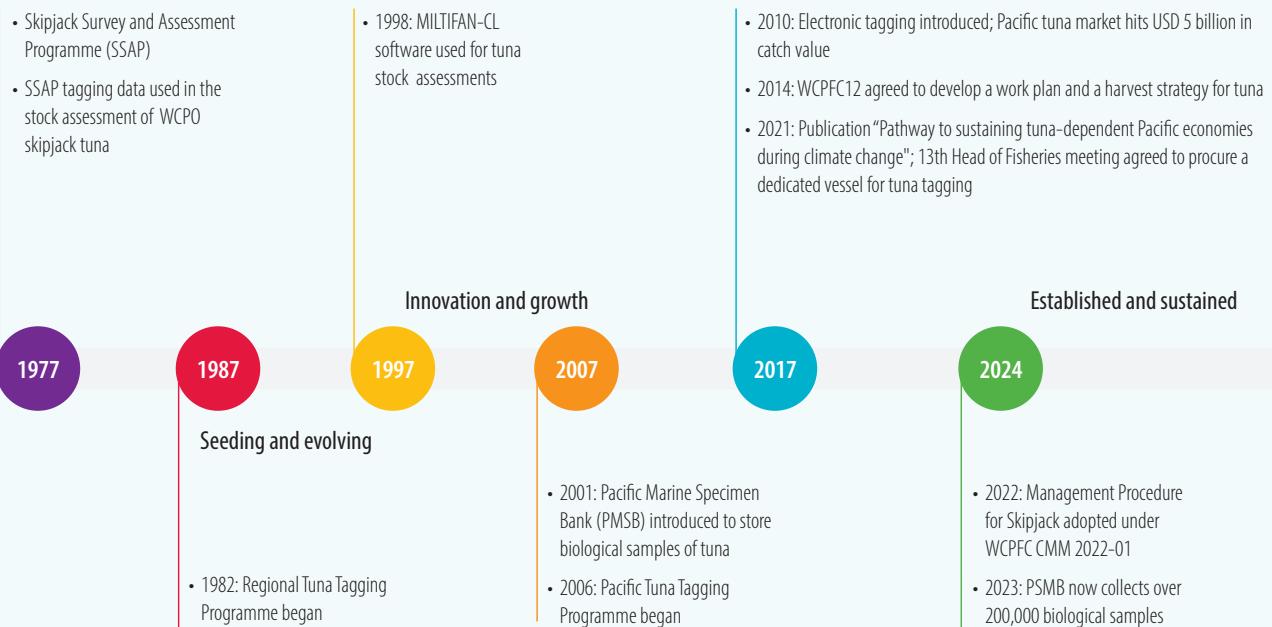
Global annual skipjack tuna catch volumes





From left to right: Barney Smith, Tony Lewis and Bob Kearney (founder of SSAP) – key mentors of the next generation of Pacific tuna fisheries scientists and managers – at a meeting in Cronulla in 1973, whilst all three were working for the Papua New Guinea Department of Agriculture, Stock and Fisheries (image: Barney Smith collection).

Tuna tagging legacy over the years



STORY OF IMPACT

SEEDING AND NURTURING MEL CAPABILITY FOR THE REGION, BY THE REGION: THE PACMEL JOURNEY

Pacific leaders face increasing demands for data-driven decision-making, necessitating strong monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) systems. PacMEL has played a pivotal role in addressing this need, fostering a regional MEL ecosystem that enhances accountability and planning across Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs).

PacMEL I (2019–2020) established MEL awareness and a regional baseline, culminating in the Pacific MEL Capacity Strengthening Rebbilib and participation in international evaluation forums. PacMEL II (2022–2024) built on this by creating the Pacific-led Va'a team, developing the region's first accredited Diploma in MEL and forming a growing MEL community of practice. Strategic partnerships with public service commissions have also aligned MEL qualifications with government workforce needs.

Key milestones include the integration of MEL into the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific and enhanced collaboration through partnerships with regional and international MEL bodies. The 2050 Implementation Plan has a focus on MEL as a key enabler for achieving collective aspirations. Capacity-strengthening activities delivered by SPC, such as MEL 101 training, readiness workshops and secondments, have increased regional expertise and expanded the MEL workforce. This work marks a significant step in strengthening Pacific-led MEL capacity, ensuring MEL professionals apply culturally grounded, evidence-based approaches when working in the region. Opportunities exist to strengthen PICT capacity to take ownership of targets for new global goals set at national and regional levels, enabling relevant targets and reporting reflective of Pacific realities.



PacMEL journey Leading Pacific MEL capacity strengthening

PacMEL Phase 1	PacMEL Phase 2		
2019–2020	2022	2023	2024
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial MFAT investment to seed MEL awareness in the PacificKakala research conducted, leading to the Pacific MEL Capacity Strengthening Rebbilib publicationFirst Pacific MEL Convening, establishing MEL as a regional priorityDuavata group formed (MFAT, SPC, national officials) to represent Pacific MEL at the International Development Evaluation Association (IDEAS) Global Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Establishment of the Pacific-led Va'a team2nd Pacific MEL ConveningMEL integrated into the 2050 Strategy for the Blue PacificMEL Needs Assessment Survey	<ul style="list-style-type: none">MEL incorporated into the 6th Heads of Planning and Statistics (HoPS)MEL Needs Assessment SurveyLaunch of the Diploma in MEL in Cook Islands, Fiji and Papua New GuineaRegional MEL partnerships with Australian, New Zealand and US evaluation associationsMEL secondment program launched	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Third Pacific MEL Convening, established Call to Action for MEL capacity strengtheningFirst cohort of students enrolled in Diploma in MEL at USPPlanning of PacMEL III (Strengthening phase), including expansion of Diploma in MEL to additional academic institutions and first review of the Diploma in MEL
Seeding and evolving			Nurturing and innovating

Our regional public goods

SPC supports the delivery of regional public goods; these services are provided by SPC on behalf of all members. This collective, regional approach to shared challenges and priorities provides benefits to all members.

Pacific Data Hub

Overview

The Pacific Data Hub (PDH) was officially launched in 2019 by SPC to serve as a centralised repository for data and information across the Pacific region.

PDH is part of an emerging Pacific data ecosystem supported by a partnership between SPC, the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and PICTs to promote greater coordination in data management, dissemination and uptake initiatives. The hub is supported by robust governance structures that foster trust, cultural alignment and ensure that data is managed responsibly and ethically, promoting a culture of transparency and accountability.

Link to website: [Pacific Data Hub](#)

Donor: MFAT

Partnerships: SPREP, PICTs

Key highlights

The Pacific Data Hub now hosts a suite of tools that significantly enhance data accessibility and use across the region. The data catalogue is the largest central data repository for the Pacific, while PacificMap offers spatial data visualisation for all 22 PICTs. The SDG Dashboard tracks progress on the Pacific's 131 SDG indicators, with regular updates. PDH.stat provides over 350 development and official statistics indicators, including population, economic and social data. Additionally, the Microdata Library serves as the central repository for Pacific census data, improving access, quality and reuse to support evidence-based planning and policymaking.

"Many of the problems facing the Pacific are too big to tackle alone. The Pacific Data Hub will enable a more joined-up response to development issues"

— Belinda Brown, former spokesperson for the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Consul-General in New Caledonia

PACIFIC DATA HUB
Harnessing the power of data and knowledge for sustainable development

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Pacific MANA Dashboard

Overview

The Pacific Monitoring Alliance for NCD Action (MANA) Dashboard, was launched in 2017 as a centralised tool to address the growing non-communicable disease (NCD) crisis in the Pacific. By 2018, dashboards were completed for all PICTs and endorsed by Pacific Health Ministers at the Pacific Heads of Health Meeting.

The dashboard assesses the implementation of key NCD policies and interventions, such as tobacco control, healthy eating and physical activity, and provides a visual summary of each country's performance against regional targets. By highlighting policy and implementation gaps, the dashboard enhances accountability, coordination and informed decision-making among governments, partners and stakeholders across the Pacific.

Link to website: [MANA Dashboard](#)

Donor: MFAT

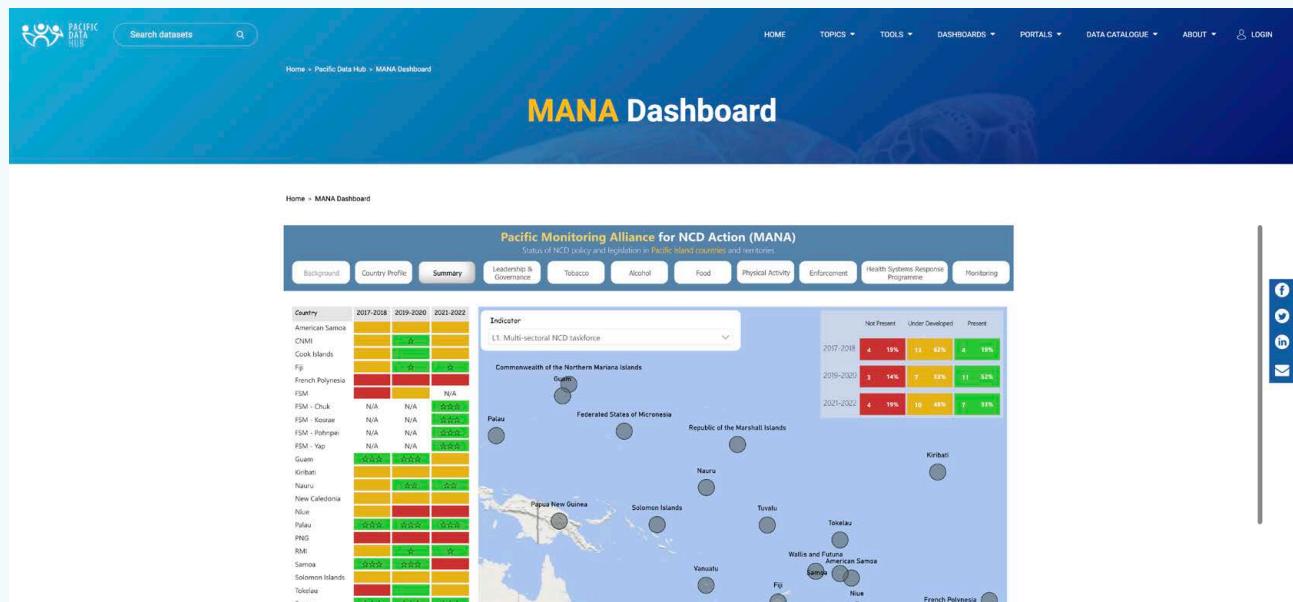
Partnerships: WHO, Pacific Research Centre for Prevention of Obesity and Non-Communicable Disease (C-POND), Pacific Island Health Officers Association (PIHOA)

Key highlights

The MANA Dashboard offers a structured, transparent platform used by 21 PICTs to track existence of and/or development and strengthening of NCD-related policy and legislation. With 31 indicators across leadership, preventative policies, health systems and monitoring, it uses a traffic light system to highlight progress and identify policy gaps. The dashboard serves as a key accountability mechanism and communication tool, aligning national efforts and partner support in addressing NCDs.

"MANA dashboard identifies and gives us knowledge of regional commitments but also encourages and highlights the work that we do, especially in terms of monitoring and presentation, it shows us the work that we have been doing all this time with the accurate reporting system."

— Ministry of Health, Jun Ho Gregory Kim, NCD Coordinator, Samoa, 2022



Pacific Marine Specimen Bank

Overview

The Pacific Marine Specimen Bank (PMSB), managed by SPC and established in 2001, serves as a regional repository for biological samples of pelagic species to support research and sustainable fisheries management. Its diverse collection includes samples such as stomachs, muscles, livers, gonads, otoliths, spines and blood, enabling in-depth studies on trophic structures, reproduction, age, growth and contaminant levels.

PMSB serves as a crucial resource for scientists, fisheries managers and policymakers, enhancing research on pelagic ecosystems and supporting sustainable oceanic fisheries management in the Pacific region.

Link to website: [Pacific Marine Specimen Bank](#)

Donor: Government of Japan

Partnership: Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), PICTs

Key highlights

- Long-term biological sample collection: Since 2020, the bank has collected 330,646 samples, conducted 49,307 analyses and captured 147,083 specimens from over 2400 fishing trips.
- PMSB provides critical data for understanding trophic structures (food webs), growth rates, age structures and reproduction cycles of pelagic species, and it supports ecosystem-based fisheries management and sustainable fishing practices across the region.
- PMSB enhances close collaboration with national and regional observer programmes in the region to collect samples from fishing vessels operating in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO).
- Data from PMSB is used to monitor environmental changes, such as climate impacts on fish populations and contaminant concentrations in marine species.

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Pacific Marine Specimen Bank. At the top, there is a logo featuring four circular icons representing different types of marine life: a fish, a bird, a whale, and a shrimp. To the right of the logo, the text "PACIFIC MARINE SPECIMEN BANK" is displayed in large, bold, blue and teal letters. Below this, a subtext reads "Samples to understand the biology and ecology of specimens in the Pacific region". On the right side of the header, there is a detailed illustration of a yellowfin tuna with its internal organs and skeleton partially visible.

Last sample

A new Muscle sample was added recently into the Specimen Tissue Bank. It comes from a *Thunnus albacares* caught on the 04 Jul 2025. It is available and stored in the facility of SPC Noumea, OFP-FAME, preserved with the following method: frozen -20°C, and packaged in eppendorf plastic vial, ready to be analyzed.

What's in the Bank?

2,570 Trips in the Pacific	8,763 Different Sets	164,853 Specimens captured	354,850 Samples collected	284,935 Samples still available	49,308 Analysis already made
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About the Bank

SPC has been coordinating the collection of biological samples of pelagic species from all over the Pacific Islands region on behalf of its member countries.

[Learn more...](#)

Search samples

Several tools are available to see the samples available in the Specimen Tissue Bank and how to collect them for your own analysis.

[Advanced search](#) [Sample map](#) [Proceed](#)

Request samples

Here are the different steps to follow to properly order and withdraw samples. Fill the forms and get what you need for your project.

[All details](#)

Contact us

The Pacific Marine Tissue Bank is managed by the Pacific Community (SPC) with storage rooms and laboratories all over the Pacific region.



KFA 1

Resilience and climate action

Future state 2031: Pacific people are thriving, with enhanced resilience from better informed decision-making and necessary resources that also enable the achievement of low carbon, climate resilient sustainable development.

OVERVIEW

The climate emergency is the greatest challenge facing our vibrant Blue Pacific Continent. Our work in the resilience and climate action focus area fosters adaptability and builds resilience to changing climatic conditions and extreme events. It also supports the climate-resilient sustainable development priorities of members.

SPC supports effective decision-making informed by high-quality and timely climate, hazard and disaster risk information about changes in oceans, land and water. We provide technical assistance and capacity building in developing and adapting innovative technologies and integrating Pacific data, scientific

expertise and Indigenous knowledge into climate decision-making, management and response activities. These support Pacific-led climate adaptation and mitigation actions, development of small-scale to large system-level solutions, low-carbon transition activities and enhanced water and sanitation.

SPC's accreditation to the Green Climate Fund and Adaptation Fund enables us to support members to access and manage climate finance. We also support members to tackle issues of climate-related loss and damage. Our engagement in international dialogue and support for young professionals and leaders contribute to national and regional action.

REGIONAL PROGRESS AGAINST THE 2030 TARGETS

The region is progressing toward the 2030 target, with an increasing number of countries adopting and implementing national disaster risk reduction strategies and integrating climate

change measures into their policies, strategies and planning frameworks. There is insufficient data to assess progress on two indicators.²

2050 Strategy	Climate Change and Disasters		
SDG indicator	13.1.2	13.2.1	
Progress	Number of countries that adopt and implement national disaster risk reduction strategies in line with the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015–2030		Number of countries with nationally determined contributions, long-term strategies, national adaptation plans, strategies as reported in adaptation communications and national communications
Progress:	● On track or achieved	● Average progress	● Little progress

Our contribution to impact at the regional level

We recognise climate change as the most significant threat to the well-being and security of Pacific communities. To address this, we have integrated climate change across all areas of our work, ensuring it is mainstreamed into our functional and programming efforts. Initiatives like our Climate Change Flagship highlight our commitment to prioritising this critical area of support for our members. We assist our members with strategies for climate adaptation, mitigation, resilience building and access to climate

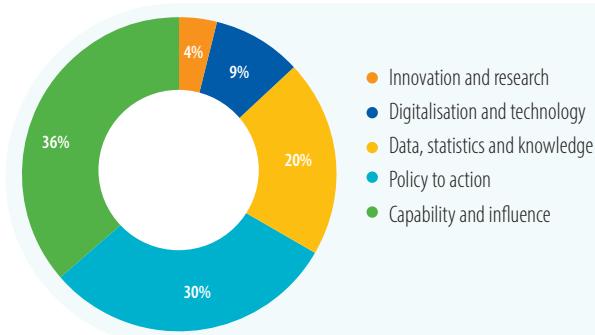
finance, focusing on key sectors such as agriculture, fisheries, health and education. Through advocacy at national, regional and global levels, alongside support for stronger national policies, community engagement, youth empowerment and technical expertise in areas like disaster risk reduction, early warning systems and climate finance, SPC is enhancing the Pacific region's capacity to respond to climate change and build a sustainable, resilient future.

RESULTS OVERVIEW

In 2024 SPC contributed 69 results to this KFA, representing 13% of the total number of results for 2024. The results align most strongly with SDG 13 (climate action) and the 2050 Strategy thematic area Climate Change and Disasters. We influenced change mostly through our capability and influence, policy to action, and data, statistics and knowledge pathways. 64% of results for KFA 1 contribute to higher-level results (change in knowledge, change in attitude, change in practice, impact).

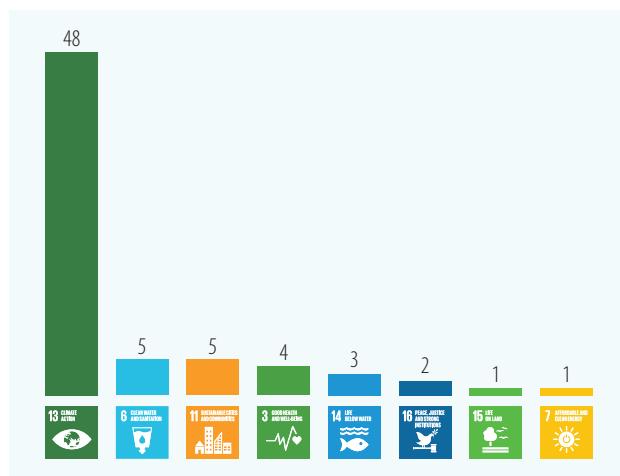
Graph 5:

Resilience and climate action | Results by pathway (n=69)



Graph 6:

Resilience and climate action | Contributions to SDGs (n=69)



² 13.2.1 (Number of least developed countries and small island developing States with nationally determined contributions long-term strategies, national adaptation plans, strategies as reported in adaptation communications and national communications) and indicator 14.2.1 (Number of countries using ecosystem-based approaches to managing marine areas).



SPC values in action: Gida gaituvwa – Marshall Islands' energy transformation: a unified approach

In 2024 Marshall Islands updated its National Energy Policy and Action Plan (NEPAP) to accelerate its shift from fossil fuels to renewable energy. Supported by the Regional Pacific Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Hub and Pacific Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (PCREEE), this revision aligns with global trends, national priorities and SPC's value of

gida gaituvwa – unity. Strengthening Marshall Islands' ability to meet its climate goals, the updated NEPAP enhances renewable energy, efficiency and resilience. Serving as a model for Pacific nations, it provides a roadmap for a sustainable energy future, ensuring progress that leaves no one behind.

RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS BY PATHWAY

Our Climate Change Flagship continues to influence and deliver results for members across all our interventions. More details on the Climate Change Flagship can be found on page 80.



SPC took on leadership of the Regional Pacific NDC Hub – supporting strong regional governance and collaboration on climate action

SPC has officially taken up leadership of the Regional Pacific NDC Hub from Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ). Building on the strong foundation laid by GIZ, SPC is leading the hub through phase 4 (September 2024–2027) using our extensive regional expertise to enhance regional collaboration and continuing to advance climate action across the region. Key achievements during the transition to leadership included finalising agreements with regional partners such as the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI) and Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and strengthening governance and operation procedures. SPC also initiated the development of a Partnership Charter, establishing a structured framework for enhanced cooperation between SPC and its implementing partners.

Through the NDC Hub, SPC also supported Fiji, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu in 2024 to develop their NDC investment plans and strategies, implement climate legislation and conduct national forest inventories. We also provided technical support to Niue to update its NDC, which was launched at COP29, outlining ambitious plans for renewable energy and ocean conservation.

SPC helped Fiji and Papua New Guinea secure climate finance support to boost climate resilience through adaptation projects

SPC supported member countries to secure a total of USD 6.36 million for projects that enhance climate resilience through adaptation. This included USD 5.7 million approved by the Adaptation Fund for Fiji's Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity of Coastal Communities of Fiji to Climate Change through Nature-Based Seawalls project. It also included USD 593,000 from the NDC Partnership Action Fund to enhance coordination mechanisms, financial systems for resource mobilisation and access to climate finance for adaptation projects in Papua New Guinea. Since 2021, SPC's Climate Finance Unit has supported 11 readiness, mitigation and adaptation projects to access funding totalling USD 68.7 million and continues to provide technical support and oversight to these.



Studies in soil health in Fiji and Tonga have helped support sustainable farming and identify solutions for improved crop production

SPC supported soil health experiments in Fiji and Tonga to promote climate-resilient and sustainable farming practices. In Fiji, fertiliser trials in Muaniweni boosted taro yields from 6 to 10 tons per hectare, with a second phase targeting 15 tons. Research in Sigatoka assessed the impact of fertilisers on English cabbage, while organic input trials in Narere focused on improving eggplant and sweet potato production. Soil analysis on Giant Swamp Taro identified poor drainage as a key issue, with raised beds recommended as a solution to enhance crop resilience. In Tonga, SPC partnered with MORDI-Tonga to conduct mucuna variety trials, evaluating its effects on soil health and taro yield, further strengthening adaptive agricultural techniques in the region.

SPC developed a range of knowledge products for PICTs to use in national planning and preparedness strategies

SPC supported Cook Islands, Samoa, Tonga and Vanuatu to develop tropical cyclone (TC) wind, wave and inundation modelling and generate 2D inundation hazard maps. These maps provide accurate hazard assessments that can be used to inform national preparedness and response strategies. Ongoing efforts include integrating impact assessments and river flooding modules from the National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research (NIWA) to strengthen the modelling and the resulting disaster risk management frameworks.

SPC developed 23 further risk-related knowledge products that support decision-making and development planning in Cook Islands, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. SPC's technical and scientific expertise, coordination support and capacity-building activities have contributed to providing member countries with critical insights into sea-level rise scenarios for coastal inundation, exposure of buildings and other infrastructure and populations. These efforts reinforce SPC's role as a regional leader in applied research and innovation, equipping the region with data and innovative tools and approaches to strengthen resilience and inform evidence-based decision-making.

Strengthening gender and disability-inclusive disaster preparedness and response

SPC's commitment to gender equality in disaster management recognises the vital role women play in disaster preparedness and response. Through the Pacific Owned, Women-Led Early Warning & Resilience (POWER) Systems initiative and Shifting the Power Coalition (StPC) project, SPC collaborated with organisations such as the Fiji Disabled Peoples Federation, Vanuatu Disability Promotion and Advocacy Association and Tonga Women's Information Network for Disasters (WIND) to enhance disaster preparedness and response by supporting the establishment of early warning systems and advancement of disability-inclusive practices.

Tonga's WIND platform is a women-led multi-hazard early warning system focusing on delivering timely and accurate information to communities, with an emphasis on addressing the needs of women and marginalised groups. The Vanuatu Disability Promotion and Advocacy Association supported 75 disability-affected households following Tropical Cyclone Lola in Vanuatu.

Enhancing ocean and climate resilience: SPC expands tide prediction and coastal monitoring tools

SPC's tide prediction calendars now cover 40 Pacific locations, an increase of 160% from 2023. American Samoa and Tokelau have been added, and Tuvalu is set to receive full coverage in 2025. SPC designs and produces the tide prediction calendars using traditional knowledge, science, policies and other information. The calendars are updated annually, and the Pacific Ocean Portal library provides access to both current and past editions. In addition, the Pacific Tides App now serves over 5000 active users across the region.

New wave climate reports, covering 96 locations, have been introduced to aid resilience planning and decision-making. Additionally, a new version of the Pacific Coastlines Change product on Digital Earth Pacific (DEP) supports climate change adaptation and disaster management. The upgraded digital platform provides essential data and analytics, empowering stakeholders with the tools needed for informed decision-making, ultimately fostering resilient and sustainable development in the region. SPC continues to provide technical leadership in managing the tool, in partnership with Australia's Bureau of Meteorology.



CAPABILITY AND INFLUENCE

SPC contributed to strengthened Pacific advocacy and influence in multilateral climate negotiations

SPC contributed technical and strategic advice and provided coordination support to Pacific delegates as they put forward regional priorities and advocated for stronger climate commitments at COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan. SPC stressed the need for urgent and bold climate action to tackle the challenges faced by the Pacific people and called for developed nations to be held accountable for their climate commitments, advocating for increased climate finance

and the development of tailored adaptation and resilience initiatives to meet the unique needs of Pacific communities. SPC's active participation at COP29 underscored its commitment to securing financial resources and policy support for climate adaptation and resilience in the Pacific.

SPC strengthens health and climate change collaboration across the Pacific

SPC has played a key role in advancing climate change and health priorities through regional and national stakeholder engagements. This included supporting climate-integrated vector control discussions at the Pacific Mosquito Surveillance Strengthening for Impact (PacMOSSI) and Pacific Climate Change conferences in Samoa and backing Fiji's presentation at the Global Health Security Conference in Sydney. SPC also facilitated the Pan Pacific Conference for Climate and Health in Nadi, bringing together participants from 11 PICTs and 15 partners to enhance climate finance support and mobilise resources for tackling health and climate change challenges in the region.

Pacific's first accredited nature-based solutions (NbS) micro-qualification supports the acquisition of skills to strengthen climate resilience activity in the community

SPC staff worked with industry experts to develop and accredit the first micro-qualification focused on enhancing adaptation and resilience through NbS. The Pacific-specific NbS course will be available across the region and can be used by training providers to strengthen regional capabilities in both practical and theoretical aspects of NbS. The course will train university lecturers, who will then integrate NbS into Pacific university curricula. It is anticipated NbS will be included as a dedicated course and an integral component of climate change degree programmes.



DATA, STATISTICS AND KNOWLEDGE

SPC technical expertise supported regional initiatives to strengthen capability in climate change data and statistics in the region

SPC continues to demonstrate leadership in data capacity building across the Pacific by delivering targeted training and strengthening regional expertise through support to initiatives such as climate change statistics workshops. In collaboration with the United Nations Statistical Institute for Asia and the Pacific (UNSIAP), SPC facilitated subregional training workshops on climate change statistics and indicators, engaging 40 participants (24 men, 17 women) from 14 PICTs. The workshops introduced key concepts on climate change statistics, assessed the current capacities and needs of member countries and outlined components of the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA). The sessions promoted peer-to-peer knowledge sharing, strengthening regional expertise in collecting and analysing climate change data to support evidence-based decision-making.

SPC's Climate Change Statistics Work Plan, designed to address regional needs and priorities, focuses on three key themes: capacity building, data production and information sharing. The plan was presented at the 13th meeting of the Pacific Statistics Methods Board (PSMB) and subsequently endorsed by the Pacific Statistics Standing Committee (PSSC), reflecting SPC's commitment to improving climate change data and statistics in the region.

Fisheries at the forefront of climate action in the Pacific

SPC, in collaboration with Conservation International, spearheaded efforts to address climate change through fisheries. As part of a funding proposal to the Green Climate Fund for a Regional Tuna Programme, SPC commissioned 12 technical studies to consolidate scientific, policy and technical insights. In

2024 SPC also released a 12-year update to the Pacific Regional Fisheries and Aquaculture Climate Change Assessment, covering all 22 PICTs. The update outlines climate risks and adaptation strategies for fisheries, aquaculture, livelihoods and blue foods, highlighting challenges such as coastal fisheries vulnerability and the redistribution of tuna stocks.

FEATURE PUBLICATION

Climate research on big ocean islands describes the vulnerability of large ocean islands to climate change, highlighting its impact on landforms, ecosystems and essential resources. The article discusses the role of climate science and action in supporting island communities.



Link: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s41558-024-02053-8>



STORY OF CHANGE



Tuvalu Lands and Survey Department staff with PLACE technical experts during field work, Funafuti, Tuvalu.

ANCHORED IN DATA: MAPPING TUVALU IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CLIMATE CHANGE

CONTEXT

Tuvalu, one of the world's most climate-vulnerable nations, faces rising sea levels, storms and coastal erosion. For Tuvalu, every metre of land counts, and every wave has the potential to reshape its future. In early 2024 Digital Earth Pacific (DEP), in collaboration with data trust PLACE, launched a high-resolution mapping project in Funafuti. PLACE's cost-effective model makes advanced mapping accessible for island nations, offering an affordable alternative to light detection and ranging (LiDAR).

CHANGE PROCESS

The Pacific Community (SPC) and PLACE deployed sophisticated aerial and street-level mapping equipment to capture very high-resolution images across Funafuti. Data collection focused on climate-critical areas, such as coastlines, infrastructure near vulnerable shores and key resources like freshwater ponds. By engaging local officials and communities in the data-gathering process, the project fostered an understanding of how this data would directly support Tuvalu's climate action planning. PLACE's team provided data processing tools and analytical support, converting raw data into actionable insights. Through workshops, Tuvaluan leaders learned how to use the data to assess environmental risks and prioritise adaptation projects.

RESULTS AND IMPACT

In collaboration with DEP and PLACE, the Government of Tuvalu achieved significant outcomes through ultra high-resolution data capture and analysis, including mapping 7.8 square kilometres of Funafuti, enabling precise climate planning and infrastructure assessment. The project identified 1890 water tanks, providing



accurate estimates to manage water resources and plan for dry periods more effectively, and mapped 224 solar panel clusters to optimise renewable energy expansion. Comparative imagery from 2019 and 2024 revealed significant land-use changes, allowing Tuvalu to monitor coastal erosion and the effects of sea-level rise, crucial for long-term adaptation strategies. This data-driven approach allows Tuvalu to pinpoint areas most at risk from rising seas, plan for future storm impacts and allocate limited resources effectively.

