



Kaveinga akatereanga i te ki o te pae tai, te akau ki te moana

Policy for Coastal Fisheries Resources

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Akatomoanga

Ko te ki o te pae tai, te akau ki te moana tetai tuanga puapinga rava atu teia i roto i to tatou oraanga, i runga tikaai i to tatou Pa Enuu. E mea tau kia āriki tatou i te kite e te marama o to tatou ui-tupuna tei riro mai ana ratou i te akono i teia tuanga puapinga i roto i teia tuanga tai o tatou. Ta ratou i rave kua riro te reira ei tiaki i to tatou iti-tangata mei po mai.

I teia tuatau te kite nei tatou i te tau i roto i te angaanga tautai, te tuanga no te akakoroanga o te ngutuare e pera te kimi ravenga anga kia rauka tetai kimikimianga ke atu mei roto mai i teia tuanga.

Te kitea ia nei te puapinga ka rauka mei roto i te angaanga tautai i roto i teia tuanga tai, te tua tikai no te kimi moni. Te kitea katoa ia nei e te vai ra te au taiianga i roto i te tuanga o te kimi puapinga. Tei roto i teia kaveinga akatereanga te au ravenga tei akanooia kia rauka ia tatou te mataara tau no te rapakauanga i teia au taiianga.

I mua ake ka angaia ei teia kaveinga akatereanga kua aravei ia atu to tatou iti tangata na roto i te au uiapaanga i runga i te au enua e pera ki te au putuputuanga tautai. Kua koikoi ia te au mānakonakoanga mei roto mai i te au uiapaanga anga.

Te vaerua puapinga taku ka inangaro i te oronga atu no runga i teia kaveinga akatereanga koia oki kia mou tatou I te kite e te marama o to tatou ui-tupuna e ta ratou peu. Ka akara tatou i te oraanga o te ika i roto i teia tuanga tai, e kia kite e kia marama tatou i te reira, mei ta to tatou ui-tupuna i rave ana, akamatutu i taua kite ra na roto i te angaanga apii, te raveanga i te angaanga tautai tau e te taokotaianga i te paruruanga i teia tuanga tai kia vai uatu rai te reira ei kokotianga na tatou. Me ka rauka ia tatou teia turanga e maata te puapinga ka rauka kia tatou mei roto mai i teia tuanga tai.

Ko te timataanga maata o teia kaveinga akatereanga koia oki ia tatou e akatupu nei i te anoano o teia kaveinga akatereanga auraka rava e ngaropina ia tatou te akonoanga a to tatou ui-tupuna kia vai uatu rai te ki (mero) o teia tuanga tai.

Teia te irava taku i manako au e ka tau i te tatara i te vaerua o teia kaveinga akatereanga tei roto te reira i te puka a Iobu, pene 12, irava 7-10. Te nako nei, “ka ui ana ra ki te au puaka, e na ratou e apii mai ia koe; e te au manu o te reva nei, e na ratou e akakite mai kia koe; e kare ra, ka karanga atu ki te enua, e nana e apii mai ia koe: e na te au ika o te tai e akakite mai kia koe, koai to roto ia ratou ravarai tei kore i kite e, na te rima o Iohova teia i rave? Tei tona rima te a’o o te au mea ravarai e ora nei, e te vaerua o te au tangata katoa nei.”

Toku irinakianga te vai nei tetai au ravenga i roto i teia kaveinga akatereanga te ka riro ei akamatutu i to tatou kaveinga kia tupu ta tatou e anoano nei. No reira te pati atu nei au, mei taku i akaue i te Tuanga O Te Pae Tautai, kia angaanga kapiti tatou kia tupu te anoano o teia kaveinga akatereanga.

Kia Manuia

Tona Ngateitei Enere Puna

Minita Tutara No Te Kuki Airani, Minita No Te Tuanga O Te Pae Tautai

Kuki Airani

Foreword

Coastal fisheries resource remains the most important mainstay in sustaining the livelihood of our people, especially in the Pa Eヌua. We acknowledge our forefather’s knowledge and wisdom in advocating the need to ensure that resources are “sufficiently plentiful” for our people. Harvesting regimes have now evolved to cater for our new life style, such as social obligations and income generating activities.

The coastal fisheries offer some of the best commercial opportunities for our people. At the same time the sustainability of the natural resources used by our people is an issue that has been recognized by our government and stakeholders. The challenge is to achieve a balance between what we are harvesting and what needs to be retained to sustain our fisheries resources for the future of our people.

