

MINISTER APPROVES COASTAL COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR NOMUKA ISLAND

It is hereby announced that on the 29th of August 2011, the Hon. Minister for Agriculture & Food, Forests and Fisheries has exercised his powers under section 14 of the Fisheries Management Act 2002 to approve the designation of the local community of Nomuka Island in the Ha'apai Group, to be a Coastal Community for the purposes of community based fisheries management.

Nomuka's Coastal Community Management Plan will result in restriction of fishing activities in the Nomuka Special Management Area (SMA). It is hereby announced to all fishermen to be aware that only fishers and fishing vessels registered by the Nomuka Coastal Community Management Committee will be permitted to fish in the SMA. The Plan also includes the designation of a Fish Habitat Reserve (FHR), which prohibits any fishing activity to anyone, for the purpose of conserving and protecting marine life and habitats.

We anticipate and appreciate your full cooperation in this matter. For more information, please contact the Fisheries Division offices.