LESSONS LEARNT

Tuvalu's experience showed that very high-resolution data is an investment that enhances climate resilience and supports sustainable development, enabling Tuvalu to shift from reactive to proactive planning. Collaboration was key, with local leaders and communities ensuring data relevance and applicability. The initiative also demonstrated its potential as a model for other small island states, with Kiribati, Marshall Islands and Tonga next in line.

Division: Geoscience, Energy and Maritime (GEM)

Donors: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), New Zealand; Government of the United Kingdom; Patrick J McGovern Foundation (PJMF)

Watch the video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WC_3IYIpApo



MAINSTREAMING CROSS-SECTORAL PRIORITIES

Niue strengthens climate commitments with updated NDC based on local ownership and regional collaboration

In 2024 Niue took a major step toward enhancing its climate resilience by updating its nationally determined contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement. With support from the NDC Hub in partnership with SPC, this process ensured that Niue's climate commitments are ambitious, actionable and aligned with national and regional priorities. A pivotal validation consultation in February 2024 brought together key stakeholders to refine the draft NDC, reinforcing local ownership and engagement.

The NDC Hub played a critical role in guiding the consultative process, ensuring that diverse perspectives were integrated into Niue's updated NDC. This included strengthening commitments to ocean conservation, renewable energy and sustainable development.

Niue's updated NDC was launched in November 2024 at COP29. The finalisation and submission of the updated NDC to the UNFCCC in 2025 will mark a significant milestone.



Launch of Niue's updated NDC at COP29, Baku, Azerbaijan (from left to right: Haden Talagi, Director of Environment, Ministry of Natural Resources; Tagaloa Cooper-Halo, Director, Climate Change Resilience at SPREP; Hon Dalton Tagelagi, Niue Prime Minister; Coral Pasisi, Director of the Climate Change and Sustainability Division at SPC; Hon Mona Aina'u, Minister of Natural Resources).

INNOVATION

Building climate-resilient health systems in the Pacific: Innovation and collaboration in 2024

The Pacific region faces escalating health risks due to climate change, driving an urgent need for innovation and coordinated action. Increasing cases of climate-sensitive communicable and non-communicable diseases (NCDs), coupled with fragile healthcare infrastructure, prompted the inaugural 2024 Pan-Pacific Conference on Climate Change and Health to underscore the need for transformative solutions, emphasising the qualitative impacts of

climate change – cultural loss, mental health and quality of life – beyond economic metrics.

Through the Pacific One Health approach, SPC continues to support Pacific nations build adaptive health systems – an example in 2024 was SPC's support to Fiji's Ministry of Health. In May 2024 the Pacific Heads of Health endorsed the Pacific Network for Health and Climate Change to monitor regional progress. At the Pacific Islands Forum in August 2024, leaders highlighted the need for climate resilient and environmentally sustainable healthcare facilities and advocated for increased international climate finance to support this transition.



Participants of the inaugural 2024 Pan-Pacific Conference on Climate Change and Health.



KFA 2

Natural resources and biodiversity

Future state 2031: Thriving, productive and resilient ecosystems and communities, responsibly harnessing our natural resources and biodiversity for security and prosperity.

OVERVIEW

Natural systems, biodiversity and ecosystems underpin community livelihoods and security. Collective efforts are required to ensure natural resources are sustainably managed, biodiverse, thriving and productive.

SPC supports the protection, management and restoration of our ecosystems, including wetlands, water sources, oceans, coastal fisheries resources, landscapes, energy and georesources, as well as soil and plant genetic resources.

SPC leads the application of Pacific science and research to inform international and bilateral resource management agreements and policies, support ecological assessments and monitoring activities, improve biosecurity and enhance the management of land and ocean resources. Our cutting-edge scientific capacity supports the conservation and use of marine, plant genetic and renewable resources and fosters Pacific scientists, professionals and future leaders.

Divisions: CCES, EQAP, FAME, GEM, LRD, PCCOS

REGIONAL PROGRESS AGAINST THE 2030 TARGETS

The region is making progress toward the 2030 target for protected marine areas and forest coverage while also continuing efforts to increase the proportion of the population with access to

safely managed drinking water services. There is insufficient data to assess progress on one indicator.³

2050 Strategy	People-Centred Development, Ocean and Environment		
SDG indicator	6.1.1	14.5.1	15.1.1
Progress	Proportion of population using safely managed drinking water services	Coverage of protected areas in relation to marine areas	Land area covered by forest

Progress: ● On track or achieved ● Average progress ● Little progress

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO IMPACT AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

We recognise the growing pressures on our environment and natural resources and the challenges these pose to sustainable and resilient growth in the Pacific. We work closely with our members to conserve, restore and sustainably manage our region's vital ecosystems and natural resources. Guided by member priorities and regional commitments, we support sustainable fisheries

management and ecosystem restoration, including wetlands, water sources, oceans, biodiversity, landscapes, energy, georesources and soil and plant genetic resources. Through policy influence, regional collaboration and amplifying the Pacific voice, we advocate for conservation measures, promote sustainable practices and enhance regional capacities to secure a sustainable future for all.

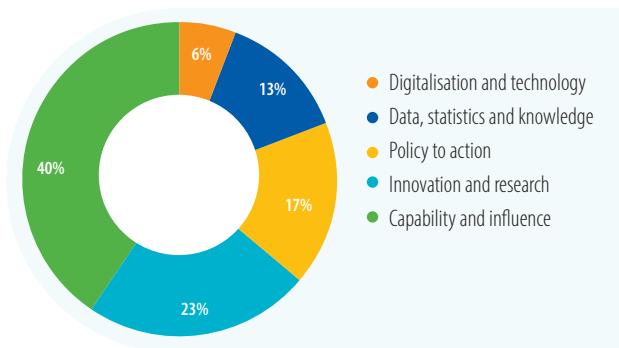
RESULTS OVERVIEW

In 2024 SPC contributed 77 results to this KFA, representing 14% of the total number of results for 2024. The results align most strongly with SDG 14 (life below water) and SDG 15 (life on land) and the 2050 Strategy thematic areas Ocean and Environment and People-

Centered Development. We influenced change mostly through our capability and influence, policy to action, and innovation and research pathways. 64% of results for KFA 2 contribute to higher-level results (change in knowledge, change in attitude, change in practice, impact).

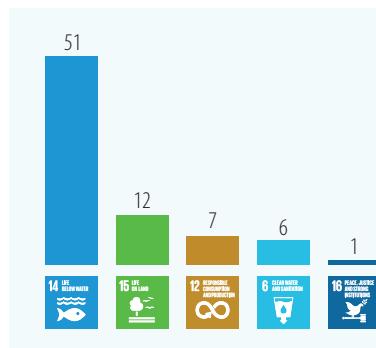
Graph 7:

Natural resources and biodiversity | Results by pathway (n=77)



Graph 8:

Natural resources and biodiversity | Contributions to SDGs (n=77)



SPC values in action: Enginkehlap – sharing knowledge for a sustainable Pacific

The Digital Earth Pacific training in Majuro, held in August, exemplified SPC's value of enginkehlap – generosity, fostering knowledge-sharing among Pacific nations. Led by SPC and Palauan climate leader Olai Uludong, participants from Marshall Islands, Palau and Tuvalu learned to use QField in QGIS, a free

and open-source geographic information system, for mapping land and marine areas. Through hands-on training and fieldwork, participants mapped diverse environments, from croplands to coastlines. Final presentations showcased applications in waste monitoring, disaster response and environmental protection.

³ Indicator 14.3.1 (Average marine acidity (pH) measured at agreed suite of representative sampling stations).

RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS BY PATHWAYS

Our Ocean Flagship and Climate Change Flagship continue to influence and deliver results for members across all our interventions. More details on these flagships can be found on page 80 and page 83



POLICY TO ACTION

Our research and technical advice supported 13 PICTs to strengthen fisheries governance and management through coastal fisheries and aquaculture plans and legislation

SPC provided scientific research, analysis and technical advice to support Cook Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu develop coastal fisheries and aquaculture management plans. A total of 26 plans were developed, with 15 currently in draft, and 11 completed and adopted. We also supported 13 PICTs to develop or update coastal fisheries and aquaculture legislation. This included 22 regulation documents or bills on coastal fisheries and aquaculture, 15 of which are in draft, and 7 completed and adopted. This range of plans and legislation will support PICTs to apply evidence-based fisheries management and strengthen their compliance with coastal fisheries laws and policies.

We helped advance maritime sovereignty through the review of the Melanesian Borderland Plateau (MBP) submission

After 15 years of collaborative work, Fiji, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu agreed on steps that will advance their submission to secure the Melanesian Border Plateau extended continental shelf (ECS). The shelf, situated beneath the ocean, is shared between the three countries. Providing scientific proof that areas of the seabed are natural extensions of the countries' land territory was an important step in the submission process for the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) in order to secure maritime borders and explore economic potential from securing ECS rights. SPC worked alongside the countries, supporting scientific fieldwork, mapping and data verification and providing coordination support. This work culminated in two outcome documents that paved the way forward for these nations to jointly submit their claims, which included virtual meetings to progress the claims at national levels before being elevated to UNCLOS.



INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

SPC continues to support the sustainable management and long-term conservation of a diverse range of crops in the Pacific through the Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees (CePaCT)

SPC has continued to expand CePaCT collections by coordinating the acquisition of 179 crop and tree accessions from seven PICTs in 2024 for health testing, research and conservation. These included yams, cocoyam, taro, coconut, pineapple, cassava, banana and alocasias. In addition, 14 priority tree accessions under threat were collected from Fiji. Work has since progressed to plant these new imports at the CePaCT post-entry quarantine facility.

Our work with CePaCT continues to ensure the safe duplication of genetic material. In 2024, 38% of acquired accessions were duplicated on-site at the CePaCT emergency facility, with 19% of accessions duplicated offsite. SPC is also working to finalise agreements for safe accession duplication of yam with the

International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA) in Nigeria and arrords with the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa (SROS).

SPC advances agricultural research and innovation for climate resilience

SPC is driving innovative research to enhance forestry biosecurity and climate-resilient agriculture in the Pacific. A newly launched forest invasive species study is developing a community-led management model, with Fiji and Tonga engaged in site identification. Additionally, SPC's digital elevation model is creating a classification framework to support sustainable detection and management of invasive species.

In agriculture, an assessment of drought tolerance in seven dalo varieties in Fiji's Western Division identified Tarova Loa and Uro ni Vonu as promising resilient varieties. To further strengthen food security, SPC is developing standardised screening protocols for drought, salinity and waterlogging, ensuring climate adaptation and mitigation strategies benefit Pacific farmers. These initiatives reinforce SPC's leadership in agricultural innovation, empowering communities with science-driven solutions to safeguard natural resources.



DIGITALISATION AND TECHNOLOGY

Hydro Pacifique: an innovative tool for storing, managing and consulting hydrological data in French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna

An open-source digital platform was developed in collaboration with Vai Natura, a company based in French Polynesia. The Hydro Pacifique platform has been designed to meet the common needs of the three territories while respecting their specific characteristics. Hydro Pacifique integrates pluviometric, limnometric and piezometric data, providing a cross-display of information. For example, it is now possible to compare pluviometric data with piezometric or limnometric data over a given period, enabling services to analyse the impact of rainfall on the flow of a river or the water level in a water table.

Given the geographical constraints of these islands – especially limited freshwater availability on atolls – this initiative focuses on sustainable water management, resource conservation and efficiency improvements. Through collaborative research, capacity building and policy support, Hydro Pacifique enhances water security by promoting innovative technologies, integrated water resource management (IWRM) and community-based solutions. The platform also facilitates regional knowledge exchange, enabling stakeholders to share best practices, develop adaptive strategies and strengthen resilience against climate-related water challenges.

Growing adoption of e-reporting in Pacific tuna fisheries

In 2024 approximately 10,677 log sheet trips and 1417 observer trips were processed through the Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems (FAME) division's tuna-focused apps. While the total number of trips processed saw a slight decline, e-reporting usage continues to rise, with longline observer e-reporting increasing from 49% in 2023 to 54% in 2024. Additionally, the Ikasavea app processed 4931 landing and community trips and 13,042 market stall surveys this year, further supporting data-driven fisheries management in the region.



CAPABILITY AND INFLUENCE

We continue to contribute to strengthened community-based fisheries management across the region

SPC continues to provide technical advice and support to implementation of coastal-based fisheries management (CBFM) across 14 PICTs. In 2024 this included a week-long CBFM workshop held in Fiji; 95% of the 45 participants indicated that they gained new knowledge, and 93% said the workshop helped them better understand their regional CBFM framework. SPC also conducted targeted CBFM training for 18 trainees from eight PICTs; supported Kiribati, Nauru, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Tuvalu to implement national CBFM scaling-up strategies; and facilitated a workshop in Solomon Islands attended by 30 participants which resulted in draft CBRM action plans for Temotu and Makira provinces.

SPC hosted the annual regional CBFM workshop and provided technical advice to support PICTs to expand their CBFM efforts. Participants from 10 PICTs attended the workshop and estimated that over 1100 communities are practising CBFM across the region. Based on the 2022 baseline of 1032 coastal communities practicing CBFM, the number has increased by 64 communities, representing a 6.2% growth in coastal communities implementing CBFM.

Our technical assistance supported the development of the first-ever qualification in hazardous waste management and adoption of sustainable waste-to-energy solutions

We collaborated with the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) to provide technical support on the development of a qualification in hazardous waste management for the Pacific Hazardous Waste (PacWaste) project. Industry experts from eight organisations participated in training sessions designed to equip them with essential processes and expectations to support the development of a draft regional qualification.

In addition, our staff provided technical input on the development and accreditation of a Certificate IV and Diploma (Level 6) in

Sustainable Energy for the Pacific Adoption of Waste-to-Energy Solutions (PAWES) project. Our staff collaborated with a range of experts across organisations, universities and expert groups to develop, finalise and endorse the qualifications. Our collaboration and technical input have supported the development of fit-for-purpose qualifications to improve regional management of hazardous waste by enhancing capacity at the national level in waste-to-energy solutions.



DATA, STATISTICS AND KNOWLEDGE

SPC supports community-driven water monitoring efforts in Tuvalu

We actively supported water management efforts in Tuvalu, focusing on community-based monitoring. After a consultation workshop on community monitoring systems and methods held on Nui Island, SPC facilitated community-based monitoring at the bore drill site. This approach has significantly enhanced community understanding and participation in water management. In addition, SPC engaged with local stakeholders across all key project sites, ensuring that Tuvaluans are informed about the importance of sustainable water practices. Through these engagements, SPC has empowered Tuvalu's communities to take an active role in water resource management, building their capacity to monitor and manage water resources effectively. This initiative supports the country's long-term water security and resilience to climate impacts and water scarcity challenges.

Our digital resources on fisheries and aquaculture management continue to be accessed by many PICTs

Throughout 2024, our digital resources on fisheries and aquaculture management were downloaded 19,590 times across 21 PICTs, and 964,145 times globally when excluding PICTs. The most downloaded resources include guides for onboard handling of sashimi-grade tuna, the results of the Benefish study and an overview of common food fish in Fiji. We continue to gauge demand for digital resources and support improved access to fisheries and aquaculture management information and knowledge.

FEATURE PUBLICATION

Unveiling the global influence of tropical cyclones on extreme waves approaching coastal areas discusses the influence of tropical cyclones globally on wave dynamics, coastal hazards and the need for improved prediction and risk management strategies.

Synthesizing the spatial functionality of contemporary stock assessment software to identify future needs for next generation assessment platforms analyses the use and function of this software, identifying strengths, limitations and future requirements to enhance next-generation assessment platforms for improved fisheries management and sustainability.

<https://www.nature.com/articles/s41467-024-50929-2>



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STORY OF CHANGE

UNLOCKING OCEAN SOLUTIONS THROUGH A CROSS-FUNCTIONAL APPROACH



CONTEXT

The significant impacts of climate change on resource distribution and increased risk of extreme events are often overlooked in marine management plans. Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs) have shown growing interest in integrated approaches to ocean management, of which marine spatial planning (MSP) is a critical tool. In March 2022 Palau launched its Blue Prosperity Plan and sought the Pacific Community's (SPC) support with MSP. An opportunity presented itself for SPC to integrate efforts across divisions to support PICTs effectively.

CHANGE PROCESS

In June 2022 SPC secured USD 5.7 million over four years for the Climate Resilient Marine Spatial Planning (CR-MSP) project to support PICTs develop science-based marine plans for sustainable, inclusive and resilient ocean-based economic development for a Blue Pacific Economy. SPC established a cross-disciplinary team through the Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems (FAME) division, Pacific Data Hub (PDH) and Geoscience, Energy and Maritime (GEM) division. In 2023 efforts focused on establishing governance structures, grievance mechanisms, a phased approach for offshore/nearshore areas and community consultations. Activities in 2024 included stakeholder workshops, engagement plans, fisheries analysis and biodiversity assessments.

RESULTS AND IMPACT

Fisheries and biodiversity assessments from the project informed a policy paper and bill to rezone Palau's exclusive economic zone (EEZ), supporting sustainable fishing and conservation efforts and demonstrating the project's impact on the use of science for policy decisions. The project has built on SPC programmes such as the Pacific Fisheries Leadership Programme and is collaborating with SPC's Educational Quality and Assessment Programme (EQAP) and Human Rights and Social Development (HRSD) division and technical experts to develop micro-qualifications. Leveraging multiple projects, including collaboration with the Integrated Ocean Management Regional Workshop and various international partners, has created favourable conditions to create scalable tools and processes beneficial for the entire Pacific. SPC is now a recognised technical partner on MSP, with capacity to secure new funding and expertise.



SPC and Palau team at the Marine Spatial Planning Workshop held in September 2024.

LESSONS LEARNT

SPC's role in ocean management has been recognised and legitimised. The project demonstrated SPC's innovative cross-divisional model but has highlighted the need for improved coordination and enabling conditions for cross-divisional working. A key project challenge was Palau's monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) capacity. Recognising this, SPC delegated data collection and developed reporting templates, and GEM will provide MEL capacity-building training using Palau's Fisheries Strategic Plan to develop a results framework.

Divisions: FAME, GEM, PDH, Pacific Community Centre for Ocean Science (PCCOS)

Donors: US Department of State; Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), New Zealand

Watch the video: <http://youtube.com/watch?v=ELffqSQcxqo>



MAINSTREAMING CROSS-SECTORAL PRIORITIES

Inclusive research to build capacity and ownership: Kiribati's gender and fisheries analysis

In 2024 SPC continued to support gender equality in Kiribati's fisheries sector through the Pacific-European Union Marine Partnership (PEUMP) programme. Following a 2023 gender analysis in 10 communities, SPC worked with the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resource Development (MFMRD) to integrate gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) into fisheries management.

A key milestone was a three-day GESI training for 22 MFMRD staff (14 women, 8 men), after which 93% of participants reported a clearer understanding of integrating GESI into their work. SPC also supported over 60 focus group discussions with 488 fishers (246 women, 242 men) and key informant interviews. The findings informed policy and were presented by MFMRD's Coastal Fisheries Director at the regional 16th Heads of Fisheries meeting in April 2024, signalling Kiribati's commitment to gender equity.

With SPC's guidance, MFMRD staff now lead gender-responsive initiatives such as forming women's fisheries organisations and using GESI tools in community engagement.



Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Development Director Ms Tooreka Temari co-presenting the findings at the 16th Heads of Fisheries meeting in Noumea in April.

INNOVATION

Harnessing traditional knowledge and innovation for sustainable fishing in Wallis and Futuna

Wallis and Futuna, like other Pacific Islands, face challenges in sustaining traditional marine practices due to declining fish consumption, fewer fishing households, climate change and unsustainable practices. In response, SPC's Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability (CCES) programme, through the PROTEGE project, and the Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems (FAME) division launched Te Tai Matapuna Ote Mauli/La mer, notre source de vie (The Sea, Our Source of Life), a comprehensive communication strategy aiming to reconnect communities with the ocean.

A major milestone for 2024 was the launch of two sustainable fishing educational toolkits, one for schools and one for the general public. Featuring games, escape challenges, posters and interactive activities, these resources enhance awareness of fishing's cultural, economic and ecological importance. The PROTEGE project funded their distribution to all schools in Wallis and Futuna, with reproduction rights for the toolkit secured for future adaptation across other Pacific nations.



Youth in Wallis and Futuna were trained on sustainable fishing through the educational toolkit.



KFA 3

Food systems

Future state 2031: Pacific food systems are accessible, regenerative, biodiverse, equitable and resilient to shocks. They provide access to safe and nutritious food and contribute to healthy people, ecosystems, vibrant cultures and prosperity for all.

OVERVIEW

The future of food and food systems in the Pacific will play a key role in the long-term health, resilience and prosperity of the Pacific people. An under-recognised contributor to the global food system, our Pacific food systems face challenges from an eroding resource base, climate change, a reliance on food imports and a crisis of non-communicable diseases (NCDs).

Our work on food systems is centred on the Blue Pacific and its interlinkages across land and oceans, fisheries and agriculture, and production and trade. A food system is the interaction of

food-related activities – including production, distribution, consumption and waste management – that are carried out across different socio-economic and environmental contexts.

SPC supports holistic governance and management of inland, coastal and marine food systems that provide safe and nutritious food, integration of technology that contributes to more productive farms and fisheries, and conservation and use of the region's diverse genetic resources for health and nutrition.

Divisions: CCES, FAME, LRD, PHD, SDD

REGIONAL PROGRESS AGAINST THE 2030 TARGETS

The region is making progress in securing plant and animal genetic resources for food and agriculture in conservation facilities and reducing mortality rates from cardiovascular diseases, cancer,

diabetes and chronic respiratory diseases. There is insufficient data to assess progress on several indicators.⁴

2050 Strategy	Ocean and Environment, People-Centered Development	
SDG indicator	2.5.1	3.4.1
Progress	Number of (a) plant and (b) animal genetic resources for food and agriculture secured in either medium- or long-term conservation facilities	Mortality rate attributed to cardiovascular disease, cancer, diabetes or chronic respiratory disease

Progress: ● On track or achieved ● Average progress ○ Little progress

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO IMPACT AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

We recognise the significant challenges facing the Pacific, including climate change, a diminishing resource base, reliance on food imports and the growing NCD crisis. SPC is committed to supporting its members through initiatives like the Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees (CePaCT) to boost agricultural productivity, promote sustainable fisheries and enhance value-added processing of fish

products. We address food security and nutrition by encouraging the cultivation of nutritious crops and integrating nutrition education into health programmes. To build resilience, we champion climate-smart agriculture, drought-resistant crops and improved water management. Additionally, we work with our members and partners to ensure food systems-related data are available and accessible for all.

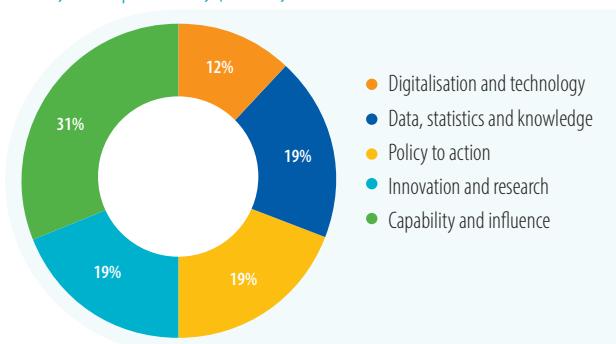
RESULTS OVERVIEW

In 2024 SPC contributed 26 results to this KFA, representing 5% of the total number of results for 2024. The results align most strongly with SDG 3 (good health and well-being) and SDG 2 (zero hunger) and the 2050 Strategy thematic areas Ocean and Environment and People-

Centered Development. We influenced change mostly through our capability and influence, and data, statistics and knowledge pathways. 65% of results for KFA 3 contribute to higher-level results (change in knowledge, change in attitude, change in practice, impact).

Graph 9:

Food systems | Results by pathway (n=26)



Graph 10:

Food systems | Contributions to SDGs (n=26)



SPC's values in action: Kaitiakitanga of Pacific food systems through aquaculture and fisheries sector leadership

SPC is driving regional food systems via the development of the Pacific Regional Aquaculture Strategy (PRAS) and the mid-term review of the Regional Framework on Aquatic Biosecurity (PRFAB). Other regional initiatives include briefing Pacific Heads of Veterinary and Animal Production Services (PHOVAPS) and World Organization for Animal Health (WOAH) on aquatic

biosecurity needs, contributing to regional biosecurity meetings, updating the Heads of Fisheries Meeting and liaising with international organisations (e.g. CEFAS, NACA, FAO). Through these activities, SPC plays a key role in strengthening sustainable food systems in the Pacific, ensuring both food security and ecological resilience.

⁴ The prevalence of undernourishment (2.1.1) and moderate or severe food insecurity in the population (2.1.2) and proportion of fish stocks within biologically sustainable levels (14.4.1).

RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS BY PATHWAY

Our Food Systems Flagship continues to influence and deliver results for members across all our interventions. More details on the Food Systems Flagship can be found on page 81.



POLICY TO ACTION

Our technical support played a key role in developing and implementing public health policies to prevent NCDs at both national and regional levels

In collaboration with our partners and donors, we provide a holistic approach to address key determinants such as trade, environment, biosecurity and public health. We provided technical support to Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Niue, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu in developing or reviewing policies and legislations, covering tobacco control, food marketing restrictions, food safety, kava regulation, breastfeeding regulations and nutritional policies. We also provided legal and constitutional support for health initiatives, such as the Kiribati Diabetes Association, and sharing of best practices such as strategies and initiatives to combat NCDs at the country level.



INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

SPC provides technical support to ensure access to genetically diverse and health-tested agricultural resources, and cultivation and distribution of healthy and climate-resilient crops

Fiji, French Polynesia, Kiribati, Niue and Papua New Guinea received a total of 36 accessions, seven crops and 596 plantlets from SPC's CePaCT. With 64.52% of its current collection available for distribution, including health-tested accessions, CePaCT continues to play an important role in strengthening food systems and agricultural resilience in the region by ensuring the availability of healthy and diverse plant resources that enhance sustainable agricultural practices and food security in the region.

Fiji's Ministry of Agriculture and Waterways launched the drought-resilient Vanuavatu sweet potato variety, marking a crucial advancement in building resilient and sustainable food systems. After successful trials, the variety was distributed to local farmers during the launch, alongside value-added products like sweet potato chips, bread, cake and vodka to showcase its market potential, demonstrating how resilient crops can drive both food security and economic opportunities for Fiji farmers.

SPC's technical support fosters innovative practices to strengthen food systems in French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna

We conducted a participatory diagnostic in French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna, alongside a call for projects to foster regional cooperation in food systems. In French Polynesia, local organic products were introduced into school canteens, and animal production was integrated into the agroecological transition. Innovative practices, such as rotating pig pens, mobile chicken coops, improved animal welfare measures and effluent valorisation, were incorporated. These efforts aim to strengthen and enhance the resilience of food systems across the region.



DIGITALISATION AND TECHNOLOGY

SPC provides support to improve access to training and evidence-based strategies through digital resources to address the NCD crisis in the region

SPC continues to strengthen the use of digital platforms to support NCD prevention and control across the Pacific. Eight PICTs – Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu – are using the Moodle platform and other SPC-supported digital tools to enhance the delivery of NCD initiatives. Moodle hosts self-directed courses on nutrition and policy, providing professional development opportunities for health practitioners.

Solomon Islands has actively leveraged Moodle for NCD-related capacity building and community-based engagement and awareness activities, and eight countries have integrated the NCD guidelines available on SPC's Public Health Division (PHD) Guideline App to strengthen national responses.

SPC provides financial and technical support for storytelling and the use of creative technology to promote healthy lifestyles amongst children of Wallis and Futuna

Wallis and Futuna have adopted the Beyond the Stars digital project, aimed at combating NCDs, particularly childhood obesity, by encouraging healthier eating habits and active lifestyles through the use of storytelling and creative technology. This initiative reflects a collaborative effort between local authorities and international partners to improve public health outcomes in Wallis and Futuna by ensuring that children are equipped with the knowledge and motivation to lead healthier lives.



CAPABILITY AND INFLUENCE

Building resilient food systems through aquaculture training

SPC's expertise helped to equip members with essential knowledge and skills in diversifying aquaculture production, seafood safety, quality and value addition. Seventeen participants (11 men, six women) from Cook Islands and Fiji received training, enhancing their understanding of seafood safety and value-adding techniques. This contributes to higher-quality, market-ready products, bolstering food security and economic opportunities. By strengthening local capacity, SPC supports resilient and diversified food production across the Pacific, ensuring sustainable livelihoods and a more robust food system.

Strengthening food systems through data-driven policy in Tuvalu

SPC's technical advisors trained government officials from Tuvalu's National Statistics Office in processing food data and poverty analysis using data from the Tuvalu Labor Force Survey. By enhancing data handling capabilities, the training supports and recognises that strengthened data analysis ensures that policies and planning efforts are informed by accurate insights, contributing to resilient and sustainable food systems in Tuvalu.

Strengthening data and collaboration to support evidence-informed action on NCDs and food security

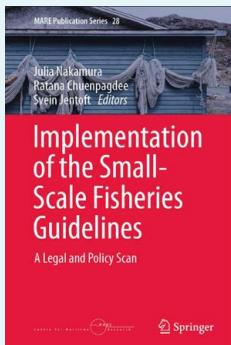
In 2024 SPC continued to lead key initiatives and work collaboratively to support healthier food systems through data-driven initiatives such as the Regional Food Trade Database and a strong focus on NCD-related research and food security. SPC's technical expertise supported the development of standard child BMI assessments, diabetes mapping in Tonga and the analysis of food import data for Papua New Guinea. In partnership with trade, customs and health sectors across eight PICTs, SPC used the Food Trade dataset to develop regional data on food trade. SPC also

supported the analysis of dietary consumption data, identifying the importance of aquatic food as the primary protein source for coastal communities.

SPC enhances sustainable fisheries management in the Pacific with fish aggregating device (FAD) surveys and digital tracking on FAD devices

SPC conducted five FAD surveys across Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Samoa, Tokelau and Wallis and Futuna to enhance sustainable fisheries management. Digital trackers were also installed on FADs in Cook Islands and New Caledonia, improving monitoring and data collection for better-informed decisions regarding the region's food systems. This initiative supports the sustainable use of marine resources and strengthens livelihoods and food security in Pacific communities reliant on fisheries.

FEATURE PUBLICATION



Tonga: Enabling Coastal Communities to Protect Marine Resources and Secure the Livelihoods of Small-Scale Fishers focuses on how to strengthen coastal resource management and support small-scale fishers. It promotes sustainable fishing practices, marine conservation and community engagement to enhance food security and sustain local livelihoods.

Link: https://link.springer.com/chapter/10.1007/978-3-031-56716-2_20



STORY OF CHANGE



Aline Berry provides mentoring guidance at the 2024 MCS&E Cert IV training.

