

MFAT Management Response to the Evaluation of the
New Zealand Pacific Partnership on Ocean Acidification
Activity.

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1	<p>Continue/budget support for OA monitoring - Provide ongoing support for monitoring of OA, especially the local collection of data that contributes to national and regional data (PI-TOA) and support the building of capacity, ownership of, and engagement in OA resilience work.</p>	<p>MFAT agrees with this recommendation and currently provides core funding to both SPREP and SPC who support OA activities throughout the Pacific and participate in Global Ocean Acidification fora such at the Global Ocean Acidification Observing Network. This includes the revitalisation of the Pacific Island Global Ocean Observing System Officer (PI-GOOSO) role in the region.</p> <p>MFAT also provides funding to the Pacific Community Centre for Ocean Science (PCCOS). PCCOS, through the Pacific Islands Ocean Acidification Centre (PIOAC) and is supporting stakeholders with ocean acidification monitoring programmes. PIOAC is led by SPC and USP, working with NIWA and University of Otago with funding and technical support from NOAA and the Ocean Foundation. PIOAC provides support to Pacific partners with activities such as ocean acidulation monitoring and its application to adaptation and mitigation, data monitoring and management and investment to continue this work</p> <p>MFAT is currently undertaking work to decide how it best supports action on Ocean Acidification science and/or resilience building in the future and whether this is through a dedicated activity or if it is mainstreamed across its coastal and ocean activities.</p>

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2	<p>Support pilot projects to build on successful initiatives so that they can develop, replicate, and expand - Provide support to current communities to embed their knowledge of OA. Support pilot site communities to develop knowledge/skills and adaptive capacities through increasing and broadening resilience activities and support communities to address interventions that have not worked/or worked well enough. Ensure a clear focus on women and excluded groups. Support pilot project sites to develop objectives and strategies and processes to address other OA stressors. Strengthen monitoring on adaptation actions of projects and upscale success stories to be shared with other local communities.</p>	<p>MFAT acknowledges the value in supporting communities to increase and embed knowledge of ocean acidification. However, as the NZPPOA project has closed we do not currently intend to continue supporting the pilots that were developed through this activity. MFAT is currently undertaking work to decide how it best supports action on Ocean Acidification science and/or resilience building in the future and whether this is through a dedicated activity, programme of activities, or if it is mainstreamed across MFAT's coastal and ocean activities.</p>
3	<p>Support and develop the capacity of relevant government ministries in OA - Engage with relevant Ministries to support the development of their capacity in addressing OA through developing plans and processes to support pilot projects and to strengthen them. Support ministries in developing and applying policies and policy frameworks on OA. Provide support for government ministries and departments to engage with communities on OA. Work with ministries and local governments to identify and engage with other actors/ activities where other support has been given (e.g., trainings on policy development) that can be used to support capacity development and strengthening.</p>	<p>MFAT agrees in-principle with this recommendation and acknowledges that this is a useful thing to do.</p> <p>MFAT is currently undertaking work to decide how it best supports action on Ocean Acidification science and/or resilience building in the future and whether this is through a dedicated activity or if it is mainstreamed across its coastal and ocean activities.</p>

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4	<p>MFAT should continue to fulfil a leadership role in future work on OA and continue to support and nurture effective collaboration between key actors engaged in OA - In projects such as the PPOA that operate in complex and challenging environments, the Steering Committee needs to be clearly defined and managed with strategic leadership to provide clear direction. MFAT needs to be prepared to take on this catalytic role in the development of a project design as well during the project implementation as a key member of the Steering Committee.</p>	<p>MFAT agrees in-principle with this recommendation and acknowledges the value in supporting innovative work on ocean acidification and ensuring that knowledge on ocean acidification is embedded across its relevant activities and within communities.</p> <p>MFAT acknowledges that during the life span of this collaborative Partnership MFAT had limited resources and a frequent turnover of activity managers which unfortunately impacted our ability to fulfil our leadership to our best abilities. This was compounded by staff changes and gaps at SPREP and other partner CROP agencies. MFAT has implemented new systems and processes that better ensure the continuity of programme ownership when staff move on.</p> <p>MFAT is currently undertaking work to decide how it best supports action on Ocean Acidification science and/or resilience building in the future and whether this is through a dedicated activity or if it is mainstreamed across its coastal and ocean activities.</p>

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5	<p>Support the development of a local understanding of OA – Support the engagement of key actors (schools, local /international organisations, etc.) to build community understanding of the science behind OA. Support schools and communities to develop an understanding of OA and to develop tools and materials that communicate a clear and contextually relevant message.</p>	<p>MFAT agrees in-principle with this recommendation and acknowledges the value in supporting innovative work on ocean acidification and ensuring that knowledge on ocean acidification is embedded across its relevant activities and within communities.</p> <p>MFAT is currently undertaking work to decide how it best supports action on Ocean Acidification science and/or resilience building in the future and whether this is through a dedicated activity or if it is mainstreamed across its coastal and ocean activities.</p>
6	<p>Engage with relevant ministries to develop a planned approach to the extension and replication of rehabilitation sites - Support the development of a programmatic approach to rehabilitation projects.</p> <p>Engage with relevant ministries to develop a planned approach to the extension and replication of rehabilitation sites with the objective of creating larger areas capable of achieving a critical mass.</p>	<p>MFAT acknowledges the value in supporting communities to increase and embed knowledge of ocean acidification. However, as the NZPPOA project has closed we do not currently intend to extend support to the rehabilitation sites that were developed through this activity. MFAT is currently undertaking work to decide how it best supports action on Ocean Acidification science and/or resilience building in the future and whether this is through a dedicated activity, programme of activities, or if it is mainstreamed across MFAT's coastal and ocean activities.</p>

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7	<p>Consider and address challenges to efficiency in the development of OA and climate resilience projects - Ensure that challenges and threats to efficiency are considered and addressed in the development of new project proposals and also as part of the ongoing management and oversight of projects to ensure they are sufficiently addressed and do not impact on the achievement of longer term outcomes. For example through developing and utilising Theories of Change.</p>	<p>MFAT agrees in-principle with this recommendation and acknowledges the value in supporting innovative work on ocean acidification and ensuring that knowledge on ocean acidification is embedded across its relevant activities and within communities.</p> <p>MFAT has implemented new and strengthened systems and processes that include improvements to ensure the continuity of programme ownership when staff move on. As well as increasing its Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning functions.</p> <p>MFAT is currently undertaking work to decide how it best supports action on Ocean Acidification science and/or resilience building in the future and whether this is through a dedicated activity or if it is mainstreamed across its coastal and ocean activities.</p>