There are a number of key elements of this policy which incorporates and advocates the importance of on-going processes of shared decision making, to sustainably develop and manage our coastal fisheries resources. It aims to further enhance the knowledge base and skills not only for our fishers but also for our wider fishing community. More often this brings out the realization of the many opportunities being created for our people.

This policy was developed to combine the wishes of fisheries stakeholders, including our fishing communities in the outer islands and our Cook Islands Fishing Association.

The challenge for this policy is to ensure we do not lose sight of our forefather’s vision of “sustainable development”.

To support us in our endeavors in implementing this policy here is verse that I have chosen from the book of Job, chapter 12 verses 7-10. *“But ask the animals, and they will teach you, or the birds of the air, and they will tell you; or speak to the earth, and it will teach you, or let the fish of the sea inform you. Which of all these does not know that the hand of the LORD has done this? In his hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind”.*

I believe there is flexibility in this policy while at the same time presenting a “robust bearing” towards our policy statement. I would like to invite you all to join me, as I have committed my Ministry towards meeting the aim of this policy.

Kia manuia

Honorable Henry Puna
Prime Minister and Minister for Marine Resources
Cook Islands



Kaveinga akatereanga i te ki o te pae tai, te akau ki te moana

E kaveinga akatereanga na te Tuanga O Te Pae Tautai ei tauturu i te aronga tautai o te Kuki Airani.

Ko te tuanga tai - *te pae tai, te akau ki te moana*, ko tetai tuanga puapinga rava atu teia kia tatou i roto i te oraanga tautai. Tei reira te kai o roto i te tai.

Te nako nei teia kaveinga akatereanga – *“kia rauka tetai turanga matutu no te tua o te kai e te kimikimianga na roto i te tauturuanga i to tatou iti-tangata e te paruru anga i te au ki (mero) i roto i teia tuanga tai, na roto i te au akonoanga tau ta tatou i matau”*.

Tei roto i teia tuanga, te angaanga angai ika, te ika vai, e te au roto enua tei nooia e te māngāika e mānganui.

Ko te anoano o teia kaveinga akatereanga koia oki kia tupu te moemoea a te Tuanga O Te Pae Tautai te nako mai ra *“kia angaanga kapiti te iti-tangata i te akapuapinga anga i te ki (mero) o to tatou moana e kia roa te kokotianga i te puapinga”*

I te akatupuanga i te anoano o teia kaveinga aketereanga no teia tuanga ka:

- **Taokotai** te iti tangata i runga i te au enua tatakaitai kia rauka teia kaveinga aketereanga i te rave
- **Akamatutu** tatou i to tatou kite e te karape no runga i te au tu tautai tuketuke tei matauia e tatou i te rave.
- **Anga** tatou, i te au ravenga ta tatou ka rauka no te rapakauanga i te au ngai e taii nei tatou i roto i te angaanga tautai no te kimi moni e te kai no te ngutuare
- **Angaanga kapiti** tatou no te akamatutuanga i to tatou turanga no te angaanga tautai ki te au putuputuanga tautai i roto nei e i vao mai i to tatou ipukarea

Kia **tupu** te akoroanga o ta tatou kaveinga akatereanga, e mea tau kia:

- **Vai rai** to tatou kite no runga i te au tu tautai ta tatou e rave ana, e kia kite tatou eaa te au tu ika e rauka mai ana, e ka akapeea tatou i te akonoanga i te reira.
- **Akatupu** tatou i te au kimikimianga tei matauia e pera katoa tetai uatu kimikimianga ou ka rauka ia tatou i te akatupu.
- **Kite** tatou i te au ngai e taii nei te raveanga i ta tatou kimikimianga, kimi i te au ravenga kia rauka te reira ia tatou i te rapakau.
- **Arangatū** tatou i te akapuapinga anga i te ki (mero) o teia tunga tai.

Policy for Coastal Fisheries Resources

Our coastal fisheries is the most important of our sea resources, it is our food cupboard.

Our policy statement – *“improves access to food security and incoming generating opportunities through increased assistance to our people and enforcement of sustainable development practices”*.

This policy includes fresh water aquaculture, freshwater fisheries in streams, ponds and lakes.

