# SUPPORTING SUSTAINABLE MARINE RESOURCES IN THE PACIFIC

Our oceans support livelihoods, and we share a responsibility to manage these resources effectively. Access and license fees from offshore fisheries are a significant part of government revenue across the region – an average of 25% of revenue across all countries and up to 75% in fisheries dependent economies.

We support Pacific partners to manage marine resources so the benefits contribute to economic development, food security, environmental sustainability and sovereignty.

**Australia’s support for Pacific fisheries and maritime priorities is comprehensive and long-standing**

Australia is a **founding member of the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) and the Pacific Community (SPC)**

* We work with these agencies to **enhance regional coordination** and support the Pacific to sustainably manage fisheries and protect marine resources

Our work strengthens regional responses to address **threats such as illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing**

* We support the FFA to **strengthen maritime domain awareness** by providing surveillance technology and training for Pacific Islands Forum members to increase visibility of maritime activities and inform wider maritime law enforcement

We work with SPC and partners to **improve food security and nutrition** and implement community-based fisheries management approaches in Kiribati, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu

Over the last three decades we have supported Pacific island countries to **establish and secure their maritime boundaries and zones**, underpinning sovereignty, maritime security and economic prosperity

The Pacific Maritime Security Program is a multi-billion dollar investment over 30 years in regional maritime security capability. The program includes **24 Guardian-class Patrol Boats** for Pacific nations to patrol and protect their maritime domains, **training, upgraded wharves** and berthing facilities and region-wide **aerial surveillance**

Each year, Australia supports **coordinated maritime surveillance and patrols** run by the FFA through **Operation Solania**, which deploys Australian Defence Force assets and personnel to **support Pacific island countries detect and deter** illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activity in their exclusive economic zones

## How we deliver

We work in partnership with Forum members and Pacific regional organisations to deliver maritime assistance guided by the Pacific’s maritime needs and priorities

## We are proud to work with the FFA and SPC, both strong regional institutions that deliver world class management, enforcement and scientific services to members