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SINCC – MECDM and MFMR lead agencies

- SINCC – endorsed in 2009. Still in place until revised SINPOA is endorsed.
- Multiple stakeholders – Government agencies, NGO, Academia and CSO reps.
- Environment and Conservation Division (ECD) and Inshore Fisheries Division – national coordination and link with CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat
- Permanent Secretaries MECDM and MFMR as co-Chairs of SINCC
- SINPOA Implementation, monitoring and reporting

Progress/Accomplishments towards NPOA



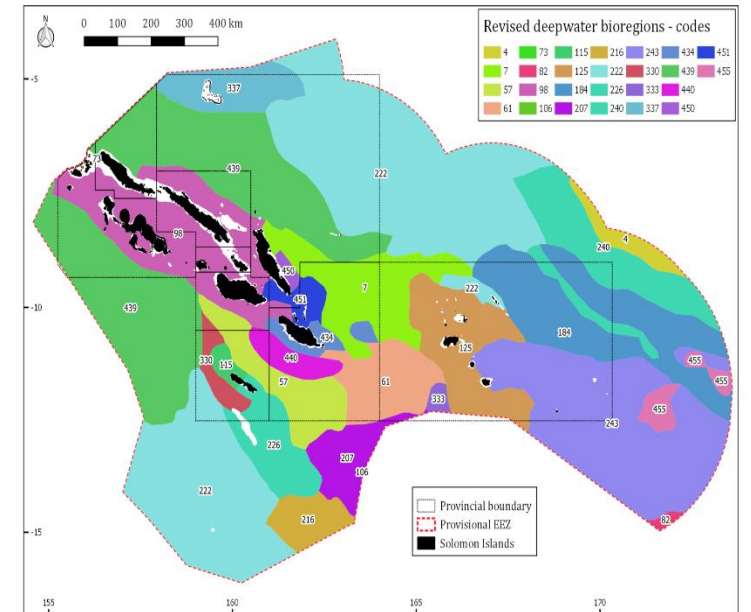
Progress – Seascape CTI-CFF National Programs

CTI-CFF National Programs

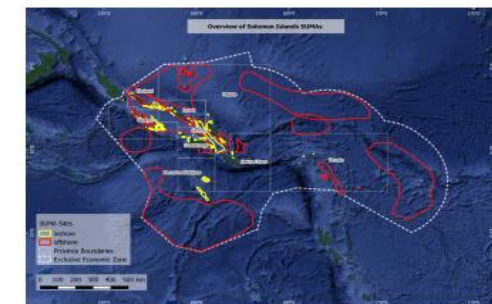
1. SWG virtual participation
2. Promote seascapes approaches in development of project proposals and alignment (MPA networks, Marine spatial Planning, connectivity studies)
3. Implementation of the SI National Ocean Policy and Integrated Ocean Governance with MFAET and Ocean12.
4. BSSE – turtle tagging and data-sharing with NGOs > discussions for SOMACORE Opportunities.

Related Activities:

1. Development of offshore Kavachi MMA under PA Act 2010 (collaboration with WCS)
2. Continue development of the Marine Spatial Plan and Marine Spatial Planning – IUCN, PEUMP, SPREP, SPC Ocean12.
3. Development and Inception of Maritime Compliance Project (in collaboration with Ministry of Foreign Affairs , IUCN)
4. GEF-7 SAFE Project with UNDP (Seascapes, CBRM & Threatened Species)-Prepare for Implementation start 2023
5. Develop GEF – Coral Reef Rescue Initiative (CRRI) Project proposal with WWF
6. Increased focus on enforcement on PNG/SI border – reduce illegal trade of wildlife species
7. New collaborations – Blue Nature Alliance, Nia Tero Foundation, etc



