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Pacific – Strategic Plan for Agricultural and Fisheries Statistics

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Glossary

P-SPAFS: Pacific – Strategic Plan for Agricultural and Fisheries Statistics

“Agriculture” = crops, livestock, forestry, hunting, handicrafts, aquaculture and fisheries

Created by Pacific Island agricultural, fisheries and planning administrations for the Pacific.
What is P-SPAFS?

• P-SPAFS is a ten-year strategic plan for the development of sustainable agricultural statistical systems in the Pacific region.

• A SPC Comparative Study (2015-16) of National Agriculture Sector Plans of 15 Pacific countries showed a common regional need for greater focus on agricultural statistics.
The vision

A region where high-quality and timely statistics inform decisions relating to food security and sustainable agricultural and fisheries development, and assist monitoring the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals.
The objectives

1. Develop a core set of regional indicators.
2. Integrate agricultural statistics into national statistical systems.
3. Improved use of statistics in policy formation.
4. Increased capacity to collect, compile, process, interpret, analyse and disseminate fisheries statistics.
The plan
Anticipated outcomes

Phase 1

- Priority indicators agreed and reported against.
- Development of regionally standardised data collection methodologies; further integration of agriculture into national statistical collections.
- Agricultural statistics included in national and regional statistical frameworks.
- Strategic Plans for Agricultural and Rural Statistics prepared.
- Advocacy for the use of statistics in planning and policy formation.
- Agricultural statistics published and disseminated.
- Statistical capacity enhanced.
Implementation strategy

Two principles:

i. Building on existing progress; and

ii. Bringing together users and producers of statistics (supply chain).

- Defining demand for agricultural statistics (core indicators) to prioritise data collection and dissemination.

Governance:

- Steering Committee
- Coordination Unit
- Monitoring, evaluation and learning
- Risk management and sustainability
Next steps

• Continue working in partnership with our member countries and development partners, including FAO and SPC, to establish priority areas within the activity matrix.

• Mobilise resources to support implementation and statistical governance and coordination.

• The success of P-SPAFS Phase 1 is dependent on resourcing the Strategic Plan to help our members to build their statistical capacity and to report against SDGs.
Thank you