Developing a revised Fisheries Law for Niue under the Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Convention

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Presentation Outline

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Western & Central Pacific Ocean Convention Area
Pacific Island Countries in the WCPFC
Objective of the WCPFC

Article 2:

“To ensure, through effective management, the long-term conservation and sustainable use of highly migratory fish stocks in the western and central Pacific Ocean in accordance with the 1982 Convention and the Agreement.”
Obligations under the WCPFC

- adopt conservation and management measures (CMMs).

- promptly implement & provide annual reports.

- Flag State Responsibilities & Enforcement Measures.

- Port State Responsibilities & Enforcement Measures.
Niue Domestic Legislation

- Territorial Sea & Exclusive Economic Zone Act 1996.
- Territorial Sea & Exclusive Economic Zone (Amendment) Act 2006.
Limitations of the Current Legislation

- TTSEEZ Act 1996 scope is only for Niue’s national waters.
- TTSEEZ Act 2006 is for international cooperation.
Desired Way Forward

• National cooperation to develop a comprehensive fisheries legislation.

• Implement regional commitments such as the Vavaú Declaration 2007.

• Improve the current framework and cooperation at national, regional and international levels.
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