

MFAT Management Response to Phase III Programme  
Review - Te Pātuitanga Ahumoana a Kiwa (Te Pātui)

<b>Evaluation Report Recommendation</b>	<b>MFAT Response and Action (Agree, Partially Agree, Reject)</b>
<b>Recommendation 1</b> – Deliver a proposal to MPI senior leadership, outlining the rationale for a simplification of the travel approval process	<b>Agree</b> – MPI to seek an agreed simplification of the travel approval process before the next phase of funding commences, noting that this work has already commenced through the delegation of approvals.
<b>Recommendation 2</b> – Allow space in the Concept Notes planning tool for recording of regional agency involvement in Activity Design	<b>Partially Agree</b> – Agree that planning needs to better document how regional agencies are involved. Nevertheless, a potential change in funding across the agencies in the next phase may offer broader opportunities to consider how to achieve this (use of Concept Notes being one option).
<b>Recommendation 3</b> – Identify the types of data that can realistically be requested from Pacific fisheries agencies to show progress towards improvements in fisheries management and monitoring, control, and surveillance	<b>Partially Agree</b> – A potential change in funding across the agencies in the next phase will enable more streamlining of how realistic monitoring data is collected across regional fisheries development partners funded by MFAT. This recommendation to be progressed as part of that broader programming.
<b>Recommendation 4</b> – Review reporting requirements and identify areas where less content is needed or where sign-off could be simplified	<b>Agree</b> – MFAT will work with MPI to determine more appropriate reporting requirements for the next phase of funding noting that MPI is a trusted implementation partner that forms part of NZ Inc.
<b>Recommendation 5</b> – Continue to review and update the indicators and targets in the Monitoring, Evaluation, Research and Learning framework.	<b>Agree</b> – Noting that the current phase has less than a year left, it is recommended that this is considered as part of the streamlining of regional data collected as outlined under (3) above for the next phase.

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<b>Recommendation 6</b> – Consult with qualifications authorities and others about the most feasible approach to getting Te Pātui coursework recognised as part of a formal qualifications pathway	<b>Partially Agree</b> – Agree there is a need for improved career and learning pathways in Pacific Fisheries. To be considered amidst a broader array of options in tandem with Australia investment, including consideration of formal qualifications pathways.
<b>Recommendation 7</b> – Conduct country level assessments at the start of Phase IV	<b>Partially Agree</b> – Agree that country level assessments are useful tools for monitoring progress. A potential change in funding across agencies in the next phase will provide opportunities to streamline this across regional initiatives and implementing agencies. Recommendation to be progressed as part of broader programming.
<b>Recommendation 8</b> – Involve the Steering Committee and others with relevant expertise in defining how Te Pātui fits with other bilateral programmes	<b>Partially Agree</b> – Noting that our two largest bilateral fisheries programmes are also beginning new phases in a similar timeframe, this will be considered in the design of the next phase of funding, alongside other regional support.
<b>Recommendation 9</b> – Work with partners in regional agencies to agree on a needs assessment and inform the design of Phase IV.	<b>Partially Agree</b> – Refer response (7)
<b>Recommendation 10</b> – Carry out a cost effectiveness assessment before further investment in online learning platform	<b>Partially Agree</b> – Refer response (6) a cost effectiveness assessment may be considered as part of this if there are to be major changes or scale up.
<b>Recommendation 11</b> – Looking at recent levels of requests since travel resumed, project the likely workload and type of work that advisors can expect, and plan for staff accordingly	<b>Agree</b> – This will be a requirement for the design of the next phase. Expanded requests, such as those in indigenous approaches to fisheries management or support for prosecutions will also be considered.

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<b>Recommendation 12</b> – Develop a process for assessing and prioritising requests for support	<b>Agree</b> – There is a need for further strategic input from programme governance. A potential change in funding across the agencies in the next phase may enable this, depending in programme design.
<b>Recommendation 13</b> – Maintain a database of contacts who have been through Te Pātui training, and reach out periodically to exchange updates about Te Pātui activities and the roles that participants are currently undertaking	<b>Partially Agree</b> – Refer response (3) and (5)