The aim of our policy is to provide the opportunity for our people to:

- **Work together** as people who want to achieve this policy
- **Strengthen** the knowledge and skills that we have on those fishing practices that we are used to that may help us secure sustainable food supply and engage in income generating opportunities.
- **Create** opportunities in areas that we are having problems with to help us secure sustainable food supply and engage in income generating opportunities
- **In partnership** with fishing organizations within the Cook Islands and outside of the Cook Islands to find ways to strengthen our ability to continue fishing sustainably.

To **carry out** the works required to achieve the aims of our policy we must:

- **Sustain** the knowledge and skills that we have on those fishing practices we regularly practice, know the knowledge on the fish that we regularly fish for, and for us to know how to conserve those fish species.
- **Develop** our fisheries according to known ways, and other ways that we can sustainably carry out.
- **Understand** the issues that are holding us back, and find ways to overcome them so that our efforts to develop our resources can advance.
- **Be smart** in the way we develop our coastal fisheries resources.

<p>Kia tupu te akakoroanga o ta tatou kaveinga akatereanga, e mea tau kia raveia teia au angaanga:</p>	<p>I te akatupuanga i te anoano o ta tatou kaveinga aketereanga no teia tuanga ka:</p>	
<p>Vai rai to tatou kite no runga i te au tu tautai ta tatou e rave ana, e kia kite tatou eaa te au tu ika e rauka mai ana, e ka akapeea tatou i te akonoanga i te reira.</p>	<p>Kia putuputu te aronga tautai kite ngai okotai no te akakoroanga i te apii, terenianga, kimi maramara no runga i te au:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Tu tautai ✓ Te tu ika tei matauia e ratou i te tautai i roto i te au tuatau ✓ Te akonoanga tau i te au ngai e nooia ana e te au ika ta ratou e matau ana i te tautai. 	<p>Akamatutu tatou i to tatu kite e te karape no runga i te au tu tautai tuketuke tei matauia e tatou i te rave te ka tauturu ia tatou i te tautai no te kimi moni e te kai no te ngutuare.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Orongaua i te kite tautai ki ta tatou au mapu vaine e te tane ✓ Apii ki ta tatou anau i te ingoa o te au ika, te ravenga (e te tuatau) tau no te tuati i te reira ✓ Kimi i te makete tau no te katoatoa ei oko i te ika, mekore tetai uatu mānga e amani ia na mei roto mai i te ika ✓ Apii, na roto i te au putuputuanga tautai, tetai uatu putuputuanga ke, mei te vainetini, te mapu, te Evangeria, e pera katoa ta tatou Tuanga o Te Pae Apii kia rauka tetai apianga no runga i te angaanga tautai tau e te kimianga i te au puapinga mei roto mai i te angaanga tautai.
<p>Akatupu tatou i te au kimikimianga tei matauia e pera katoa tetai uatu kimikimianga ou ka rauka ia tatou i te akatupu.</p>	<p>Na roto i te au putuputuanga tautai, te Tuanga o Te Pae Tautai, te Kavamani Enuā e te Aronga kimi moni (pitinini):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Kimiia tetai ravenga kia topa te oko o te penetini ki te aronga tautai ✓ Kimi i tetai ravenga kia okookoia te ika, me kore, te mānga e rauka mai nei mei roto i te ika, mei te ika tamaro, te ika ou, te mitiore, e te vai atura ✓ Kia rauka tetai ravenga ou e te meitaki no te akaroa'anga i te tuatau o te ika ou, te ika tamaro, e te vai atura, i roto i te au ngai okookoanga ✓ Kia rauka e tai makete no te au tuanga tatatakitai o te ika e te mānga mei roto mai i te angaanga tautai. Teia te akaraanga, makete no te ika tamaro, te ika ou, te rori, te mānga mei roto mai i te ika ✓ Kia kore te aronga tautai e rokoia e tetai tumatetenga i te ngai tautai ✓ Kia rauka tetai ravenga māmā i te aronga tautai i te oko i te au pakau tautai ta ratou ka inangaro 	<p>Kia rauka i te Tuanga O Te Pae Tautai i te:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Kimi ravenga kia akaitiia, mekore ra kia tipu ia te tero no runga i te kimikimianga a te aronga tautai ✓ Kimi i te makete, tauturu i te aronga tautai e te aronga amani mānga mei roto i te angaanga tautai kia oko ia ta ratou ika e te mānga. ✓ Akatupu i te au terenianga tau no runga i te akonoanga i te ika e rauka mai nei kia tau no te makete
<p>Kite tatou i te au ngai e tai nei te raveanga i ta tatou kimikimianga, kimi i te au ravenga kia rauka te reira ia tatou i te rapakau.</p>	<p>Na roto i ta tatou putuputuanga tautai, te Tuanga o Te Pae Tautai, te Kavamani Enuā e tetai uatu putuputuanga ka rauka i te tauturu mai:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Rave putuputu i te iriirikapua kia rauka mai tetai ravenga ou no te rapakau anga i tetai manamanata ✓ Kapitiia mai te au Mema Paramani, te aronga kimi moni (pitinini) ki roro i teia au iriirikapua kia raukaia ratou i te apai i te karere ki roto i te Kavamani (te pae o te ture) e te putuputuanga at te aronga kimi moni (no te pae o te pakau tautai e te makete). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Kimi i te makete no te ika a te aronga tautai, te aronga amani mānga mei roto i te ika ✓ Akanoo e tai makete no tetai tu ika ua. Teia te akara anga, makete no te ika ou, makete no te ika tamaro, makete no te ika tunu, makete no te manga mei roto mai i te ika āngota, etva ✓ Tereni e te apii i te aronga tautai kia kite ratou akapeea te akonoanga i te turuto me inangaro te turoto i te aere tautai
<p>Arangatu tatou i te akapuapinga anga i teia taunga tai</p>	<p>Aru i te akanoonoanga o ta tatou kaveinga akatereanga kia:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ kore tatou e takinokino i ta tatou ika e to ratou ngai nooanga, ✓ kia puapinga ia tatou i ta tatou e rave nei i roto i te angaanga tautai. ✓ Auraka tatou e tarere kia tatou uaorai, mari ra kia tauturu tatou i te kimianga i te ravenga kia pou te ika a te katoatoa i te oko, mekore, kia rauka mai te tauturu no te okoanga i te ika a te katoatoa, mekore kia rauka tetai turanga manea no ta tatou ika no te makete. ✓ Akanoo i tetai akairo no ta tatou ika oko. Teia te akaraanga, 'ika maro na te Kuki Airani' 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Kia tataia ta tatou au tu tautai, te au ngai tu kaui, te au ngai matutu, kia kite te katoatoa ✓ Kia rauka tetai akapapaanga i te au ngai okooko ika kia kite te katoatoa ✓ Kia kimia te ravenga kia taenaia e te au turoto te au ngai tautai i te Pa Enuā, mei te takiri kiokio i Tongareva

