

# The Common Oceans Tuna Project: a global partnership for capacity building and sustainability

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# Capacity building at multiple levels

- Exchange of experience between RFMOs: Facilitate global collaboration, in the **spirit of the Kobe process and the Joint work of the t-RFMO Secretariats**.
- Provide capacity for **effective participation of developing states in the regional fisheries management (see next slide)**.
- Contribute to increase capacity at the global level by supporting the **dialogue between the conservation and fisheries management communities**

# Common Ocean Tuna Project : Project partners

## Funding:

US\$ 30 million  
from GEF for  
5 years



Co-funding US\$  
150.8 million

## GEF Agency

FAO



## Executing Partners



### **WWF**

World Wide Fund  
For Nature



### **BLI**

BirdLife International



### **CCSBT**

Commission for the Conservation  
of Southern Bluefin Tuna



### **IATTC**

Inter-American Tropical  
Tuna Commission  
Government of **Fiji**



Government of **Ghana**



### **ICCAT**

International Commission for the  
Conservation of Atlantic Tuna



### **IOTC**

Indian Ocean Tuna Commission



### **OSPECA**

Fisheries and Aquaculture Sector  
Organization of the Central American  
Isthmus



### **ACAP**

Agreement on the Conservation  
of Albatrosses and Petrels



### **ISSA**

International Seafood  
Sustainability Association



### **ISSF**

International Seafood  
Sustainability Foundation



### **NOAA**

National Oceanic &  
Atmospheric Administration



### **FFA**

Pacific Islands Forum  
Fisheries Agency



### **PNA**

Parties to the Nauru  
Agreement



### **SPC**

Secretariat of the  
Pacific Community



### **WCPFC**

Western & Central Pacific  
Fisheries Commission

# Common Oceans Tuna Project : Sustainable tuna fisheries and conservation of biodiversity in ABNJ

## C.1 Sustainable management

- Support to t-RFMO's **adoption of harvest strategies**.
- Support **management objectives workshops**, and capacity building.
- Support preparation of **Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries plans** at RFMO level
- Dissemination of **RBM** concepts and lessons

## C.2 Reduce IUU fishing

- Capacity building through a **global certification program** for MCS officers.
- **Best practices** in MCS and market controls (CDS)
- **Port State measures** template legislation
- Expansion of the **CLAV**
- **Compliance support** in eligible t-RFMO members.
- **Electronic monitoring** for compliance

## C.3 Reduce ecosystem impacts

- Integrated **shark management** plans across the Pacific.
- Global Bycatch **Management and Information System**
- Trials for **mortality reduction of seabirds** in longliners.
- Trials for **bycatch reduction in purse seiners**.

# Contributing to the global dialogue

- Bring information on alternative uses and **biodiversity concerns to the fisheries community**
- Address **possible misconceptions and misinformation** about tuna fisheries in the ABNJ, including RFMOs
- Empower the new actors with **accurate information** on the impact of fisheries in ABNJ
- Achievable with **collaboration between partners** within the Common Oceans Programme