65 SUMAs in total



- 12 offshore sites
- 53 finer-scale inshore sites

Progress – EAFM CTI-CFF National Programs

CTI-CFF National Programs

1. Developed, launched and implement the following CBRM documents
 - a. Community Based Coastal and Marine Resource Management (CBCMRM) Strategy 2021-2025
 - b. The Solomon Islands National Information Strategy to Empower All Communities to Better Manage their Marine Resource
 - c. CBRM in Solomon Islands Provincial Snapshots 2022
 - d. The Community Based Resource Management Training Package developed purposely for Provincial Fisheries Officers

Related Activities

1. cCHange: Solwata Blo Umi Project - awareness of regulations
2. Implement Open-season for Bechdermer (now closed)
2. Develop BDM management plan for communities
3. Ongoing support to coastal community for seaweed & Tilapia farming
4. Deployment of Fishing Aggregate Devices for community livelihood support
5. Rehabilitation of Fisheries Centres to support fish market and storage for coastal communities.
5. Linking community fish market –marketing network
6. Dried and smoked fish Gendered Value Analysis (FAO project)



Progress – MPAs CTI-CFF National Programs

CTI-CFF National Programs

1. Ongoing support to MPA/LMMA communities and sites (more than 200+ communities)
2. Initiate update of MPA/LMMA datasets (MECDM) - ongoing
2. GIS Trainings conducted for MPA practitioners
3. Enforcement and Compliance Trainings conducted for MPA/LMMA Managers, rangers and Management Committees (Isabel Province, Makira Province, Western Province)

Related Activities:

1. Conduct community consultations for KMMA as potential MPA (WCS, MECDM, MFMR & Partners) > Establish a National Park offshore.
2. PUEMP Project/IUCN: Produce Zero Draft No-Take Map for Solomon Islands (30%), now scaled down to 17% Draft No-Take Zone map for Solomon Islands – to be presented to Ocean12 for review.
3. Support TNC/ACMP Project for Eco-tourism development on site (Australia support). Including review of ACMP Management Plan
4. Implement Pathways 2 project (in progress) and Fish Innovation project with WorldFish (Initial stages of the project)



Progress – CCA CTI-CFF National Programs

CTI-CFF National Programs

1. CCA National TWG meetings
2. Continue support towards CCA and mitigation programs at national, provincial and community level including awareness and education.

Related Activities:

1. SIIVA conducted for Reef Islands, Temotu, Malaita and Central Province
2. Implement Third National Communication/Biennial Update Report
3. Implement PACRES Project
4. Implement of water harvesting system in Malaita Province
5. IFMP – protection of forest areas as part of CCA and mitigation
6. EREPA- protection of forest areas as part of CCA and mitigation
7. Development of Coral Reef Rescue Initiative program (GEF/GCF/GCRF)
8. Consultations on draft Climate Change Policy
9. Preparation and participation in COP27
10. Awareness for schools and villages on CC issues
11. ADB Coral Reef Insurance – Concept note stage



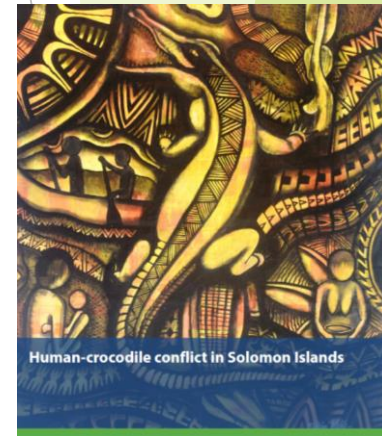
Progress – Threatened Spp CTI-CFF National Programs

CTI-CFF National Programs

1. Review of Sharks National Plan of Action with partners and stakeholders for finalization of the document (SPC)
2. Review to Update of Marine Turtles Action Plan (WCS) – Draft in place

Related Activities:

1. Local Community Species conservation – WAIHAU and Haevo LBT Nesting Beach; Zaira and Arnavon Community Nature Park, Tetepare, Baniata, Bota, etc
2. Develop Saltwater Management Plan – draft in place
3. Conduct national assessments Sea cucumber for communities (Lord Howe and Makira)