Anga tatou, i te au ravenga ta tatou ka rauka no te rapakauanga i te au ngai e taii nei tatou i roto i te angaanga tautai no te kimi moni e te kai no te ngutuare

- ✓ Utuutu i te aronga tautai kia rave ma te mataora i ta ratou tārēni tautai
- ✓ Turu i te aronga tautai kia taangaanga i to ratou mārama no runga i te au tu ika, te tautaianga i teia au ika no te okooko e no te ngutuare
- ✓ Na roto i to tatou mārama mei to tatou ui-tupuna mai, akanoo e oti taangaanga i te au ture kia rauka ia tatou i te akono i te au ika tei matauia e tatou i te tautai, e pera Katoa, te paruruanga i to ratou ngai nooanga

Angaanga kapiti tatou no te akamatutuanga i to tatou turanga no te angaanga tautai ki te au putuputuanga tautai i roto nei e i vao mai i to tatou ipukarea

- ✓ Turu i te au manoko tau e tae mai nei mei roto i te au putuputuanga tei akatupuia no te tauturu i te aronga tautai
- ✓ Āriki i te au kite tautai ou ei akamatutu i ta tatou au tu tautai i matau
- ✓ Oronga ki te Tuanga o te Pae Tautai i te tare e te teiā'a o te au tu ika e mou mai nei i te aronga tautai
- ✓ Tauturu i te aronga tautai kia rauka ia ratou te au tauturu a te Kavamani e tetai uatu putuputuanga mei vao mai

- ✓ Kimi i te ravenga kia rauka i te au paī tautai kia koi mai i te ika a te Pa Enuā ia ratou e teretere aere ra na te reira tua
- ✓ Tapapa i te au makete kia papa te reira ei ngai oko anga i te ika a te aronga tautai
- ✓ Kimi i tetai ravenga kia māmā te penitini ki te aronga tautai
- ✓ Kimi, e oti taangaanga i te au ravenga kia kore te au paī tautai no vao mai e tautai vaitata ki te au Pa Enuā

