



### Happenings in the month of April and May 2018

- Consultation on OFCF Onboard Training Program for Japanese Purse Seine Vessel
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#### Consultation on OFC funded Crew Training Programme



**FIA Media File: NFA Staff, FIA Staff and OFCF Staff consulting on the OFCF purse seine training programme at the NFA Boardroom**

The FIA was invited to attend a consultation on Monday 23 April 2018, held at the NFA Boardroom, to discuss the OFCF's sponsored Training Program onboard Japanese Purse Seine Vessel. The Consultation was attended by representatives from NFA, FIA and OFCF, Japan.

The training is arranged in collaboration with OFCF and Japan Far Seas Purse Seine Association (Kaimaki Japan) at the request of NFA since 2011. Every year, except 2015, two candidates were selected to travel to Japan to attend training for 6 months, which begins in the middle of August every year. All expenses paid for by OFCF over the course of this training programme.

NFA and FIA agreed to work closely together to prepare and select the right candidates before the training starts. FIA proposes for a MOU to be in place between NFA and OFCF to formally guide this very important training programme. The vocational institutions (TVET) will be targeted for the candidates.

#### Additional Member of FIA (PNG) Inc.,

Karasiva Marine Resource Limited (KMRL) of Kavieng, New Ireland Province, recently became the latest member of FIA. The managing director of KMRL, Mr Terence Fong, paid a visit to the FIA office in Gordons to know more about the work of FIA and pay his membership fee of K500.00 for 2018. Accompanying Mr Fong was Mr Leo Kuso, managing director of Dybes Limited (Dynamic Best), a current member of FIA and is also based in Kavieng.

Both companies are SMEs and involved in the BDM fishery trade. At the FIA office to receive the two gentlemen were Jonathan Manieva, Executive officer and Donald Papaol Executive secretary, who welcomed Mr Fong and KMRL into the FIA family.



**FIA Media File: Mr Terence Fong (MD KMRL), Mr Leo Kuso (MD Dybes Ltd) and Jonathan Manieva (FIA Executive officer)**

## Fact Finding Mission by PT Delta Pacific Indotuna Company of Indonesia

A meeting was held on Tuesday, 22 May 2018, at the NFA Boardroom between NFA, FIA and an Indonesian tuna processing company, PT Delta Pacific Indotuna.

PT Delta Pacific Indotuna representatives were accompanied by former Ambassador to Indonesia, Commodore (Retd.) Peter H. Ilau, on a fact finding

*FIA Media File: Representatives of NFA, FIA and Delta Pacific Indotuna during the fact-finding meeting*



mission to seek baseline information regarding their need to source raw tuna materials in PNG for their cannery and cold storage operations in Sulawesi, Indonesia. They are predominantly a tuna processing company. They have a 70 mt tuna cannery (including cold

storage facility) situated in a 2 hectare space centrally located in Sulawesi Province.

In the immediate term, the company is interested in setting up a cold storage facility, most probably in Lae, to procure their raw tuna materials. Investment in cannery and processing may be looked at in the medium to long term.



*FIA Media File: Representatives of Delta Pacific Indotuna with Commodore (Retd) Peter H. Ilau*

The company has indicated their interested to set up in Lae so they would like to gather and know the following baseline information:

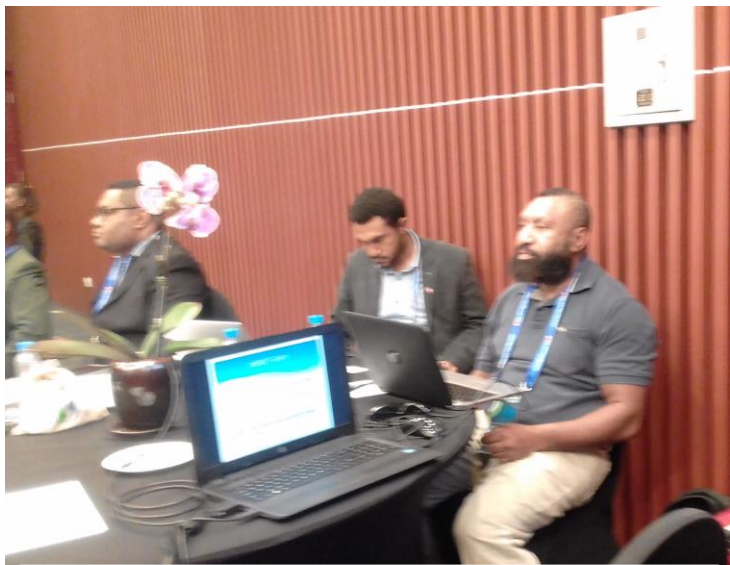
- Estimated annual catch in PNG waters by both the domestic and bilateral fishing vessels
- Availability of basic infrastructure
- Supply of electricity
- Supply of water
- Minimum wage rate
- PNG tuna price
- Availability of land
- Supplier(s) of cartons and labels
- Supplier(s) of can
- MSC certification
- EU market access
- The rebate scheme policy
- Overall policy in support of the tuna industry development in PNG



*FIA Media File: NFA Reps. from front to back - Jerome Tioti, Anlus Iwais, Paul Martin and Carson Kobiri*

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## APEC SOM on Fisheries Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME)



FIA Media File: FIA Executive Officer, Jonathan Manieva, participating at the APEC SOM

PNG hosted an APEC Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) for fisheries on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> May. FIA Executive Officer attended and participated.

