



# Pacific Community Results Report 2017 Results Highlights

## Overview

These *Results Highlights* describe some achievements of the Pacific Community (SPC) in 2017 against the *Pacific Community Strategic Plan 2016-2020*. Results are presented through achievements in Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) across the spheres of **oceans, land** and **people**, with SPC's scientific and technical contributions. These achievements are also graphically mapped for each PICT. We also feature some of the partnerships that SPC has pursued to advance members' development objectives. For further information on SPC's 2017 results, please consult the *Pacific Community Results Report 2017* ([www.spc.int](http://www.spc.int)).

## SPC's Vision and Mission

### VISION

Our Pacific vision is for a region of peace, harmony, security, social inclusion and prosperity, so that all Pacific people can lead free, healthy and productive lives. This is a shared vision for the Pacific under the Framework for Pacific Regionalism.

*Vision for the Framework for Pacific Regionalism, adopted as SPC's Vision*

### MISSION

We work for the well-being of Pacific people through the effective and innovative application of science and knowledge, guided by a deep understanding of Pacific Island contexts and cultures.

## Prioritisation in 2017

In 2017, as SPC celebrated 70 years of service to the Pacific, we further consolidated our work and honed our areas of technical and scientific expertise, with phase two of the prioritisation process started in 2016. This work also involved improving SPC's business model to strengthen sustainable funding, better leverage our position in the region and internationally, and provide even greater value to our members in addressing their development challenges.

### SPC's priority thematic areas approved in 2017

- Developing and applying fisheries science (to develop an 'area of excellence')
- Developing and applying plant and crop genetic resources (to develop an 'area of excellence')
- Regional education qualifications and assessment (a regional 'public good')
- Public health surveillance (a regional 'public good')
- Non-communicable disease
- Climate change and disaster risk resilience and management (including climate-smart agriculture and GIS mapping)
- Oceans management and governance, and the development of the Pacific Community Centre for Ocean Science
- Regional data coordination and dissemination
- Human rights, including gender equality and youth
- Energy

### The Pacific Community (SPC)

**SPC is an international development organisation that has been serving the people of the Pacific since 1947. SPC is owned and governed by its 26 country and territory members: American Samoa, Australia, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, France, Guam, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, New Zealand, Niue, Northern Mariana Islands, Nouvelle-Calédonie, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn Islands, Polynésie française, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, United States of America, Vanuatu, and Wallis et Futuna.**

# 2017 SELECTED ACHIEVEMENTS

## How SPC supported PICTs' achievements in 2017

analysing and applying data and information

providing evidence-based scientific and technical advice

building capacity and providing other technical assistance across a range of disciplines and competencies

influencing policy and legislation

collaborating with stakeholders

contributing scientific evidence through primary research

## OCEANS



**Mobile fish identification application – PacFishID** allows Pacific fishers to identify coastal fish

### Stock assessments

A bigeye tuna stock assessment gave new data showing that the **bigeye tuna stock** is in a healthier condition than previously thought

### Tide data



More than **1800** tide prediction calendars for **19** Pacific locations distributed to National Meteorological Service offices, port authorities and other Pacific Ocean stakeholders

### 9 countries

signed the Search and Rescue Technical Arrangement for Cooperation, to improve search and rescue efforts on a regional scale

### Low-carbon maritime transport

A Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre was launched to support the region to develop and promote low-carbon maritime transport systems



SPC's fisheries data collection application

### Tails

**4** more countries using the app – a total of **9** countries since its 2016 launch

### Progress in fighting obesity and non-communicable diseases (NCDs)



through assistance to enact legislation to reduce importation of sugar-sweetened food and beverages

## LAND

### Improving atoll soil health

working with farmers in sustainable agriculture in Kiribati and the Marshall Islands, especially on targeted nutrient and composting techniques



**First pest surveillance of herbs in Niue** after a successful request for New Zealand market access for fresh herbs

**Disaster preparedness improved**

**2** Emergency Operations Centres refurbished in Federated States of Micronesia and Fiji

### 1 Pacific port

had substantial energy savings, due to SPC's Green Pacific Port Initiative in Solomon Islands

Protecting genetic

**16** Fiji tree species conserved

**17** plant crops conserved

## PEOPLE

### 7 youth groups

selected to develop short films for advocacy and health messaging to prevent NCDs – SPC's