- ✓ Kimi i te au makete meitaki na roto i te au mataara e manganui kia okoia te ika a te aronga tautai
- ✓ Rave putuputu i te au iriirikapua no runga i tetai au ravenga no te akameitaki i te turanga o ta tatou ika no te oko e no te ngutuare
- ✓ Kia vai teateamamao ua te tauturu ki te aronga tautai me inangarouake ratou i tetai tauturu
- ✓ Kia vai teateamamao ua te au apinga paruru i te aronga tautai kia kore ratou e rokoia e te tumatetenga i te ngai tautai
- ✓ Kia vai tetai putemoni akakauiouanga papa na te aronga tautai no te okooko i tetai apinga tautai na ratou me inangaroia
- ✓ Kia vai tetai ravenga papa na te Kavamani no te akameitaki i te teretereanga o te paī tai e te rereanga o te paī rere ei apai mai i te ika a te aronga tautai o te Pa Enuā ki te ngai okookoanga tau i Rarotonga nei
- ✓ Kia rauka tetai ravenga no te akameitakianga i te tauturu ki te aronga tautai kia vai meitaki ua rai to ratou poti e te matini, te pouto, e te uapu.

- ✓ Kimi i te ravenga kia rauka i te au paī tautai i te koi mai i te ika a te Pa Enuā ia ratou e teretere aere ra na te reira tua
- ✓ Tapapa i te au makete kia papa te reira ei ngai okoanga i te ika a te aronga tautai
- ✓ Kimi i tetai ravenga kia māmā te oko o te penitini ki te aronga tautai
- ✓ Kimi i te ravenga kia umuumu te turoto i te aere ki te Pa Enuā no te akakoroanga tautai. Ka riro teia e kimikimianga takake na te aronga tautai o te Pa Enuā

- ✓ Kia putuputu te iriirikapua no runga i te kimianga i te au ravenga kia tere te angaanga tautai ki mua
- ✓ Ka oronga te Tuanga O Te Pae Tautai i te au kimikimianga ta ratou i rave ana e ta tetai uatu tangata kite, mekore ra, putuputuanga i rave ana e ka riro ei tauturu i te aronga tautai kia tupu to ratou akakoroanga

- ✓ Kia aravei ia atu te Kavamani kia kimi i te ravenga kia mama te penitini ki te aronga tautai
- ✓ Kia turu te Tuanga O Te Pae Tautai i te kimianga i te au ngai note okooko i te ika a te aronga tautai
- ✓ Paruru i te au makete a te aronga tautai

- ✓ Kia rauka tetai akaariarianga i te au akapuapinga anga ta tetai au tangata/putuputuanga i rave ana kia riro te reira ei akamaroiroi i te aronga tautai kia tautai uatu rai



What shall we do? – We look at the aims of our policy

<p>To carry out the works required to achieve the aims of our policy we must:</p>	<p>The aim of our policy is to provide the opportunity for our people to:</p> <p>Work together as people who want to achieve this policy</p> <p>Strengthen the knowledge and skills that we have on those fishing practices that we are used to that may help us secure sustainable food supply and engage in income generating opportunities.</p>	
<p>Sustain the knowledge and skills that we have on those fishing practices we regularly practice, know the knowledge on the fish that we regularly fish for, and for us to know how to conserve those fish species</p>	<p>Fisherman and fisherwomen regularly come together for the purpose of learning from others through sharing knowledge and experiences, up-skilling, and find out more about the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ various fishing methods they use, ✓ knowledge on the various species of fish commonly fished, and ✓ resource management practices used to protect and conserve the fish species commonly fished 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Give freely the knowledge and skill to fish to our young people who are interested in fishing ✓ Teach our young people the names of the fishes commonly caught and the right times to fish them ✓ Help fisherman find a good market for their fish and fish products ✓ Through NGOs, church groups, and our schools, find ways for our people to sustain their knowledge on how and when to fish certain valued species
<p>Develop our fisheries according to known ways, and other ways that we can sustainably carry out</p>	<p>Through our Fishing Associations, the Ministry of Marine Resources and the Business Community find ways:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ To reduce the cost of fuel to fisherman ✓ To advertise the sale of fish and fish products ✓ To increase the shelf life of our fresh fish and fish products for sale ✓ Set up market for each fish product ✓ For fisherman to have safety gears for their fishing ✓ Find best priced fishing gears 	<p>To enable the Ministry of Marine Resources to do the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reduce or eliminate tax from income earned from fishing ✓ Find and develop market opportunities for our fisherman where fish products can be sold ✓ Provide the right training to fisherman so that they know how to maintain the quality of their catch
<p>Understand the issues that are holding us back, and find ways to overcome them so that our efforts to develop our resources can advance.</p>	<p>Through our Fishing Associations, the Ministry of Marine Resources and other relevant Organizations who can help:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Hold workshops to find out new solutions to the problems encountered by fisherman ✓ Include Members of Parliament (in their official capacity) and business owners (who can help in the marketing or selling of fish or selling of fishing equipment) in these workshops so that they in their official (MP) and business roles (business owners) can find ways to help the fisherman 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Find and develop market opportunities for our fisherman where fresh fish and fish products can be sold ✓ Help set up market for each fish product, e.g. dried fish, fresh fish fillets (and whole), cooked fish, shell fish from the reef, etc. ✓ Provide training to Pa Enea Fisherman on tourism related activities such as fishing charter operations
<p>Be smart in the way we develop our coastal fisheries resources.</p>	<p>Follow set guidelines (national policies) including good innovative business practices to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Protect our fisheries resources and their ecosystem ✓ Achieve maximum benefit from our fishing practices ✓ Eliminate competition amongst ourselves, i.e. between fisherman, and work towards ensuring our fish and fish products on the market are of the highest quality ✓ Identify a brand for our fish products 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Document our issues and solutions so that everyone who is affected will be aware ✓ Publish the list of places (market) where fish and fish products are sold so that people are aware ✓ Find ways so that tourist are able to access other fishing experiences, e.g. Bonefishing in Tongareva

