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Maritime Provinces Benefit from NFA Through Partnership



• Provincial Fisheries Advisors and NFA officers pose for photograph after the conference in Wewak.

Papua New Guinea maritime provinces are benefiting from the National Fisheries Authority through Partnership arrangements. Mr John Kasu, Executive Manager for Corporate services, said during the opening of the Provincial Fisheries Conference held in Wewak from 17-21 November, 2008. He said partnership arrangement has improved tremendously and many notable changes have taken place in the provinces in the last few years.

"Many provinces are now benefiting from this arrangement through the execution of Monitoring Control and Surveillance delegated functions which is generating additional revenue for the provinces, thus enormously reducing cost for the National Fisheries

Authority", Mr Kasu said. He said NFA and the 14 maritime provinces have signed Memorandum of Agreement relating to Fisheries Management and Development and this has become very effective; whereby the fisheries sector performance has improved significantly in the last 10 years. The country's value of export of fisheries products increased dramatically to K300 Million in 2006 which was an indication of impressive record of performance.

The National Fisheries Authority has already paid over K200m as dividends to the National government in the last four years reflecting an excellent sector performance and growth. This remarkable achievement is attributed to the expansion and growth of the fishing industry

From the Managing Director's Desk

I would like to complement each and every one of you for your wonderful efforts and contributions in NFA for the year 2008. I know it was a busy year for all of us as we have worked very hard to achieve our goals and objectives. Some of us have achieved and some of us have not, however all in all we have at least completed the year successfully. The New Year 2009 would be challenging and a demanding year and I urge your usual cooperation and support and look forward to your contributions towards achieving our goals and objectives in managing our fisheries and marine resources.

In December 2008 we have attended Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) meeting in Busan, Korea. In this meeting we have finally came up with a measure for the tuna species, especially yellowfin and bigeye. The United States strongly supported effective conservation and management measures for bigeye tuna and yellowfin tuna during the meeting. The United State expressed its deep appreciation to the Chair for this comprehensive proposal.

We have talked to two prospective investments in China and Taiwan from 13-15 December 2008. Zhoushan Zhenyang Development Ltd is the company in China and we have visited the facility and detected that this company

has two processing plants that produces 200 metric tones per day with 3000 employees. They are very keen to come to PNG and invest as soon as possible.

We have also visited a company in Taiwan and signed an MOU, which will be specializing in 120 metric tones, a net mending shop and a training school here in Papua New Guinea very shortly. This is indeed good news for Papua New Guineans as more and more investments are coming into PNG to develop our fisheries sector. We believe most of our people will benefit from these fishing companies.

NFA did not have end of the year function as usual as we were so committed to many meetings, however we will be having one sometimes in 2009.

Our bilateral access agreements were successfully completed in November 2008 with the following countries; Taiwan, Korea, Japan, Philippines and China. For the first time in history, we have generated more revenue compared to the previous years and this was successful and possible through the implementation of the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS).

Sylvester B. Pokajam
Managing Director

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and the establishment of the National Fisheries Authority entrusted with the responsibility for the management of the nation's vast fisheries resources.

Mr Kasu said that in the past years NFA has focused more on industry management and development thus giving less attention on the management and development of the artisanal fisheries sector in the provinces.

He said despite these achievements, there are still much more that needed to be done to effectively stimulate effective participation by fishing communities who are the target recipients.

"In light of that it was indeed very crucial for us as service providers to ensure that relevant policies are developed and services are delivered accordingly to the provinces", Mr Kasu said.

He told meeting participants to carefully examine various issues affecting the provinces and to come up with the best possible development options that both parties can pursue to achieve the desired results in the provinces. "Your participation is indeed very important in this aspect and I trust that you will make good use of this opportunity", Mr Kasu said.