CHARTING THE FUTURE OF COASTAL FISHERIES: DELIVERING PROFESSIONAL COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT SERVICES ACROSS THE PACIFIC

CONTEXT

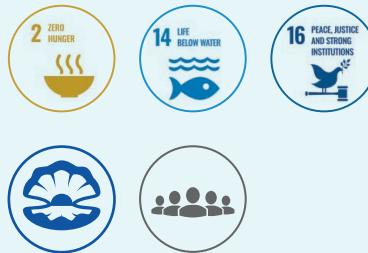
Promoting a culture of compliance is key to sustainable coastal fisheries management and conservation across the Pacific. However, challenges remain due to limited enforcement capacity, unclear rights and multiple resource users. Strengthening compliance requires well-trained, capable enforcement officers, stakeholder engagement and education. The Pacific Community (SPC) is working closely with Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs) and Pacific partners to build the capacity of fisheries staff through targeted training and mentoring.

CHANGE PROCESS

Since 2018, SPC and the University of the South Pacific (USP) have delivered the Certificate IV in Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture Compliance. This six-month course equips participants with essential monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement (MCS&E) skills through hands-on training, including market inspections, case file preparation and community consultations. Graduates earn a regionally recognised vocational qualification. In 2024–2025 SPC is undertaking a comprehensive review of the course to align with best practices and emerging trends in coastal fisheries management.

RESULTS AND IMPACT

Since 2018, 167 participants (93 men, 74 women) from 11 PICTs have participated in the Certificate IV in Coastal Fisheries Compliance. Demand grew significantly in 2024, with 41 new



participants. Feedback on the course has been consistently positive, with follow up studies showing 96% of graduates believe they have improved work performance. 2023 graduate Aline Mary Berry, a community-based authorised fisheries officer from Vanuatu, shared how the course strengthened her skills, confidence and connections, saying "the Cert IV training was incredibly beneficial for my field of work". In 2024 SPC brought back Aline and other graduates to serve as mentors to the current participants.

LESSONS LEARNT

SPC remains committed to refining the course to meet evolving regional needs and integrating advanced MCS&E techniques to keep training relevant and practical. To ensure a robust pipeline of skilled professionals, in 2025 SPC and Palau Community College will launch the Professional Certificate in Community Fisheries Compliance (Certificate III), providing foundational training to equip community-level professionals with essential compliance skills for sustainable coastal fisheries management.

Division: Fisheries, Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems (FAME)

Donors: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), New Zealand; European Union (EU); United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

MAINSTREAMING CROSS-SECTORAL PRIORITIES

Strengthening Pacific resilience: Resilient crops safeguarding food security in Tonga

In 2024 the Pacific continued to face climate challenges, with rising sea levels and extreme weather threatening food security. The 2022 Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai eruption and tsunami caused significant crop losses. In the years prior, however, SPC's Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees (CePaCT) had ensured that resilient crops were already established, helping mitigate food shortages.

Working with key partners, CePaCT's proactive approach introduced high-yielding and climate-resilient crops such as Peru cassava and rotundata yams ('lose'). These were pathogen-tested, multiplied in tissue culture and distributed across Tonga in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forests (MAFF) and MORDI Tonga Trust. Farmers were actively involved in trials to ensure adaptability.

During a 2024 visit, CePaCT gathered feedback from farmers and exporters who confirmed the critical role of these crops in disaster resilience and livelihoods. Farmer Sione Nukukata noted, "The Peru cassava is soft and cooks fast, perfect for the elderly and children."

Watch the video: https://youtu.be/z_xfSRuOKT0



'Ofa Tupou, market vendor at Fanga market, sells her fast-selling rotundata yam.'

INNOVATION

Research to action: GEDSI–WASH on Kiritimati Island

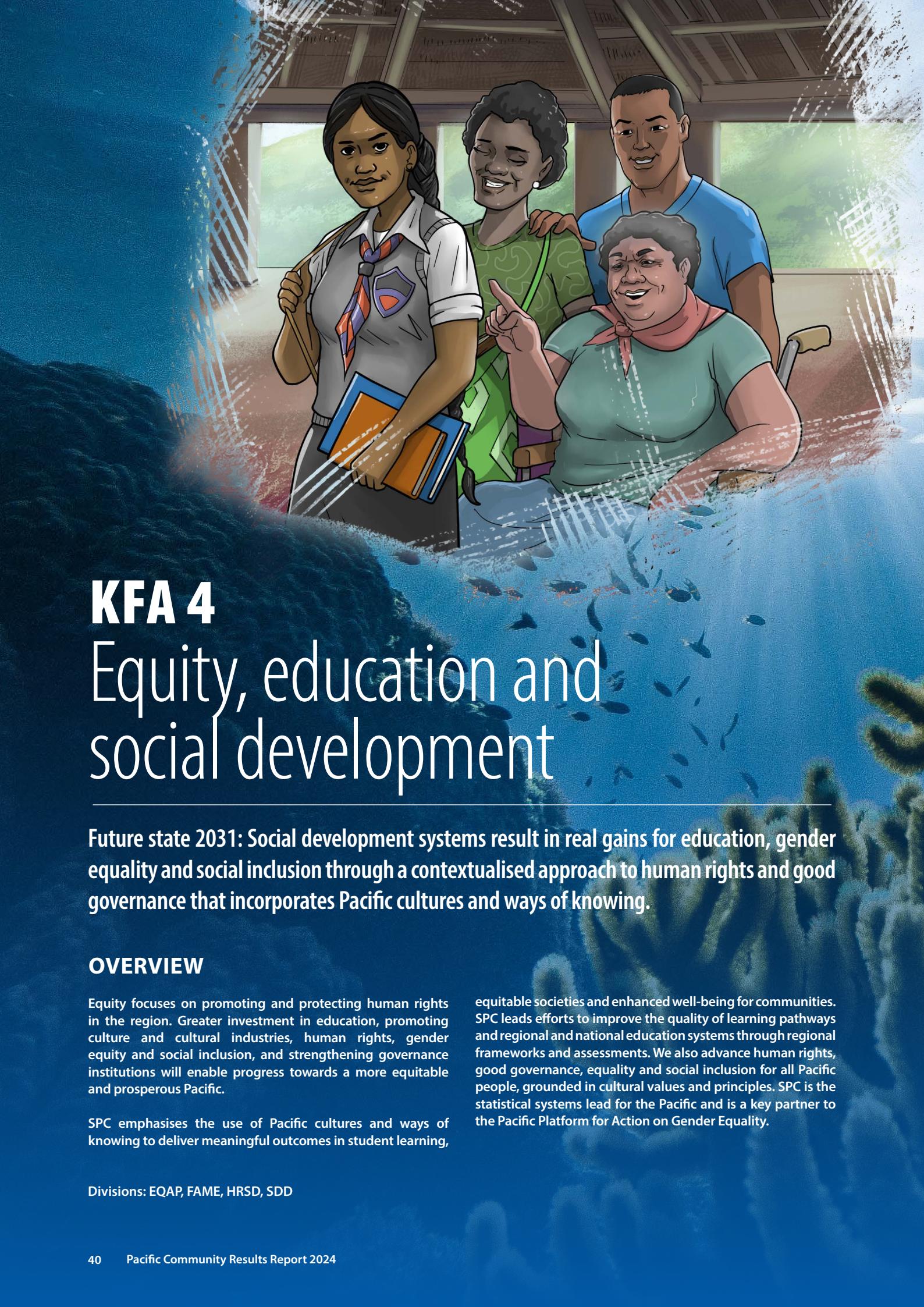
Kiritimati Island, the world's largest coral atoll, faces critical disparities in access to safe water and sanitation. With its population of 8000 expected to double in the next 10–20 years due to internal migration and natural growth, these challenges are intensifying. The EU and New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT)-funded Kiritimati Island Water Project, implemented with the Government of Kiribati and UNICEF, sought to integrate gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI) considerations into its interventions.

In early 2024 SPC commissioned a study employing a social action research approach to assess GEDSI water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) needs. Local women were trained as enumerators, collecting insights through surveys and focus groups. Findings revealed significant infrastructure gaps, WASH myths and health risks, including inadequate toilets in schools and hospitals and some unsafe water practices.

The study empowered women as WASH champions and informed the Kiritimati Island GEDSI–WASH Action Plan, securing additional funding from MFAT.



'Women participating in a group exercise focusing on critical consciousness and societal norms at Tabwakea Village, Kiritimati Island.'



KFA 4

Equity, education and social development

Future state 2031: Social development systems result in real gains for education, gender equality and social inclusion through a contextualised approach to human rights and good governance that incorporates Pacific cultures and ways of knowing.

OVERVIEW

Equity focuses on promoting and protecting human rights in the region. Greater investment in education, promoting culture and cultural industries, human rights, gender equity and social inclusion, and strengthening governance institutions will enable progress towards a more equitable and prosperous Pacific.

SPC emphasises the use of Pacific cultures and ways of knowing to deliver meaningful outcomes in student learning,

equitable societies and enhanced well-being for communities. SPC leads efforts to improve the quality of learning pathways and regional and national education systems through regional frameworks and assessments. We also advance human rights, good governance, equality and social inclusion for all Pacific people, grounded in cultural values and principles. SPC is the statistical systems lead for the Pacific and is a key partner to the Pacific Platform for Action on Gender Equality.

Divisions: EQAP, FAME, HRSD, SDD

REGIONAL PROGRESS AGAINST THE 2030 TARGETS

The region is advancing children's learning outcomes, with improvements in minimum proficiency levels in literacy and numeracy among primary and secondary students, increased participation rates in organised learning one year before the official primary school entry age and a growing number of

teachers meeting the minimum required qualifications. While SPC acknowledges the progress made in strengthening human rights and social development as highlighted in this report, there remains insufficient data on key SDG indicators to fully assess progress in these areas.⁵

2050 Strategy	People-Centered Development		
SDG indicator	4.1.1	4.2.2	4.C.1
Progress	Proportion of children and young people (a) in grades 2/3; (b) at the end of primary; and (c) at the end of lower secondary achieving at least a minimum proficiency level in (i) reading and (ii) mathematics, by sex	Participation rate in organized learning (one year before the official primary entry age), by sex	Proportion of teachers with the minimum required qualifications, by education level

Progress: ● On track or achieved ● Average progress ● Little progress

Our contribution to impact at the regional level

We are committed to achieving universal access to primary and secondary education across the region, investing in the capacity of educational institutions to enhance student learning outcomes and overall well-being. To meet educational targets, barriers like poverty, gender inequality, inadequate infrastructure and a lack of qualified teachers must be addressed. Improving the quality and

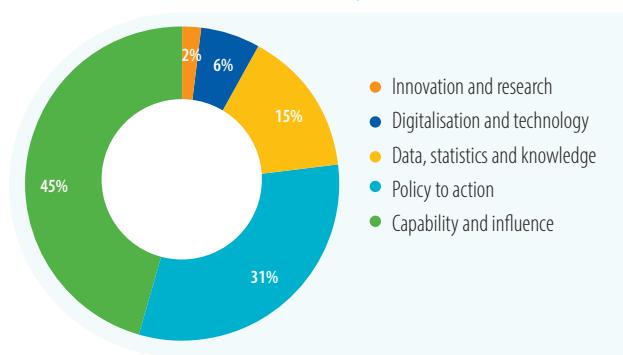
relevance of education is vital for equipping students with essential skills and knowledge. SPC integrates social development into its work, ensuring gender equity, youth and culture are prioritised. We promote gender equality through our new Gender Flagship, creating opportunities for women, girls and young people to fully exercise their rights and participate equally in society.

RESULTS OVERVIEW

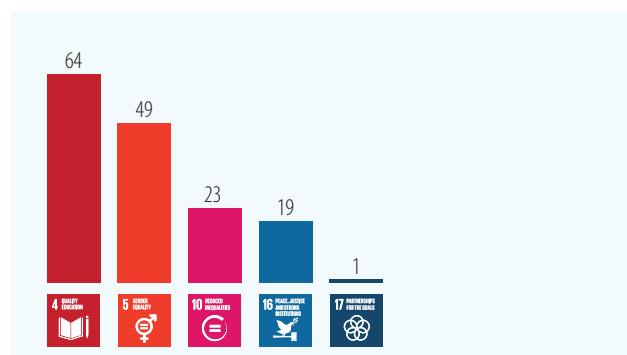
In 2024 SPC contributed 156 results to this KFA, representing 29% of the total number of results for 2024. The results align most strongly with SDG 4 (quality education) and SDG 5 (gender equality) and the 2050 Strategy thematic area People-Centered Development. We

influenced change mostly through our capability and influence, policy to action, and data, statistics and knowledge pathways. 73% of results for KFA 4 contribute to higher-level results (change in knowledge, change in attitude, change in practice, impact).

Graph 11:
Equity, education and social development | Results by pathway (n=156)



Graph 12:
Equity, education and social development | Contributions to SDGs (n=156)



⁵ The mainstreaming of global citizenship education and education for sustainable development in national education policies, curricula, teacher education and student assessment (4.7.1), legal frameworks to promote, enforce and monitor equality and non-discrimination on the basis of sex (5.1.1), the proportion of ever-partnered women and girls subjected to violence by a current or former intimate partner (5.2.1), the proportion of women and girls subjected to sexual violence by persons other than an intimate partner (5.2.2), the proportion of population subjected to physical, psychological violence and sexual violence (16.1.3) and the proportion of population who believe decision making is inclusive and responsive (16.7.2).



SPC values in action: Enginkehlap through film – sharing stories, inspiring change

The 2024 Pacific Human Rights Film Festival (PHRFF) embodied SPC's value of enginkehlap – generosity, fostering shared learning and dialogue across the Pacific. Held from 30 September to 27 October, the festival travelled to eight locations and engaged 2500 attendees, including 750 students. With the theme Oceans and Land, 20 Pacific films

explored nuclear legacy, conservation, climate threats and social justice. Post-screening discussions amplified diverse voices, ensuring all perspectives were valued. By uniting communities through storytelling, PHRFF sparked dialogue and action, demonstrating the power of film to inspire change across the region.



RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS BY PATHWAY

Our Gender Flagship continues to influence and deliver results for members across all our interventions. More details on the Gender Flagship can be found on page 82.



POLICY TO ACTION

SPC provides support to advancing technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV) response in the Pacific

SPC is the regional coordination hub for the TFGBV programme. This programme supports initiatives in PICTs to address TFGBV against women and girls in all their diversity. SPC's technical expertise continues to strengthen collaborations between local crisis centres. In 2024 SPC supported a successful training package

trial for senior GBV counsellors, due to be rolled out in seven to nine countries in 2025. We also facilitated a TFGBV agenda item at the Triennial Conference of Pacific Women, initiated an independent evaluation of the training programme for frontline service providers and enhanced regional engagement through Pacific representation at global forums.

SPC technical support is helping to advance disability-inclusive electoral processes in the Pacific

SPC continues to support Pacific nations to strengthen disability-inclusive electoral mechanisms. This included supporting Tonga to establish its first Election Disability Access Working Group (EDAWG), tasked with developing a four-year strategic plan and governance framework. We also received commitment from Marshall Islands to form their own EDAWG to enhance accessibility in elections.

In addition, SPC facilitated a Post-Disability Survey Reflection Workshop involving 48 stakeholders in Marshall Islands to disseminate the survey findings, promoting gender equality, leadership and cultural inclusivity using the people-centred approach. These efforts highlight SPC's commitment to fostering accessible and democratic participation for all.

SPC is helping to ensure that education standards are consistent, transparent and internationally comparable

SPC continues to provide tailored technical support to strengthen national qualifications frameworks. In 2024 this included assisting Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu to align their established qualifications frameworks and national quality assurance systems with the Pacific Qualifications Framework (PQF). We also supported Cook Islands, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue and Tuvalu to benchmark their qualifications and quality assurance systems to bring greater clarity and consistency to their national education standards by aligning national qualifications frameworks with PQF and strengthening quality assurance systems.



INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

SPC supported research and innovation for adolescent health in Vanuatu

Throughout 2024 SPC played a key role in education research in Vanuatu, showcasing leadership in enhancing and advancing the quality of education systems across the region. In August SPC facilitated a dissemination workshop in Vanuatu on 2019 research into adolescent unplanned pregnancy, bringing together key stakeholders from DFAT, CARE Vanuatu and the Ministry of Health. The workshop led to significant outcomes, such as reviving the National Reproductive Maternal Newborn Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCAH) committee, strengthening cross-sector partnerships, integrating adolescent unplanned pregnancy into the RMNCAH agenda and establishing new coordination mechanisms. It also emphasised the development of culturally appropriate youth-friendly service strategies.

SPC supports groundbreaking research on TFGBV in the Pacific

SPC supported the 2024 TFGBV research initiative, engaging over 160 members of the Pacific Learning Network through two key activities. These included a research exchange session with six expert panellists and One-CROP partners, and a legal research update provided by the Blue Pacific Pro Bono Collaborative focusing on TFGBV legislation across 14 Pacific countries. The exchange session – featuring researchers from the Centre of Excellence for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (CEVAW), Australian National University (ANU), Deakin University and University of the South Pacific (USP) – highlighted key concerns around online safety and legislative development. The legal research identified gaps in TFGBV laws and offered recommendations for legislative improvements and enhanced implementation strategies across the region.



DIGITALISATION AND TECHNOLOGY

SPC supports the digitalisation of education information through the education research bank and education management information system (EMIS) initiatives

The Education Research Bank, a Pacific-developed digital infrastructure hosted on SPC's Pacific Data Hub, was launched to

provide easy access to research materials. The launch coincided with the 20th anniversary of the South Pacific Form Seven Certificate (SPFSC) programme, celebrating achievements in 14 subjects, 37 schools and over 20,000 students across six countries. In collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Culture of Samoa, SPC conducted consultations on EMIS under the Pacific School Information Management System (PacSIMS). The first consultation focused on process mapping, recommendations and an EMIS development roadmap, while the second involved training key personnel and gathering requirements for module development and system deployment.

SPC supported the development and launch of the Pacific Youth Statistics Dashboard

The Pacific Youth Statistics Dashboard was launched at the Pacific Senior Youth Officials Meeting in Nadi. This tool is designed to support the implementation of the Pacific Youth Development Framework (PYDF) by providing reliable and up-to-date data on critical youth indicators, including education, employment, health and civic engagement. By offering a comprehensive overview of youth-related statistics, the dashboard will inform policy decisions, track progress and highlight the experiences, achievements and challenges faced by young people across the Pacific. SPC played a key role in the development and implementation of this platform, which aims to enhance access to youth data and strengthen the use of evidence in shaping policies for youth development in the region.

Increasing use of gender information in the region through the Toksave Pacific Gender Resource Portal

In 2024 the Toksave Pacific Gender Resource portal experienced significant growth, with 410 registered members, 55% of whom identified with Pacific heritage. The portal added 57 new research papers, maintaining strong user engagement, with 323 research files downloaded and 246 external research links clicked. Analytics revealed that users represented 22 PICTs, and most were female (72%) and aged 18–24 (74%). The most visited categories on the platform were Development, Politics and Security, with a notable focus on gender-based violence, fisheries and domestic violence research.



DATA, STATISTICS AND KNOWLEDGE

SPC advances gender equality and social inclusion through data and statistics

SPC continues to collaborate with regional partners to strengthen data systems that drive inclusive and equitable development in the region. The Pacific Statistics Methods Board (PSMB) endorsed a recommendation from SPC and UNWomen to establish a technical expert group for developing a Pacific-specific methodology on time use data. This initiative will capture the unique cultural and socio-economic contexts of Pacific communities, providing critical insights into gender roles, unpaid care work and labour force participation to support gender-responsive policies.

SPC supported the collection of education data to inform policy and improve learning pathways in the region

SPC conducted an in-depth analysis of 2018 and 2021 Pacific Islands Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (PILNA) data. We then developed three research briefs focusing on teacher professional development, school leader profiles in the Pacific and Year 4 and Year 6 teachers. SPC also co-designed the survey for an SPFSC

tracer study in Kiribati and Tuvalu and gathered updated contact information for the SPFSC 2023 cohort. The study aims to improve understanding of student learning pathways, inform education planning and guide policy development in career guidance, scholarships, workforce engagement, technical and vocational education and training (TVET) and alumni networks, while also helping donors assess the impact of their funding.

SPC supports ministries of education in using regional assessment data and supports global data collection efforts

SPC continues to build the capacity of Pacific ministries of education to use regional literacy and numeracy assessment data for informed decision-making. PILNA data for Years 4 and 6 students enable countries to monitor learning outcomes, while the Pacific Assessment for Lower Secondary (PALS) is piloting an extension for Year 9 students, covering key academic skills such as reading, writing, numeracy, science and critical thinking. SPC conducted a PILNA field trial in 15 PICTs, assessing 2469 students from 37 schools, and a second PALS pilot in four PICTs, engaging 1027 students from 10 schools.

CAPABILITY AND INFLUENCE

SPC remains committed to advancing national youth priorities, amplifying adolescent girls' voices and fostering inclusive and sustainable development outcomes for Pacific communities

SPC continues to strengthen youth and adolescent girls' capability in leadership, advocacy and inclusion through technical support and advisory to national initiatives. At Fiji's National Youth Council

General Assembly and Annual Conference, 160 youth leaders were engaged to enhance youth in governance, elect new leadership and map youth initiatives across provincial councils.

In Vanuatu, Vois Blong Mi (VBM) reached 502 adolescents through school-based workshops, gender-specific workbooks and regional advocacy, strengthening gender-equitable relationships and disability inclusion. We also provided support through ongoing collaboration and capacity building to the Chuuk Women's Council's Young Women Empowerment Program (YWEP) in Federated States of Micronesia to train 20 young women, engage alumni and champion gender-based violence prevention, disability inclusion and LGBTQIA+ rights.

SPC provides support to enhance access to accredited secondary school qualifications

SPC continues to enhance access to accredited secondary school qualifications by supporting the verification and accreditation of schools offering the SPFSC programme. Ten schools in Kiribati and two in Tuvalu have been verified and accredited to meet the basic requirements for delivering SPFSC, ensuring qualified teachers and adequate resources. A total of 1374 students were enrolled in the SPFSC programme across these schools.

Additionally, SPC provided technical support to 134 Ministry of Education officials and teachers from Kiribati, Tuvalu and Vanuatu to strengthen their capacity in implementing the SPFSC programme and advancing the nationalisation of Form 7 certificate programmes. Through these efforts, SPC continues to improve education quality and expand opportunities for students to obtain recognised secondary school qualifications in the region.

FEATURE PUBLICATION



Gender differences in the perceived impacts of coastal management and conservation investigates how men and women perceive differently the effects of coastal management and conservation initiatives on individual and community well-being, identifying significant disparities in men and women's perceptions.

Link: <https://www.nature.com/articles/s44183-024-00070-w>



Malawai village, Fiji. Source: E. Fache.

STORY OF CHANGE



A Year 3 teacher conducting a phonics lesson as part of the Samoa Systematic Synthetics Phonics project.

SAMOA'S PHONICS PROJECT SUCCESS: IT'S EXACTLY HOW IT SOUNDS!



CONTEXT

In 2019 low performance in national literacy assessments prompted Samoa's Ministry of Education and Culture (MEC) to seek the Pacific Community's (SPC) support in improving student reading and comprehension. Phonics, a method of teaching which links sounds to symbols, was chosen as the approach. In 2020 the Systematic Synthetic Phonics (SSP) project was launched. Developed collaboratively by SPC's Educational Quality and Assessment Programme (EQAP), MEC, the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), Educators International (EI) and regional experts, the SSP programme helped teachers address literacy gaps.

CHANGE PROCESS

After progress stalled when COVID-19 led to border and school closures, the project restarted in 2023. EQAP trained teachers and MEC staff in the phonics approach, comprehension, assessments, lesson observations and project monitoring. EQAP also conducted classroom observations and student assessments to set literacy benchmarks and track progress. The project piloted in 10 schools – six in Upolu and four in Savaii – targeting Years 2–4, with Year 1 added in 2024 to strengthen early literacy. EQAP's IT team created a web-based Samoa Phonics app for tracking progress, and MEC officials received further training to enhance literacy instruction.

RESULTS

After a year of implementing the phonics project, there was a notable average increase between baseline and endline assessments in the number of correctly read words in over 1000 students assessed. Teachers valued the detailed assessment reports, which provided insights into student progress, informing learning plans and supporting home learning.

While the project has concluded, MEC has integrated phonics into its 2024/25 work plan to expand implementation. Assessment data from 2023/24 has also informed MEC policy decisions. Inspired by Samoa's success, other Pacific nations are considering phonics-based literacy intervention programmes to enhance education across the region.



"This training is very important, it's encouraged us to teach the phonics, as we used in the past, so the children will understand about the sounds of each letter, how to pronounce the word and.. learn fast"

Meiema Save, School Teacher, Samoa

LESSONS LEARNT

A key challenge was that assessments were conducted one-on-one, making it time-consuming for teachers, especially in large classes. To address this, SPC hired university graduates as independent assessors for midline and endline evaluations, allowing teachers to focus on instruction. This approach not only reduced teacher workload but also improved assessment accuracy by ensuring an independent evaluation process.

Division: EQAP

Donor: Originally Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australia; now Pacific Regional Educational Framework (PacREF)

Watch the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9HMDybn8Ak4>



STORY OF CHANGE



Saladak Elementary School Principal, Raymond Joseph, receives the booklet at the launch ceremony on 12 July 2024.

PRESERVING KNOWLEDGE OF U CULTURAL HERITAGE IN POHNPEI, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA



CONTEXT

Like many places across the Pacific, much of Pohnpei's history is shared orally through chants, songs and stories. However, cultural taboos restrict sharing beyond clans, and knowledge is fading due to a lack of documentation. This has hindered past government efforts to preserve history. The Pacific Community's (SPC) Pacific People Advancing Change (PPAC) programme supports Pacific civil society organisations in advocacy, helping them address human rights issues and protect cultural heritage.

CHANGE PROCESS

With technical and financial support from PPAC, U Corona Volunteers (UCV) led a project to help preserve knowledge of U cultural heritage in U Municipality, Pohnpei State. UCV engaged 8th grade students, teachers and the principal of Saladak Elementary School to develop [the first U cultural heritage booklet](#). The process included identification of important cultural sites, after which students talked to villagers and leaders in their respective communities – under the supervision of teachers and UCV members – to gather complete stories about these sites. The process of actively documenting the stories enabled the students to further increase their awareness of existing cultural sites.

RESULTS AND IMPACT

The [cultural booklet](#), comprising the traditional knowledge and stories of 20 important cultural sites in U, was launched on 12 July. Copies were distributed to the Department of Education, the municipal government and traditional leaders, as well as to Saladak Elementary School as an educational resource. The importance of creating the booklet for the municipality cannot be understated; it is vital for preserving cultural values and ensuring future generations maintain their cultural identity.



"We must preserve our cultural identity because it is what makes us unique, and to understand our cultural identity, we must know our cultural heritage. This project is about learning and protecting who we are."

Mason Albert, Adviser for U Corona Volunteers

LESSONS LEARNT

Community involvement through UCV and school collaboration ensured local ownership and empowered students as storytellers, preserving cultural knowledge. A key challenge is integrating the work into the school curriculum as it currently covers only one of Pohnpei's 11 municipalities. Long-term commitment and viewing this work as a legacy for future generations are essential to success.

Division: Human Rights and Social Development (HRSD)

Donors: United States Agency for International Development (USAID); Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australia

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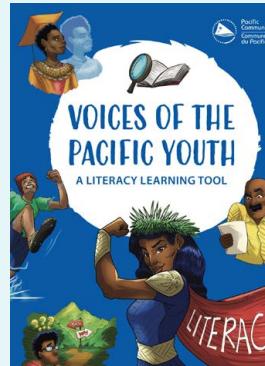
MAINSTREAMING CROSS-SECTORAL PRIORITIES

Voices of the Pacific youth: A literacy learning tool

In 2024 SPC launched *Voices of the Pacific Youth: A Literacy Learning Tool*, a poetry booklet designed to support reading comprehension in Pacific schools. This initiative stemmed from 2021 PILNA findings, which highlighted students' challenges with interpreting and critically analysing texts. The booklet, developed by SPC's EQAP, builds on a 2023 regional poetry competition that showcased young Pacific poets.

Literacy specialists selected poems and designed activities targeting the reading skills identified through PILNA as requiring improvement. The resource connects students with familiar environments, making reading more relevant and engaging.

The launch of this booklet not only enhances literacy resources but also celebrates the creativity of Pacific youth. It represents a step towards developing Pacific-led solutions to educational challenges and the creation of meaningful learning interventions. With this resource now available across English-speaking Pacific schools, students have greater opportunities to strengthen their reading comprehension ahead of PILNA 2025.



Former EQAP Director Ana Raivoce (left) and former Permanent Secretary for Education Selina Kuruleca (right) unveiling Voices of the Pacific Youth: A Literacy Learning Tool, a poetry booklet. The launch took place on 8 September 2024 during SPC's International Literacy Day celebration.



INNOVATION

Micronesia, a trailblazer in advancing gender equality

In 2024 Micronesia became the first Pacific region to commit to developing a subregional gender equality framework, setting a new standard for gender mainstreaming in fields such as energy, agriculture and the maritime sector.

Momentum for the framework grew from the 2017 Micronesian Women's Conference and the Jined Kiped Declaration, leading to a formal call for its development at the 25th Micronesian Islands Forum (MIF) in 2023. SPC's role in MIF standing committees is vital

for leveraging expertise, resources and regional coordination, especially in gender mainstreaming. Throughout 2024 SPC facilitated consultations with governments and non-state actors. Key priorities identified included contextualising gender equality, economic empowerment, political representation, addressing gender-based violence, sustainable funding and implementation capacity. By December 2024, the draft framework was completed, with final adoption set for 2025.

This groundbreaking strategy will ensure women and girls have equal access to opportunities and resources, embedding gender equality into national development plans.



The Micronesia Islands Forum (MIF) Gender Equality Committee (GEC) gathered in Guam from 30 May to 1 June in preparation for the 2024 MIF convening.



KFA 5

Sustainable economies and livelihoods

Future state 2031: The Blue Pacific is a well-being economy through a balance of sustainable economic growth, protection and inclusive distribution of resources, energy secure, healthy and resilient communities with livelihoods sustained through trade, maritime connectivity and harmonious relationships with the land and the sea.

OVERVIEW

Pacific people are central to strong, sustainable economies and livelihoods. Sustainable economies and livelihoods require economic growth and development while protecting people's well-being and addressing risks and ecological scarcity.

