

MFAT Management Response to Evaluation of the Fisheries Management and Development Initiative

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| Evaluation: | Evaluation of the Fisheries Management and Development Initiative |
| Background: | Fisheries Management and Development Initiative |
| Findings: | <p>The FMDI design is appropriate in its alignment with relevant strategic priorities. The FMDI goals are specified at a high level and are described broadly enough to cover a wide range of actions. The FMDI goals are consistent with other high-level goals for Pacific fisheries including those of MFAT and the regional strategies endorsed by Pacific Island Leaders.</p> <p>The MOU team has been active and visible in the region and their work has been well-received by Pacific Islands fisheries administrations and regional agencies. There have been some clear successes in both the monitoring, control, surveillance (MCS) and fisheries management areas, but attribution of FMDI activities to outcomes is difficult to demonstrate.</p> <p>There is significant scope for improvement through addressing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• management structures under the FMDI;• staff preparation for working effectively in the Pacific (e.g. induction, training);• strategic focus; and• managing relationships with partner agencies/organisations. <p>The current components of the FMDI work together to a limited degree to meet the long-term MOU objectives (outcomes).</p> <p>Impact and sustainability are difficult to assess given the fragmented nature of the work.</p> |
| Link to evaluation | Evaluation report |
| Date of Steering Group sign-off | |

Approval of the MFAT Management Response

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Date: **26 September 2018**

| Recommendation | Response and Action (Agree, Partially Agree, Reject) | Responsibility | When | 12 month progress |
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| MFAT to continue support subject to changes in design and management of the activity | Agree. MFAT committed to funding a third phase of the activity in 2017 and is requiring changes in design and management of the activity. | MFAT | 30 September 2018 | |
| Define the objectives clearly with linkages to the MFAT bilateral fisheries work | Agree. MFAT will undertake an analysis of the objectives and linkages with the MFAT bilateral fisheries work as part of the design process for the activity. | MFAT | 30 November 2018 | |
| Agree to a sustained level of investment in MPI | Partially agree. MFAT is committed to working with NZ Inc. Budget cycles preclude MFAT from agreeing a sustained level of investment. Maintaining a strategic partnership arrangement will further enhance and facilitate the option of sustained investment. | MFAT and MPI | 30 November 2018 | |
| Increase the institutional buy-in to the programme from MPI leadership | Partially agree. This action will need to be advanced within MPI as well as MFAT. MFAT will work with MPI to increase the institutional buy-in through senior leader discussions. | MPI | 30 November 2018 | |

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| Review the management arrangements at MPI | Partially agree. MPI will need to advance this recommendation within MPI. MFAT will provide greater clarity around management reporting and direction of effort. | MPI | 30 November 2018 | |