Staff Profile



Name: Mrs Luanah Koren Yaman
Age: 28
Martial Status: Married
Qualification: Bachelor in Science (UPNG)
Current Position: Manager - Sedentary Fisheries

Mrs Luanah Yaman comes from Lorengau town, Manus Province. She commenced primary education in 1984 at the Wewak International Primary School in 1984, while her parents were working in Wewak. In 1991, due to her parents movement back to Manus, She was transferred to Lorengau East Primary School and completed grade six in 1992. Mrs Yaman was further selected to Ecom High School in 1993 and completed grade 10 in 1996. She excelled in school and was further selected to do grade 11 and 12 at Papitalai Secondary School from 1997 to 1998.

In 1999, she undertook science studies at the University of Papua New Guinea. After completion of studies in 2002 at UPNG she was awarded a Bachelor of Science -degree.

In science the ultimate achievement is to have one's work written up and recognized thus Mrs Yaman has successfully contributed articles and one such report is the 'Independent Tuna Fishery Data collected from tuna landings in Madang in 1999 and 2005. This was presented in the WCPFC science meeting in Hawaii in 2007. The other scientific report was an assessment of the viability of prawn resources in Western Province, the PNG side of jurisdiction or Torres Strait Protected Zone (TPSZ) published in the Science New Guinea Journal in 2006.

Upon completing studies at UPNG, she was attached with National Fisheries Authority as a Prawn Research Scientist, working on biology and status of prawn stocks and trawl fishery in the Gulf of Papua from 2003 to 2006. She was also care-taker Manager - Prawns/Lobster between 2004 and 2006. Subsequently, in 2006, Mrs Yaman was further positioned as Fisheries Management Officer - Tuna until the last quarter of 2008, she became Manager for Sedentary Fisheries.

"It's been a pleasure being part of this organization which aims at managing wide range of issues pertaining to the development, management, conservation and sustainable use of different fisheries in the country, and with a collective effort from all parties, we are already on the right trend to achieving greater things (in the fisheries sense)", Mrs Yaman said.

Nauru Fisheries Delegation Tour PNG for Possible Fisheries Investment

The President of Republic of Nauru, His Excellency, Honourable Marcus Stephen and his delegation including Nauru's Fisheries Minister, Honourable Ronald Kun visited Papua New Guinea to tour PNG fishing companies, particularly RD Cannery and Frabelle PNG Ltd. This official visit was made from 13-16 October, 2008 to the Pacific Marine Industrial Zone in Madang for possible trade and investment opportunity. "I am very interested and pleased to see PNG government's proposed Pacific Industrial Zone", the President of Nauru said.

He said his visit is very significant to the development of the Pacific Industrial Zone and this would pave the way for other PNA member countries to come to PNG and invest. He also said that his visit was not merely fisheries but also other possible trade and investment opportunities in PNG.

"The PNA block (countries) contributes over 20% of the world's tuna catch and we, as small Island developing states should take advantage and maximize the tuna resource", the President said. He was pleased to see that PNG is taking the lead in the region. Mr Stephen said the concept of the Pacific Marine Industrial Zone has involved a lot of talking but now it has come to a stage where talking has to stop and action needs to be taken.

Meanwhile, Hon. Ben Semri Minister for Fisheries expressed sincere gratitude to the President and his delegation on behalf of National Fisheries Authority and the Government of Papua New Guinea. Mr Semri said Papua New Guinea is ready to assist any PNA member country or other Pacific Island countries to come to PNG and invest.

Korean Delegation Shows interest in Pacific Marine Zone

Foreign Investors are keen to invest in the government's proposed Pacific Marine Zone in Madang. Early December 2008, a Korean delegation who was interested in fisheries had a consultation meeting with National Fisheries Authority. Mr John Kasu Executive Manager for Corporate Services thanked the Korean delegation for the interest in the Pacific Marine Zone. Mr Kasu assured the investors that National Fisheries Authority will provide the necessary information that they may need to support their investment. The Korean delegation had a brief meeting with NFA representatives to ascertain NFA incentives. Currently NFA has fully supported the proposed Pacific Marine Zone to be successful and this may be attractive to Korean delegations for investment purposes.