To achieve sustainable livelihoods for all Pacific people, SPC focuses on developing partnerships that strengthen existing capabilities and support healthy and resilient communities with livelihoods sustained through improved access to

markets, industries and trade opportunities, protection from transboundary pests and diseases, maritime boundaries and connectivity and harmonious relationships with the land and sea. We also support energy security and resilience as a foundation for sustainable development. Through this work, SPC engages with formal and informal systems, encompassing economies, resources and social protection. SPC also leads in providing data and resources that inform opportunities and decision-making for economies and livelihoods.

Divisions: CCES, FAME, GEM, HRSD, LRD, SDD

REGIONAL PROGRESS AGAINST THE 2030 TARGETS

The region is making progress in reducing poverty and increasing the production and consumption of renewable energy. The region also continues to mobilise and receive resources for clean and renewable energy research, production and infrastructure development. Youth are gaining greater access to education and employment opportunities, and targeted policies and inclusive programmes are addressing income disparities and improving

the quality of life for vulnerable groups, including persons with disabilities, women and youth. Additionally, the economic value generated by fisheries is growing, reflecting effective management of oceans and fisheries to ensure their long-term environmental, social and economic sustainability. There is insufficient data to assess progress on some indicators.⁶

2050 Strategy	Climate Change and Disasters, People-Centred Development, Peace and Security, Resources and Economic Development, Technology and Connectivity								
SDG indicator	1.2.1	7.2.1	7.a.1	7.b.1	8.6.1	9.a.1	10.2.1	14.6.1	14.7.1
Progress	Proportion of population living below the national poverty line, by sex and age	Renewable energy share in the total final energy consumption	International financial flows to developing countries in support of clean energy research and development and renewable energy production, including in hybrid systems	Installed renewable energy generating capacity in developing and developed countries (in watts per capita)	Proportion of youth (aged 15–24 years) not in education, employment or training	Total official international support (official development assistance plus other official flows) to infrastructure	Proportion of people living below 50 per cent of median income, by age, sex and persons with disabilities	Degree of implementation of international instruments aiming to combat illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing	Sustainable fisheries as a proportion of GDP in small island developing States, least developed countries and all countries

Progress: ● On track or achieved ● Average progress ● Little progress

Our contribution to impact at the regional level

We are committed to addressing the growing demand across the region for partnerships that enhance economic opportunities, expand market access, promote the adoption of clean and renewable energy and foster community-level innovation to improve livelihoods. We remain steadfast in promoting

sustainable fisheries and aquaculture as key pathways to strengthening livelihoods, using existing mechanisms to create sustainable economic opportunities for communities across the region. Our focus is on investing in resilience by advancing energy efficiency strategies at all levels. We believe that safety and security are essential foundations for sustainable economic growth and prosperity.

⁶ Proportion of men, women and children of all ages living in poverty in all its dimensions according to national definitions. (1.2.2) and the implementation of standard accounting tools to monitor the economic and environmental aspects of tourism sustainability (12.b.1).

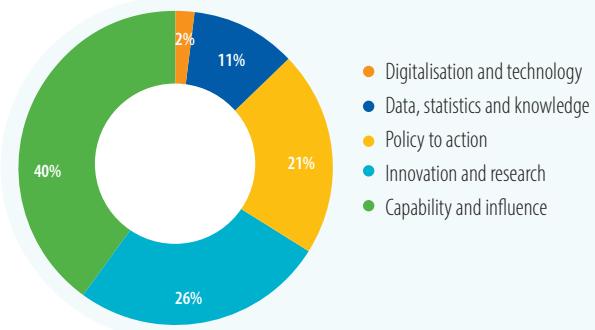


RESULTS OVERVIEW

In 2024 SPC contributed 47 results to this KFA, representing 9% of the total number of results for 2024. The results align most strongly with SDG 7 (affordable and clean energy), SDG 8 (decent work and economic growth) and the 2050 Strategy thematic areas Peace and Security, Climate Change and Disasters, People-Centred Development, Resources and Economic Development, and Technology and Connectivity. We influenced change mostly through our capability and influence, and innovation and research pathways. 70% of results for KFA 5 contribute to higher-level results (change in knowledge, change in attitude, change in practice, impact).

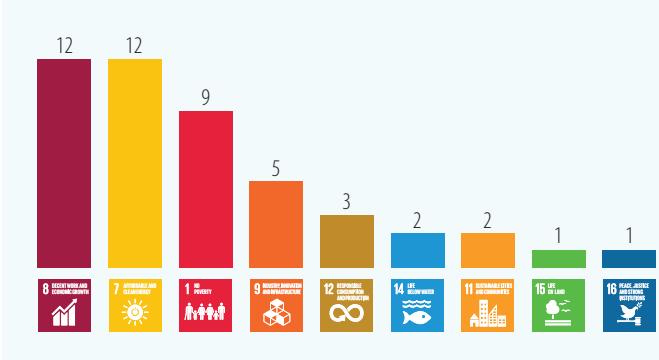
Graph 13:

Sustainable economies and livelihoods | Results by pathway (n=47)



Graph 14:

Sustainable economies and livelihoods | Contributions to SDGs (n=47)



SPC's values in action: Technical kaitiakitanga to advance sustainable maritime economies and gender inclusion

As part of its commitment to sustainable economies and livelihoods, SPC is providing technical advice to the development of a comprehensive Pacific Maritime Framework and gender profiling report for the maritime sector, in close collaboration with the Pacific Women in Maritime Association (PacWIMA), ensuring that women's voices and contributions are integrated

into maritime development. Through inclusive policies and sustainable maritime practices, SPC enhances economic resilience, gender equity and industry growth. These initiatives reinforce SPC's technical leadership in building strong Pacific economies, ensuring the maritime sector remains equitable, resilient and prepared for the future.

RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS BY PATHWAY



POLICY TO ACTION

SPC continues to support regional efforts to strengthen maritime governance

The Heads of Maritime (HOM) meetings in April and November, coordinated by SPC, brought together maritime leaders to discuss regional maritime policy, governance frameworks and sustainable maritime industries. These focused on improving the management of maritime resources. The April meeting endorsed the terms of reference for the Pacific One Maritime Framework (POMF) steering committee, which held its first meeting on 25–26 April 2024.

POMF is a strategic initiative aimed at enhancing maritime safety and efficiency, with a focus on improving security, promoting decarbonisation and making maritime services more affordable and accessible to isolated communities in the Pacific. The draft Regional Strategy for Women in Maritime 2025–2030 has been developed and is currently undergoing a review process. This strategy aims to enhance the participation and leadership of women in the maritime sector across the Pacific.

A milestone in Federated States of Micronesia's energy sector: Federated States of Micronesia leaders endorse the National Energy Policy 2024–2050

Federated States of Micronesia has taken significant steps towards strengthening national policies and building local capacity in the energy sector. During the 13th State and National Leadership Conference (SNLC), Federated States of Micronesia leaders endorsed the National Energy Policy (NEP) 2024–2050 and the SDG Roadmap, setting a strategic direction for sustainable energy development.

With support from SPC's Micronesia Regional Office, 23 participants (14 women, 9 men) in Chuuk completed specialised training sessions on in-house electrical wiring, business and entrepreneurship, and stand-alone solar home systems. Through these initiatives, SPC aims to support Federated States of Micronesia in implementing its NEP, ensuring adequate capability in related areas of work.



INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

Farmer-led initiatives improve agricultural practices and foster sustainable, market-driven solutions

Six farmer-led research projects in Fiji, Nauru, Solomon Islands and Tonga are helping local farmers refine their sustainable farming practices based on real-world experience. The research projects – focusing on organic farming, agroecological practices and improving soil nutrition – have contributed to evaluating the effects of desalinated water versus rainwater on crops in Nauru, testing organic weedicides in Tonga, assessing consumer preferences for organic products in Fiji and Tonga, investigating organic feed formulations in Fiji, and studying pest dynamics and taro species in Solomon Islands.

In addition, a total of 186 participants (120 men, 66 women) from Fiji, Nauru, Solomon Islands and Tonga completed the first

training cycle on organic farming delivered by SPC. The training included Level 1: Introduction to Agroecological Principles and Level 2: Soil Health and Management.

Supporting research on Fiji's cultural heritage under SPC's Stone for Development programme

Six Pacific students (4 women, 2 men) from Australia, Fiji and Tonga conducted field surveys in Fiji as part of SPC's Stone for Development programme. Their research focused on documenting the use of stone in Fijian society, both past and present. By highlighting these practices, the research aims to increase appreciation for Fiji's cultural heritage, protect significant sites and provide potential economic benefits to communities.

Long-term, this work may contribute to the establishment of a UNESCO geopark to preserve Fiji's geoheritage. The programme also introduces early career scientists to sustainable development challenges through Development Minerals. It is supported by various partners, including UNESCO, the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and the Fiji Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources.



DIGITALISATION AND TECHNOLOGY

SPC provides technical support to advance Fiji's mineral resources digital library and transition to digital geological data management

To improve accessibility and preservation of geological data, Fiji's Mineral Resources Department (MRD) has developed a digital library, with support from SPC. The initiative was further strengthened by the acquisition of a high-end Bookeye 5 scanner, which accelerates the digitisation process, allowing efficient online access to valuable geological information. This transformation is in line with Fiji's goals of enhancing business processes and modernising public service delivery. SPC's technical expertise played a key role in the creation of the digital library, helping MRD improve its capacity to manage and disseminate mineral resources data effectively for both local and international stakeholders.

In addition, SPC's Digital Earth Pacific mining monitoring tool continues to support members like the Fiji government in tracking and regulating mining activities, enhancing data management and monitoring efforts in the energy and resource sectors.

SPC's support for digital skills development in the Pacific enhances economic opportunities

SPC has provided valuable training to strengthen digital skills and enhance economic opportunities for Pacific communities. In Papua New Guinea, 24 participants (12 women, 12 men) received training in digital marketing and e-commerce, equipping them with the tools to expand their market reach and promote local products online.

Similar training in Vanuatu has enabled 71 kava farmers (47 men, 24 women) to enhance the visibility and sales of their products in both local and international markets. These capacity-building initiatives are part of SPC's broader efforts to promote digital inclusion and empower farmers, entrepreneurs and communities with the skills needed for sustainable economic development in the digital age.



CAPABILITY AND INFLUENCE

SPC provides technical support to strengthen small aquaculture enterprises in Fiji

SPC provided technical support to seven aquaculture enterprises in Fiji to enhance sustainability and productivity. GrowaFish Fiji received technology transfer assistance, while SeaPAC Fiji installed a 25-kW solar system to fully power a new off-grid farm. King Prawns Fiji facilitated shrimp farm training for aspiring farmers, and Kerry Farms Fiji invested in direct solar-powered pumps for water sourcing. Purayil Fiji acquired HDPE pond liners to address water retention challenges, while the Muanaia Women's Group improved its commercial mangrove oyster grow-out system at the community farm. Additionally, JH Pearls conducted research on predator interactions affecting pearl oyster survival.

These targeted interventions align with SPC's commitment to strengthening small aquaculture enterprises and promoting sustainable aquaculture development in the Pacific.

SPC's technical support is helping enhance economic opportunities for women at sea

In Papua New Guinea, the completion of Basic Sea Safety training by 45 women marked a significant milestone in skill development for small craft navigation and operation. Additionally, 25 women advanced their expertise in solar-powered vessel operations, with three women certified as vessel operators, increasing female representation in maritime leadership.

With SPC's funding and technical support, the Kisere Women Association officially registered a 19-ft solar-powered vessel with the National Capital District Small Craft Registration Board, granting them legal management rights. This vessel will serve the community in transportation, eco-tourism and small-scale fishing, with continuous monitoring of its impact on emissions reduction, livelihoods and economic opportunities.



DATA, STATISTICS AND KNOWLEDGE

SPC's technical support is helping enhance fisheries data and socio-economic analysis in the Pacific

In 2024 SPC supported 7 PICTs in advancing socio-economic data collection and fisheries statistics by enhancing existing tools like

the Ikasavea app. This included training enumerators, refining survey tools and improving the app's socio-economic model in American Samoa and Samoa. In Kiribati, SPC helped develop a dashboard for socio-economic survey data, while in French Polynesia and Wallis and Futuna, the focus was on localising the use of Ikasavea. SPC also reviewed modelling for marine spatial planning in Federated States of Micronesia and responded to a request from Marshall Islands to update survey tools and provide socio-economic training.

These efforts enable better data collection and analysis on sustainable fisheries practices, market access and value chains, supporting long-term economic stability for coastal communities. By identifying gaps in the value chain and opportunities to enhance market access, these initiatives contribute to improved pricing structures and better economic outcomes for small-scale fishers.

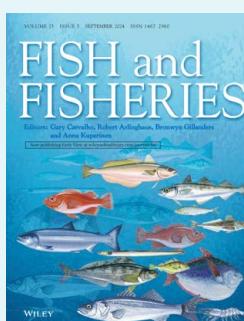
At the regional level, SPC facilitated a socio-economic workshop and continued to support the growing community of practice in fisheries data and analytics. SPC manages the tools and conducted training for member countries.

SPC supports the ongoing enhancement and management of the Pacific Regional Data Repository (PRDR) to improve knowledge sharing and access to information on energy in the region

PRDR, a centralised platform for energy-related data, continues to be strengthened to improve knowledge sharing and access to information across the region. A total of 1606 publications, 224 datasets, 118 events and 81 projects were added to PRDR in 2024, strengthening its role as a comprehensive regional data resource. Additionally, 29 knowledge and communication products were developed in response to strong demand from PICTs for strategic communications support. These products include briefing notes, speeches, blogs, articles, policy briefs and the Pacific One Maritime Framework (POMF) Engagement and Communications Strategy.

These initiatives have significantly improved visibility, stakeholder engagement and the dissemination of knowledge, further supporting sustainable agricultural practices and livelihoods in the Pacific region.

FEATURE PUBLICATION



Value chain analysis of a women-dominated wild-caught mud crab fishery focuses on the mud crab (*Scylla serrata*) fishery in Bua Province, Fiji. It emphasises the significant role of Indigenous (iTaukei) women in designing and implementing interventions that enhance opportunities for women-led fisheries. It identifies key challenges, such as fragmented supply chains, low technology input and limited value-adding activities, that if addressed could enhance the sustainability and profitability of the fishery.

Link: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/faf.12838>

STORY OF CHANGE



Meauke Fuitau feeding a biogas system.

DOMESTIC BIOGAS TECHNOLOGY IS TRANSFORMING LOCAL COMMUNITIES IN FUNAFUTI, TUVALU



CONTEXT

Tuvalu's growing pig population – particularly on Funafuti – is exacerbating environmental and health issues. By 2023, Tuvalu's pigs numbered 11,208, including 4259 on Funafuti, increasing waste runoff that pollutes marine ecosystems and threatens community health and food security. Rising urbanisation and fuel import costs further strain resources. Biogas technology offers a sustainable solution, reducing waste, easing reliance on imported fuels and protecting vital fishing grounds essential for Tuvaluan diets and community well-being.

CHANGE PROCESS

The Pacific Community (SPC) secured a USD 100,000 climate grant from the US government to pilot a domestic biogas system (DBS) initiative in Funafuti, Tuvalu. The project installed 20 DBS units, converting pig and kitchen waste into biogas for cooking and nutrient-rich digestate for gardening. Within five days of setup, each system became operational, reducing household energy costs and decreasing reliance on firewood. SPC provided funding, technical assessments, training and coordination with local authorities to ensure sustainability. Training workshops equipped residents with the skills to maintain the systems, fostering long-term community engagement and resilience. The initiative supports renewable energy, waste reduction and food security, addressing Tuvalu's environmental and economic challenges.

RESULTS AND IMPACT

The biogas systems have delivered significant financial and environmental benefits to Tuvaluan households. Each home now saves AUD 80–110 per month by replacing LPG or kerosene with biogas for cooking. The project also cuts 129 metric tonnes of CO₂ emissions annually, contributing to Tuvalu's climate goals. Families use nutrient-rich digestate as organic fertiliser for vegetable

gardens, reducing dependence on imported produce and enhancing food security. Additionally, diverting pig waste from marine discharge has improved Funafuti's lagoon ecosystem, benefiting local fisheries essential for nutrition.

The project's greatest impact lies in its dual benefits: providing 20 households with a free, sustainable energy source while enhancing environmental health. SPC's financial support, technical expertise and capacity-building efforts have ensured long-term sustainability, empowering communities to independently maintain and maximise the benefits of biogas systems.

LESSONS LEARNT

This project serves as a model for sustainable energy solutions in small island nations and has generated valuable insights. Thorough site assessments are essential to ensure biogas systems function effectively with available organic waste. Accurate data on kitchen and animal waste helps forecast biogas output and maintain a steady feedstock supply. Hands-on training empowers users, while ongoing monitoring of pig stock, waste input and system performance ensures long-term efficiency and sustainability.

Division: Geoscience, Energy and Maritime (GEM)

Donor: United States Government



Ioana Letia cooking with biogas.

MAINSTREAMING CROSS-SECTORAL PRIORITIES

Strengthening organic farming: Laniana Drecala leads change in Fiji

In 2024 SPC's Pacific Organic Learning Farms Network (POLFN) project empowered young farmer Laniana Drecala to champion organic farming in Fiji, challenging both agricultural and gender norms and misconceptions. With SPC's support, she and her family participated in comprehensive organic agriculture training at the Mudrenicagi Organic Learning Farm Centre, gaining expertise in composting, natural fertilisers, intercropping and soil health.

Laniana is now a leader in her community, mentoring others, sharing knowledge online and implementing sustainable practices on her family farm. With guidance from the SPC training, she has improved soil health, increased crop resilience and expanded market opportunities. Laniana said "...we [now] have lifetime access to learnings, compost recipes and resources." Through POLFN she connects with other farmers, accessing resources and training. Laniana's story highlights the critical role of women and youth in reshaping agriculture into a more inclusive and equitable field, transforming farming, ensuring sustainability and strengthening food security for future generations.



Laniana Drecala

INNOVATION

Innovative financing and trade: A public-private partnership to strengthen Papua New Guinea's coconut industry

Agriculture remains vital to Papua New Guinea, with the coconut value chain playing a key role in the economy. However, limited financing, market challenges and global competition hinder its growth. To address this, in August 2024 SPC, in partnership with the International Trade Centre under the EU-funded ACP Business-Friendly project, hosted a knowledge-sharing tour in Fiji. The event brought together stakeholders from Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu to explore Fiji's innovative agriculture and micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) financing models, particularly in the sugarcane industry.

Inspired by the financing models, Papua New Guinea's Kokonas Industri Koporesen (KIK), the country's statutory regulatory institution for the coconut industry, secured a significant market linkage. Punjas, a major regional distributor, committed to purchasing 500 metric tons of white copra monthly and all virgin coconut oil that Coconut Resources Limited (CRL), a subsidiary and commercial arm of KIK, can supply.

Although market access remains a challenge, this initiative demonstrates how knowledge-sharing, regional collaboration, strategic partnerships and innovative financing can unlock economic growth.



Participants from Fiji, Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu development and financial institutions engage in a roundtable discussion on agricultural and MSME financing during the knowledge sharing tour in August 2024.



KFA 6

Planetary health

Future state 2031: Collaboration and stewardship of our Blue Pacific for healthy islands, where children and vulnerable groups are nurtured in body and mind; environments invite healthy lifestyles learning and leisure; people work and age with dignity; ecological balance is a source of pride; people maintain their cultures and traditions with the land; water and oceans are protected.

The interconnectedness of human health with the health of our planet underscores the vital importance of preserving both. In our Blue Pacific region, the well-being of our communities relies on nurturing natural ecosystems and responsibly managing our natural resources. Health encompasses not only human welfare but also the environment, ecology, animals and the broader systems that sustain the health and prosperity of Pacific peoples. Securing a healthy region requires intersectoral collaboration and innovation.

SPC's work includes addressing non-communicable diseases (NCDs), infectious diseases and zoonotic outbreaks, improving access to safe water, sanitation and hygiene facilities and addressing the health impacts of climate change. Initiatives such as plant health clinics are gaining momentum in the region, signalling progress in promoting holistic health approaches and sustainable practices.

REGIONAL PROGRESS AGAINST THE 2030 TARGETS

The Pacific is making strides in improving access to essential health services, including maternal and child health, disease prevention, treatment and vaccination, ensuring healthcare reaches underserved communities. There has been an increase in health worker numbers and a more equitable distribution

across regions, especially rural areas, enhancing healthcare accessibility. The region has also strengthened its capacity to respond to health emergencies, with better preparedness, surveillance and coordination in managing infectious disease outbreaks.

2050 Strategy People-Centred Development				
SDG indicator	3.8.1	3.c.1	3.d.1	6.2.1
Progress	Coverage of essential health services	Health worker density and distribution	International Health Regulations (IHR) capacity and health emergency preparedness	Proportion of population using (a) safely managed sanitation services and (b) a hand-washing facility with soap and water

Progress: ● On track or achieved ● Average progress ● Little progress

Our contribution to impact at the regional level

We are committed to a holistic approach to planetary health, integrating plant, animal and human health to support the well-being of Pacific communities. By prioritising environmental and ecological health, we work closely with partners and member states to develop policies, strengthen health systems and improve access to essential services, particularly in remote areas. Our efforts focus on disease surveillance and control,

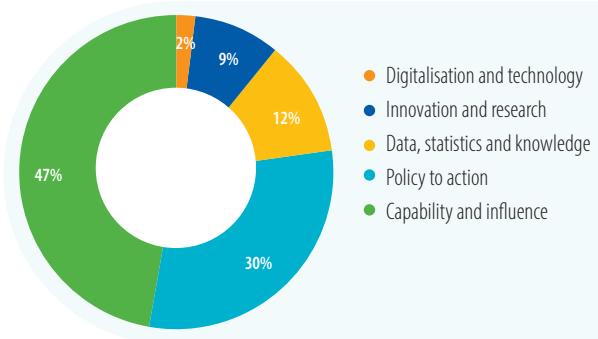
addressing malnutrition and food insecurity through nutrition and food security initiatives and enhancing agricultural and fisheries productivity. We promote health education, disaster preparedness and emergency response, ensuring resilience and fostering healthy behaviours. Through these initiatives, we aim to safeguard the health and prosperity of the Pacific region.

RESULTS OVERVIEW

In 2024 SPC contributed 43 results to this KFA, representing 8% of the total number of results for 2024. The results align most strongly with SDG 3 (good health and well-being) and the 2050 Strategy thematic area People-Centred Development. We influenced change mostly through our capability and influence, policy to action, and data, statistics and knowledge pathways. 81% of results for KFA 6 contribute to higher-level results (change in knowledge, change in attitude, change in practice, impact).

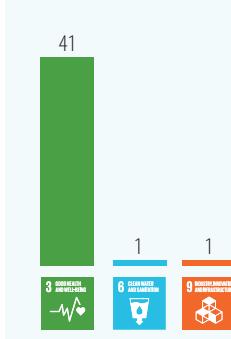
Graph 15:

Planetary health | Results by pathway (n=43)



Graph 16:

Planetary health | Contributions to SDGs (n=43)





SPC's values in action: Aroha strengthening Pacific health for a resilient future

Guided by SPC's value of aroha – care, strengthening health systems and well-being across the Pacific remains a priority. SPC welcomes AUD 15.9 million from the Australian government to support critical regional health efforts. This funding will enhance care and protection through improved NCD responses, health security surveillance, clinical and

nursing services and climate-related health initiatives. It also strengthens gender equality and social inclusion (GESI) integration, leadership and regional health governance. With a focus on compassion and collective action, this investment ensures Pacific communities receive the support needed for a healthier, more resilient future.

RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS BY PATHWAY



POLICY TO ACTION

SPC supports Pacific leaders to strengthen national and regional policy frameworks to combat NCD challenges

SPC is actively supporting Pacific leaders in advancing NCD initiatives across the region through collaboration and effective governance. Our support includes contributing to the Fijian Health Minister's review of the Public Health Act. In addition, senators in Marshall Islands and Palau's Health Minister led consultations on NCD laws and policies, the Samoan Health Minister launched new diabetes guidelines and eye care programmes, Tonga hosted the NCD Summit, and Vanuatu's National Security Council led NCD strategy development. SPC also facilitated the review and development of 25 policies and legislative frameworks across eight PICTs, including updates on marketing restrictions, tobacco control and food safety, among others.

attitudes and preventive practices regarding sexually transmitted infections (STIs) in Tonga.

Other studies explore digital innovations in promoting healthy lifestyle behaviours, evaluate the impact of digital tools in Wallis and Futuna, and assess legislative frameworks to tackle NCD risk factors. Additionally, research on food and beverage imports in Papua New Guinea examines the role of unhealthy imports in NCDs, and a follow-up study looks at the implementation of NCD-related policies in the Pacific. These initiatives support informed, evidence-based policymaking to tackle the growing NCD burden in the region.



DIGITALISATION AND TECHNOLOGY

SPC's technical expertise contributes to strengthening digital health systems for better health outcomes in the Pacific

SPC continues to support its member countries to advance their health information systems (HIS) and digital health plans. This includes providing technical advice to Marshall Islands and Samoa for their digital health strategies and collaborating with UNICEF and Fiji's Ministry of Health to implement Fiji's strategy. SPC also conducted HIS reviews for Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu, and engaged with Cook Islands on the development of a new HIS/digital health plan.

In Solomon Islands, SPC provided HIS equipment and virtual training support, further reinforcing its commitment to improving health reporting as part of preparations for the 2025 Pacific Health Ministers Meeting. In Guam, Marshall Islands and Palau, 118 participants (63 men, 55 women) were trained on civil registration and vital statistics (CRVS) and mortality reporting. By equipping medical professionals and stakeholders with the skills to enhance data collection and reporting, SPC is supporting PICTs in building resilient health systems to ensure better healthcare delivery and long-term health outcomes in the region.

Leveraging technology for health: SPC's digital interventions for childhood obesity and inclusive health services

SPC continues to leverage technology to address critical health challenges, launching digital interventions aimed at combating childhood obesity. This includes piloting the I-recall nutrition



INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

Fiji launched its new polymerase chain reaction (PCR) veterinary laboratory to support animal disease diagnosis, with support from SPC

In April, Fiji launched its new PCR veterinary laboratory, marking a significant advancement in disease detection through molecular diagnostics. Initially focused on confirming bovine tuberculosis, the laboratory has expanded its capabilities to support surveillance, research and diagnostic development for various infectious diseases. This initiative, in collaboration with regional governments, will enhance the Fiji Ministry of Agriculture's ability to detect and respond to disease outbreaks and contribute to strengthening early warning systems across the region. SPC's support in this innovation underscores its commitment to advancing research and improving veterinary health in the Pacific.

SPC's technical expertise contributes to generating evidence-based strategies to tackle growing NCD-related challenges in the Pacific

SPC has developed seven papers and a technical report on NCDs, providing essential evidence to support policy decisions and strategies for addressing health challenges in the Pacific region. The papers cover a range of critical topics, including food tax policies in PICTs, diabetes prevention through a whole-of-society approach, and youth health with a focus on knowledge,

app and launching the SPC Regional Health Guidelines App. Additionally, the People with Disabilities database was introduced in Vanuatu, underscoring SPC's commitment to providing inclusive health services across the region.



CAPABILITY AND INFLUENCE

SPC helps strengthen healthcare delivery and professional capability through professional development activities

SPC continues to enhance healthcare capacity across the Pacific by supporting professional development initiatives through the Pacific Clinical and Nursing Networks (PCNNs) and other professional associations, including the Pacific Islands Orthopaedic Association (PIOA), Pacific Society for Reproductive Health (PSRH), Pacific Rehabilitation and Assistive Technology Association (PRATA), Integrated Management of Obstetric and Paediatric Emergencies (IMOP) and the Pacific Society of Anaesthetists. In 2024 a total of 138 health practitioners (78 men, 60 women) from these professional associations were engaged in various capacity-building activities supported by SPC.

Other professional development activities supported by SPC include specialised training for 347 healthcare workers (194 women, 153 men) from 14 PICTs in areas such as echo, primary trauma care (PTC), biomedical, infection prevention and control (IPC) and preceptorship. In addition, 103 health workers (77 women, 26 men) from 9 PICTs participated in the Postgraduate Certificate in Field Epidemiology (PGCFE) programme, aimed at strengthening capacity in applied epidemiology and public health surveillance across the region.

SPC contributes to pest and disease preparedness across the Pacific, strengthening biosecurity and protecting agriculture and food security

SPC continues to support Pacific members with technical assistance and supplies to enhance early warning systems and emergency responses to pest and disease outbreaks. Efforts include providing fall armyworm (FAW) traps and lures to Tonga, supporting Solomon Islands in managing the Asian subterranean termite (AST) incursion, and supplying Fiji with equipment and chemicals for the little fire ant (LFA) incursion, along with a FAW field simulation exercise. Surveillance grids were established in Pohnpei for fruit fly monitoring and FAW detection, while Nauru and Palau deployed traps for FAW and fruit fly surveillance. Marshall Islands and Vanuatu received traps and chemicals to manage the coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB), and Tuvalu was equipped with traps, chemicals and protective wear for fruit fly management.



DATA, STATISTICS AND KNOWLEDGE

Strengthening NCD policies in Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu through food import assessments

Comprehensive assessments of food imports and their impact on NCDs in Papua New Guinea and Vanuatu have provided essential data for policy development. In Vanuatu, an analysis of unhealthy imported foods, high in fat, salt and sugar, informed trade policies to limit these products. In Papua New Guinea, an evaluation of the country's WTO agreements highlighted how trade liberalisation affects food systems and contributes to NCDs.

With SPC's support, both countries have used these findings to guide national policy, incorporating them into food import assessments in Vanuatu and developing healthier trade policies in Papua New Guinea, demonstrating the critical role of data-driven decisions in improving public health outcomes across the region.

FEATURE PUBLICATION



A Tiny Island and a Giant Beetle: A Fight to Save Coconut Palms in Vanuatu focuses on the challenges and efforts to combat the CRB infestation that threatens coconut palms in Vanuatu and other Pacific islands. It highlights the urgency of addressing this pest to protect the coconut industry and ecosystem and describes the strategies considered and implemented, including biological control, sanitation measures, chemical control and community engagement.

Tackling Diabetes in a Whole of Society Approach: Challenges, progress, and opportunities in the Pacific Island countries discusses the need to invest additional resources in engaging and mobilising civil society organisations. It highlights the severity of diabetes in the Pacific and provides insights into collaborative intervention efforts, a comprehensive analysis of the challenges faced and potential opportunities for progress.

Link: https://www.researchgate.net/publication/379156478_A_Tiny_Island_and_a_Giant_Beetle_A_Fight_to_Save_Coconut_Palms_in_Vanuatu



Link: <https://esmed.org/MRA/mra/article/view/5433>



STORY OF CHANGE



Adult coconut rhinoceros beetles collected from Bukura, Devil's Point Road, Efate.