Progress – WLF and GESI Adoption

- Integration of Gender as Module 4 of the CBRM Package for Provincial Fisheries Officers (recently launched)
- MFMR Gender Mainstreaming Policy Review

National Gender Statistics Training

- National Training Producing and Using Gender Statistics to Monitor the SDGs and Implement the Pacific Road Map



Challenges/Constraints Affecting Implementation

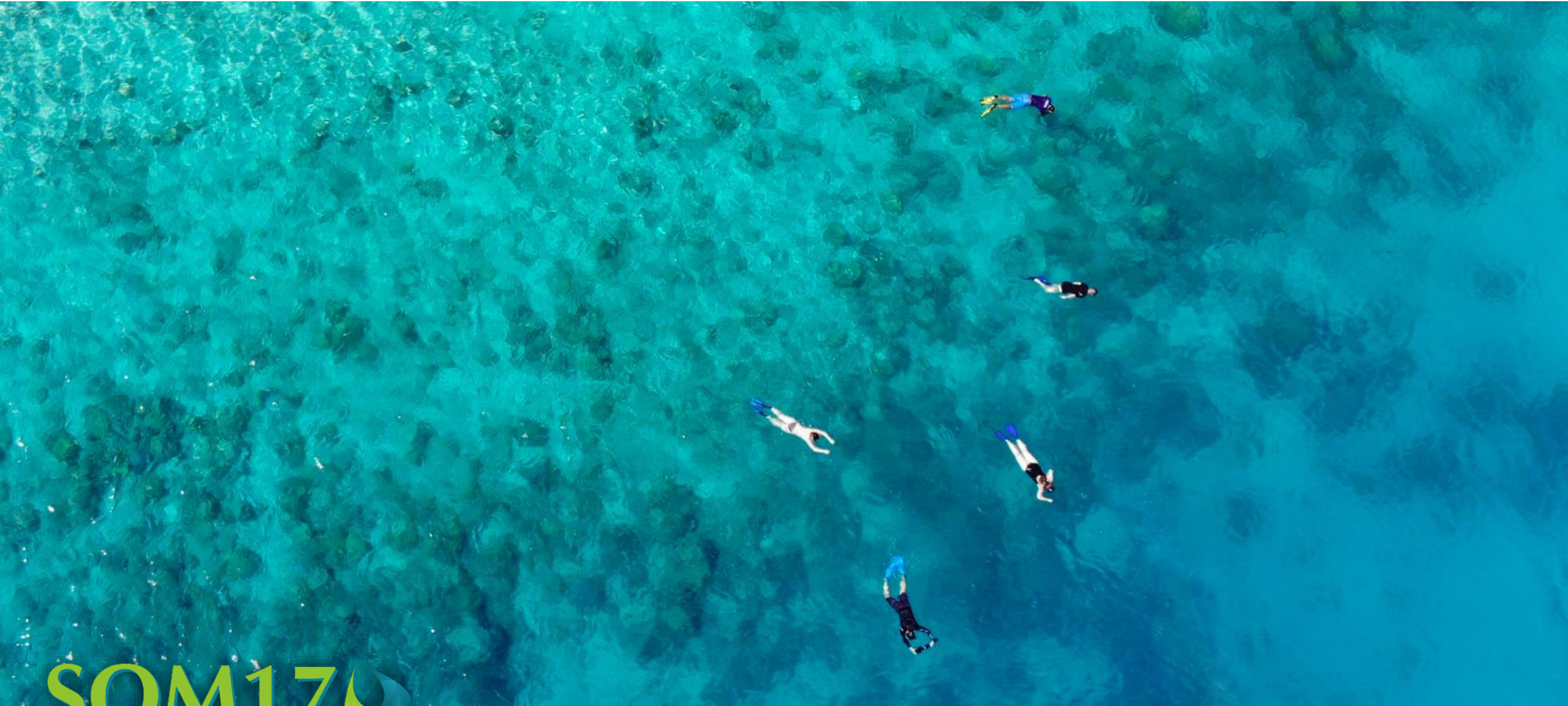


Challenges

- SINPOA expiration – no focus on regular SINCC meetings. Will revitalize once NPOA is finalized. SINCC partners no regular reporting as no platform.
- Budgets – Reprioritization Policy – economy afloat and prevention of COVID 19.
- COVID 19 Pandemic affect implementation of some programs