Wake Up! Youth project

**7** countries improved lab-based health surveillance reporting

Increased gender, culture or youth budgets in **6** countries

**First institutional accreditation certificate to Kiribati Institute of Technology**

SPC is a regional education quality assurance agency

**National Human Rights Institutions** (established or under development) have **more than doubled in number** (from 4 to 9), to promote and protect human rights

**Planned improvement of SPC statistics products and services** thanks to a Pacific user survey revealing **4** user personas and product and data needs

**3** certificates in sustainable energy accreditation by SPC

A landmark for education and training opportunities in the Pacific

### Better information on food security, nutrition and poverty

Pacific Nutrition Acquisition Database launched, linking household food acquisition with food nutrition data



## Examples of results achieved in member countries and territories

### AMERICAN SAMOA

**1 statistical business register** was established, through the South-South exchange; Fiji supported capacity development

### COOK ISLANDS

**Cook Islands Biosecurity Operations Manual**, developed with SPC's support, was launched and is accessible online. The manual was developed under the SPC-supported regional biosecurity operations framework

### FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA

**Emergency preparedness enhanced**, such as sign-posting of tsunami safe area and evacuation routes in Pohnpei, and refurbishment of the Yap Emergency Operations Centre

### FIJI

**Tukuraki village was relocated** due to cyclone impact, and the risk of future disasters. The new village site, built with support from SPC's Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific Project, now hosts 11 wooden homes and 1 community hall, in line with best-practice disaster reduction strategies

### FRENCH POLYNESIA

The Government committed to take up NCDs as a national health priority, through the **development of multisectoral NCD strategies and the establishment of an NCD Committee**

### GUAM

The Public Health Laboratory of Guam has begun **process validation of gonorrhoea samples, as part of quality assurance protocols**

### KIRIBATI

**Kiribati Seabed Minerals Law was enacted in 2017**, following two years of technical assistance from SPC's Deep Sea Minerals project

### MARSHALL ISLANDS

The **national budget for gender** was increased, following sustained efforts of the national women's machinery and SPC mainstreaming support

### NAURU

Nauru reported an **increase in women accessing emergency and support services**, making complaints to the police, and applying for protection orders around domestic violence, following SPC's legislation support, training and mentoring



### NEW CALEDONIA

**Integrated management of the Great South Lakes Ramsar area**, with SPC's INTEGRÉ project support, to promote a sustainable development strategy

### NIUE

**Compliance audits were completed** with SPC's support, to ensure minimum standards are met by national maritime bodies

### NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Health staff participated in **outbreak simulation exercises** facilitated by SPC, to improve responsiveness to disease outbreaks

### PALAU

Development of **a community-based disaster risk reduction toolkit**, with SPC's support

### PAPUA NEW GUINEA

SPC's Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees (CePaCT), in partnership with Papua New Guinea's National Agriculture Research Institute (NARI), successfully produced **4 new lines of taro varieties demonstrating resilience to disease and climate change**

### PITCAIRN ISLANDS

**Information support on disasters** was provided by SPC to the Pacific disaster risk reduction community, including in Pitcairn Islands, through the Pacific Disaster Net and [www.pdalo.net](http://www.pdalo.net)

### SAMOA

Samoa submitted its **state report on the status of women**, as part of its reporting obligations under the United Nations Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discriminations Against Women (CEDAW)

### SOLOMON ISLANDS

**343 young people (137 females, 206 males) started their own businesses**, following training and start-up support through the Youth@Work programme

### TOKELAU

SPC facilitated South-South exchange between civil registration offices of Tokelau and Niue, which **increased Tokelau's understanding of civil registration processes and practices**

### TONGA

**1 forestry plan** and associated regulations were launched: the Tonga Forest and Trees Management Plan (2017) and Sandalwood Regulations (2016) support sustainable forest management

### TUVALU

SPC introduced **digital data collection technology** to support Tuvalu's 2017 Census of Population and Housing, and Tonga provided technical support through South-South exchange

### VANUATU

SPC supported Vanuatu to **develop community-based fisheries management plans**, to support local management of inshore fisheries and aquatic resources

### WALLIS AND FUTUNA

**A sustainable waste collection and shipment activity** was set up, with nearly 300 tonnes of batteries and 200,000 litres of used oil shipped for processing and re-use in New Zealand for the first time