REVIVING VANUATU'S 'TREE OF LIFE': AN INTEGRATED RESPONSE TO THE COCONUT RHINOCEROS BEETLE



CONTEXT

The coconut rhinoceros beetle (CRB) is a major pest threatening coconut trees worldwide. Since invading Vanuatu in 2019, CRB has devastated coconut trees on Efate and nearby islands, overwhelming local management efforts. Coconut, vital to Vanuatu's economy and livelihoods, contributes around 45% of Vanuatu's gross domestic product. With 23,000 households reliant on coconut trees, urgent collaboration is needed to contain CRB's rapid spread and protect this essential 'Tree of Life'.

CHANGE PROCESS

Once detected, Vanuatu's Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries and Biosecurity sought funding and technical support to assist with the response. Funded by New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT), the Pacific Community's (SPC) Land Resources Division (LRD) partnered with AgResearch NZ and Biosecurity Vanuatu under the Pacific Awareness and Response to CRB (PARC) programme.

COVID-19 delayed in-person interventions until late 2022, allowing CRB to spread further. From 2023 to mid-2024, intensified management efforts led to palm recovery. SPC played a central role, coordinating regional efforts and facilitating collaboration among the 26 member countries of the Pacific Plant Protection Organisation and national plant protection officers, ensuring a unified and effective regional response.

An integrated pest management (IPM) approach was applied, including community awareness campaigns, quarantine enforcement, sanitation, pheromone trapping and biocontrol agents. Biosecurity Vanuatu led surveillance efforts, introducing mandatory shipping inspections.

RESULTS AND IMPACT

Local communities were informed about the threat of CRB, leading to strong community ownership of pest management efforts. Post-release monitoring surveys confirmed biocontrol agents (virus and fungus) were spreading naturally outside of their release points, promising long-term pest control beyond the project's duration.

2024 saw CRB being effectively contained on Efate and nearby islands, with only one recent detection on Santo. Communities appreciate the efforts and actively maintain the programme.

A resident of Ifira shared, "We are thankful that Biosecurity Vanuatu and partners have carried out management efforts on Ifira Island, our palms are now recovering well." Another from Mele said, "Coconuts are starting to produce nuts again... and I can't wait to drink fresh juice again."

LESSONS LEARNT

Strong partnerships and community engagement were key to effectively managing CRB in Vanuatu. Collaboration enabled resource consolidation, successful programme implementation and technical training for local authorities. The project highlighted the importance of collective responsibility and local ownership, demonstrating that stewardship and IPM are essential for long-term management of these environmental pests.

Division: LRD

Donor: MFAT

MAINSTREAMING CROSS-SECTORAL PRIORITIES



PGCFE graduates Ms Cynthia Jackson and Ms Majory Kwaina presenting a poster on the 2023 Pacific Games mass gathering surveillance at the 2024 Global Health Security Conference in Sydney in June 2024.

Building climate-resilient public health: SPC strengthens field epidemiology in the Pacific

SPC is strengthening field epidemiology in the Pacific, equipping health workers with essential skills to address climate-sensitive diseases and emerging health threats. As climate change increases the risk of vector-borne diseases, waterborne outbreaks and extreme weather impacts, building surveillance capacity is critical.

Under the Strengthening Health Interventions in the Pacific – Data for Decision Making (SHIP-DDM) programme, Solomon Islands health workers have been participating in the Fiji National University-accredited Postgraduate Certificate in Field Epidemiology (PGCFE) since 2018. A first cohort of nine students graduated in 2020 and in 2024, a second cohort of seven students graduated, contributing to a skilled workforce.

Supported by SPC and partners, trained PGCFE graduates helped establish an online public health surveillance system during the 2023 Pacific Games in Honiara. The system recorded 3764 health encounters and identified 1354 syndromic cases, including climate-sensitive diseases such as Zika and influenza. The access to near real-time data allowed for prompt investigation and timely response.

INNOVATION

Innovation in infection prevention and control: Making the most of opportunities to align Pacific health to global standards

Infection prevention and control (IPC) is a vital component of public health, directly impacting SDG 3 (good health and well-being) and SDG 6 (clean water and sanitation) and playing a central role in meeting international health regulations. In response to the absence of Pacific data in the WHO's 2022 Global Report on IPC and taking advantage of the unique opportunity COVID-19 created in bringing IPC to the forefront, SPC supported the Pacific Infection Control Network (PICNet) to conduct a detailed situational analysis of IPC core components across PICTs from 2022 to 2023.

In 2024 these findings were published, marking the first in-depth assessment of IPC programmes at the national and facility level in the region. SPC's role was crucial in contextualising global IPC standards to meet Pacific-specific needs, such as developing a regional IPC monitoring dashboard. This tool helps countries track



SPC's adviser Margaret Leong conducting IPC training in Fiji.

progress and align with global standards. Most PICTs have made significant progress in achieving minimum IPC requirements, including appointing IPC focal points and creating workplans.



KFA 7

Transforming institutional effectiveness

Future state 2031: One SPC is values-based and working with members and partners to provide coherent, social and environmental responsible learning for enhanced representation of Pacific people and gender equality across the organisation and at all levels of decision-making.

OVERVIEW

SPC serves the region through scientific and technical expertise, capabilities, partnerships based on shared values and management of assets. Ensuring SPC is an effective institution contributes to good governance, socio-economic development, peace and prosperity.

Our actions under KFA 7 underpin all our results as we continue working towards One SPC, an organisation that is values-based, works in genuine collaboration with members

and partners, promotes localised solutions, and collectively delivers services that respond to members development challenges and priorities. All divisions contribute to this KFA, guided by the organisation's values and supported by the Operations and Management Directorate (OMD) and leadership across all levels. We also continue to strengthen mainstreaming cross-sectoral priorities through our Social and Environmental Responsibility (SER) Policy and people-centred approach (PCA).

Divisions: CCES, EQAP, FAME, GEM, HRSD, LRD, PCCOS, PHD, SDD, SPL

REGIONAL PROGRESS AGAINST THE 2030 TARGETS

The region is making progress with increased legal recognition and protection for children, ensuring access to essential services and rights. This progress is built on collective efforts to strengthen legal frameworks, policies and mechanisms to prevent and address these issues, while promoting the creation of peaceful institutions. Improved access to fast and reliable internet is

boosting education, business and social development. There is also greater investment in infrastructure through public–private partnerships, and countries are adopting legal frameworks to ensure the independence and transparency of national statistical systems while building capacity at multiple levels to enhance data quality and availability.

2050 Strategy Political Leadership and Regionalism, People-Centred Development, Technology and Connectivity

SDG indicator	13.a.1 ⁷	16.9.1	17.6.1	17.17.1	17.18.2	17.18.3	17.19.1	17.19.2
Progress	Amounts provided and mobilized in United States dollars per year in relation to the continued existing collective mobilization goal of the \$100 billion commitment through to 2025	Proportion of children under 5 years of age whose births have been registered with a civil authority, by age	Fixed broadband subscriptions per 100 inhabitants, by speed	Amount of United States dollars committed to public-private partnerships for infrastructure	Number of countries that have national statistical legislation that complies with the Fundamental Principles of Official Statistics	Number of countries with a national statistical plan that is fully funded and under implementation, by source of funding	Dollar value of all resources made available to strengthen statistical capacity in developing countries	Proportion of countries that (a) have conducted at least one population and housing census in the last 10 years; and (b) have achieved 100 per cent birth registration and 80 per cent death registration

Progress: ● On track or achieved ● Average progress ○ Little progress

Our contribution to impact at the regional level

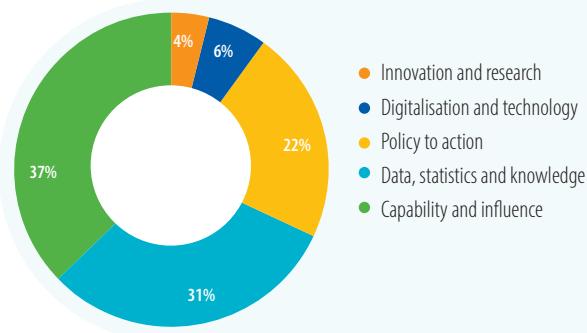
KFA 7 forms the cornerstone of our achievements as we strive to enhance institutional effectiveness under the unified banner of One SPC. Our contribution to the relevant SDGs lies in our commitment to fostering integrated development approaches, encouraging collaboration across institutions and working across sectors to achieve shared goals and amplify our impact. We have bolstered our internal systems to improve accountability mechanisms and ensure the efficient use of resources. Additionally, we are dedicated to refining our monitoring and reporting processes on development outcomes and using data to guide our decisions. As stewards of regional data, we continue to strengthen data governance and management, expand data collection and improve access to data for our members.

RESULTS OVERVIEW

In 2024 SPC contributed 122 results to this KFA, representing 23% of the total number of results for 2024. The results align most strongly with SDG 17 (partnerships for the goals) and SDG 16 (peace, justice and strong institutions) and the 2050 Strategy thematic area Political Leadership and Regionalism. We influenced change mostly through our capability and influence, policy to action, and data, statistics and knowledge pathways. 53% of results for KFA 7 contribute to higher-level results (change in knowledge, change in attitude, change in practice, impact).

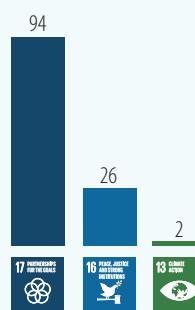
Graph 17:

Transforming institutional effectiveness | Results by pathway (n=122)



Graph 18:

Transforming institutional effectiveness | Contributions to SDGs (n=122)



⁷ While the total amount mobilised under 13.a.1 is increasing, there is no available data on the exact share for the Pacific.



SPC values in action: Enginkehlap and kaitiakitanga empowering the Pacific with the 2050 Strategy dashboard

At the 53rd Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting, SPC shared a new open-access dashboard that tracks progress toward the region's 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent. Aligned with SPC's value of enginkehlap – generosity, and our stewardship role of regional data, this tool makes key data publicly available to foster collaboration and informed decision-making for

sustainable development across the Pacific. The dashboard tracks progress in critical areas, including climate change, ocean health, economic development and more. Hosted on the Pacific Data Hub, it empowers Pacific nations to monitor and advance their shared vision of a resilient, inclusive and prosperous future.

RESULTS HIGHLIGHTS BY PATHWAY

Putting people first: Prioritising staff well-being and support

Following the 2024 New Caledonia unrest, SPC introduced several initiatives to support staff well-being alongside work to strengthen organisational capability to respond to unexpected disruptions to operations. SPC enhanced its well-being initiatives by expanding counselling services, telehealth support and the Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) to ensure staff received necessary care. As part of crisis management support, Human Resources (HR) facilitated 26 well-being webinars, benefiting over 130 staff across SPC.

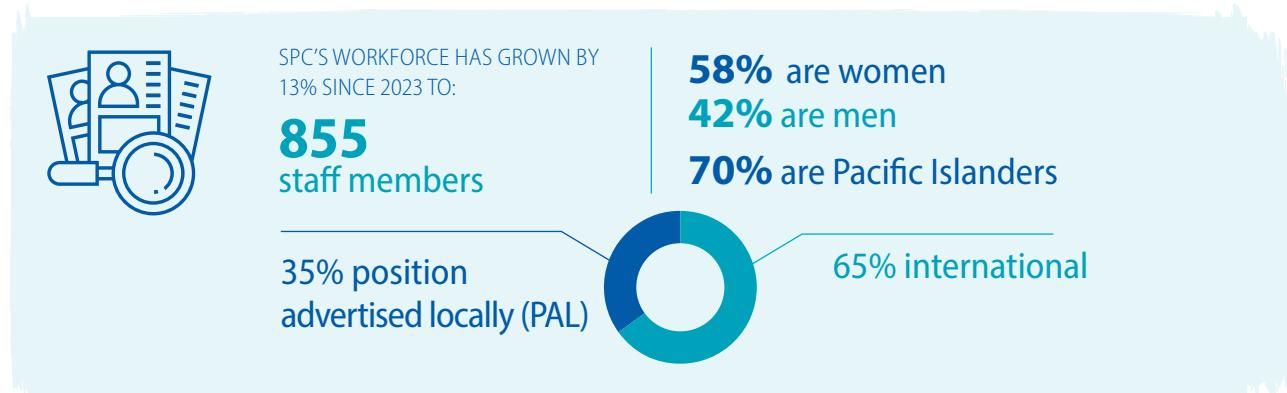
Work to strengthen our crisis response capability includes the Security Framework for SPC's headquarters, building on the lessons learnt from the crisis to enable us to navigate future

disruptions and ensure our preparedness for maintaining operations and delivering projects.

SPC staff engaged in a number of SPC-wide initiatives to support staff well-being:

- Over 74 participants (48 from Suva, 26 from Noumea) engaged in the SPC-wide orientation programme
- 120 participants (80 from Noumea, 40 from Suva) engaged in occupational health and safety (OHS) sessions
- Over 100 participants attended hypnosis sessions in Noumea
- Over 100 staff attended the Allianz Insurance webinars

SPC workforce



Two key appointments of female Pacific citizens were made to SPC's Senior Leadership Team (SLT). Women make up the majority of SLT's composition, with 14 women (61%) and 9 men (39%).



Leadership appointments: 2 regional office directors



Sarah Mecartney,
Melanesia Regional Office (MERO)



Elsie Fukofuka,
Polynesia Regional Office (PRO)

Our 2024 budget

SPC's 2024 revised budget and expenditure are shown in the table below.

	Budget	Expenditure*	Execution rate
Programmes and projects	111.46m	107.67m	97%
Core	18.76m	16.0m	85%
Total	130.22m	129.23m	99.2%

* Preliminary revised budget and preliminary actual expenditure as of December 2024.

SPC continued providing services to members with a commitment to maintaining a balanced budget in changing and challenging regional and national economic and political conditions.

In 2024 we oversaw a significant improvement in our performance and implementation rate despite the unrest and travel restrictions in Noumea, which affected activity implementations across all our work. In 2024 the utilisation of net core expenditure was 85%, compared to 75% in 2023. This core underspend contributed to the surplus as of December 2024. SPC's 2025 approved budget provides for expenditure of EUR 131.45 million, an increase of EUR 1.22 million from the 2024 revised budget. The increase reflects business growth from increased programme and project implementation.

SPC's financial situation and outlook remain generally positive, and SPC will continue its efforts to achieve the highest possible levels of implementation. Our focus for managing financial risk in 2025 is on ensuring our adaptability to changing contexts, managing donor compliance complexity and risk, and a continued focus on ensuring levels of compliance standards required by donors.

Strategic actions for long-term impact

Resource Mobilisation Strategy

Based on member discussion and feedback at the 53rd Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations meeting (CRGA 53), SPC finalised and published its inaugural Resource Mobilisation Strategy (RMS). RMS outlines SPC's strategic approach to ensuring SPC's long-term financial stability, focusing on flexible funding and cornerstone partnerships to accelerate major initiatives such as SPC's four flagships.

Partnership frameworks with Australia and New Zealand

SPC finalised new 10-year partnership frameworks with the Government of Australia and with New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT). These two strategic partnerships are characterised by people-centred approaches to development, including flexible programmatic funding to deliver on SPC's strategic plan priorities. From a comprehensive strategic partnership lens, SPC considers these two decadal partnership agreements models for values-aligned Pacific-centric partnerships.

Unlocking Blue Pacific Prosperity

Following member support at CRGA 53 and the 52nd Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Leaders Meeting in 2023, SPC has supported members to progress the design of the *Unlocking Blue Pacific Prosperity* (UBPP) initiative. UBPP aims to mobilise large-scale new investment into the region, bringing together members, Council of Regional

Organisations in the Pacific (CROP) agencies, civil society and public and philanthropic funding partners to achieve three ambitious goals: 1) sustainable management and conservation of 100% of the Blue Pacific Continent, 2) robust food systems underpinned by resilient ecosystems and 3) fit-for-purpose sustainable financing arrangements.

UBPP was launched by leaders at COP28 in December 2023, attracting a commitment of USD 100 million in new and flexible seed funding from the Bezos Earth Fund. At a UBPP high-level side event at the 53rd PIF Leaders Meeting in Tonga, the Great Barrier Reef Foundation announced AUD 15 million in support of UBPP, earmarked for the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP).

To further develop the UBPP initiative, a five-day co-design workshop was held in Suva on 22–26 July 2024. Facilitated by SPC, the workshop was attended by representatives of 16 SPC members and six regional organisations. To accelerate the member-led co-design process, workshop participants proposed the establishment of a volunteer-based UBPP Working Group. Co-chaired by Cook Islands and Palau and supported by SPC, the Working Group includes representatives from Australia, American Samoa, Cook Islands, Kiribati, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Tonga, Tuvalu, UK, Vanuatu, the Bezos Earth Fund, SPC, SPREP, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) and the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC).

Based on the co-design process and guided by the Working Group, a draft UBPP design framework has been prepared for member and stakeholder feedback in 2025.

Major new programmes

Several multi-million-dollar programmes have been advanced in collaboration with our strategic partners.

- The Pacific Humanitarian Warehousing Program (PHWP) commenced implementation. PHWP is a collaborative, Pacific-led, multi-partner initiative aimed at strengthening preparedness and response to natural disasters. The initiative supports 14 PICTs and Timor-Leste through construction of a warehouse and pre-positioning of supplies for distribution following a natural disaster. The ambitious integrated programming approach uses pooled funding, institutionalised coordination architecture and depends on high levels of trust.
- SPC's Climate Change Flagship demonstrates the benefits of a partnerships model anchored by a strategic cornerstone partnership and significant early investment. This flagship programme has used critical investments, including NZD 30

million from New Zealand and Australia's ongoing multi-million investment of programmatic funding across climate capabilities, to kickstart design and implementation.

- The Pacific Research Vessel (PRV) project moved into the final stages of design. PRV is a Pacific-wide response to significant capability gaps for targeted research on sustainable tuna fisheries management. This project will ensure all SPC members have the data and science they need to effectively manage their tuna fisheries resources. The primary focus will be on tuna tagging, and a range of capabilities to support science across the Ocean Flagship will also be included.

Strategic Communications, Outreach and Engagement

Key strategic shifts were introduced in 2024 to enhance impact storytelling, visibility and member support. Formerly known as Corporate Communications, the group underwent a restructure, expanding its focus to outreach, engagement and crisis communications. Key changes included forming an Outreach and Engagement team, restructuring SPC's Pacific Way team to strengthen Pacific-led storytelling and improving science-to-policy translation for members. The name change reflects the team's broader role in fostering strategic communication with members, staff and partners. Key achievements in 2024 include:

- SPC developed and endorsed a Crisis Communications Strategy and standard operating procedures (SOPs) in early 2024 to manage critical issues and ensure effective information flow during crises. The strategy was tested during the unrest in New Caledonia, highlighting its role in delivering timely, clear and consistent communication to staff.
- SPC supported the creation of an Outreach and Engagement team and a revamp of Pacific Way TV to support Pacific-led content. The focus shifted from general visibility to more strategic, intentional communications that better showcase SPC, its members and partners. A draft business plan, values framework and results framework were developed, aligned with SPC's Strategic Plan and the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific.
- In June, SPC coordinated broadcast of the Pacific Way TV programme from Hawai'i, enabling audiences across 20 countries and millions in the Pacific to access the world's largest Indigenous Pacific festival from home.
- Better coordination of content, Pacific representative content and elevation of content across the organisation with a reduction in the number of posts but a focus on quality and relevance has paid dividends with significant increases in meaningful engagement from audiences across the Pacific.

2024 TOTAL IMPRESSIONS:

9,364,429

an increase of 6.2% from 2023

ENGAGEMENT:

865,783

an increase of 26.8% from 2023

POST LINK CLICKS (an indication of influence):

316,681

an increase of 79.8% on clicks on our social media posts

Followers:

	2023	2024	↑ 4%
 2023	97,000	100,536	 4%
 2023	2700	4009	 48%
 2023	49,000	61,295	 25%
 2023	39,000	40,658	 4%
 2023	7700	22,700	 195%

Leveraging our One SPC approach to attain operational effectiveness

SPC launched the Operating Model Transformation Programme to improve efficiency, adaptability and resilience of key internal functions. SPC is implementing strategies to streamline operations, enhance processes and strengthen its ability to respond to external shocks while ensuring the continuity of critical technical and scientific services that support its members.

Building on the Shared Services initiative, the Operations and Integration Office is driving further improvements, focusing on support systems and infrastructure to future-proof SPC. A key milestone was the successful pilot initiative by the Finance team, which created synergy between financial, business and administrative processes. This initiative introduced finance job families, aligning roles across SPC and laying the foundation for a comprehensive workforce and succession planning strategy at the divisional level. These efforts are crucial for ensuring SPC remains agile, efficient and responsive to the region's evolving needs, with ongoing work planned to refine the operating model and investment strategies for a stronger, more resilient organisation.

Enhancing country engagement via subregional offices

SPC continues to expand and enhance the capabilities of its subregional offices in Micronesia, Polynesia and Melanesia to better serve member countries. Through our subregional offices, SPC continues to strengthen regional coordination, improve service delivery and enhance engagement with member countries across the Pacific.

- Melanesia Regional Office (MERO): MERO consists of three staff. The office has focused on strengthening national and partnership dialogues, programme coordination for improved implementation and impact, operational excellence with efficient services that optimise resources and processes and ensuring visible and shared understanding of SPC values in supporting all its work at the subregional level. MERO has supported joint missions from SPC to Vanuatu, trainings and active involvement in national and partnership dialogues.
- Polynesia Regional Office (PRO): SPC's PRO now consists of 9 staff with strategic and technical expertise, playing a vital role in facilitating cultural and political diplomacy. PRO provided advisory support at key events, including the Ocean Donor Roundtable in Athens. The office also contributed significantly to Polynesian member country meetings and coordinated SPC's strategic engagement at the Forum Leaders Meeting in Tonga in August. This was achieved through enhanced internal collaboration, integrated work approaches and operational improvements.
- Micronesia Regional Office (MRO): MRO consists of 13 staff. MRO supported SPC divisions and initiatives, including development of the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) Strategic Development Plan (SDP) 2024–2043. The office hosted visits from SPC leadership and facilitated key technical programmes, such as the FSM Health Summit, microbiology training for health officials and preparations for the Pacific Youth Council Convening. MRO also organised meetings and events to advance gender equality in the northern region. In 2024 MRO hosted the SPC Director-General's visit to the north and supported the FSM–SPC Letter of Agreement (LOA) to review FSM's SDP 2004–2023 and develop the new SDP 2024–2043.

Data and statistics: SPC is the regional lead and custodian of national data

Strengthening disability data in the Pacific: Launch of the Regional Disability Statistics Project Multi-Year Plan

The Regional Disability Statistics Project Multi-Year Plan 2024–2026 was launched in April. The plan, a critical step toward improving disability statistics in the Pacific, was developed through a collaborative planning workshop held in Suva with partners including UNICEF, the Fiji Bureau of Statistics, Kiribati National Statistics Office, PIFS and the Pacific Disability Forum. The multi-year work plan identified joint strategies to enhance data collection and reporting on disability across the region. This initiative aims to provide insights for policymaking and resource allocation to ensure better support and inclusion for people with disabilities in PICTs.

Technical lead and custodian of regional data and statistics

In 2024 SPC achieved several key milestones aimed at strengthening data systems and enhancing regional development. Notable accomplishments include the development of national statistics system profiles to bolster data infrastructure across PICTs. SPC also facilitated the Pacific Statistics Capacity Development Webinar to promote knowledge-sharing. The integration of data systems was further advanced through a report on interoperability among civil registration, health information and statistics, enhancing data accuracy and public health outcomes. Additionally, SPC developed a Pacific-specific time use survey methodology, initiated the National Data Portals Project in Fiji and Samoa, and supported the creation of the 2050 Dashboard on the Pacific Data Hub, which tracks progress toward the region's 2050 Strategy.

SPC also contributed to global data and statistics by participating in the UN World Data Forum's panel on Data Modernisation in Small Island Developing States. The discussion focused on the Pacific's unique challenges and innovative data modernisation solutions, including a presentation on measuring the impacts of natural disasters and climate change through the Pacific's household survey.

We continue to support national data collection and build the capacity of our members in collaboration with our key partners.

Advancing information sharing and generation through digitalisation

In 2024 SPC began digitising its scientific and technical work from 1947, with a focus on preserving traditional and Indigenous knowledge, especially in the face of increasing natural disaster risks. The SPC Library successfully completed the digitisation of the Public Health Division (PHD) collection and will continue with the Statistics for Development Division (SDD) and Pacific Women and Girls collections in 2025.

The ICT Unit remained crucial in supporting SPC's projects, particularly in enhancing the Pacific Data Hub's data accessibility and integration. The unit also facilitated key SPC and CROP events such as the Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture (FestPAC) in Honolulu, the Triennial and Women's Ministerial meetings in Marshall Islands and the Forum Leaders meeting in Tonga, providing seamless communication and technological efficiency. Additionally, SPC's Educational Quality and Assessment Programme (EQAP) website was updated with new educational data and information, including sections on the Pacific Qualifications Recognition Project (PQRP) and PILNA TV, to further strengthen knowledge management and the digital library collection.

Enhancing the use of Pacific languages in our work with communities

In 2024 our ability to engage and communicate with communities about SPC's scientific and technical work in their local language was boosted. The Tok Pasifika project, led by SPC's Translation and Interpretation team, is continuing to develop a comprehensive roster of preferred Pacific language experts, such as translators and interpreters, who can support the publishing, communications and public outreach work of SPC's technical divisions.

Unlocking Blue Pacific Prosperity (UBPP): SPC's role in innovation and investment

UBPP is a Pacific-led movement to rapidly mobilise large-scale investment into the Blue Pacific region, guided by Pacific Leaders' 2050 Strategy. Twenty-two Pacific governments, eight regional organisations, civil society organisations, and public and philanthropic funding partners are collaborating to achieve sustainable management and conservation of 100% of the Blue Pacific Continent and robust food systems underpinned by resilient ecosystems.

In 2024 SPC supported an innovative co-design approach to ensure Pacific leadership, ownership and relevance to Pacific contexts in the design of UBPP. Through inception workshops, a co-design sprint with 16 Pacific governments and six CROP agencies, and a member-led UBPP Working Group, a UBPP draft design has been produced for further consultation.

SPC is supporting members through a futures thinking process to co-develop this framework, ensuring it anticipates evolving market conditions, economic and financial policies, investment instruments and regulatory environments. In recognition of Pacific leadership and innovation, the Bezos Earth Fund has committed USD 100 million as seed funding for UBPP.



Unlocking Blue Pacific Prosperity co-design workshop in Suva, Fiji.

Watch the video: https://youtu.be/KiwZOQQv5Mg?list=PLCa-WnF3HdrijN6P9sbH_8H48pxt44DGUT



FEATURE PUBLICATION



Indicator Guidelines for Policy Monitoring in the Pacific, developed as a joint effort by the Economic Statistics Commission for Asia and the Pacific (ESCAP) and SPC, provides guidance to Pacific Island countries on improving policy monitoring through effective statistical indicators.

Link: <https://www.unescap.org/sites/default/d8files/2024-10/INDICATOR-GUIDELINES-for-Policy-Monitoring-ESCAP.pdf>



MAINSTREAMING OUR CROSS-SECTORAL PRIORITIES

Strengthening SPC's work for members through SER policy implementation

In 2024 SPC advanced the implementation of its Social and Environmental Responsibility (SER) Policy to enhance its services to members. Key achievements included integrating SER induction into monthly staff onboarding, publishing responsible marketing guidelines and training 382 staff in people-centred

approaches. Ethical data collection practices were reinforced, and the SER team contributed to data governance with a focus on free, prior and informed consent. SER principles were embedded across divisional business plans and flagship programmes, while the helpdesk addressed 47 internal requests. These efforts ensure that SER considerations are mainstreamed across SPC's operations, policies and partnerships for greater impact.



SPC leads development of groundbreaking Pacific MEL qualification

In the absence of formal qualifications in monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) and limited integration of Pacific methodologies, the Pacific region has relied on conventional MEL practices. Responding to a recommendation by the Pacific MEL Rebbilib (2019), in 2023 SPC initiated an industry-led co-design process for the development of the region's first Diploma in MEL, aiming to embed Pacific cultural knowledge into MEL frameworks.

Through the Pacific MEL project and with funding from MFAT, SPC collaborated with partners to ensure the qualification reflected regional priorities. The diploma was accredited by the Pacific Board for Educational Quality in June 2024 and launched at the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting in August.

The diploma was officially rolled out in October by USP, with 82 students from across the Pacific enrolling in the first cohort. As national universities adopt the programme, SPC will provide early support, including sharing insights from USP's rollout. The diploma marks a significant step in strengthening Pacific-led MEL capacity.

Accreditation certificate handover ceremony.

STORY OF CHANGE



REGIONAL OFFICE STAFF IN 2024



Regional Directors, July 2024



SPC'S REGIONAL IMPACT ACROSS THE PACIFIC

CONTEXT

The Pacific Community (SPC) has embarked on a transformative journey to enhance its effectiveness and presence across the region. In 2023 SPC committed to strengthening its three regional offices – [Micronesia Regional Office](#) (MRO), [Melanesia Regional Office](#) (MERO) and [Polynesia Regional Office](#) (PRO) – by securing guaranteed investment for future operations. The three regional offices play a vital role in strengthening strategic country engagement and expanding services.

CHANGE PROCESS

SPC's regional offices were established to strengthen strategic country presence and subregional mechanisms for effective service delivery. This approach promotes a One SPC vision, ensuring coherence and value across regions. The transformation to enhance effectiveness was guided by values-led, people-centred engagement, fostering strong networks and collaboration with subregional groups. At the national level, courtesy visits, strategic advisory committees and planning dialogues deepened SPC's understanding of member priorities, enabling more targeted support and alignment with evolving regional and institutional needs.

RESULTS AND IMPACT

SPC's regional offices have enhanced country intelligence and service delivery by aligning with national protocols, planning and budgeting processes. Advocacy for the One SPC and One CROP approaches has promoted greater consistency and collaboration across sectors. Strengthened immunities and privileges have improved development initiatives, while a deeper cultural understanding has made programmes more responsive. Increased visibility in national dialogues bridged gaps between foreign

affairs and domestic sectors, fostering integrated decision-making. Enhanced reporting and accountability mechanisms now respect cultural contexts, ensuring more effective, inclusive practices and strengthening SPC's impact across the Pacific.

