8TH PACIFIC TUNA FORUM (PTF 2023)

‘Strengthening Tuna sustainability and industry development in the ‘Blue Pacific Continent’ through increased innovation, partnership and participation’

06-07, September 2023
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

PTF 2023 Tentative Conference Programme

Chairperson: Mr. Phil Roberts, Board Director, Tri Marine International Pte Ltd, Singapore

Tuesday, 05th September 2023

17:00 - 20:00 Pre-Registration - Venue: Entrance of the Main Ballrooms 1 – 3, Level 2, The Stanley Hotel & Suites, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Day 1: Wednesday, 06th September 2023

07:30 - 09:00 Registration (Tea/Coffee)

09:00 - 10:00 Opening Ceremony - Venue: Main Ballrooms 1 – 3, Level 2, The Stanley Hotel & Suites, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Welcome Address by Mr. Justin Ilakini, Managing Director, National Fisheries Authority

Remarks by Ms. Shirlene Maria Anthonysamy, Director, INFOFISH

Remarks by the Conference Chair, Mr. Phil Roberts, Board Director, Tri Marine International Pte Ltd, Singapore

Statement and Official Opening by Hon. James Marape, MP, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea

(Photo Session for VIPs on Stage)

10:00 - 10:30 Press Conference / Tour of Exhibition and Tea Break
10:30 - 11:00 Keynote Address: The Blue Pacific Continent and Tuna Sustainability - Mr. Henry Puna, Secretary General, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, Fiji

Session 1: “The State of the Tuna Supply and the Industry in the WCPO (Blue Pacific Continent)”

11:00 - 11:20 Overview of tuna stocks in the WCPO (Blue Pacific Continent) - Dr. Samuel McKechnie (Oceanic Fisheries Scientist (National) Stock Assessment and Modelling, SPC FAME Division, Pacific Community (SPC), New Caledonia)

11:20 - 11:40 The challenges of sustainability and working towards a regional blue initiative for Tuna: The role of WCPFC - Ms. Rhea Moss-Christian (Executive Director, Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), Federated States of Micronesia)

11:40 - 12:00 The Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) and contributing to tuna stock sustainability - Dr. Sangaalofa Clark (CEO, Parties to the Nauru Agreement Office (PNAO), Republic of the Marshall Islands)

12:00 - 12:20 Regional and global implications of IUU fishing in the Pacific - Mr. Jason Raubani (Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) Policy Advisor, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), Solomon Islands)

12:20 - 12:40 Climate change scenarios for the tuna industry and adapting to a changing global environment - Dr. Leontine Baje (Fisheries Advisor, (E-technologies) Fisheries Ecosystems Monitoring and Analysis, SPC FAME Division, Pacific Community (SPC), New Caledonia)

12:40 - 13:00 Panel Discussion [20 mins]

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch - Venue: Main Ballroom 4, Level 2, The Stanley Hotel & Suites, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Session 2: “Investing in a Sustainable and Responsible Tuna Landscape: WCPO (The Blue Pacific Continent) and Global Tuna Supply & Demand (Opportunities & Challenges)”

14:00 - 14:20 Tuna sustainability and solidarity - Dr. Manumatavai Tupou-Roosen (Director General, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), Solomon Islands)

14:20 - 14:40 Increasing investment and sustainability outcomes in tuna fisheries for the socio-economic benefit of FFA Member Countries - Mr. Tony Sullivan (Investment Facilitation Manager, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA), Solomon Islands)
14:40 - 15:10 Investing in sustainable Tuna management in the Blue Pacific and the opportunities of the Special Economic Zone (SEZ) in PNG - Mr. Justin Ilakini (Managing Director, National Fisheries Authority, Papua New Guinea) and the Office of the Special Economic Zone Authority, Papua New Guinea

15:10 - 15:20 Tea/Coffee Break [10 mins]

15:20 - 15:40 Improving fish standards, certification and growing the Tuna industry in Papua New Guinea - Mr. Marcelo Hidalgo (Director of Sustainability & CSR, Fishing Industry Association (PNG) Inc., Papua New Guinea)

15:40 - 16:00 Strengthening stewardship, sustainability and community benefit through responsible Tuna management in Fiji and the Blue Pacific Continent (Fiji)

16:00 - 16:30 Effectively framing Public-Private Partnership in ensuring sustainability in the Tuna industry and changing lives in the Solomon Islands – The Bina Harbour Tuna Processing Plant Project - Mr. Peter Cusack (Tuna Industry Adviser, Bina Harbour Project Office, Solomon Islands) and Mr. Chris Bleakley (Pacific Hub Leader, Public Private Partnership, International Finance Corporation (IFC), Solomon Islands)

16:30 - 16:50 Panel Discussion [20 mins]

Session 3: Global Tuna Trade and Markets

The “Blue Pacific Continent” Trade and Market Dynamics

16:50 - 17:10 A regional perspective: Fostering greater economic partnership and cooperation to enhance market access in the region (in the context of national development aspirations) - Mr. Rodney Ned Kirarock (Programme Officer - Economic Policy, Programmes and Initiatives, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), Fiji)

17:10 - 17:30 A Pacific perspective: The WTO Fisheries Subsidies Agreement - Dr. Filimon Manoni (Pacific Oceans Commissioner, Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner, Fiji)

17:30 - 17:50 Shipping tuna from the Pacific to the rest of the world - Mr. Thue Barfod (Global Head of the Fish & Seafood Segment, Center Reefer Management, Maersk Hong Kong Limited, Hong Kong)

17:50 - 18:05 Panel Discussions [15 mins]

18:30 - 19:30 Ministerial & Industry Dialogue (closed door session) – Venue: Mt. Victoria Room 1 & 2, Level 2, The Stanley Hotel & Suites, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