# Partnerships

SPC recognises the importance of our ongoing, flexible, multi-year partnerships with Australia, France, New Zealand and Sweden. In 2017 we nurtured partnerships to advance development objectives with PICTS, including the following

## Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP) agencies

- SPC and SPREP developed a joint multi-year Resilient Pacific Programme, to support the development objectives of both organisations' members
- SPC and SPREP established and launched the Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre
- Phase 2 of the Regional Culture Strategy 2017-2020, and Investing in Culture 2010-2020 initiatives, was developed with PIFS, SPREP, USP and the SPTO (and other organisations)
- Multiple agency country missions were conducted by SPC, PIFS and SPREP (among other agencies), to support country work plans
- Governance arrangements for the Framework for Resilient Development in the Pacific (FRDP) were endorsed during the Pacific Islands Forum Leaders meeting

## SPC collaborated with the World Bank Group

- to provide data to the Global Tracking Framework on sustainable energy
- on household income and expenditure survey (HIES) data collection
- to monitor the implementation of the Pacific Early Age Readiness and Learning (PEARL) programme, to improve child learning and teacher training

## SPC collaborated with United Nations agencies (FAO, UNDP, UNESCO, UNFPA and UNICEF)

- to finalise the Regional Framework for Pacific Agricultural Statistics (P-SPAFS) (with FAO)
- to prepare a comprehensive five-year regional plan for statistical collections (with UNFPA and UNICEF)
- to provide well-coordinated and well-planned technical support for the conduct of national statistical collections (with UNFPA, UNICEF)
- to implement the Wake Up! Youth project: advocacy and health messaging on NCD prevention and control (with UNDP)
- to conduct joint missions with UNESCO to provide recommendations for improving evidence-based decision-making

## SPC collaborated with other regional research organisations (ACIAR and ACER)

- to collect data on value chains for food production systems (with ACIAR)
- to trial and test Pacific Islands Literacy and Numeracy Assessment (PILNA) instruments (with ACER)

## SPC collaborated with private sector and civil society stakeholders

- to develop the disaster-ready toolkit, with PIPSO and the Fiji Business Disaster and Resilience Council, and support from the EU and USAID, to improve business resilience
- to advance gender equality in government, labour rights, right to information, youth development, and disability objectives with civil society networks



## SPC's contributions to the SDGs

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development presents opportunities for SPC to support regional efforts to improve national statistical systems

SPC:

- is a member of the Pacific SDG Taskforce, which established the Pacific Roadmap for Sustainable Development 'to guide and consolidate the region's efforts to implement and monitor the 2030 Agenda and SDGs, SAMOA Pathway and Framework for Pacific Regionalism'
- developed, with PIFS and PSSC, a Pacific set of sustainable development indicators
- collated a region-wide matrix to identify SDG baseline data availability by country to inform the first Pacific Report for Sustainable Development being prepared for PIFS Leaders' consideration in 2018
- assisted countries to undertake national statistical capacity and systems assessments, to improve national statistical systems
- with WHO and other partners, developed the Pacific Healthy Islands Monitoring Framework, to monitor progress in implementing the Healthy Islands Vision. The framework's aims include alignment with SDG indicators
- worked closely with Pacific MANA and other partners on other SDG health indicators, particularly around health security and human resources for health

## Looking ahead

2018 will be an important year for SPC, as we engage in our mid-term review of our Strategic Plan. We will shape our future direction based on evidence about what has worked well, and areas that need improvement, and how SPC's work fits with changing development contexts. SPC's divisions and programmes will update their business plans, reflecting the findings of the mid-term review.

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## Organisation key

ACER – Australian Council for Education Research  
ACIAR – Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research  
EU – European Union  
FAO – Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations  
Pacific MANA – Pacific Monitoring Alliance for Noncommunicable Disease Action  
PIFS – Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat  
PIPSO – Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation  
PSSC – Pacific Statistics Steering Committee

SPREP – Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme  
SPTO – South Pacific Tourism Organisation  
UNDP – United Nations Development Programme  
UNESCO – United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  
UNICEF – United Nations Children Fund  
UNFPA – United Nations Population Fund  
USAID – U.S. Agency for International Development  
USP – University of the South Pacific  
WHO – World Health Organization