and the works required in achieving our aim

Create opportunities in areas that we are having problems with to help us secure sustainable food supply and engage in income generating opportunities

- ✓ Encourage fisherman and fisherwoman to continue and enjoy fishing
- ✓ Encourage fisherman and fisherwomen to use the local skills and knowledge gained including new improvements to those skills to fish for their families and to earn an income through the sale of their fish and fish products.
- ✓ From the knowledge of our ancestors develop laws to protect and conserve our coastal fisheries

- ✓ Develop ways to enable licensed fishing boats in our waters to uplift fresh fish from the Pa Enuā for sale at the local market
- ✓ Develop local markets to sell local fish and fish products
- ✓ Develop a way to reduce fuel prices to local fisherman
- ✓ Improve our surveillance system so that licensed foreign fishing ships do not fish too close to our Pa Enuā

- ✓ Find ways to enable licensed fishing boats in our waters to uplift fresh fish for sale at the local market from the Pa Enuā
- ✓ Prepare local markets to help the sale of local fish and fish products
- ✓ Find a way to reduce fuel prices to local fisherman
- ✓ Develop opportunities to attract tourists who enjoy fishing to visit the Pa Enuā

- ✓ Meet with Government to find ways for fisherman to have reduced price for their fuel
- ✓ Ministry of Marine Resources to help look for or set up places or market for local fish caught to be sold
- ✓ Protect the local market for local fisherman

In partnership with fishing organizations within the Cook Islands and outside of the Cook Islands to find ways to strengthen our ability to continue fishing sustainably.

- ✓ Support the good ideas coming out of Fishing Associations designed to support local fisherman
- ✓ Accept new and foreign techniques introduced to strengthen our own fishing practices
- ✓ Fisherman to provide to the Ministry of Marine Resource catch data for each fishing trip
- ✓ Help fisherman to access funding support through Government and other organizations

- ✓ Develop opportunities for marketing local fisherman's fresh fish and fish products and to make sure these fishes and fish products are sellable
- ✓ Hold regular workshops to find ways to improve our fish catches for food security and for income generating
- ✓ Provide the opportunity so that assistance to fisherman are easily available
- ✓ Provide the opportunity so that safety gears are available to all fisherman
- ✓ Establish a revolving fund for the fisherman so that should the need arises there is funding available to them
- ✓ Government to look into ways to improve outer island transport so that shipping of fish to the market on Rarotonga is not hindered.
- ✓ Provide to fisherman the opportunity for local servicing and maintenance of outboard motors, boats, wharfs, and FADs

- ✓ Regular workshops to improve our fishing industry
- ✓ Ministry of Marine Resources to provide research and general information collected on our fisheries so that people are aware and to help on their own development in this area.

- ✓ Exhibition of Cook Islands Fisheries Products during Trade Shows as a way to market what we have and to be proud of what we are doing



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