In 2024 MERO renewed its memorandum of understanding with the Melanesian Spearhead Group Secretariat, highlighting key areas of technical collaboration; MRO was actively engaged in selected technical standing committees of the Micronesia Islands Forum and advancing gender equality through the Micronesian Ministers for Women Conference; and PRO pursued tailored collaboration and direction via the Polynesian Leaders Group and provided support to the 53rd Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meeting in August, hosted by Tonga.

LESSONS LEARNT

Regional presence and capability allow for genuine and durable engagement built on values-led, respectful and consistent dialogue, fostering trust and lasting relationships. Understanding and respecting cultural nuances is crucial, and accepting the 'right timing' rather than rushing is essential. SPC's regional offices play a vital role in deepening engagement with member countries, ensuring that development efforts align with national priorities. Ongoing investment in these offices is crucial for sustaining meaningful collaboration and long-term impact.

Divisions: All

Donor: Core funding

OUR PATHWAYS

This section discusses our results by the five strategic pathways of our Strategic Plan 2022–2031. The pathways describe how SPC will contribute across the KFAs to progress our mission of ensuring all Pacific peoples' rights and well-being through science and knowledge, guided by our deep understanding of Blue Pacific contexts and cultures.

Our five pathways are: policy to action; data, statistics and knowledge; innovation and research; digitalisation and technology; and capability and influence. While many of our results are achieved through action in multiple pathways, this section presents an overview of our results by the primary pathway.

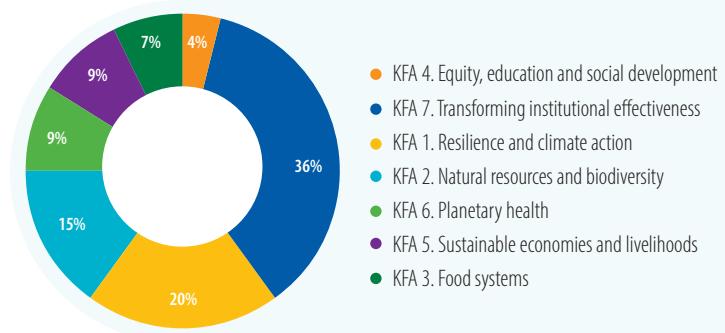
POLICY TO ACTION

Policy to action is about turning policies and commitments into real, tangible action for Pacific people and communities, and ensuring development is guided by principles of people-centred approaches, sustainability and good governance.

SPC supported Pacific Island countries to translate climate and development commitments into tangible outcomes by helping them access climate finance, implement community-based adaptation and integrate updated climate and disaster risk data into national planning. Over 40 national policies, laws and strategies were reviewed or amended across sectors like fisheries, health, education, agriculture, ocean governance and

waste management. SPC also advanced regional frameworks in education and health, strengthened digital learning and disease surveillance, and provided legal and technical support, ensuring gender and social inclusion were embedded throughout.

Graph 19:
Results by pathway | Policy to action (n=138)



SRF indicators for policy to action

Indicator	2022	2023	2024	% change (2023 to 2024)
Number of legislation/regulations/policies developed or reviewed, with support from SPC	50 (40% national, 60% regional)	50 (42% regional, 58% national)	63 (89% national, 7% regional)	26%
Number of legislation/regulations/policies endorsed, adopted and implemented	40 (24 national, 16 regional)	50 (28% regional, 72% national)	55 (51% national, 49% regional)	10%
Number of tools and mechanisms (guidelines, manuals, action plans, SOPs, frameworks, protocols, toolkits, strategies) developed or reviewed to support the implementation of policies/legislations, with support from SPC	45+	60+	70+ (61% national, 39% regional)	17%



National hydrological service leaders during the flood early warning strategic planning workshop, Rakiraki, Fiji, February 2024.

Building resilience through water security: A strategic path forward

In 2024, recognising persistent low levels of engagement on critical water challenges, including increased flooding, groundwater salinity and water scarcity, SPC prioritised strengthening multi-sectoral engagement through strategic partnerships and high-level policy engagement.

In February 2024, SPC and Fiji co-convened a National Hydrological Service leaders' workshop with participants from Fiji, Samoa, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu. The workshop resulted in clear commitments to improve flood early warning systems and enhance data-sharing, leading the Pacific Meteorological Council to endorse a broader hydrological strategic plan to strengthen climate resilience and disaster risk management across the region.

Key achievements include development of the Pasifika Water Security Engagement Strategy, noted by ministers at the 8th Pacific Water and Wastewater (PWW) Ministerial Meeting in September, endorsement of the strategy by the Pacific Resilience Partnership Water Security Technical Working Group and the inclusion of Pacific water security in the Asia-Pacific Synthesis Report for the first time.

From policy to action: Strengthening Vanuatu's response to non-communicable diseases

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) are responsible for 74% of all deaths in Vanuatu, presenting a major public health challenge. In 2023 the Vanuatu Ministry of Health approached SPC for support with the country's NCD governance framework by transforming the dormant NCD taskforce into the National NCD Multisectoral Committee.

SPC facilitated structural reviews, stakeholder consultations and governance reforms to strengthen accountability and long-term sustainability. The committee was relaunched in July 2023, governance structures were refined in November 2023, and the framework was formally endorsed in May 2024. A pivotal outcome was the shift of NCD governance to the highest decision-making levels, with the Director of the Department of Strategic Policy, Planning and Aid Coordination now serving as Chair.

With SPC's support, the committee now fosters stronger partnerships, institutional accountability and capacity building. This transformation moves beyond policy commitments to concrete action, ensuring Vanuatu implements a sustainable, whole-of-government strategy to address NCDs effectively.



Stakeholders in Vanuatu convene in May 2024 to reactivate the NCD Multisectoral Committee.

DATA, STATISTICS AND KNOWLEDGE

This pathway focuses on ensuring coherent and relevant data is collected, analysed, shared and accessible to empower members and stakeholders to use evidence across a wide range of sectors and purposes.

In 2024 SPC enhanced support for data-driven decision-making across the Pacific. The Pacific Data Hub was upgraded with new thematic portals, real-time data feeds and improved accessibility to better respond to climate and health challenges. We supported inclusive data collection in censuses and surveys, incorporating disability and youth indicators. New approaches to data governance and interoperability were piloted, and digital infrastructure for secure data sharing was strengthened. SPC also backed national statistics strategies, and expanded training in data literacy, geospatial analysis, and statistical modelling. We supported systems for agriculture, fisheries and education data, as well as tools for tracking SDG progress. This enabled more members to embed data into planning, policy and monitoring.

SRF indicators for data, statistics and knowledge

Indicator	2022	2023	2024	% change (2023 to 2024)
Total number of datasets in the PDH catalogue (structured and semi-structured data, spatial data, links to online databases and web services)	750	821	1357	65%
Total number of statistical datasets published on PDH.Stat	11,527	12,721	13,122	3%
Number of microdata for census and surveys published in the PDH	194	215	697	224%
Number of convenings on data and statistics	15 (5 regional, 10 at national level)	18 (8 regional, 10 national level)	21 (all regional)	17%



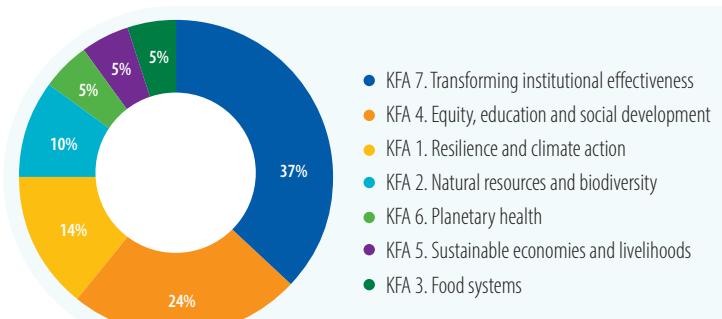
Students from Lycée Lapérouse in New Caledonia being presented certificates after their presentation on gender inequality in the labour market.

Watch the video: <https://www.facebook.com/pacificdatavizchallenge/videos/-theme-revelationits-here-were-finally-unveiling-the-full-teaser-of-the-pacific-1128199141635233/>



Graph 20:

Results by pathway | Data, statistics and knowledge (n=101)



Educate with data: The Pacific Youth Dashboard and Pacific Dataviz Challenge 2024

In 2024 SPC launched the [Pacific Youth Dashboard](#), a data-driven tool providing insights into education, health, employment and climate change. Hosted on the Pacific Data Hub, the dashboard empowers youth through actionable information and has become a key tool for policymakers, especially following its presentation at the Pacific Ministers Youth Meeting. The dashboard was developed through consultations with the Pacific Youth Council to ensure it addressed the diverse needs of the region's youth.

Alongside the dashboard, the Pacific Dataviz Challenge encourages young people to use data creatively to advocate for change, integrating real-world challenges into education. The Dataviz Challenge saw increased engagement in 2024, with 25% youth participation (50% female, 49% male). Students from Lycée Lapérouse in New Caledonia created a compelling visualisation on gender inequality in the labour market, working through local challenges to complete their project. Encouraged by its success, New Caledonia's education department is exploring ways to integrate the initiative into its curriculum.



The regional workshop, held in Fiji in July 2024, resulted in six countries initiating a process of producing an estimated resident population annually, the first of its kind in the region.

Working towards sustainable population statistics systems in PICTs

In 2024 the Statistics for Development Division (SDD) advanced population data accuracy across PICTs. National and regional-level workshops on population projections and estimates empowered nearly 50 national statistics office staff to produce annual resident population estimates – an unprecedented achievement in the region. Vanuatu hosted its first national workshop on population projections, while Fiji held its first in 15 years. A regional workshop, convened by SPC in partnership with Stats NZ, brought together six countries to enhance population estimates and projections. SPC supported Tuvalu's groundbreaking statistical population register (SPR), the Pacific's first, in a move towards transitioning from traditional censuses to an administrative data system. Technical assistance was extended to 10 member countries, including census report support in Marshall Islands and Tuvalu, and population projections for two countries, including Fiji.

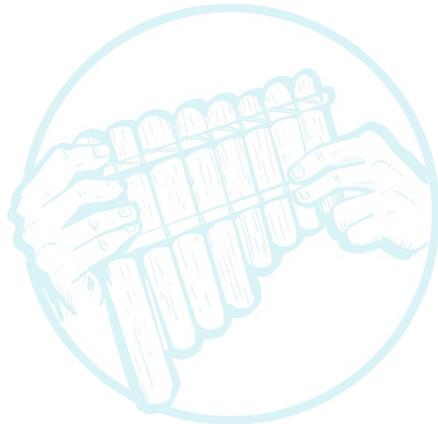
Vanuatu and Fiji can now conduct national projections independently, while Tuvalu's SPR experiment is setting new standards for data-driven governance. By mentoring rather than implementing, SPC is enabling a self-sustaining regional statistical community.

INNOVATION AND RESEARCH

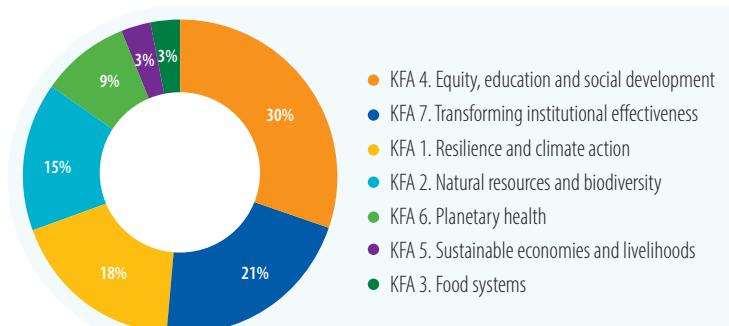
This pathway monitors how innovation is driving transformation, and how dedicated research initiatives are informing the development of stronger systems across all our KFAs. Investment in innovative approaches, adaptations and strategic research enables the scaling up of technologies and approaches from small to large system-level solutions.

In 2024 SPC advanced innovation by piloting AI analytics, satellite data and digital tools to support early warning systems, marine

planning, agriculture and education. We conducted research on climate-resilient crops, blue carbon and ocean acidification, producing publications and toolkits for member use. Innovation labs brought stakeholders together to co-design solutions for health, digital inclusion and waste reduction. Internally, we streamlined research coordination, strengthened ethical practices and supported regional dialogues on science-policy linkages. These efforts enabled more inclusive, scalable and Pacific-led innovation across sectors.



Graph 21:
Results by pathway | Innovation and research (n=50)



SRF indicators for innovation and research

Indicator	2022	2023	2024	% change (2023 to 2024)
Number of research outputs published in PDH (scientific papers, publications, reports, policy briefs, policy documents, manuals, handbooks)	10,777	1900	2322	22%
Number of peer-reviewed publications published with contributions from SPC staff	38	36	66	83%
Number of SPC initiatives supporting innovation and culture in research and creative industries (results relating to SPC's initiatives supporting innovation and culture in research and creative industries)	49	50	58	16%



Gender-based violence (GBV) trainers and specialists from crisis centres, government agencies and support services across nine Pacific countries participated in a training-of-trainers (TOT) pilot in November 2024.

The Pacific region is a global leader in its approaches to addressing technology-facilitated gender-based violence

The Pacific region has rapidly recognised technology-facilitated gender-based violence (TFGBV) as a critical issue. From online abuse to smashing a person's phone or installing secret cameras, technology is being used to exacerbate the harm caused by GBV. In 2023 the Pacific Women Lead at SPC (PWL at SPC) programme pioneered a Pacific-led, storytelling-based approach, culminating in the first regional TFGBV symposium ever held. This innovative model catalysed engagement from crisis centres and governments, leading to TFGBV's inclusion in key policy documents and training programmes.

SPC's coordination efforts have driven the development of localised initiatives, including TFGBV training for frontline workers and a new training-of-trainers package trialled in November 2024. This package, co-designed by Australia's eSafety Commissioner in partnership with PWL at SPC and Pacific partner crisis centres, is being rolled out in a national-led approach, ensuring cultural and linguistic relevance and long-term systemic change.



Enhancing education data: SPC advances psychometric analysis innovation in the Pacific

SPC is transforming education data analysis in the Pacific by advancing regional expertise in psychometric assessment. In 2024, through the Pacific Regional Education Framework (PacREF), SPC collaborated with the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) to provide modular accredited short courses to education officials from 13 Pacific Island countries in innovative psychometric methods, including the Rasch Model and item response theory (IRT). These advanced statistical models help assess student performance by analysing responses to test items.

By applying IRT software, education officials can now refine assessment items, ensuring greater validity and comparability of student performance data. This data-driven approach enables better decision-making to improve education systems. As SPC continues to support capacity building, the region is set to benefit from more accurate and meaningful education reporting, leading to targeted interventions and improved learning outcomes for Pacific students.

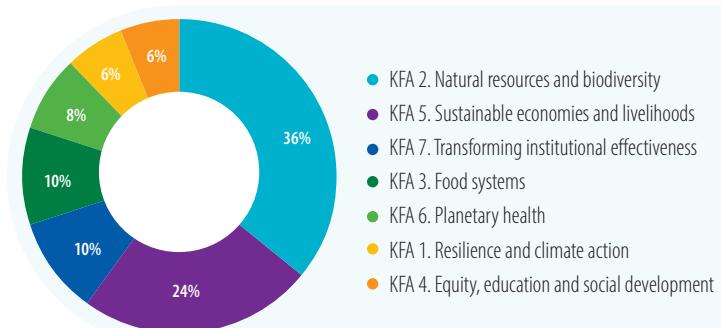
DIGITALISATION AND TECHNOLOGY

This pathway refers to using digital and other technologies to render systems and processes more efficient, effective and sustainable. This involves developing and promoting the use of digital tools and technological solutions to support decision-making, sustainability and equitable benefits.

In 2024 SPC scaled up the use of digital solutions to support members across multiple sectors. We launched mobile applications for real-time fisheries reporting and supported the roll-out of e-health platforms in several countries. Our digital literacy initiatives grew, and we supported our members to build digital platforms and enhance efficiency in their work. We also introduced integrated platforms for education, fisheries, agriculture and socio-economic data, with most accessible to the region. These innovations improve efficiency, transparency and access to information across the Pacific.

Graph 22:

Results by pathway | Digitalisation and technology (n=33)



SRF indicators for digitalisation and technology

Indicator	2022	2023	2024	% change (2023 to 2024)
Number of digital tools or mechanisms supported by SPC in the reporting year	50	52	65	25%
Number of results in the reporting year relating to SPC's initiatives supporting digital infrastructure, technology and digitalisation	55	56	59	5%



Integrate Pasifika: Building a digital platform for knowledge sharing and disaster resilience in the Pacific

The Pacific Islands face growing climate risks, with extreme weather events affecting livelihoods and infrastructure. While PICTs have a diverse range of disaster risk management (DRM) strategies, knowledge management systems are often isolated, hindering effective information sharing and regional resilience.

Launched in 2024 by SPC, the Integrate Pasifika initiative aims to develop an information and knowledge sharing system and community of practice (CoP) platform. This digital platform will integrate formal and informal knowledge-sharing practices, designed collaboratively with Pacific Island stakeholders to meet their specific needs. Through a user-centred approach, SPC facilitated consultations and co-design workshops to shape the platform's structure, ensuring it is culturally aligned and sustainable.

Integrate Pasifika will empower DRM practitioners by providing access to critical information, supporting evidence-based decisions and enabling ongoing peer collaboration. By prioritising user ownership and sustainability, this platform will strengthen disaster resilience across the Pacific region for years to come.



Screenshot of the platform during a virtual visit to Tehei Asine's farm in Fakarava, French Polynesia.

Digitising agroecology: SPC's 360° platform empowering Pacific farmers

SPC is driving digital innovation in Pacific agriculture through the PROTEGE project, which promotes agroecology by integrating traditional knowledge with modern science. In 2024 SPC launched a 360° immersive digital platform accompanied by digital headsets to support Pacific farmers in their agroecological transition. This initiative connects a network of 27 farmers from French Polynesia, New Caledonia and Wallis and Futuna, enabling real-time knowledge sharing through immersive visualisation using headsets, a mobile app with maps, video tutorials and case studies of six agroecology farms.

Seeing tangible results, like improved soil quality and reduced chemical inputs, has driven interest in agroecology across the region. Through digital tools, regional collaboration and scientific innovation, SPC is making agroecology more accessible, empowering Pacific farmers to build resilient and sustainable food systems. Encouraged by its success, the KIWA initiative will expand the platform to include five more farms in Fiji, Solomon Islands and Tonga.

CAPABILITY AND INFLUENCE

SPC works to strengthen the scientific and technical capabilities and influence of Pacific people and communities. We do this through multiple approaches that incorporate traditional knowledge, equitable and inclusive learning, access to training and formal qualifications, stakeholder engagement and advocacy.

In 2024 SPC expanded these efforts by delivering leadership and technical training through hybrid platforms, increasing reach to remote and outer island communities. We supported national institutions to accredit new qualifications in ocean science, climate adaptation and public health. Targeted mentoring programmes strengthened women's leadership and youth engagement across sectors. We supported the establishment of peer networks among education, health and agricultural professionals to share best practices and foster innovation. SPC also co-convened regional dialogues on gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI), research ethics and sustainable development leadership, and scaled up support for community-led projects grounded in local knowledge systems.

SRF indicators for capability and influence

Indicator	2022	2023	2024	% change (2023 to 2024)
Number of people accessing capacity building activities ⁸	11,208	19,138	28,496	49%
Number of SPC's social media audience ⁹	185,068	214,230	239,080	12%
Number of active website users ¹⁰	479,294	485,000	426,004	-12%
Number of regional meetings convened with support from SPC	22	32	32	No change



Building Pacific fisheries leadership: SPC strengthens capability in 2024

In 2024 the Pacific Fisheries Leadership Programme (PFLP) completed its first phase, significantly enhancing leadership and management skills in Pacific fisheries. With the aim of creating a regional pool of current and emerging leaders capable and confident to address Pacific fisheries priorities, this phase targeted officers and middle and senior managers working in the fisheries sector in PICTs.

Led by a consortium including SPC, PFLP empowered 419 fisheries professionals across 17 PICTs, surpassing targets and creating a strong regional network of leaders. SPC played a key role in capacity building,

delivering a mix of courses, coaching and workshops through an adaptive, hybrid model. Participants applied new skills in leadership, communication and team management, with 96% reporting increased leadership knowledge. Notably, 28 professionals within the programme secured promotions, 67% of whom are women. Moving forward, the programme aims to expand its impact beyond individuals and organisations to influence national and regional fisheries priorities.

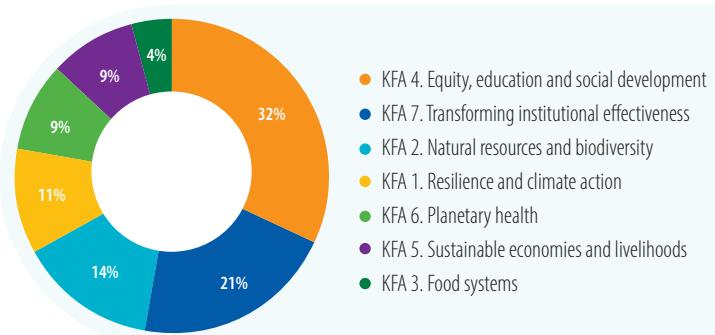
⁸ Number of people who participated or engaged in any of SPC-supported capacity building activities or programs.

⁹ The number of users following SPC's social media profiles in a specified period.

¹⁰ The number of unique visitors who have interacted with SPC's website in specific time, such as daily, weekly, or monthly. Important to note: Engagements on all social media platforms had a growth by 30.7% in 2024 compared to 2023. The system for data collection was also upgraded in 2024.

Graph 23:

Results by pathway | Capability and influence (n=218)





NDC Hub Focal Point Meeting with representatives from 14 Pacific Island countries and implementing partners SPC, GIZ, SPREP and GGGI in Samoa in August.

Strengthening Pacific climate action through the NDC Hub's transition to SPC

In September 2024 the Pacific Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) Hub transitioned from GIZ to SPC, embedding it within the region's governance framework. This move enhances the hub's ability to provide end-to-end support, ensuring Pacific Island countries can effectively implement their NDCs under the Paris Agreement. With pooled technical assistance from SPC, SPREP, GGGI and GIZ, and funding from key donors including Australia, MFAT, the UK and EU, the hub is now better positioned to align national climate priorities with global climate finance opportunities.

The transition to SPC strengthens the hub's ability to match country priorities with technical expertise and financing, ensuring practical, results-driven climate action. Australia has committed AUD 9 million to support the next phase of the hub's work, advancing emissions reduction and climate resilience, and strengthening the region's collective approach as one Blue Pacific Continent. With SPC's leadership, the hub is now a fully integrated, country-led initiative driving climate action and sustainable development across the Pacific.



LEARNING FROM OUR EVALUATIONS

In 2024 we commissioned 24 evaluations, including two strategic evaluations and 22 evaluations of programmes or projects. At the end of 2024, 16 of these evaluations were completed, five were in progress and three were planned for 2025. Of the 18 completed evaluation reports, four have been published and the remaining are available for SPC and donors.

SPC continues to enhance its monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) capabilities and processes to ensure robust and independent evaluation activities under its Planning, Evaluation, Accountability, Reflection and Learning (PEARL) Policy. As part of the 2024 review of its PMEL Toolkit, SPC developed five guides and tools as part of ongoing efforts to strengthen evaluation and review activities across the organisation.

INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONAL REVIEW (IIR) OF SPC

The IIR was commissioned in early 2024 in response to a recommendation from CRGA 52 to conduct an organisation-level review within the context of the review of the regional architecture (RRA) process. Forum leaders agreed the RRA was an opportunity to comprehensively consider the suitability of the current architecture to effectively deliver and realise the leaders' vision for the region. SPC's IIR was also conducted in the context of the CRGA Subcommittee's interest in an evaluative approach that brings together key parts of SPC strategic reviews and the RRA.

The member-led IIR focused on evaluating SPC's fitness to deliver regional aspirations and implement its Strategic Plan 2022–2031. With a focus on development Goal 4 (One SPC delivers integrated programmes through streamlined services) and KFA 7 (transforming institutional effectiveness), the IIR assessed SPC's operating model and governance arrangements, identifying strengths and opportunities for improvement, and alignment with member needs.

Reflecting the approach used in the development of the Pacific Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning Capacity Strengthening

Rebbilib, the review was grounded in the Kakala Research Framework, based on the Tongan approach to weaving knowledge and wisdom, like a garland with multiple parts. Data were obtained from relevant documents, member and SPC staff consultations, in-country visits, key informant interviews, focus group discussions, key meetings and surveys of members, partners and SPC staff.

The review found that SPC is a leading and well-resourced CROP agency, with a mandate built on a legacy of trusted partnerships and convening power and reach across the Pacific region. SPC also contributes to meeting member development needs. There are opportunities for SPC to enhance coordination and cohesion with existing and new partners to better progress shared agendas.

Investments in Goal 4 and KFA 7 are beginning to bear fruit, though progress remains uneven. The review acknowledged SPC's operating challenges and highlighted evidence of robust governance arrangements and stronger risk management and HR systems and processes. However, it also identified barriers to effectiveness and efficiency in key areas across the organisation.

The review included the following points:



STRONG MEMBER AND PARTNER RELATIONSHIPS

SPC is widely recognised for its positive engagement with members and funding partners, reinforcing its influence and credibility.



REGIONAL LEADERSHIP AND INFLUENCE

SPC plays a key role in shaping the direction of CROP agencies and enhancing regional capability.



TAILORED COUNTRY ENGAGEMENT

Custom approaches to engagement are valued and should be expanded.



DECENTRALISATION PROGRESS

Shifting towards a decentralised model has been positive and should continue.



EFFECTIVE CONVENING POWER

SPC's ability to bring together technical expertise to address regional priorities is appreciated, though resource-intensive.



STRENGTHENED GOVERNANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

Improved HR processes, risk management investments and governance structures contribute to efficiency.



ADVANCEMENT OF ONE SPC

Strong progress on organisational alignment under KFA 7 and ongoing investment to strengthen systems to improve operational efficiency.



The review made 11 key recommendations for enhancement. Areas where SPC could strengthen its accountability include embedding risk management into roles and performance metrics while ensuring strategic growth that aligns with its mandate and capabilities. Additionally, closer monitoring of operational investments will help capture outcomes and identify areas for corrective action, ensuring long-term effectiveness and sustainability. SPC will work to prioritise management actions and response to these evaluation findings.

PROGRAMME AND PROJECT EVALUATIONS

Evaluations of SPC's programmes and projects identified strong alignment with regional and national priorities. The evaluation findings showed that progress toward key outcomes has been achieved and SPC is well positioned for future initiatives and partnerships. Effective engagement and collaboration were identified as critical to achieving meaningful results for member countries. MEL was recognised as essential for effective planning, implementation and assessing impacts, reinforcing SPC's technical expertise, regional leadership and established relationships.

Findings also highlighted the need for deeper stakeholder engagement at multiple levels to enhance relevance, coordination and learning. Below are examples of findings from two evaluations conducted in 2024 by SPC, with the support of its partners.

Evaluation of the Progressing Gender Equality in the Pacific (PGEP) phase II project, a five-year project (2018–2023); Donor: DFAT; Target: 12 PICTs

The review of PGEP's six ways of working confirmed its relevance in addressing PICTs' gender mainstreaming needs. PGEP II built on previous achievements and aligned with international, regional and national gender commitments.

The evaluation highlighted progress in supporting government policies, collaborating with national women's machineries and strengthening accountability mechanisms, including national statistical capacity and gender analysis in key reports. PGEP II also contributed to an increase in gender policies within SPC and institutional change in policy implementation, accountability and political commitment.

The programme operated in a shifting landscape, including COVID-19 disruptions and evolving gender mainstreaming initiatives. While PGEP II delivered positive outcomes, it fell short of its original plans, underscoring the need for sustained efforts to drive systemic change in gender equality across the Pacific. Further investment in policy implementation and accountability will be crucial for lasting impact.

Final Evaluation of the Pacific Awareness and Response to Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (PARC) Programme; Donor: MFAT; Target: Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu

The end-of-programme evaluation of the MFAT-funded Pacific Awareness and Response to Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (CRB) Programme assessed its relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, coherence, impact and sustainability. The five-year, NZD 18 million initiative (2019–2024) aimed to control the spread of CRB and protect Pacific agriculture.

The PGEP programme successfully embedded technical skills in partner agencies and fostered strong collaboration across international, regional and national partners. However, challenges to sustainability remain, particularly due to varying leadership and legislative frameworks in partner countries. The evaluation highlighted opportunities for future action, including better local engagement and addressing gaps in programme design. The COVID-19 pandemic also impacted the programme, despite a 12-month extension and mitigation efforts.



SPC (PGEP II)



Local researchers in Solomon Islands infect CRB with new viral biocontrol agents

OUR FLAGSHIPS

SPC continues to develop flagships to harness our collective scientific, technical and resource capabilities to address critical regional and global challenges. Our four flagships – Climate Change, Ocean, Gender Equality and Food Systems – bring a One SPC approach to the challenges and opportunities facing the region.

In 2024 we advanced the design and implementation of our four flagship programmes as a strategic approach to addressing shared challenges, strengthening collaboration and increasing investment impact.

CLIMATE CHANGE FLAGSHIP

Vision: Pacific people, in all their rich diversity, are more resilient and adept at adapting to climate change and thrive in sustainable, low-carbon societies

The Climate Change Flagship aims to enhance climate action by promoting and facilitating the integration of climate change across all sectors and strengthening the capabilities of PICTs to access climate finance and other support, in line with the goals of SPC's Strategic Plan 2022–2031, KFA 1 (resilience and climate action) and international and regional agreements and policies, including SDG targets, the Paris Agreement and 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific.

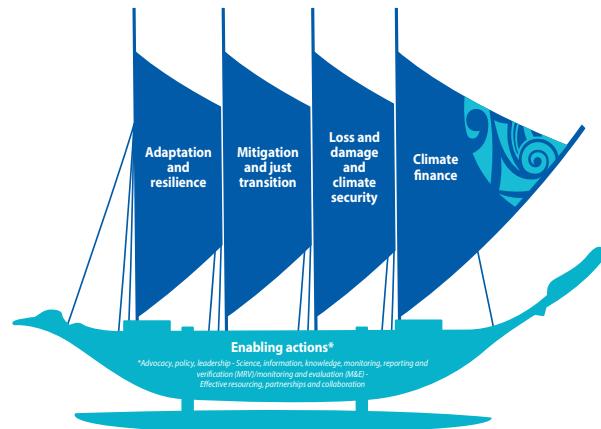
Key achievements in 2024:

- Adaptation and resilience:** regional knowledge-sharing mechanisms were enhanced, improving data access and technical support for Pacific governments. SPC developed and implemented the Leptospirosis Early Warning System Model to improve disease surveillance and early warning in Fiji and three French overseas countries and territories.
- Mitigation and just transition:** SPC actively supported the transition to low-carbon maritime transport by assisting in the development of funding proposals for pilot projects under the Mitigation Action Facility. Cook Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu were provided with technical support to advance their national energy transition efforts, focusing on reducing reliance on fossil fuels in the transport sector.