18:30 - 22:00 Networking Welcome Cocktail – Venue: Poolside, Level 5, The Stanley Hotel & Suites, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
Day 2: Thursday, 07th September 2023

Session 3: Global Tuna Trade and Markets

Global and regional tuna trade and markets

09:00 - 09:20 The state of the global tuna industry and developments in tuna trade and markets in the Asia/Pacific Region - Ms. Gemma Meermans Matainaho (Trade Promotion Officer, INFOFISH, Malaysia)

09:20 - 09:40 How growing competition from China in Latin America undermines Ecuador’s tuna supremacy: Lessons for the Pacific region - Mr. Dario Chemerinski (Business Director, SSP-Selecting Strategic Partners, Brazil)

09:40 - 10:00 The EU market and its relevance to the Pacific: How consumers’ decisions are shaping tuna sourcing and the Pacific Sustainable Fisheries landscape - Mr. Marcelo Hidalgo (Director of Sustainability & CSR, Fishing Industry Association (PNG) Inc., Papua New Guinea)

10:00 - 10:20 Middle East Market: Opportunities for tuna from the Pacific - Mr. Arnab Sengupta (Deputy CEO, J.M.B INTERNATIONAL, Thailand)

10:20 - 10:40 Developments in the Australia and New Zealand markets and opportunities for the Pacific region - Mr. Tim Anastasopoulos (Procurement Senior Category Manager, Simplot Australia)

10:40 - 10:50 Panel Discussions [10 mins]

10:50 - 11:00 Tea/Coffee Break [10 mins]

Promoting Partnerships and Participation in the Tuna Industry

11:00 - 11:20 The role of Global Dialogue in Seafood Traceability (GDST) on the impact of the tuna supply chain - Mr. Greg Brown (CEO, Global Dialogue on Seafood Traceability (GDST), USA)

11:20 - 11:40 The importance of industry and regulatory agency partnership in the development of digital systems for quality assurance of tuna products - Mr. Antonio Bustamante (Manager, BIOLAN Southeast Asia, Thailand)

11:40 - 12:00 Promoting partnerships and inclusive participation, “the Pacific way”: Promoting a conducive policy and business environment for all stakeholders - Mr. John Maefiti (Commercial Manager, Parties to the Nauru Agreement Office (PNAO), Republic of the Marshall Islands)

12:00 - 12:20 Promoting community engagement and partnership: Lessons learnt from the FishFAD Tuna Project in the Pacific - Mr. Michael Savins (Project Technical Adviser FishFAD Project and international Fish Value Chain Expert, Sub-regional Office for the Pacific, Food and Agriculture Organization, Apia, Samoa)
12:20 - 12:30  Panel Discussion [10 mins]

12:30 - 13:30  Lunch - Venue: Main Ballroom 4, Level 2, The Stanley Hotel & Suites, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea

Session 4: “Leveraging Technological Innovation and Processing Development for a Safer, Secure and Sustainable tuna Industry”

13:30 - 13:50  Smart technologies towards a new era in sustainable tuna fishing - Mr. Javier de la Cal (Regional Sales Director, APAC - SATLINK, Spain)

13:50 - 14:10  An overview of the development of electronic monitoring in the Pacific - Dr. Leontine Baje (Fisheries Advisor, (E-technologies) Fisheries Ecosystems Monitoring and Analysis, SPC FAME Division, Pacific Community (SPC), New Caledonia)

14:10 - 14:30  Advances and challenges in Pacific-wide FIMS and e-reporting/ Strengthening transparency and accountability - Mr. Penihulo Lopati (VDS / VMS Officer, Parties to the Nauru Agreement Office (PNAO), Republic of the Marshall Islands)

14.30 - 14.50  NFA FIMS Platform: Sustainably managing the tuna industry in Papua New Guinea - Mr. David Karis (Acting Executive Manager, Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Business Unit, National Fisheries Authority, Papua New Guinea)

14:50 - 15:10  Mushy tuna syndrome: Investigating its prevalence and an amelioration plan for fishers and processors - Ms. Soni Maria Jacob Peter (PhD Candidate, School of the Environment, Faculty of Science, The University of Queensland, Australia)

15:10 - 15:30  The case for making fisheries data transparent: Lessons from the Seychelles - Mr. Kenneth Katafano (Founder and Managing Director, TraSeable Solutions Pte Ltd, Suva, Fiji)

15:30 - 15:40  Panel Discussion [10 mins]

15:40 - 15:50  Tea/Coffee Break [10 mins]

Session 5: “The Future of the Tuna Industry: Eco-Labelling, Social Accountability and Sustainability

15:50 - 16:50  Panel: Social accountability and sustainability initiatives in the tuna industry

- Collective action for sustainability and efficiency - Ms. Eva Mudde (SDG Impact Manager, Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI), Netherlands)
- Supporting sustainable fisheries with satellite technology and open data - Dr. Tim White (Senior Manager of Global Analysis, Global Fishing Watch (GFW), USA)

- FISH Standard for Crew - Mr. Mike Kraft (CEO, FISH Standard for Crew, USA)

- Implications of the MSC Fisheries Standard v3.0 on WCPO tuna fisheries - Mr. Bill Holden (Senior Tuna Fisheries Outreach Manager, Marine Stewardship Council (MSC), Australia)

- Satellite and CCTVs monitoring, augmented reality audits and marine biodiversity offsets: sustainable seafood certification according to Friend of the Sea (FOS) - Mr. Paolo Bray (Founder and Director, FOS, Italy)

16:50 - 17:00 Panel Discussion [10 mins]

17:00 - 17.30 Wrap up and closing remarks

19.00 - 23.00 Closing Dinner - Venue: Main Ballrooms 1 – 3, Level 2, The Stanley Hotel & Suites, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea