RMP Goal: Safe and secure shipping, clean seas and improved social and economic well-being of seafaring communities in the Pacific Islands region

REGIONAL COOPERATION

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- **SPC** is an international non-political, technical assistance and research body in the Pacific.
- **Headquarters** is based in New Caledonia (Noumea); regional offices in Fiji (Suva), and Federated States of Micronesia (Pohnpei); and national office in Solomon Islands; proposed regional office in PNG; proposed national offices in Cook Is and French Polynesia.
- **SPC’s vision**: for the region is that of a secure and prosperous Pacific Community, whose people are healthy and manage their resources in an economically, environmentally and socially sustainable way.
- **SPC’s mission**: is to help Pacific Island people make and implement informed decisions about their future.
- **SPC programmes benefit** 22 Pacific Island countries and territories in areas of health, human development, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, maritime, media, human rights, statistics and ICT.
SPC Regional Maritime Programme

Programme objectives

1. Effective national policy and regulatory frameworks and strong maritime institutions
2. Human resource capacity strengthened
3. Strong professional networks in the Pacific maritime sector
4. National, regional and international recognition of Pacific maritime needs and priorities

Assistance to members

- Maritime law and policy
- Monitoring and compliance
- Maritime training
- Maritime security and safety
- Shipping advice & assistance
- Secretariat services to associations
- Strengthening national institutions
- Information dissemination and databases
Partners

• International Maritime Organization (IMO)
• International Labour Organization (ILO)
• Australia’s Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development & Local Government – Office of Transport Security
• Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA)
• United States Coast Guard (USCG)
• Maritime New Zealand
• South West Pacific Hydrographic Commission
• Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS)
• Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP)
• Oceania Customs Organisation (OCO)
• Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)
• Pacific Immigration Directors Conference (PIDC)
• Pacific Islands Chiefs of Police (PICP)
• New Zealand Maritime School
• Australian Maritime College (AMC)
• South Pacific Applied Geoscience Programme (SOPAC)
Pacific Islands Maritime Association (PacMA)

Inter-governmental forum for regional cooperation and information exchange in maritime matters in the Pacific Islands region

Working groups address emerging issues in collaboration with RMP

- Audit Subcommittee
- Maritime Safety Subcommittee
- Maritime Education and Training Subcommittee

- Regional audit standards
- STCW and ISM audits
- ISPS audit
- Business excellence
- Survey standards
- Maritime accident investigation guidelines
- Maritime training modules
- Mentoring and training
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<th>Principal forum for <strong>legal professionals</strong> in the Pacific Islands maritime sector to discuss and pursue legal maritime issues of concern to the region</th>
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<td>Maritime lawyers from PICs provide <strong>free legal advice and assistance</strong> to PICs in maritime legislative matters in collaboration with RMP</td>
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<td>Undertake review of the Pacific Islands Maritime Laws (<strong>PIMLaws</strong>) – model legislation and regulations</td>
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<td>The extensive training programme offered at <strong>IMLI</strong> covered a comprehensive area of international maritime law and the beneficiaries from within PICs now collectively comprise a pool of maritime law experts in the region</td>
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Pacific Women in Maritime Association (PacWIMA)

Raising the overall profile of Pacific women in the maritime sector

Women involved in the maritime sector share expertise and knowledge in maritime matters

Focus on creating awareness on small boat sea safety, maritime careers, employment opportunities, marine environmental protection and social responsibility

National branches of PacWIMA beginning to emerge
Pacific Countries Ports Association (PCPA)

A forum for regional cooperation and information exchange in port matters for port authorities in PICTs

Training and secondments for ports personnel

Working groups address emerging issues:

- Engineers Committee
- Finance & Investment Committee
- Training Committee

- Pacific Port Workers Safety Manual
- Tariff setting mechanism
Cooperation Activities

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

• **IMO-SPC MOU** in place for technical cooperation activities

• **Past cooperation activities:**
  – Ship-port interface
  – Ports state control
  – Flag state implementation
  – GMDSS
  – ISM Code
  – Carriage of dangerous goods
  – Safety regulations for non-convention vessels
  – Maritime security
  – STCW-F Convention
  – Maritime tutor training

• Hydrography
• Search and rescue
• Vessel monitoring system
• Automatic Identification System
• Long Range Identification and Tracking
• Review of PIMLaws
• Guidelines and Instructions to Surveyors
• Marine environmental protection
• Awareness on IMO documentation and resources
• Women in maritime
• Information and publications
Cooperation Activities

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

• Present cooperation activities:
  – Domestic ferries and non-convention vessels safety
  – FAL Convention
  – Search and rescue
  – Accident investigation
Cooperation Activities

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Some challenges with regional cooperation

- Different/higher standards in the Pacific islands region
- Development of regional pool of expertise

- Unwillingness to recognise high standards of work in the Pacific
- Duplication of work in some areas persists
Future outlook

RMP will continue to provide assistance to:

• maritime administrations
• maritime training institutes
• Ports
• Shipping sector

Other immediate future activities of RMP include:

• Search and rescue training and agreements
• Maritime accident investigation
Thank you...