The workshop focused on developing a best practice global value chain framework on fisheries micro SMEs in APEC. The objective was to improve fisheries MSME competitiveness, enhance market access opportunities, increase trade and investments flows, identify challenges and reduce barriers to trade.

FIA Executive Officer proposed to the NFA in that workshop that the country project on GVC analysis in the MSME sector to target beach-de-mer fishery.

The workshop discussed the challenges and propose interventions to address these bottlenecks. It is envisaged that a best practice GVC framework on fisheries MSMEs will be developed as a result of the workshop.

## NFA and Industry Meeting on the National Observer Programme

A meeting was held between the NFA, the Industry and FIA on Wednesday 16 May 2018 at the NFA Boardroom, Habourside East Wing. Those in attendance from FIA and the Industry included, Jonathan Manieva (FIA Executive Officer), Jhae Samillano (GS Marine Ltd), Arnel Gonato (RD Fishing PNG Ltd), Deborah Telek (SSTC), Paul Con (SSTC) and Jhun Pagalam Jnr (TPJ).

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss issues affecting the Observer Program as a result of the PMMRA which requires implementing the 90-10 policy. This policy has affected the whole operations of the NFA MCS programme.

The agenda items discussed during meeting included: i) company assistance (tickets & pre-trip allowance, ii) reimbursements from NFA, iii) hotel bills, iv) cash advances and v) other business.

The FIA made some interventions under agenda item (v) "other business", as follow:

A proposal re: **Implications of the Public Money Management Regularization Act 2017 and the Effective Observer Program function:**

Concerns over the disruptions, confusions and anxiety caused by the activation of the PMMRA and the direct effect on NFA program delivery was raised i.e., the Observer program.

If observer programs delivery was affected it stands to cause immediate implication on current export markets, especially into EU.

The concerns also relate to the disruptions of functions in vessel monitoring system (VMS), catch documentation scheme (CDS), export certification and approval, and vessel observer program will culminate in destroying NFA's COMPETENT AUTHORITY status to EU and the rest of export markets. The effect will be that;

- All PNG flagged vessels and companies will no longer have their fish products qualified to enter EU market
- PNG will be categorized as "Illegal Unregulated Unreported" (IUU) nation
- PNG will be RED flagged (carded)

The meeting resolved that Observer Manager/MCS Director discuss at SMC level the option of holding the observer levy component outside of the NFA accounts systems to ensure that the observer program is effectively functioning and uninterrupted to meet its national and regional obligation under WCPFC.

This is in view of the fact that observer levy is not NFA revenue but direct industry support to the program.

FIA was suggested as an option for consideration.

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# PROFILE: FIA Interview with Dr Sohei Kino of OFCF Japan



The FIA Newsletter (FNL) caught up with this gentleman from Japan, Dr Sohei Kino, at the NFA office and did a short interview to find out what he is doing at NFA and here in PNG:

**FNL:** Hello and nice to meet you. What's your name?

**Kino san:** Hello and nice to meet you too. I am Sohei Kino. I was dispatched to NFA as an advisor for "Sustainable use of fishery resources" from Overseas Fishery Cooperation Foundation (OFCF) of Japan

**FNL:** How long have you been in PNG?

**Kino san:** Actually, I started working at NFA in July 2017, however, I had to return to Japan after 4 months to sort out my visa. I have just returned to NFA in April this year (2018). I am going to be here in Port Moresby for 1 year for the time being.

**FNL:** Have you been to other countries before coming here?

**Kino san:** After graduating from the National Fisheries University, Japan, as an aquaculture expert, I was wandering about having work experiences in some countries including Japan. So the countries that I have work experienced in are Chile, Morocco, China, Cuba, Argentina, Turkey, El Salvador, and Uruguay.

**FNL:** What is your specific area of work in fisheries?

**Kino san:** Well, my specialty is research work on aquaculture (marine fish, equinoidea and mollusca) and live food (microalgae and rotifer). Mainly, I have been working on artificial seed production, namely, it is to make babies of sea fish, sea urchin or shellfish using cultured feed such as phytoplankton or zooplankton. And the species I treated are as follow:

**FNL:** What will be your role at NFA?

**Kino san:** At NFA, I am going to do various work with support of NFA, OFCF and other organisation. Though I am a fisheries advisor or expert, I wish I were a coordinator between your country and Japan, so I can promote fishery development in your country.

**FNL:** What specific areas are you involved in at NFA?

**Kino san:** I am attached with the Aquaculture and Inland Fisheries Unit at NFA, having support of the Policy Project Management Unit. Unfortunately, I have limited experience in fresh-water aquaculture. However, I would like to try to contribute to fisheries development in your country in many ways.

**FNL:** Thank you for briefly sharing your work experience with us. Do you have any final thing you wish to say?

**Kino san:** Yes, I would like to say that you must keep your waters (sea) clean and beautiful. The resources from clean and beautiful waters (sea) make your life stable and make you happy forever. I am sure that sustainable use of your wonderful fisheries resources can realize this.

**FNL:** Thank you for your time. Doumo arigatou gozaimasu!



Overseas Fisheries Cooperation Foundation of Japan (OFCF) has been cooperating with Papua New Guinea on ice making machine, Trap net, etc.

Brochure in English: <http://www.ofcf.or.jp/english.pdf>

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