



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 Island Forum members, which increases visibility of maritime activities and informs 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



Photo: Fishing in Kiribati

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

HOW WE DELIVER

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