- Loss and damage and climate security:** SPC strengthened regional coordination and contributed to policy dialogues and financing mechanisms for climate-induced disasters, advancing loss and damage funding pathways. A partnership with Denmark enabled data collection in Kiribati, providing a scientific basis for future loss and damage fund applications.
- Climate finance:** SPC provided critical technical support to Solomon Islands and Vanuatu in their national disaster risk financing (DRF) development processes. Climate change adaptation (CCA) and disaster risk reduction (DRR) were integrated into regional strategies and initiatives, such as the Pasifika Water Security Engagement Strategy.

These results were made possible through the flagship's enabling dimensions, including strengthening technical capabilities, establishing effective partnerships and enhancing internal operational mechanisms.

OneSPC Climate Change Flagship's Dimensions



"SPC's continued support underscores the importance of regional cooperation and solidarity as we work to address the pressing challenges of climate change. We look forward to deepening our collaboration in the lead-up to COP29 and beyond, as we continue to champion the priorities of SIDS on the global stage."

Anne Rasmussen, Samoa, AOSIS Lead Negotiator

FOOD SYSTEMS FLAGSHIP

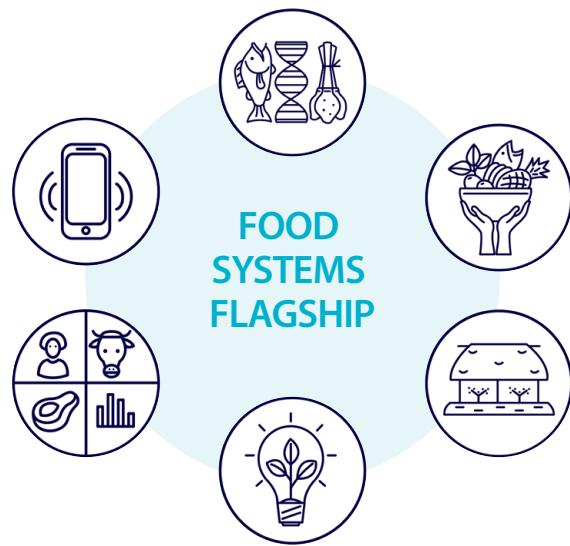
Vision: Pacific food systems are accessible, regenerative, biodiverse, equitable and resilient to shocks. They provide access to safe and nutritious food and contribute to healthy people, ecosystems and prosperity for all.

The Food Systems Flagship advances SPC's strategic plan efforts under KFA 3 (food systems). It integrates contributions from various strategic focus areas and functions across SPC, fostering a collaborative approach to strengthening food systems in the Pacific. It is dedicated to building a nutritious, resilient and sustainable Pacific food system by empowering communities to grow healthy food, providing governments and policymakers with data-driven insights and enhancing adaptation to climate change. Through a holistic approach, SPC addresses the interconnected aspects of food production, processing, distribution and consumption while considering their economic, health and environmental impacts. As the only regional agency with expertise across these areas, SPC plays a critical role in securing a sustainable and nutritious food future for all Pacific people.

Key achievements in 2024:

- The flagship focus areas were revalidated through mapping, theory of change development and validation meetings.
- SPC convened regional and subregional meetings and workshops in Polynesia (Tonga) and Melanesia (Vanuatu) to establish an implementation agenda for the flagship and align on nutrition, market solutions and environmental protection. An internal SPC workshop clarified roles and strengthened cross-divisional integration.

- SPC presented the flagship at the Pacific Islands Parliaments Group 4th Conference, receiving positive feedback.
- SPC continued to collaborate with member countries to support stable food systems policies. Additionally, two research journal articles related to the flagship have been published.
- Collaboration with SPC's Partnerships, Integration and Resource Mobilisation Office (PIRMO) on Unlocking Blue Pacific Prosperity (UBPP), a collaborative initiative for ocean conservation and sustainable development to advance resilient food systems.



"We acknowledge SPC's Food Systems Flagship programme because we see the CSO forum and our constituents using this flagship to engage more actively to benefit our members, our communities and region because food systems needs our collective action to address production and farmers issues, diets and health, indigenous food systems and climate change."

Drew Havea, Chair, CSO Collectives Forum (PIFON, PIPSO, POETCOM & PIANGO)

GENDER EQUALITY FLAGSHIP

Vision: All people, of all genders of all diversities, enjoy their fundamental human rights, are empowered and benefit equally from development outcomes in all areas of their lives.

The Gender Equality Flagship drives SPC's strategic plan efforts under KFA 4 (equity, education and social development). It encompasses all divisional gender-specific mainstreaming work, accelerating progress towards commitments outlined in SPC's Social and Environmental Responsibility (SER) Policy.

Actions under this flagship also contribute to fulfilling international and regional commitments, including the SDGs, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the Pacific Platform for Action (PPA), the Revitalised Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration and the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent. In 2024 SPC celebrated the 30th anniversary of the Pacific Platform for Action (PPA) – a landmark regional framework that has played a pivotal role in advancing women's rights across the Pacific since its establishment in 1994.



Key achievements in 2024:

- Convened the inaugural high-level Gender and Culture dialogue at the 2024 Festival of Pacific Arts and Culture and supported other key convenings and dialogues with members.
- Participated in the 16th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women, 8th Pacific Ministers for Women Meeting and 4th Pacific Islands Parliamentary Group Conference.

- Provided technical monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) support for the Tuvalu Biogas Gender Assessment, including survey quality assurance, staff training and data analysis.
- Supported SPC's Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability (CCES) division in developing a gender-responsive database for Green Climate Fund grant partners.
- Strengthened gender mainstreaming across SPC through technical assistance and knowledge sharing.



"Gender Equality is a critical lever for attaining a prosperous and sustainable Micronesia region. Having our leaders talk about gender equality this week is a show of their commitment to leaving no one behind."

Mr Stuard Penias, Co-Chair of the Gender Equality Committee (GEC), Assistant Secretary for the Division of Social Affairs, Federated States of Micronesia

OCEAN FLAGSHIP

Vision: Pacific peoples voyaging together to steward a healthy, resilient, sustainable and prosperous Blue Pacific for future generations.

The Ocean Flagship amplifies SPC's full range of unique marine capabilities and expertise to support our PICT members to advance actions in the areas of ocean science, ocean protection and management and effective governance across the Blue Pacific.

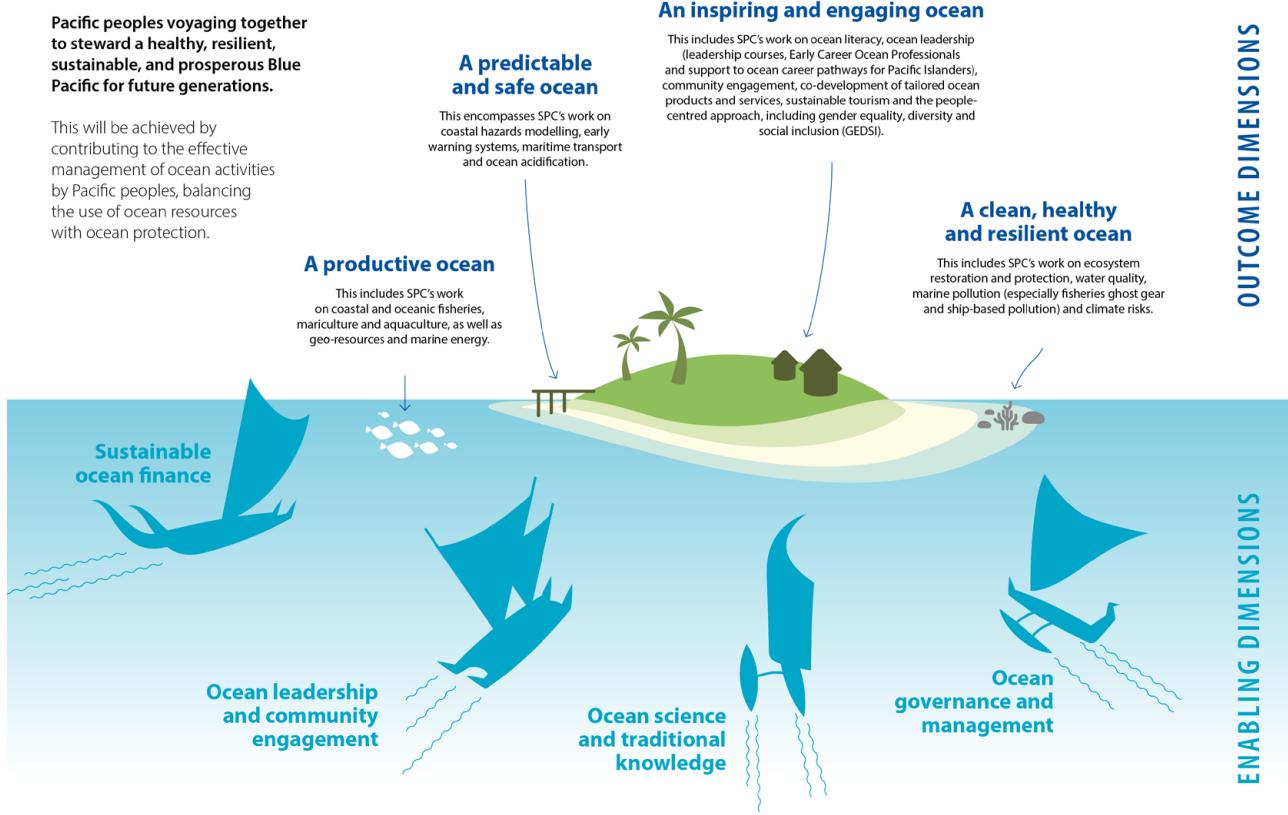
Through this flagship, SPC supports coordination and multidisciplinary action, respect for Pacific traditional and Indigenous knowledge and access to additional ocean investment to reach national and regional ambitions.

This flagship is an integrated programme to operationalise a One SPC approach to the ocean and aligns closely with KFA 2 (planetary

health) and KFA 5 (sustainable economies and livelihoods). It also contributes directly to the implementation of the 2050 Strategy thematic area Ocean and Environment and achieving the SDGs.

Key achievements in 2024:

- Engaged SPC staff in designing the flagship, refining its theory of change and securing commitment from SPC. This was built on two years of consultations with members on the priorities for the strategic plan and included broad participation across key divisions and business units using diverse methodologies, including futures thinking.
- Completed the flagship design document and produced an 8-page document for socialising the flagship with members, donors and SPC staff.
- Progressed a MEL system aligned with SPC's framework, cascading with the existing one, to track results and impact.



"Under the drive from PCCOS, the Ocean Flagship completed internal consultations to refine its scope, vision and collective actions."

Jerome Aucan, Head of PCCOS, SPC

LEARNING AND ADAPTING

SPC remains a learning organisation, strengthening partnerships and its commitment to co-designing and delivering innovative solutions to meet the region's development needs. In 2024 challenges such as the national crisis in Noumea, ongoing post-COVID-19 recovery and global conflicts tested resilience, reinforcing the importance of flexibility and innovation as SPC navigates evolving regional and global landscapes.

Guided by the priorities of our leaders and members, SPC is committed to continuously strengthening our capabilities and approaches. We strive for cultural and contextual responsiveness, ensuring a people-centred approach to fulfilling our commitments under our Strategic Plan 2022–2031.

Recognising and valuing diversity, we remain committed to ensuring our work is inclusive and sensitive to the unique contexts of the communities we serve. The impact of our work is enhanced through leveraging integrated approaches, drawing on the expertise of our people, policies and processes. SPC's Strategic Results Framework and flagship initiatives continue to advance integration, supported by strong leadership and an enabling environment for sustained investment. Our Social and Environmental Responsibility (SER) Policy and PEARL Policy guide us in delivering equitable, culturally appropriate and high-quality programming for our members. Additionally, SPC leads the implementation of the Pacific Regional Culture Strategy 2022–2032, ensuring its aspirations are mainstreamed across regional development.

We continue to advance the One SPC approach, making significant progress toward Goal 4 of the Strategic Plan 2022–2031: One SPC delivers integrated programmes through streamlined services. Our flagships and integrated programmes shape learning and improvements across our work. Investing in our people, such as our monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) and gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI) capability, ensures quality and accountability of programming that is meaningful for our members. The growth of MELNet, now involving over 30 staff, provides a crucial capability and is an enabler that also

advances other priorities, including disability inclusion, further strengthening our collective impact.

Operational challenges affecting SPC's ability to meet member needs are being addressed through investments in procurement, travel, financial modelling and HR operations. Risk identification and management have progressed, but opportunities for improvement remain, particularly in operational risks, HR challenges and project-based funding risks. Strengthening risk ownership and accountability through greater decentralisation is key to enhancing SPC's long-term operational resilience.

Continuous investment in individual and institutional capacity is crucial to adapting to evolving contexts and demands. Strengthening internal systems, including procurement, grants processes, records management, finance, HR and accountability mechanisms, has improved coordination and efficiency. Navigating the complex partnership landscape requires development of a strategic approach to strengthen coordination, maximise impact and ensure sustainability. Guided by our resource mobilisation strategy, we seek to foster meaningful collaborations beyond funding.

Collaboration with CROP agencies is essential, aligning efforts through knowledge sharing, resource pooling and robust communication to deliver comprehensive support to our members, including collective action on leaders' commitments to implementation of the 2050 Strategy.

By mapping over 20 sectoral high-level and ministerial meetings, we improve our alignment with Pacific leaders' commitments, ensuring our sectoral activities and regional public goods reflect member priorities. Strengthening SPC's subregional presence further supports autonomy, technical capability and capacity at the subregional level to enable more region-specific decision-making and locally driven solutions. Through these efforts, SPC enhances its responsiveness and fosters a more collaborative approach to regional development.

LOOKING FORWARD

SPC's Strategic Plan 2022–2031 defines our future in the region. It outlines a 10-year journey guided by Pacific ways of knowing and learning, building on our assets, resources and partnerships as we sail towards our preferred Blue Pacific future.

Drawing from the lessons we have learned, and the vision and long-term strategic direction set out by our Pacific leaders in the 2050 Strategy, this section presents a summary of the initiatives we will be focusing on in 2025 as we implement the Strategic Plan 2022–2031.

Strengthening our institutional transformation towards One SPC

In the face of rapid growth, we will continue to navigate our ability to effectively respond through our systems, assets, facilities and processes. In 2025 we will take guidance from the outcomes of the full independent institutional review (IIR), which confirmed our capability and commitment to the region. The IIR provides direction as we continue to invest in our internal processes and mechanisms to enhance the effectiveness and quality of our support to our members in realising their priorities. We will continue to work with our partners to harness our digital and innovation capabilities and provide solutions that respond to emerging priorities and growing demand of our members. Examples include Digital Earth Pacific, the Pacific Data Hub and the Blue Pacific 2050 Dashboard, which provide real time information to support decision-making. We will continue to value and build the capacity of our people – and by extension the region – through our work.

Building on progress made in 2024, we will continue to explore innovative funding opportunities by expanding beyond our traditional partnerships and engaging with philanthropic organisations and other non-traditional partners who share our values and interests. The establishment of PIRMO as an operations and integration capability implementing the Resource Mobilisation Strategy will drive sustainable fundraising efforts and support the implementation of our Strategic Plan 2022–2031 and the 2050 Strategy for the region.

SPC values its accountability to members, and we will continue to engage our members in meaningful ways and processes to ensure that findings from the IIR create a more fit-for-purpose SPC to

support the region's aspirations now and in the future. We will also support CROP input into the review of the regional architecture.

Strengthening our partnerships, interventions and country engagements

In 2025 we will continue to invest in strengthening relationships with members and partners, with a view to enhancing long-term, trusted and sustainable relationships.

Our commitment to achieve the vision and level of ambition set out for the Blue Pacific Continent will centre on our role as co-technical leads in thematic areas (e.g. climate change and disasters, ocean and environment, people-centred approaches, resource development, technology and connectivity). We will also continue to work to strengthen coordination of CROP agencies and development partners through our active participation in meetings of CROP heads, technical working groups, partnership platforms and forums.

Our partnerships with member PICTs are key to our ability to deliver on the strategic plan. In 2025 we will continue to engage with members and with the private sector, NGOs, CSOs, academic institutions and think tanks as part of our effort to coordinate and strengthen our service delivery. Strengthening our regional and subregional presence will support strategic country engagements, particularly supporting members with their national plan reviews and voluntary national reviews of the SDGs.

As we move into 2025, our divisional business plans and flagship programmes will play a key role in advancing our Strategic Plan 2022–2031 and the 2050 Implementation Plan. Through inclusive and participatory processes, we will strengthen our relationships at all levels and enhance our internal capabilities to better serve our members. Building on the progress made in 2024, our flagship initiatives will foster greater regional, subregional and global collaboration on shared priorities, contributing to improved livelihoods and well-being across the Pacific.

APPENDICES

APPENDIX 1 – RESULTS REPORTING METHODOLOGY

Covering the period January to December 2024, this is the Pacific Community's (SPC) 3rd report on our progress towards implementation of SPC's Strategic Plan 2022–2031.

SPC's annual results reporting process

SPC's Planning, Evaluation, Accountability, Reflection and Learning (PEARL) Policy

The PEARL Policy guides annual reflection, learning and reporting, ensuring alignment between programme design, monitoring, learning, work planning, budgeting and reporting. SPC's planning, monitoring, evaluation and learning (PMEL) toolkit supports this

process with standardised corporate tools, including templates, guides and defined indicators. These tools and mechanisms enhance reporting consistency and accountability.

Reporting is a shared responsibility at SPC. The Director-General hosts an annual learning and results workshop with leadership teams, MELNet and managers, while divisional and team-level reflection sessions occur twice a year. SPC's divisions provide results that form the basis of reports, maintaining consistency, accuracy and accountability. Collaboration across internal teams – translation, editing and design – along with external support, ensures high-quality reporting and effective engagement with members and partners.

Process of developing the results report

Results reflection			
1	2024 Results Report briefing Strategy, Performance and Learning (SPL) unit share reporting tools and expectations with divisions.	November 2024	SPL, MELNet
2	SPC divisions' end-of-year reflection process Including developing stories of change for the Learning and Results Workshop.	November 2024	Divisions
3	SPC 2024 Learning and Results Workshop Stories of change are presented, peer reviewed and refined.	December 2024	Senior Leadership Team (SLT), SPL, MELNet
4	Inputs to the results report Including stories of change, division results frameworks, list of peer-reviewed publications, evaluations and outcomes of regional convenings.	January 2025	Divisions
5	2024 results framework review Peer review of results frameworks from divisions.	February 2025	SPL, MEL focal points
Report drafting			
6	Review and analysis of results frameworks, review of stories of change and report appendices Quality check, analysis and aggregating of results.	January–March 2025	SPL, MELNet
7	Preparation of an early full draft of the report Narrative part of the report is drafted.	January–March 2025	SPL, consultant
Report design, translation and review			
8	Editing, translation and design Publications team edit, layout and design the report. Translation team translates the report into French.	February–May 2025	SPL, SPC internal editors, translators and designer (external)
9	MELNet, SLT and SPL review full draft of the report Several reviews of the report are undertaken by SPL, MELNet and SLT.	March–April 2025	MELNet, SPL, SLT
10	Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (CRGA) Subcommittee review of draft report Subcommittee review the full report prior to their meeting.	June 2025	SPL, CRGA Subcommittee members
Report finalisation and endorsement			
11	CRGA Subcommittee Recommends endorsement of the full report to the CRGA	July 2025	CRGA Subcommittee members
12	Country-specific reports Country-specific results reports produced for all SPC's 22 member countries.	August 2025	SPL, consultant

13	CRGA Endorsement of the report	October 2025	CRGA
14	Publish the report The finalised Results Report and Results Explorer are published online in the SPC Digital Library and Pacific Data Hub.	October 2025	SPL, Pacific Data Hub (PDH)

Note: As per SPC's PEARL policy, the 2024 mid-year report contributes to SPC's annual report to its members via the CRGA meeting in Quarter 4. The Director-General's annual report to CRGA provides a key evidence base for SPC's annual report.

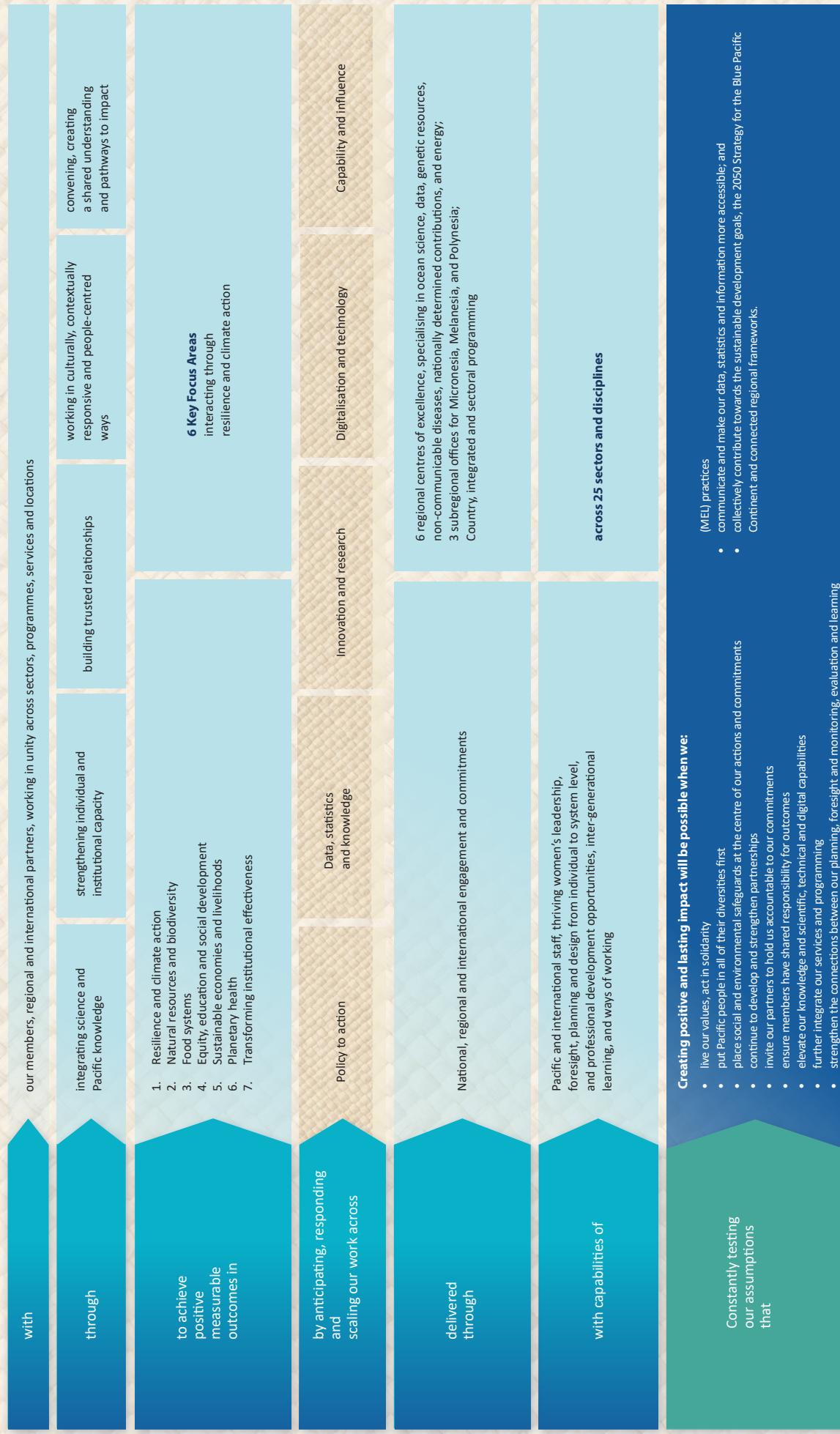
Improving our results report

This year's report includes enhancements to reflect members' recommendations from the 2024 CRGA Subcommittee meeting and other areas to add value for our members and partners.

Key areas	Improvements
Structure and presentation	Videos to support presentation of the report to members.
Alignment of results	SPC details its approach to measuring results at the global (Sustainable Development Goals), regional (2050 Strategy) and national (National Sustainable Development Plans) levels through the Strategic Results Framework, reflected in all key focus areas (KFAs). Thematic connections to the 2050 Strategy are highlighted by tagging relevant stories of change with the 2050 Strategy icon. Key result highlights and stories of change are mapped to national sustainable development plans to align with national priorities.
Living our values	Demonstrated examples of living our values are provided in each KFA chapter.
Integrated programming	Development and progress towards each flagship's implementation and their alignment with the 2050 Strategy. Key highlights and supporting quote for each.
Note the mechanisms for implementing the strategic plan	SPC's commitment to implementing its Strategic Plan 2022–2031 is highlighted throughout the report.
SPC institutional effectiveness	Enhanced content on key areas: PDH, regional offices, innovation and mainstreaming.
Learning from our impact	Showcase the impact of key regional public goods under SPC's stewardship. Continue to highlight learning from our evaluations. New break-out boxes to highlight SPC's support in generating data and evidence for the region (peer-reviewed publications).

APPENDIX 2 – THEORY OF CHANGE

OUR THEORY OF CHANGE



APPENDIX 3 – AUTHORED PUBLICATIONS

Division	Content type	Authors	Year	Title
FAME	Journal article or paper	Joe Scutt Phillips, Lauriane Escalle L., Simon Nicol	2024	Assessing the drift of fish aggregating devices in the tropical Pacific Ocean
FAME	Journal article or paper	Valerie Allain	2024	Stable Tuna Mercury Concentrations since 1971 Illustrate Marine Inertia and the Need for Strong Emission Reductions under the Minamata Convention
FAME	Journal article or paper	Nicholas Ducharme-Barth, Nick Davies, John Hampton	2024	'Drivin' with your eyes closed': Results from an international, blinded simulation experiment to evaluate spatial stock assessments
FAME	Journal article or paper	Laure Barbin, Anne Lebourges Dhaussy, Valérie Allain, Aurore Receveur d., Patrick Lehodey, Jérémie Habasque, Elodie Vourey, Annie Portal, Gildas Roudaut, Christophe Menkes	2024	Comparative analysis of day and night micronekton abundance estimates in west Pacific between acoustic and trawl surveys
FAME	Journal article or paper	John Hampton	2024	Synthesizing the spatial functionality of contemporary stock assessment software to identify future needs for next generation assessment platforms
FAME	Journal article or paper	Allen Andrews, Jed Macdonald, Francois Roupsard	2024	Age validation of yellowfin and bigeye tuna using post-peak bomb radiocarbon dating confirms long lifespans in the western and central Pacific Ocean
FAME	Journal article or paper	George Shedarwi, Franck Magron, Bernard Vigga, Pauline Bosserelle, Sébastien Gislard, Andrew Halford	2024	Leveraging deep learning and computer vision technologies to enhance management of coastal fisheries in the Pacific region
FAME	Journal article or paper	Pauline Machful, Annie Portal, Jed Macdonald, Joe Scutt Phillips, Simon Nicol	2024	Are tuna always hungry? A deep dive into stomach-fullness measures in the western and central Pacific Ocean
FAME	Journal article or paper	John Hampton	2024	When does spillover from closed areas indicate benefits to abundance and catch
FAME	Journal article or paper	Joe Scutt Phillips, Patrick Lehodey, Inna Senina, Simon Nicol	2024	Optimising the design and analysis of capture-mark-recapture experiments using individual-based models
FAME	Journal article or paper	Ariella D'Andrea, Giulia Marchi, Solene Devez	2024	Unlocking legal and policy frameworks for small-scale fisheries in Samoa
FAME	Journal article or paper	Ariella D'Andrea, Margaret Von Rotz, Solene Devez	2024	Unlocking legal and policy frameworks for small-scale fisheries in Tonga
FAME	Journal article or paper	Ariella D'Andrea, Margaret Von Rotz, Solene Devez	2024	Tonga: Enabling Coastal Communities to Protect Marine Resources and Secure the Livelihoods of Small-Scale Fishers
FAME	Other peer reviewed publications	Watisoni Lalavanua	2024	Coastal Fisheries Governance in the Pacific Islands: The Evolution of Policy and the Progress of Management-at-Scale
FAME	Journal article or paper	Margaret Fox, Sangeeta Mangubhai	2024	Gender differences in the perceived impacts of coastal management and conservation
FAME	Journal article or paper	Lauriane Escalle, Joe Scutt Philips	2024	Simulating drifting fish aggregating device trajectories to identify potential interactions with endangered sea turtles
HRSD	Report	Margaret Fox	2024	Gender Analysis of the coastal fisheries and aquaculture sector in the Republic of Kiribati

Division	Content type	Authors	Year	Title
HRSD	Journal article or paper	Margaret Fox and Tooreka Temari	2024	Inform and update on gender and fisheries research in coastal fisheries and aquaculture in Kiribati
HRSD	Journal article or paper	Natalie Makhoul, Siueli Eleni Mone, Manatu Samani-Maile, Sisi Mafileo, Margaret Fox, Tupeope Samani, Josaia Nanuqa, Skylawn Palelei	2024	Gender equality and social inclusion training for Tonga's Ministry of Fisheries
HRSD	Journal article or paper	Sangeeta Mangubhai, Margaret Fox, Tarateiti Uriam Timiti, Kamaua Enari, Atanimango Korotu, Natalie Makhoul, El-Jay Neneia, Rennie Raymond, Brandon Lokeijak Tabane, Karibanang Tamuera, Ren Teetimwa, Tooreka Temari and Bwakura Metutera Timeon	2024	Kiribati undertakes a gender analysis of its fisheries and aquaculture sector
HRSD	Journal article or paper	C. Ruano-Chamorro, G.G. Gurney, S. Mangubhai, M. Fox, J. Lau, W. Naisilisili, S. Dulunaqio, J.E. Cinner	2024	Perceived equity in marine management and conservation: Exploring gender intersectionality in Fiji
HRSD	Journal article or paper	Sarah J. Harper, Georgina G. Gurney, Emily Darling, Sangeeta Mangubhai, Stacy Jupiter, W. Peni Lestari, Katherine E. Holmes, Susi Sumaryati, Rohmani Sulisyati, Margaret Fox & Natalie C. Ban	2024	Gender differences in the perceived impacts of coastal management and conservation
HRSD	Journal article or paper	Sangeeta Mangubhai, Margaret Fox, Yashika Nand, Natalie Mason	2024	Value chain analysis of a women-dominated wild-caught mud crab fishery
HRSD	Report	Johanna Gusman	2024	SPC expert report to the International Court of Justice for Cook Islands
HRSD	Report	Johanna Gusman	2024	SPC expert report to the International Court of Justice for the Melanesian Spearhead Group
HRSD	Report	Johanna Gusman	2024	SPC expert report to the International Court of Justice for Kiribati
HRSD	Report	Johanna Gusman	2024	SPC expert report to the International Court of Justice for Samoa
HRSD	Report	Johanna Gusman	2024	SPC expert report to the International Court of Justice for Tonga
HRSD	Report	Johanna Gusman	2024	SPC expert report to the International Court of Justice for Vanuatu
HRSD	Other peer-reviewed publication	International Court of Justice	2024	Obligation of states in respect of climate change—Written statement of the Cook Islands
HRSD	Other peer-reviewed publication	International Court of Justice	2024	Obligation of states in respect of climate change—Written statement of Vanuatu
HRSD	Other peer-reviewed publication	International Court of Justice	2024	Obligation of states in respect of climate change—Written statement of the Melanesian Spearhead Group
HRSD	Other peer-reviewed publication	International Court of Justice	2024	Obligation of states in respect of climate change—Written statement of the Republic of Kiribati

