

# Foreword

Fish, fishing, and fisheries—the various products, the trade, and the industry—all benefit the people and economies of the Pacific in a variety of ways, but the full value of these benefits is not reflected in the region’s statistics.

Records may be maintained, but they are not complete, or accurate, or comparable. The research summarized in this report reaffirms the importance of this sector to the economies and societies of the Pacific Island countries. The research reveals that the full value of fisheries is likely to have eluded statisticians, and therefore fisheries authorities, government decision makers, and funding agencies. But the value of fisheries has never escaped the fisher, fish trader, and fish processor. The difference in appreciation, between public and private individuals, must raise the question of whether fisheries are receiving adequate attention from the public sector—including the necessary management and protection, appropriate research, development, extension and training, and sufficient investment.

ADB will distribute this report as widely as possible to public sector fisheries management agencies, planning agencies, statistics offices, and to other interested parties. But it is my hope that this publication will be updated soon, in recognition of this sector’s contribution to the economies of the region. ADB will continue to work with the Forum Fisheries Agency, the Secretariat of the Pacific Community, and the World Bank in our efforts to give the fisheries sector the priority it deserves.



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# Abbreviations

ADB	Asian Development Bank
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
BoH	Bank of Hawaii
CBSI	Central Bank of the Solomon Islands
CIF	cost, insurance, freight
CITES	Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species
CPI	consumer price index
CRP	Comprehensive Reform Program (of Vanuatu)
DFMR	Department of Fisheries and Marine Resources
DWFN	Distant Water Fishing Nation
EEZ	exclusive economic zone
EMPAT	Economic Management and Policy Advisory Team (of the Federated States of Micronesia)
ESCAP	Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization (of the United Nations)
FFA	Forum Fisheries Agency
FOB	free on board
FSM	Federated States of Micronesia
FY	fiscal year
GDP	gross domestic product
GNI	gross national income (formerly, GNP)
GNP	gross national product
HACCP	Hazard Analysis at Critical Control Points
HIES	household income and expenditure survey
hp	horsepower
IMF	International Monetary Fund
IMM	Integrated Marine Management Limited
ISIC	International Standard Industrial Classification of All Industrial Activities
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
kg	kilogram
MFA	Micronesian Fisheries Authority (formerly MMA)
MIMRA	Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority

MMA	Micronesian Maritime Authority
mt	metric ton
NAFICOT	National Fishing Corporation of Tuvalu
NEPO	National Economic Planning Office
NFA	National Fisheries Authority (of Papua New Guinea)
NFMRA	Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority
NSO	National Statistics Office
OFCF	Overseas Fisheries Cooperation Foundation (of Japan)
PCS	Palau Conservation Society
PNG	Papua New Guinea
RMI	Republic of the Marshall Islands
SAM	Social Accounting Matrix (of the Federated States of Micronesia)
SNA	System of National Accounts
SPC	Secretariat of the Pacific Community (formerly, South Pacific Commission)
TML	Te Mautari Limited
UN	United Nations
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
US	United States
VAT	value-added tax