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New Export Criteria for Regulating Fish and Fishery Products



• Mr Noan Pakop, Executive Manager of MCS officially launches the Revised Fish Quality Control Export Standard.

Food safety is a big challenge in the world for human consumption especially in European Union (EU) markets. Local food especially fish and fisheries resources that are produced and sold in the domestic and international markets needs to meet certain expectations to penetrate into such markets.

Mr Noan Pakop, Executive Manager for Monitoring Control & Surveillance of National Fisheries Authority said this during the launching of revised Fish Quality Control and Exports Standards at Holiday Inn Port Moresby on 26, January 2009. He Pakop said National Fisheries Authority as the government's agency responsible for the management and sustainable development of fish-

eries in Papua New Guinea has a very important role to play in the nation and region to ensure safe production and marketing of fish and fishery products.

Mr Pakop said nowadays food safety is a paramount concern where fisheries products can be contaminated by biological hazards such as bacteria, virus and other parasites which may lead to food poison or toxins. He said given the prevailing condition of unsafe fish and fishery products that can harm the consumers health, it is of paramount importance that these condition are regulated and kept within the set guidelines.

Mr Pakop said more investigation are coming in to the fisheries sector and

From the Managing Director's Desk

It is my pleasure to welcome you all for the first issue of the National Fisheries Authority's newsletter "Fishing Line News" for the year 2009. This year would be a challenging and very demanding year as we have many objectives to acquire at the end of the year. We have many consultative meetings, conferences and other general meetings to attend both abroad and in Papua New Guinea.

One of the greatest meetings that is expected to be hosted second time in Papua New Guinea will be the Pacific Tuna Forum in September this year. This is a regional Tuna Industry and Trade Conference which will be jointly organized by National Fisheries Authority and INFOFISH and is supported by key regional organisations in the Pacific.

As the largest tuna producer, Pacific ocean holds the future of the global tuna industry thus the forum is not only important for the tuna industry and fleet operators in the Pacific but also for the tuna industry and other ancillary industries all over the world, which depends on tuna supplies from the region. The topics of discussions will be made available in due course. We are looking forward to a successful conference.

The National Fisheries Authority has already secured an additional office space at Monian Tower in Port Moresby. This office will be used by our Observers and other staff. The office is located on the ground

floor of Monian Tower. Computers and other amenities have been installed and it should be ready very shortly.

NFA has committed K300,000 to the National Capital District Commission (NCDC) to repair and renovate the Sea Park Observatory at Ela Beach and along Koki Bay in Port Moresby. On behalf of Fisheries Minister and the Managing Director Mr Terry Ward, Financial Controller of National Fisheries Authority presented the cheque to Governor of NCDC Hon. Powes Parkop in January this year.

For the first time since the inception of National Fisheries Authority as a corporate entity, NFA will now have four new houses to cater for its staff accommodation problem. Housing is one of the major problems in Papua New Guinea that most companies could not accommodate all the staff with accommodation but NFA has an immense plan to cater for its staff and build houses for staff. Four houses have already been constructed by Wel Builders and they are expected to be completed in May this year.

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Sylvester B. Pokajam
Managing Director

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more are opening up for our processors and exports with newer emerging markets, regulations and consumer's expectations.

He said NFA's Audit and Certificate Unit, (ACU) has been reviewing the whole safety regulation system and effective, efficient, and consistent programme that has the confidence of the stakeholders.

The Audit and Certificate Unit has a mission to protect and enhance PNG's position as the trusted supplier of safe

fish and fisheries products.

Mr Pakop said that the Standard is a living document and any comments received from you officially is seen as a way forward for improvement and collaborative effort in providing safe food for our consumers domestically and internationally.

The revised Fish Quality Control (Export) Standards is now known as PNG Standards for Fish and Fisheries Products 2009.

Staff Profile



Name: Ernest Mona Abel
Age: 41
Martial Status: Married with 3 children
Qualification: Bachelor of Arts (Honors) UPNG
Current Position: Exective Manager - Policy and Project Manager

Mr Ernest Mona Abel comes from Bonga Village, Saidor Rai Coast District in the Madang Province. He attended Bonga Community School in 1977 and completed grade six in 1982. In 1983 he was selected into grade seven at Karkar Junior High School and completed grade ten successfully in 1986. He did well and was further selected to Sogerri National High School and did grade 11 & 12 from 1987 - 1988.

Mr Abel's success continues, where he was offered a place at the University of Papua New Guinea from 1989 - 1992. He undertook studies in Public Administration and was awarded a Bachelor degree. Mr Abel thought that having just a degree is insufficient thus he undertook bachelor's degree with Honours (BAH) in Development Studies at UPNG in 1996.

Mr Abel also undertook a series of work attachments in various departments within PNG and abroad such as ; Project Manager in Japan, Rural Development Planning in Israel, Foreign Service Tranning Development of Foreign Affairs, Project Planning and Budgeting, Department of Finance and Economical Analysis of Industrial Projects and Information Technology and Management.

After completing studies at UPNG, his job was with Department of Finance & Planning as a Budget Officer from 1992 - 1993. He left and joined AUSAID as a Development Officer for another year. Then he joined Department of Foreign Affairs and Department of Trade and Industry in 1995 and 1996 respectively. In 1997 he left and became District Officer for Rai Coast District, Madang Province for a period of three years and by 2000 he was the Manager for Monitoring and Evaluation within Madang Administration. Mr Abel had a wide experience thus he took another post as Advisor for Policy Planning, Madang provincial Government from 2001 to 2006.