Division	Content type	Authors	Year	Title
HRSD	Other peer-reviewed publication	International Court of Justice	2024	Obligation of states in respect of climate change—Written statement of the Samoa
HRSD	Other peer-reviewed publication	International Court of Justice	2024	Obligation of states in respect of climate change—Written statement of the Kingdom of Tonga
HRSD	Report	Johanna Gusman	2024	SPC oral submission (Verbatim record)—ICJ
HRSD	Journal article or paper	Johanna Gusman	2024	The Climate crisis and cultural loss: Addressing non-economic loss and damage in the Pacific at the International Court of Justice
HRSD	Journal article or paper	Johanna Gusman	2024	Pacific Island Country Submissions to the International Court of Justice Climate Change Advisory Opinion Make History
HRSD	Journal article or paper	Johanna Gusman	2024	Pacific Island Countries Make Historic Submissions to the International Court of Justice Climate Change Advisory Opinion
HRSD	Other peer-reviewed publication	The Pacific Community, Human Rights and Social Development Division	2024	SCE Readers for Primary School in RMI (Students Book—Grade 5)
HRSD	Other peer-reviewed publication	The Pacific Community, Human Rights and Social Development Division	2024	SCE Readers for Primary School in RMI (Students Book—Grade 6)
HRSD	Other peer-reviewed publication	The Pacific Community, Human Rights and Social Development Division	2024	SCE Readers for Primary School in RMI (Students Book—Grade 7&8)
HRSD	Other peer-reviewed publication	The Pacific Community, Human Rights and Social Development Division	2024	SCE Readers for Secondary School in RMI (Students Book—Grade 9)
HRSD	Report	Chuuk Women's Council (CWC) & Pacific Women Lead	2024	Rapid review of the Tongen Inepwineu Counseling Center
HRSD	Report	Women United Together Marshall Islands (WUTMI) & Pacific Women Lead	2024	Rapid review of the Weto In Mour
LRD	Book chapter	Kidanemariam, D., Sukal, A., Abraham, A., Dale, J., James, A. & Harding, R.	2024	Aroids (<i>Colocasia</i> and <i>Xanthosoma</i>)
LRD	Journal article	Han, C.-J., Huang, J.-P., Chiang, M.-R., Jean, O. S. M., Nand, N., Etebari, K. & Shelomi, M.	2024	The hindgut microbiota of coconut rhinoceros beetles (<i>Oryctes rhinoceros</i>) in relation to their geographical populations
LRD	Journal article	Paudel, S., Pakoawia, J., Ero, M. & Marshall, S. D.	2024	A tiny island and a giant beetle: a fight to save coconut palms in Vanuatu
LRD	Journal article	Ram, J., Gosai, R., Dayal, S. & Chand, N.	2024	First record of <i>Leptopilina victoriae</i> (Hymenoptera: Figitidae) associated with <i>Bactrocera kirki</i> (Froggatt) (Diptera: Tephritidae), as potential conservation biological control in Rotuma Fiji
LRD	Pest alert	Gosai, R. & Timote, V.	2024	Huánglóngbìng Disease / Asian Citrus Psyllid

Division	Content type	Authors	Year	Title
PCCOS	Journal article or paper	Jerome Aucan, Ameer Ebrahim, Krishna Kumar Kotra, Anita Latai-Niusulu, Carlos A. Mancina, Michelle Mycoo, Mariyam Nashath, Tannecia Stephenson & Sarina Theys	2024	Climate research on big ocean Islands
PCCOS	Journal article or paper	Swen Jullien, Jérôme Aucan, Elodie Kestenare, Matthieu Lengaigne & Christophe Menkes	2024	Unveiling the global influence of tropical cyclones on extreme waves approaching coastal areas
PCCOS	Journal article or paper	Romain Le Gendre, David Varillon, Sylvie Fiat, Régis Hocdé, Antoine De Ramon N'Yeurt, Jérôme Aucan, Sophie Cravatte, Maxime Duphil, Alexandre Ganachaud, Baptiste Gaudron, Elodie Kestenare, Vetea Liao, Bernard Pelletier, Alexandre Peltier, Anne-Lou Schaefer, Thomas Trophime, Simon Van Wynsberge, Yves Dandonneau, Michel Allenbach, and Christophe Menkes	2024	Reef TEMPS: The Pacific Islands Coastal Temperature Network
PHD	Journal article or paper	Laurie, L., Leong, M., Kaufusi, T. T., Murdoch, H., Snowdon, W., Salmon, S., & Zimmerman, P.	2024	One response: Global Outbreak Alert and Response Network supporting the COVID-19 response, Kiribati
PHD	Journal article or paper	Hammad, K., Faavae, L. T., Taufilo, A., Leong, M., & Nasila, V.	2024	Responding to COVID-19 on the outer islands of Tuvalu
PHD	Journal article or paper	Robinson, S. J. A., McLeod, E., Nestel, D., Pacilli, M., Hansell, L., & Nataraja, R. M.	2024	"I've yet to meet anyone who's not keen for simulation" – a qualitative study of simulation-based education in the Pacific Islands
PHD	Journal article or paper	Goarant, C., & Acharya, S.	2024	Gout is a neglected non-communicable disease in the Pacific
PHD	Journal article or paper	Leong, M., Picton, R., Wratten, M., Mahe, A., & Zimmerman, P.	2024	Baseline evaluation of the World Health Organization (WHO) infection prevention and control (IPC) core components in Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs)
PHD	Journal article or paper	Mahe, A., Fonua, L., Zablotska, I., & Tin, S.	2024	Knowledge, attitudes, and preventive practices towards sexually transmitted infections among youth in Tonga: local evidence to strengthen preventive actions
PHD	Journal article or paper	Tin, S. T. W., Na'ati, E., Kubuabola, I., Tekiang, T., & Ravuvu, A.	2024	Tackling Diabetes in a Whole of Society Approach: Challenges, progress, and opportunities in the Pacific Island countries.
PHD	Journal article or paper	Antoniolli, A., Guis, H., Picardeau, M., Goarant, C., & Flamand, C.	2024	One Health Field Approach Applied to Leptospirosis: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis Across Humans, Animals and the Environment
PHD	Journal article or paper	Wattelez, G., Bertrand-Protat, S., Frayon, S., Caillaud, C., & Galy, O.	2024	Encouraging physical activity in Pacific children, an effective way to prevent childhood obesity? Pilot study in schools in Wallis and Futuna
SDD	Journal article or paper	Nilima Lal & Elizabeth Ragimana	2024	Debt-to-gross domestic product ratios of six Pacific Island countries, 2012–2021
SDD	Report	Zoran Djokovic & Jeff Montgomery	2024	Interoperability and data sharing between Civil Registration, Health Information, Statistics and Associated Systems
SDD	Report	Nadeem Akhtar	2024	Capacity Development for Statistics in the Pacific: Comprehensive Needs Assessment Report
SDD	Regional guideline	Peter Ellis, Alison Culpin, Kolianita Alfred	2024	Indicator Guidelines for Policy Monitoring in the Pacific

Note: Including published articles co-authored or editorially supported by SPC staff in 2024.

APPENDIX 4 – COMPLETED AND PLANNED EVALUATIONS

Division	Evaluation title	Name of programme/project	Internal or external	Status	Donor	Evaluation period
EQAP	Mid-term Review of the EQAP Business Plan 2023–2026	EQAP Business Plan	External	In progress	DFAT and MFAT	January–August 2025
FAME	Desktop GESI Analysis of SPC's Climate Science for Ensuring Pacific Tuna Access (CSEPTA) Activity	Climate Science for Ensuring Pacific Tuna Access	External	Completed	MFAT	2023–2024
FAME	Mid-term review of two regional coastal fisheries management projects – SCoFA and PaFMC	Pacific Coastal Fisheries Management and Compliance	External	Completed	USAID	2022–2024
FAME	Mid-term review of two regional coastal fisheries management projects – SCoFA and PaFMC	Sustainable Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture for Pacific Livelihood, Food and Economic Security	External	Completed	DFAT and MFAT	2022–2025
FAME	Final Evaluation Report – Pacific Fisheries Leadership Programme	Pacific Fisheries Leadership Programme	Internal	Completed	MFAT	2018–2024
FAME	Final Evaluation – Climate Science for Ensuring Pacific Tuna Access	Climate Science for Ensuring Pacific Tuna Access	External	Planned	MFAT	2022–2025
FAME	FAME Business Plan (2022–2027) Mid-Term Review	FAME Business Plan	External	Planned	TBC	2022–2025
FAME	Quality of Science Review	Quality of Science Programme	External	Planned	TBC	TBC
GEM	End of Cycle Evaluation	Oceans and Maritime Programme/SON	Internal	Completed	IFAN	2021–2024
HRSD	Evaluation of the Pacific People Advancing Change (PPAC)	Pacific People Advancing Change (PPAC) Programme	External	Completed	Sida, DFAT	January–June 2024
HRSD	Final Evaluation of the Regional Working Group project on the implementation of family protection/domestic violence legislation	Regional Working Group project on the implementation of family protection/domestic violence legislation	External	Completed	MFAT	June–November 2024
HRSD	Final Evaluation of Progressing Gender Equality in the Pacific (PGEP) II	Progressing Gender Equality in the Pacific (PGEP) II	External	Completed	DFAT	February–June 2024
HRSD	Pacific Women Lead – Mid-Term Review	Pacific Women Lead Programme	External	Completed	DFAT	July 2024–February 2025
HRSD	Women in Leadership – Mid-Term Review	Women in Leadership	External	In progress	DFAT	July 2024–February 2025
HRSD	Pacific Girl – Mid-Term Review	Pacific Girl	External	Completed	DFAT	March 2023–February 2024
LRD	Mid-Term Review of the Pacific Organic Learning Farms Network (POLFN)	Pacific Organic Learning Farms Network (POLFN)	External	Completed	Kiwa Initiative	April–July 2024
LRD	Final Evaluation of the Building Prosperity for Women Producers, Processors and Women Owned Businesses through Organic Value Chain (BPWP) Project	Building Prosperity for Women Producers, Processors and Women Owned Businesses through Organic Value Chain (BPWP) Project	External	Completed	DFAT	January–April 2024
LRD	Final Evaluation of the Pacific Response to Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle (PARC) Programme	Pacific Response to Coconut Rhinoceros Beetle Programme (PARC)	External	Completed	MFAT	December 2023–June 2024

Division	Evaluation title	Name of programme/project	Internal or external	Status	Donor	Evaluation period
LRD	Review of the Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (PPPO) regional platform	Pacific Plant Protection Organisation (PPPO)	External	Completed		February–April 2024
PHD	Evaluation: Strengthening Health Interventions in the Pacific – Data for Decision Making (SHIP-DDM)	PACEVIPP	Internal	Completed	DFAT	2024
PHD	Evaluating the implementation of the Pacific Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) Roadmap	NCDP	External	Completed	DFAT	2024
SPL	Independent Institutional Review	Independent Institutional Review	Internal	Completed	SPC	July 2024–February 2025
SPL	Review of the Regional Architecture	Review of the Regional Architecture	Internal	In progress	SPC	July 2024–February 2025

APPENDIX 5 – OUTCOMES OF REGIONAL MEETINGS

The work of SPC's divisions is guided by and reported at regional meetings throughout the year. These meetings are led or co-convened by SPC divisions and often involve experts from line ministries as well as ministers and implementing partners. The regional meetings listed in the table below indicate the breadth of SPC's engagement across various sectors. They are one of the key avenues for reporting on SPC's work and receiving guidance from members and sectoral experts.

The outcomes of regional meetings convened by SPC or in partnership with other regional agencies in 2024 are as follows:

Meeting	Date	Outcomes
Coconut Integrated Programme – Coconut Board Governance Meeting	21–23 February	Members agreed on the final composition of the board and terms of reference, as well as criteria for members of the technical working group. The inaugural board meeting for the regional platform was planned for June 2024. Meeting documents
Pacific Islands Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (PILNA) – Steering Committee Meeting	18–19 March	The committee endorsed the PILNA 2024 workplan along with general plans for 2025, including broad agreement to share reports and make them more accessible. It was also agreed that data sets are to remain at the ministry level, and that EQAP will only release them if there is written consent from the education system's head to share their data. Progress of the PacREF Lower Secondary Assessment project was noted, and the committee endorsed and committed to actively support implementation of the next steps and timeline activities for 2024.
9th Meeting of the Pacific Board of Education Quality (PBEQ)	20–22 March	The meeting focused on enhancing the quality of education at all levels across the region by making country specific information generated by SPC accessible to the Pacific people. The meeting outcomes were tabled at CRGA 54 later in the year.
6th Pacific Biomedical Engineering Network (PBEN) Meeting	8–12 April	The objective of the meeting was for member countries to share biomedical experiences and challenges and to strengthen partnerships towards addressing biomedical priorities in PICTs. The meeting focused on capacity building, network strengthening, leadership and gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI). Recommendations from the meeting were presented to the Pacific Directors of Clinical Services meeting. Meeting documents
Pacific Regional Disaster and Emergency Managers Meeting	8–12 April	The week-long series of meetings were convened across several regional programmes of work, including the inaugural Pacific Humanitarian Warehousing Program, the Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific Programme, the Pacific Islands Emergency Management Alliance, and culminating in the Directors of Disaster Management Meeting. The directors endorsed terms of reference for the convening of directors, officials and ministers for disaster management, with a view to elevating engagement of critical areas of work with the leaders. Meeting documents
15th Pacific Heads of Health Meeting (PHoH)	15–17 April	Key outcomes included addressing climate change health impacts through the WHO plan for SIDS, progress on the 2050 Strategy, with updates on the MEL plan and baseline report, and strengthening biomedical services in the Pacific. Regional cooperation to enhance health outcomes was emphasised, alongside improvements in biomedical workforce qualifications, with increased youth involvement and female representation. Meeting documents
2nd Heads of Maritime Transport Meeting and 1st Steering Committee Meeting for the Pacific One Maritime Framework	22–26 April	The meeting endorsed the terms of reference for the Pacific One Maritime Framework (POMF) steering committee, who then met for the first time on 25–26 April 2024. POMF is a strategic initiative set to strengthen maritime safety and efficiency, focusing on enhancing security, promoting decarbonisation and improving service affordability and accessibility for isolated communities. Meeting documents

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16th Heads of Fisheries Meeting	22–26 April	<p>The outcomes include the main points of consensus among delegates that the meeting felt necessary to document in order to: guide the resourcing and management of SPC FAME work programmes; draw to the attention of other CROP agencies, development partners and donors; signal agreement on issues that require attention by members themselves; and inform the upcoming Regional Fisheries Ministers' Meeting (RFMM), SPC's Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (CRGA) and the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders meetings.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>
5th Pacific Statistics Donor and Development Partners Group (DDPG) Meeting	24 April	<p>DDPG members agreed on SPC signing off the SDD Business Plan 2023–2027, acknowledged UNICEF's support on multiple indicator cluster surveys (MICS) in the region, and noted the draft Forum Economics Minister's Meeting (FEMM) paper for feedback and the mapping update on technical and funding support by donors and development partners.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>
Pacific Youth Council	29 April–3 May	<p>Recommendations derived from the seven youth development pillars are to enhance vocational training, promote youth employment, protect youth workers in labour schemes, strengthen targeted youth health services, support youth-led climate actions, conserve marine biodiversity, preserve cultural heritage, protect human rights and gender equality, improve digital literacy, foster youth leadership, promote economic empowerment, ensure inclusive education, strengthen development partnerships, invest in research, and promote peace and security.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>
9th Regional Meeting of Pacific Heads of Agriculture and Forestry Services (PHOAFS)	15–17 May	<p>PHOAFS endorsed the draft regional strategy for agriculture and forestry, Growing the Pacific: 2050 Strategy for Pacific Agriculture and Forestry, and recommended it for ministerial endorsement and launch in 2025. The pilot phase of the Regional Research Agenda for Agriculture and Forestry focusing on climate resilient crops to test Pacific collaborative research approaches was also endorsed. Strengthening data-driven food systems planning through the online pilot Agrifood Systems and Climate Explorer and strengthening food systems coordination were prioritised. The importance of technical networks supported by SPC was emphasised.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>
13th Pacific Statistics Methods Board (PSMB) Meeting	22–23 May	<p>PSMB endorsed the establishment of a small expert subgroup (Gender and Human Rights Statistics Methods) to develop operational guidelines for the integration of a time-use module, and it agreed to establish a small working group for the integration of data collection activities (HIES and MICS). The board noted the commissioned work on climate change and microdata anonymisation as well as the census innovative experiment, acknowledged various guidance notes, and proposed new topics for innovative experiments and commissioned work for consideration.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>
26th Micronesian Islands Forum	3–5 June	<p>Key discussions include climate change and resilience, with Federated States of Micronesia sharing its progress on climate adaptation and mitigation. Connectivity initiatives were prioritised, including the East Micronesia Cable project and efforts to attract new airlines. Regional cooperation was strengthened, with a focus on economic and sustainable development. A letter to the former US President addressed invasive species issues like the coconut rhinoceros beetle and invasive ants. The region also resolved to explore expanding affordable airline services and ensuring fair pricing.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>

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CRGA Subcommittee for the Strategic Plan	2–3 July	<p>CRGA Subcommittee members provided advice on key SPC strategic issues. The Secretariat provided updates on the organisational impacts of the New Caledonia crisis, implementation of the strategic plan, flagships and Digital Earth Pacific, strategic evaluations and the independent institutional review and the draft Pacific Community Results Report.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>
15th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women and the 8th Pacific Ministers for Women Meeting	22–26 July	<p>Key issues and actions for the next three years were outlined, prioritising implementation, monitoring and review. The meeting reaffirmed commitments to advancing gender equality in PICTs, tracking progress against the Pacific Platform for Action on Gender Equality and Women's Human Rights (2018–2030). The revitalised Pacific Leaders Gender Equality Declaration (PLGED) and 2050 Strategy were also reinforced, with a call for CROP agencies and governments to collaborate on a regional gender equality ecosystem through the review of regional architecture.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>
Forum Economic Ministers Meeting (FEMM)	1–2 August	<p>Outcomes focused on regional economic cooperation, emphasising harmonising systems and processes to boost trade flows and support intraregional labour mobility; addressing the existential threat of climate change and disasters with initiatives like the Pacific Resilience Facility (PRF) to promote economic resilience; and economic recovery and growth, including strategies to navigate global economic and geopolitical challenges, ensuring future prosperity for Pacific communities.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>
Forum Foreign Ministers Meeting (FFMM)	9 August	<p>Key outcomes of the meeting include the acknowledgement the importance of regional solidarity amid growing geostrategic interests and the climate crisis. Leadership transitions were acknowledged, with the new appointments of Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General. The 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent was reaffirmed, focusing on alignment with national strategies and SDGs, along with monitoring and accountability. A proposal for a regional peer-to-peer cooperation programme was made, and ongoing efforts to strengthen the Secretariat were emphasised to ensure it meets member needs.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>
15th Pacific Directors of Clinical Services (DCS) Meeting	12–15 August	<p>DCS reviewed, discussed and made recommendations on important issues impacting clinical services in the region, including workforce and human resources for health, education and research, clinical governance and leadership, emergency preparedness and response, climate change and health, universal health coverage and primary care. The key meeting outcomes will be presented to the upcoming Pacific Heads of Health Meetings in April 2025.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>
Pacific Senior Youth Officials Meeting	13–15 August	<p>Key outcomes focused on youth empowerment, encouraging youth to take leadership roles and drive community change. Emphasis was placed on intergenerational equity, ensuring youth voices are included in decision-making. Strengthening partnerships between youth organisations, governments and stakeholders was prioritised. The conference also encouraged action, determination, innovation and creativity to address regional challenges.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>

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53rd Pacific Islands Forum Meeting	26–30 August	<p>The meeting focused on regional security, climate resilience and diplomatic clarity. Leaders endorsed the Pacific Policing Initiative, led by Australia, to strengthen regional security. The forum highlighted the urgent need for climate-resilient healthcare infrastructure, addressing workforce shortages. Guam and American Samoa were granted associate membership, expanding regional inclusivity. A fact-finding mission was approved to address New Caledonia's independence tensions. These outcomes reinforce the forum's commitment to stability, resilience and regional cooperation.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>
Pan-Pacific Conference on Climate and Health	2–6 September	<p>The conference focused on increasing climate finance support to address national climate change and health (CCH) priorities, while exploring country-specific recommendations to enhance CCH efforts. This meeting strengthened regional collaboration and helped mobilise resources for climate and health initiatives.</p>
The Pacific Ministers for Youth Meeting (PMYMY)	4–5 September	<p>Ministers emphasised the importance of the first Youth Ministers' meeting since 2013, focusing on a long-term vision beyond the UN's 2030 agenda. They highlighted the significance of Pacific-led approaches and youth inclusion for regional prosperity. Commitment to the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent was reaffirmed, with a focus on aligning youth voices and national policies for the next Pacific Youth Development Framework (PYDF).</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>
Pacific Regional Energy Meetings Series	23–27 September	<p>The series discussed critical energy challenges and promoted sustainable solutions for Pacific Island nations, bringing together senior energy officials, industry experts and stakeholders to share knowledge and develop strategies for a just, inclusive and equitable energy transition in the Pacific region. Key outcomes included alignment of donor support with national energy priorities, increased funding for renewable energy projects and capacity-building initiatives, technology transfer to bridge the energy access gap and empowerment of women in the energy sector through the Pacific Women in Energy Conference.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>
14th Pacific Statistics Methods Board (PSMB) Meeting	7–8 October	<p>Key outcomes included the presentation of an innovative experiment report on Tuvalu's long-form census, discussions on draft reports and guidelines for microdata anonymisation to enhance data privacy, and the development of a climate change survey and core module to address climate impacts in the Pacific. Progress on the International Comparison Program (ICP) 2024 was reviewed, including readiness reports and product lists. Trade statistics and the Pacific Customs Commodity Trade Database (PACComtrade) systems were also examined to improve data accuracy and accessibility.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>
5th Meeting of Pacific Statistics Standing Committee (PSSC)	9–11 October	<p>The committee endorsed the Capacity Development Framework to guide statistical capacity in the region, as well as the creation of a regional Statistics Capacity Development Working Group (SCD-WG) supported by SPC. The committee called for SPC and other partners to support the development and review of Pacific national statistics development strategies using an approach that fits the context and needs of Pacific countries and territories. Updated terms of reference were endorsed for the Heads of Planning and Statistics (HOPS), the Pacific Statistics Standing Committee (PSSC), the Pacific Statistics Methods Board (PSMB) and the Donor and Development Partners Group (DDPG).</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>
6th Pacific Statistics Donor and Development Partner Group (DDPG) Meeting	11 October	<p>The meeting focused on key statistical matters and decisions facing the region, emphasising improved regional coordination among statistics partners to strengthen Pacific statistics. Discussions highlighted the Strategic Framework for Pacific Statistics, aligning efforts with the region's long-term strategy. Capacity strengthening was a priority, with hands-on support for national statistics offices. The importance of timely and accurate data for planning and policymaking was also underscored.</p> <p>Meeting documents</p>

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Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM)	21–26 October	Leaders reaffirmed their commitment to tackling global economic, environmental and security challenges, with a focus on enhancing resilience, sustainable trade and inclusive growth, and empowering youth and women to ensure a more peaceful and sustainable future. Meeting documents
Pacific Agricultural Plant Genetic Resources Network (PAPGREN) Virtual Meeting	22–23 October	The meeting advanced efforts to conserve and utilise plant genetic resources in the Pacific, establishing an interim committee to organise a 2025 physical meeting. It reinforced collaboration and strategic partnerships, supporting CePaCT's new business investment plan. CePaCT's work with CGIAR, the International Plant Treaty and the Global Crop Diversity Trust enhances crop diversity, food security and long-term conservation.
Integrated Ocean Management Regional Workshop and the 2nd Steering Committee Meeting for the Pacific Solutions: Integrated Ocean Management Project	28 October–1 November	The meeting focused on sustainable ocean management aligned with the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent, enhanced regional coordination, and capacity building through scientific and traditional knowledge integration. Leaders reaffirmed commitment to international laws like UNCLOS and SDG 14. Youth and early career professionals were actively engaged in advancing sustainable ocean management efforts.
54th Meeting of the Committee of Representatives of Governments and Administrations (CRGA 54)	5–6 November	Emphasis was placed on strengthening regional cooperation and integration to tackle shared challenges. Climate change resilience and adaptation remained a priority, alongside efforts to preserve and celebrate Pacific cultures. Youth engagement played a crucial role in shaping future development agendas. Progress on gender equality was noted, including the 15th Triennial Conference of Pacific Women. Institutional strengthening efforts continued to ensure SPC remains robust and responsive to member needs. Meeting documents
7th SPC Regional Technical Meeting on Coastal Fisheries and Aquaculture (RTMCFA7)	19–22 November	The meeting addressed a broad range of critical areas, including in-depth discussions on technical challenges in aquaculture and aquatic biosecurity, and highlighted the importance of data-driven, evidence-based approaches for effective coastal fisheries management. Additionally, it explored innovative tools and technologies to reinforce food security and enhance livelihoods, focusing on sustainable development and resilience across Pacific Island communities. Meeting documents

APPENDIX 6 – CURRENT LIST OF MOUs

Partner	Signed	Expires
AVI (Australian Volunteers International)	2 June 2023	2 June 2026
The Burnet Institute	2 April 2025	Indefinite
CAMCO (CAMCO Management Limited)	9 February 2023	Indefinite
CHT Gaston-Bourret Nouvelle-Calédonie	18 April 2023	Indefinite
College of Micronesia	6 April 2018	Indefinite
Cook Islands Ministry of Agriculture	11 May 2023	Indefinite
Cook Islands Office of the Prime Minister	11 April 2024	Indefinite
FSM Department of Environment, Climate Change and Emergency Management	21 December 2023	Indefinite
DANIDA (Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Denmark)	26 April 2023	Indefinite
Direction de l'Enseignement catholique de Wallis et Futuna (DECWF)	8 June 2022	Indefinite
Environmental Law Institute	30 June 2020	Indefinite
ESCAP (United Nations Economic and Social Commission)	26 April 2021	31 December 2030
FAO (Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations)	12 April 2018	Indefinite
FFA (Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency)	19 February 1998	Indefinite
Fiji Elections Office	8 February 2022	Indefinite
Fiji National University	3 June 2022	Indefinite
GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit)	19 June 2019	Indefinite
IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency)	2 June 2017	Indefinite
IALA (International Association of Marine Aids to Navigation and Lighthouse Authorities)	5 August 2018	Indefinite
IATTC (Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission)	01 June 2023	31 May 2025
ICC (International Coconut Community)	5 March 2019	Indefinite
ILO (International Labour Organization)	6 October 2017	Indefinite
IFREMER (Institut Français de Recherche pour l'Exploitation de la Mer)	30 September 2022	30 September 2027
IOC (Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission) of UNESCO	1 July 2022	30 June 2032
IMO (International Maritime Organization)	9 January 2004	Indefinite
IRD (Institut de recherche pour le developpment)	8 June 2021	7 June 2026
IRENA (International Renewable Energy Agency)	3 April 2022	3 April 2027
IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources)	10 March 2021	Indefinite
Japan Fisheries Research and Education Agency, Fisheries Resources Institute	23 August 2024	Indefinite
Kiribati Ministry of Environment, Land and Agriculture Development	11 May 2023	Indefinite

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Kiribati Office of Te Beretitenti (Office of the President)	5 August 2024	Indefinite
Republic of Marshall Islands Office of the Chief Secretary	13 November 2024	Indefinite
Melanesian Spearhead Group	20 March 2018	Indefinite
Mercator Ocean International (MOi) and Collecte Localisation Satellites (CLS)	23 May 2022	Indefinite
Nauru Department of National Emergency Services	10 May 2024	Indefinite
New Zealand Qualifications Authority	6 August 2021	Indefinite
Niue Office of the Premier	18 April 2024	Indefinite
NIWA (National Institute of Water and Atmospheric Research Limited)	5 April 2022	4 April 2027
ONOC (Oceania National Olympics Committee)	17 April 2023	16 April 2028
PacIOOS (Pacific Islands Ocean Observing System)	15 November 2021	Indefinite
Palau Office of the Vice President	10 May 2024	Indefinite
RARE	28 June 2024	Indefinite
Solomon Islands Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock	11 May 2023	Indefinite
Solomon Islands Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, disaster Management and Meteorology	11 September 2024	Indefinite
Service Hydrographique et Océanique de la Marine – SHOM (English)	21 February 2023	20 February 2028
South Pacific Association of Theological Schools	9 February 2022	9 February 2024
SPREP (Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme)	7 November 2023	7 November 2028
SPTO (Pacific Tourism Organisation)	8 December 2021	Indefinite
Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste – Civil Protection Authority (CPA) of the Ministry of the Interior	9 January 2024	Indefinite
Kingdom of Tonga Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, National Disaster Risk Management Office, Environment, Climate Change and Communications	30 May 2024	Indefinite
Tuvalu Ministry of Public Works, Infrastructure Development and Water	5 August 2024	Indefinite
UNIFEM (United Nations Development Fund for Women)	3 November 2003	Indefinite
University of Otago	13 October 2021	13 October 2031
USP (University of the South Pacific)	23 August 2018	Indefinite
Vanuatu Ministry of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology, Geohazards, Environment, Energy and National Disaster Management	12 September 2024	Indefinite
World Vegetable Center	19 September 2022	19 September 2027



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