



## Strengthening Shared Understanding Among the Partners in the Blue Pacific and Pacific Islands: Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing (IUUF) and Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA)

24 - 26 January 2023 Honolulu, Hawaii

### **FINAL Agenda**

#### **Background**

Announced on June 24, 2022, the Partners in the Blue Pacific (PBP) is an informal mechanism strengthening cooperation to support Pacific Island priorities more effectively and efficiently. Initially comprising Australia, Japan, New Zealand, the United Kingdom and the United States, the initiative now includes Canada, Germany and the Republic of Korea. The PBP also strives to coordinate with other active partners in the Pacific, such as the European Union, France, and India.

Significant headway has already been accomplished advancing the PBP. To sustain this, deeper dialogue among Partners and the Pacific Islands will be essential. Such dialogue is particularly crucial for addressing broad ranging and cross-cutting challenges such as IUUF and MDA – both high priorities for the Pacific Islands, with impacts across multiple PBP Lines of Effort. The development – in close consultation with the Pacific Islands – of a more granular shared understanding of these challenges and of what is needed to address them, will be invaluable in guiding an identification and prioritization of potential PBP efforts in these areas and delivering outcomes supporting PBP aspirations.

#### **Workshop Methodology**

This 2.5-day workshop brings together senior officials from Partners, the Pacific Islands, the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat, and other key partner countries for this purpose. The workshop features a series of plenary discussions led by regional subject matter experts deepening shared understanding of the challenges of IUUF and MDA, particularly as they relate to the Pacific Islands, culminating in the identification of potential PBP activities in each area and associated next steps. Supplementing these plenaries are dedicated times for bilateral or multilateral meetings among participants for more in-depth discussion on topics of mutual interest. A final concluding plenary will offer an opportunity for a summation of workshop outcomes together with discussion of the wider PBP way-ahead.

#### **Workshop Outcomes**

- Strengthened shared understanding among participants of the IUUF and MDA challenges in the Pacific, and of what is needed to address these.
- Identification and prioritization of a range of PBP efforts addressing the IUUF and MDA challenges, for further discussion, development and implementation.
- Strengthened networks of communication among participants enabling further coordination to meet Pacific MDA and IUUF needs.

**Day 1 - Tuesday, 24 January 2023**

(Attire: Business Casual – Open Collar / Aloha Wear)

Participants will be met at their hotel and escorted to DKI APCSS for an orientation tour, workshop opening, Hawaiian welcome and reception.

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
1515 – 1530	<b>Meet and Walk with Escorts to DKI APCSS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Outrigger Hotel: Jennifer Hayslett and Sara Mizushima</li><li>- DoubleTree Hotel: Toni Difante</li><li>- Luana Hotel: Sandra Meerwein</li></ul>	Outrigger and DoubleTree Hotels
1530 – 1545	<b>Registration</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS</li></ul>	Maluhia Hall Plenary
1545 – 1605	<b>Tour of DKI APCSS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Brigadier General (Ret.) James Hirai, Deputy Director, DKI APCSS</li><li>- CAPT (Ret.) Carleton Cramer, Academic Dean, DKI APCSS</li></ul>	DKI APCSS Facility
1605 – 1615	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rear Admiral (Ret.) Pete Gumataotao, Director, DKI APCSS</li><li>- Ms. Kathryn Paik, Director for Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands, National Security Council (NSC)</li><li>- Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS</li></ul>	Maluhia Hall Plenary
1615 – 1700	<b>Self-Introductions, Workshop Overview, and Scene-Setting Polling</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS</li></ul>	
1700 – 1715	<b>Traditional Hawaiian Welcome</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ho’omaika’i Halau</li><li>- Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS</li></ul>	DKI APCSS Lanai
1715 – 1815	<b>Welcome Reception</b> <p><i>Building on discussions prompted by the opening remarks, self-introductions and anonymous polling, the reception will facilitate a further exchange of perspectives among participants on the broader strategic backdrop to the Partners for a Blue Pacific initiative, the challenges faced, but also, opportunities that may be seized.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS</li></ul>	

**Day 2 - Wednesday, 25 January, 2023**

(Attire: Business Casual – Open Collar / Aloha Wear)

Day 2 opens with keynote remarks by a senior representative from U.S. Indo-Pacific Command and a regional scene-setter by the Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat. Following a group photo, attention shifts to the IUUF problem set. Assisted by invited panelists, participants will develop a deeper shared understanding of the IUUF challenge in the Pacific and what is needed to tackle this. After lunch, assisted by framing remarks by Pacific Islands participants, discussion will focus on identifying and prioritizing potential PBP proposals targeting the IUUF challenge, before a concluding discussion on the IUUF way-ahead and next steps. Opportunities for bilateral or multilateral meetings among participants are also scheduled, with dedicated breakout rooms available for this purpose.