Mr Abel joined National Fisheries Authority in 2008 October as a Executive Manager for Projects. "What attracts me in NFA is basically the desire to participate in the fisheries projects and to be involve in making decision for the management and conservation of our marine resources and coast.

I am looking forward to meet the challenges and serve the organization and my people to the best of my abilities and knowledge", Mr Abel said.

NFA Assists NCDC Sea Park Project with K300,000

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Mr Pakop thanked NFA for taking the lead in contributing to the development of the Sea Park. "It is very important that we set a target to aim for the completion of the sea park and the ring road around the Paga Hill ", Mr Pakop said. NFA`s early contribution for the development of the Sea Park project may pave way for NFA to have new fisheries office complex within the project area.

After the presentation of the K300,000 to NCDC, Hon. Powes Pakop has written to Mr Leslie Alu, NCDC City Manager to fast track the project including an NFA Aquarium and an Office by no later than 2011. According to the project plan, NFA head office is expected to be completed in 2011.

Wewak Fish Market and Jetty Project Commences Now



• NFA Ponjai Warrior anchored next to the proposed Wewak Jetty. (Picture by Steven Poning)

Work has already commenced in preparation for the construction of one of the biggest Fish Markets and Jetties in Papua New Guinea. The Wewak Market Improvement Project-minor work has already commenced since February 2009 by Greenhill Investment Ltd. All the formalities were signed by Greenhill Investment representative and National Fisheries Authorities representative in Port Moresby to kick start the project. The National Fisheries Authority is fully committed to supporting this valuable project. A minor work in backfilling for the Wewak Jetty and Market Project will cost K3 million and this was funded by the government of PNG as per the MOU between the government of Japan and government of PNG. This minor work is expected to be complete in April

PNG Through NFA to Host Coral Triangle Initiative Ministerial Meeting



• Mr Sylvester Pokajam, Managing Director of National Fisheries Authority emphasizes on the significance of Coral Triangle Initiative undertaken by PNG.

Papua New Guinea through the National Fisheries Authority will host a Coral Triangle Initiative Ministerial Meeting in March 2009.

This meeting will be collaboratively chaired by National Fisheries Authority and Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC). The secretary of Coral Triangle Initiative (CTI) based in Indonesia will provide the agendas prior to the meeting. The Coral Triangle (CT) covers all parts of the Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ) of six countries: Indonesia, (Central) and Eastern), Papua New Guinea (PNG), Solomon Islands, Timor-Leste, Philippines, Malaysia (Sabah Province).

Sustainable management of marine and coastal biological resources will generate important benefits for the people of Papua New Guinea (PNG) and for the future generation too. These benefits include: food security, livelihoods, income, and sustainable development particulars for populations living in hundreds of coastal communities across the country.

Speaking during a brief presentation to NFA, Mr Leban Gisawa, Manager for Inshore Fisheries told NFA staff that Papua new Guinea thought National Fisheries Authority will benefit a lot from CTI. He said not only on marine and biological resources but also on indirect benefits such as revenues and jobs generate from a healthy tuna fishery (and other fisheries), and revenues and jobs from an expanded marine-base tourism industry. Mr Gisawa said this is a good initiative that will preserve and conserve our marine resources.

2009 and the major works on the fish market and jetty will start in late April.

The Japanese Government will fund the construction of the market and the jetty, and will be constructed by its Japanese based company. The JICA team in Japan has already screened the successful bidders who will construct the market and jetty.

Fisheries Course Attracts More Overseas Students



• Overseas fisheries Students at the University of Vudal in East New Britain pose for a Photograph. These are all first year students. (Picture by Steven Poning)

By Steven Poning

Nine Solomon Islands students are undertaking studies in Fisheries program at the University of Vudal in the East New Britain Province. The Nine students including a female from Solomon Islands are doing first year in fisheries at Vudal University and next year they will go to National Fisheries College in Kavieng to complete their diploma program.

After successful completion of the diploma program they will proceed to the bachelor programme in fisheries. "It's been a great privilege for us to come to this university because of the fisheries course", the students said. They said that they are interested to take up fisheries studies as fisheries and marine resources generate a lot of income into their country and when they return to Solomon Islands they will contribute meaningfully to the development of fisheries and marine resources sector.

Professor Philip Siaguru Vice Chancellor of University of Vudal said that for the first time in history of Vudal University, this would be the first lot of overseas students taking fisheries studies. He said the Fisheries degree is the new program or course that was introduced but already overseas students are attracted to this program. Prof Siaguru said that the nine students made it into Vudal university after a visit to Vudal by Solomon Islands High Commissioner to Papua New Guinea Mr Bernard Bataa'sia, last year.

Prof Siaguru said that Papua New Guinea has contributed immensely to human resources development of Solomon Islands and now the government of Solomon Islands has ties with PNG government through a cooperation program. He said this has been the start and there are more fisheries students expected from overseas and PNG from next year and onwards.

Four New Houses for NFA Staff



• This is one of the three bed room houses under construction at Kanudi estate in Port Moresby. (Picture by Steven Poning)

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Mr Sylvester Pokajam, Managing Director of National Fisheries Authority said that NFA has got some big plans to prioritize its staff with basic necessities like accommodation and this was the start.

Mr Pokajam said that NFA will try its best to provide accommodation to all the junior officers, telephonists and receptionists at Kanudi estate. "We have big plans to build more houses at Kanudi and accommodate all the junior officers and place the senior officers outside of Kanudi", Sylvester Pokajam said.



• The completed fisheries jetty on much talked-about Nango Island Mari culture Facility, Kavieng, NIP