National Roadmap 2023



Roadmap –

- Endorse revised SINPOA by early 2023
- CBRM – Upscaling and expanding strategies to 100% communities
- Establish and gazette MPAs/MMAs at community level
- Finalise the establishment of Kavachi Seascape National Park under PA Act 2010 – for submission
- Etc.

Potential Regional Program and Support Required

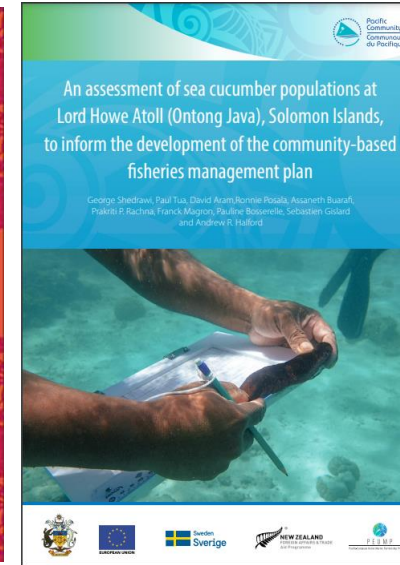
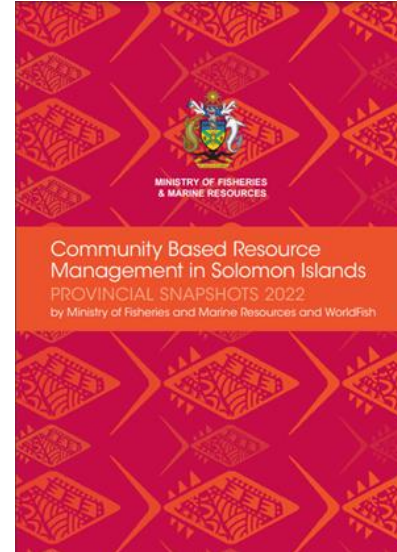
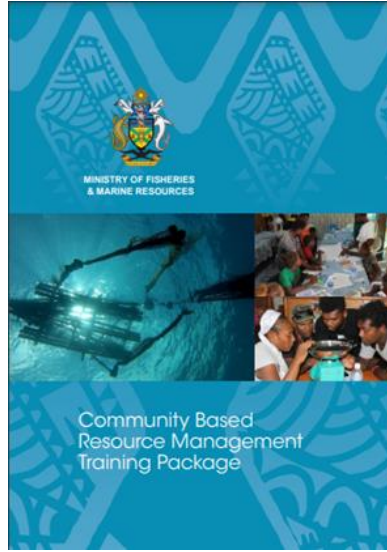
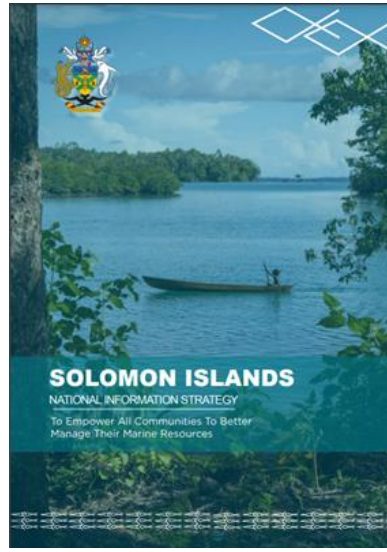
- Best practices
- Regional Exchanges – local communities and local governments
- Support Grants for NPOA implementation and RPOA programs at National level.

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