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
0730	<b>Walk to DKI APCSS</b> Center Staff will be in hotel lobbies to direct as needed	Outrigger and DoubleTree Hotels
0745 – 0800	<b>Morning Coffee</b>	Maluhia Lounge
0800 – 0815	<b>Opening and Administrative Remarks</b> - Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS	Maluhia Hall Plenary
0815 – 0915	<b>Plenary 1: Keynote Remarks and Regional Scene-Setter</b> - Keynote Speaker: Rear Admiral Charles E. Fosse, Director, Joint Interagency Task Force West, United States Coast Guard - Regional Scene-Setter: Mr. Paki Ormsby, Director Policy, Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS) - Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS	
0915 – 0930	<b>Group Photo</b>	DKI APCSS Entry
0930 – 0945	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	Maluhia Lounge
0945 – 1115	<b>Plenary 2: IUUF – Perspectives on the Challenge and Capacity-Building Priorities</b> - Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Allan Rahari, Director Fisheries Operations, Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)</li> <li>• Mr. James Movick, Director, Pacific Fusion Center (PFC)</li> <li>• Special Agent David “Aku” Carruthers, Office of Law Enforcement, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)</li> </ul> - Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS	
1115 – 1145	<b>Participant Bilateral/Multilateral Meetings</b>	Maluhia Hall Breakout Rooms
1145 – 1200	<b>Transition to Hale Koa Hotel</b>	
1200 – 1300	<b>Working Lunch</b> – Plenary and Meeting Discussions Continue - Lunch Speaker: CAPT Lushan Hannah, Chief Preparedness Division, Coast Guard Pacific Area, United States Coast Guard - Moderator: CAPT Henry Saito, Military Professor, DKI APCSS	Hale Koa Hotel – Kalia Room
1300 – 1315	<b>Transition to DKI APCSS</b>	
1315 – 1445	<b>Plenary 3: IUUF Dialogue – How might the PBP best bolster Pacific Islands capacity to address IUUF?</b> - Perspectives from the Pacific Islands:	Maluhia Hall Plenary

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Laurence Edwards, Legal Counsel, Marshall Islands Marine Resources Authority, Marshall Islands</li> <li>• Mr. Launoa Gataua, Head of Fisheries, Niue</li> <li>• Ms. Hane Kila, Senior Legal Officer, National Fisheries Authority, Papua New Guinea</li> </ul> <p>- Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS</p>	
1445 – 1500	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	Maluhia Lounge
1500 – 1545	<b>Plenary 4: IUUF Way-Ahead and Next Steps</b> Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS	Maluhia Hall Plenary
1545 – 1600	<b>Final Thoughts of the Day</b> - Dr. Filimon Manoni, Deputy Secretary-General, PIFS - Ms. Kathryn Paik, Director for Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands, NSC - Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS	
1600 – 1630	<b>Participant Bilateral/Multilateral Meetings</b>	Maluhia Hall Breakout Rooms

**Day 3 - Thursday, 26 January 2023**

(Attire: Business Casual – Open Collar / Aloha Wear)

Plenary discussions on Day 3 will be focused on the MDA challenge. Assisted again by invited panelists, participants will develop a deeper shared understanding of this problem set and what is needed to address it, before turning to an identification and prioritization of potential PBP efforts in this area, informed by insights from Pacific Islands participants. Following lunch, discussion will consider the way-ahead and next steps associated with the MDA challenge. A final plenary will offer a summation of the workshop and opportunity to dialogue on broader PBP issues and way-ahead, before the workshop concludes with closing remarks and a farewell reception. An opportunity for bilateral or multilateral discussions among participants is available in the middle of the day.

TIME	EVENT	LOCATION
0745 – 0800	<b>Morning Coffee</b>	Maluhia Lounge
0800 – 0815	<b>Opening and Administrative Remarks</b> - Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS	Maluhia Hall Plenary
0815 – 0945	<b>Plenary 5: MDA – Perspectives on the Challenge and Capacity-Building Priorities</b> Panelists: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Allan Rahari, Director Fisheries Operations, FFA</li> <li>• Mr. James Movick, Director, PFC</li> <li>• Mr. Scott Cheney-Peters, Portfolio Manager, Public-Private Partnerships and Indo-Pacific Policy Advisor, National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office, Office of the Director of National Intelligence</li> <li>• Dr. Mira Rapp-Hooper, Director for Indo-Pacific Strategy, NSC</li> </ul> Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS	
0945 – 1000	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	Maluhia Lounge
1000 – 1130	<b>Plenary 6: MDA Dialogue – How might the PBP best bolster MDA in the Pacific Islands?</b> Perspectives from the Pacific Islands: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr. Launoa Gataua, Head of Fisheries, Niue</li> <li>• LCDR Mayce Ngirmeriil, Division of Maritime Security, Palau</li> <li>• Ms. Verenaisi Lewagasau, Executive Officer, Defence Section, Policy Division, Ministry of Immigration, National Security and Defence, Fiji</li> <li>• Mr. Maama Misi, Adviser on Security and Projects, Prime Minister’s Office, Tonga</li> </ul> Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS	Maluhia Hall Plenary
1130 – 1200	<b>Participant Bilateral/Multilateral Meetings</b>	Maluhia Hall Breakout Rooms
1200 – 1215	<b>Transition to Hale Koa Hotel</b>	
1215 – 1315	<b>Working Lunch</b> – Breakout Discussions Continue - Lunch Speaker: Dr. Kelly Kryc, Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries, NOAA - Moderator: CAPT Henry Saito, Military Professor, DKI APCSS	Hale Koa Hotel – Kalia Room
1315 – 1330	<b>Transition to DKI APCSS</b>	
1330 – 1415	<b>Plenary 7: MDA – Way-Ahead and Next Steps</b> Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS	Maluhia Hall Plenary

1415 - 1430	<b>Workshop Survey</b> Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS	
1430 - 1445	<b>Refreshment Break</b>	Maluhia Hall Lounge
1445 - 1545	<b>Plenary 8: Workshop Summation and Open Dialogue</b> Summary Comments: - Ms. Kathryn Paik, Director for Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands, NSC - Mr. Paki Ormsby, Director Policy, PIFS - Mr. Allan Rahari, Director Fisheries Operations, FFA - Mr. James Movick, Director, PFC - Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS	Maluhia Hall Plenary
1545 - 1600	<b>Final Thoughts and Closing Remarks</b> - Dr. Filimon Manoni, Deputy Secretary-General, PIFS - Ms. Kathryn Paik, Director for Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands, NSC Moderator: Dr. Alfred Oehlers, Professor, DKI APCSS	
1600 - 1630	<b>Farewell Reception</b>	DKI APCSS Lanai