

PACIFIC OCEAN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM 2019-2020

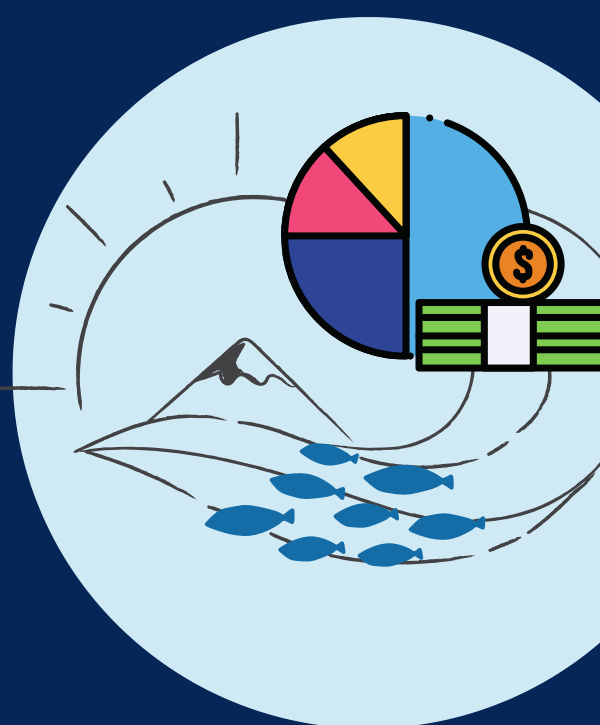
ABOUT:



The Pacific Ocean Finance Fellowship Program is part of the Pacific Ocean Finance Program (POFP), which is Component 3 of the Pacific Regional Oceanscape Program (PROP) - funded by the World Bank and the Global Environment Facility - and implemented through The Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) and the Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner (OPOC).

AIM:

The aim of the Pacific Ocean Finance Program is to improve the amount and efficacy of finance for Pacific Ocean governance. To achieve this goal, the objectives of the 9-month Fellowship Program were to 1) increase individual capacity of Pacific Islanders by providing professional development training in ocean finance and governance, and 2) advance ocean finance initiatives both within institutions and across sectors in the Pacific Islands region through a program of mentored projects in fellows' home countries..



POFP FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM:

Conservation Strategy Fund (CSF), in partnership with Conservation Finance Alliance (CFA) and Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), implemented the POFP Fellowship Program between April 2019 and May 2020. Fellows from 12 nations in the North and South Pacific were chosen to be trained and mentored by the Pacific Ocean Finance Fellowship Program. Two training events were carried out, in Solomon Islands in June 2019 and Fiji in November 2019, and Fellows also participated in the Pacific Ocean Finance Conference in Fiji in November 2019. Fellows conceived, designed and conducted individual projects in their home country with support and personalized technical assistance from the team of Mentors.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT TRAINING

The POFP Fellowship team provided Fellows with in-person training workshops and virtual webinars to impart knowledge and skills related to ocean finance, economic development, and ocean governance. In addition, Fellows were given research support and mentoring guidance to develop their project ideas, define their methodology, plan their activities and budget, collect and analyse data, and develop presentations to share their research results..



FELLOWSHIP PROJECT SUMMARIES



ALISSA TAKESY

FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

Updating and Aligning the FSM Protected Areas Network's Sustainable Finance Plan to the Micronesia Challenge 2030 Targets



AMELIA FAOTUSIA

TONGA

Sustainable financing mechanisms for the implementation of the Special Management Area Programme for community inshore fisheries management in Tonga



APISALOME MOVONO

FIJI

Pacific Ocean Finance: a pathway towards sustainable marine custodianship through tourism.



DANITA STRICKLAND

SAMOA

Mapping the current status of ocean financing sources in Samoa and evaluating the alignment of their objectives to the prioritised solutions for the Samoa Ocean Strategy and exploring opportunities to enhance existing Financial Mechanisms for Grassroot Projects



EMMA KABUA-TIBON

REBUPLIC OF THE MARSHAL ISLANDS

Evaluating Ocean Finance Solutions to Sustain RMI's Protected Areas network



FA'AUI EKAPALE-TELI

TUVALU

Assessment of options to strengthen and expand the current model for the Community Vessel Day Scheme (C-VDS) Funds





FIAFIA ALANA REX

NIUE

Niue Coral Reef Restoration Project



MARTIN PINE

REPUBLIC OF KIRIBATI

Ecotourism in the Phoenix Island Protected Area(PIPA) as a financial strategy to support Marine Protected Areas in Kiribati



MARY RUI MACDONALD

COOK ISLANDS

A sustainable financial plan for funding "core" costs of an Environmental NGO in the Cook Islands.



OBED TIMAKATA

VANUATU

An economic diversification strategy for the conservation of an organic island's marine ecosystem, fostered through the successful participatory branding of its marine life sanctuaries and its hatchery developed marine products.



PRESLEY KOKWAIYE

PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Economic diversification of community managed marine protected areas: A business model for Anagusa Island, Milne Bay Province, PNG .



ROSALIE MASU

SOLOMON ISLANDS

Improving Management and Development of Sea Cucumber Fishery in Solomon Islands



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