

Ministry of Fisheries

January Newsletter



CEO's OFFICE

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr Tu'ikolongahau Halafihi opened the training course in Seafood Export Market Development including Market Development for Pearl. Also attending were Deputies Mrs Mele 'Atuekaho and Dr. Siola'a Malimali with key staffs Ms. Elaine Havealeta and Mr. Samuela Pohiva. This training is co-hosted by the Forum Fisheries Agency, University of the South Pacific and the Tonga Ministry of Fisheries.

The Minister approved the Ministry's Planning retreat in preparation for the Ministry's Corporate Plan (CP) and Annual Management Plan (AMP) for the next financial year. The retreat included staffs from the Ministry of Finance and Planning in presenting on the importance of Corporate Plan, Annual Management Plan, Risk Toolkit, Asset and Procurement and Public Service Commission (PSC) on recruitment process and updated policies. All presentations were crucial especially the new template required for the AMP. Our staffs were able to develop a draft AMP on its current AMP using the new template with areas highlighted for further guidance from MFNP. The retreat involved CEO, Deputies and Seniors at Vakaloa Beach Resort.

Our Ministry welcomed Brenna Moore and Natasha Allan from World Bank on their Pre-Preparation Mission to Tonga on the Pacific Islands Regional Oceanscape Program (PROP) prior to their next visit planned for 20 February to 2 March

2018. The PROP is aimed to implement the Tonga Fisheries Sector Plan activities. This visit included discussions on the review of project concept note, scope, scale, components and implementation arrangements involved discussions with CEO, HODs and MFNPS key staffs.

CORPORATE SERVICE DIVISION (CSD)

The Ministry submitted its Performance Manage System (PMS) Mid Year Review (MYR) on 25th of January. The PMS MYR consist of staffs individual rating, supervisors rating and joint rating. This is the second year pilot of the PMS and our Ministry is looking forward to the PMS team's visit to undertake our next available status check.

The CEO approved the Ministry's Internal Policies for Information, Communication and Technology and Finance Purchase Order Request as our second proposal set of policies for this financial year. These policies will support our ICT and Finance team with delivering ICT and Finance activities and guidance to staffs.

Engineering staff Mr Kite Fanua undertook the Asset outer island visit focusing on the Ministry's vehicles. This opportunity is to monitor and maintain our vehicles and support the maintenance of our Assets.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION (FMDD)

Deputy CEO for FMDD Mrs Mele 'Atuekaho with staffs Ms Elaine Havealeta and Mr Samuela Pohiva provided training conducted by consultant and lecturers from the University of the

South Pacific for Pearl Farmers on marketing and business skills in Vava'u. The training was co-funded by the New Zealand government, FFA and Ministry of Fisheries.

Fisheries Officer Mr. Fotuika Vailea attended the Training Course in Fisheries Policy, Investment Appraisal and International Commerce at Nadi, Fiji. This opportunity covers every aspects of trade policies as well as investment appraisal and their positions in enabling trade and being barrier for trade at the same time. will be focusing on examining the role of trade policy in understanding fisheries industry

FISHERIES SCIENCE DIVISION (FSD)

Senior Fisheries Assistance Mr. Tonga Tu'iano undertook monitoring of seaweed trails at outer islands. This is aimed to monitor the implementation of seaweeds and to address any challenges and reporting to Management.

Senior Fisheries Assistance Mr. Siaosi Vi undertook the Ministry's first General observation at Ha'apai on mabe pearl harvest in Ha'apai. This opportunity is crucial for Ha'apai as the mabe pearl is still at early stage in developing compared to Vava'u.

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