Successful Bilateral Access Negotiations



- NFA has successfully completed bilateral access negotiations. For the first in history, NFA has generated more revenues compared to previous years negotiations. (From L-R) Above, seated in the middle Sylvester Pokajam Managing Director of NFA signing the access agreement documents.

PNG Government Furnishes Tuna Commission Office



- Workmen putting up front office signage to WCFC office in pohnpei.

The Papua New Guinea Government through the National Fisheries Authority has donated office furnishings to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) at

a cost of US\$110,000.

Honourable Ben Semri Minister for Fisheries officially handed over the fully furnished office to the Commission's Executive Director, Mr Andrew Wright in Pohnpei on October 1, 2008. The furnishings comprised of curtains, chairs, tables and fixtures carved from some of Papua New Guinea's most renowned hardwoods of rosewood and black ebony.

Minister Semri told a gathering of fisheries scientists that were attending the Fourth Session of the Technical Compliance Committee meeting and invited renowned local citizens that he hoped this gesture by the PNG Government will boost the morale of the Commission office staff.

He said the initiative taken by the Government of PNG to help furnish the Commission office is a token of our appreciation of the important function of the WCPFC to ensure through effective management, the long term conservation, sustainable development and utilization of highly migratory fish stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

Fisheries College Create History



- Pioneer students of Diploma in Fisheries and Marine Resource pose for a photograph before graduation.

First Diploma in Fisheries and Marine Resources students graduated on 21 November 2008 at National Fisheries College in Kavieng. They were, namely; Glenda Barry, Augustine Galuwa, Francis Gove, Leonard Johak, Robert Kenove, Jack Michael, and Mark Tasi Tava.

This Diploma program became successful through a collaborative effort by National Fisheries Authority, Vudal University, Office of Higher Education and the GTZ. Speaking during the graduation ceremony, Chancellor of the University of Vudal Sir Rabbie Namaliu said fisheries and marine resources were vital commodities for PNG as they continue to contribute significantly to the region and international community. Sir Rabbie said National Fisheries Authority has contributed a lot in human resources development by producing its own trained technical scientist in fisheries and marine resources. He further called on the education department to reintroduce fisheries discipline in the universities in the country so that more students can study fisheries and meet the increasing demand of fishing industry in PNG.

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"As we are all aware, our region boasts the last remaining healthy tuna stocks in the world and it is therefore very important and it is incumbent upon all countries who are signatory to this Convention to make every effort, both through normal proceedings or business of the Commission or in some other areas to ensure that our Commission functions effectively for the sake of proper management of our

tuna resources for this generation and generations to come,"

NFA Provides Training Skills



- NFA Staff attending training at the Gateway hotel in Port Moresby.

National Fisheries Authority will continue to provide essential training to its staff where required. Mr Kasu, Executive Manager Corporate Service said during the opening session of Customer Services Training that NFA values its staff and will provide competency related courses to equip staff to enhance their profession. "This is a bonus for you because some of the skills that you have learnt within few days of training have not been taught at the colleges or even at the universities". He said during presentation of certificates to the staff. He said NFA through the Corporate Services will ensure that special skills and training will be made available to every staff to enrich their career with fisheries.

Mr Kasu said this is not the first time NFA has provided this kind of training to its staff. Over the years NFA has provided this kind of training and would continue to provide special training. There were two sets of courses; Business Report Writing and Quality Customers Services. This was facilitated by Mr Peter Tasin at Gateway hotel in Port Moresby in October 2008. NFA Corporate Services believes that these two courses will certainly boost the competency level of staff to effectively perform their duties.

Mr Semri said.

"With this in mind, I trust the furnishing of the Commission's office will boost the morale of the Commission secretariat and its staff so that they can effectively work towards achieving the goals and objectives of the Commission, thus performing at the highest level possible." Minister Semri said.