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Civil Society Organisations Roundtable: Workshop on Regional Oceanic Fisheries Governance, Management and Policy in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO)

Pacific Islands Private Sector Organisation (PIPSO) is the premier private sector representative for 15 member countries in the Pacific. We work with the National Private Sector Organisation (NPSO) to advocate for and drive private sector driven economic growth. We work on strengthening strong and responsive NPSO, championing the interests of the private sector and enhancing business competitiveness in the Pacific.

WWF-Pacific's CSO Roundtable Workshop on Regional Oceanic Fisheries Governance, Management and Policy in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) workshop has been quite informative and educational for me, considering that I have no experience in the fisheries space however; it has been great to learn and hear about the issues surrounding the Pacific with regards to the tuna industry. I hope to be able to identify and share opportunities for learning with the PIPSO networks, particularly those involved in the Fisheries Industry, and business development. It's also an incredible opportunity to collaborate and learn from NGOs and CSOs working in the space of Women in Business and women empowerment, which is something that PIPSO also works to promote.

From my understanding, Governance has been the key issue in driving much of the activities and policies that have been put forward in recent years. I hope that this workshop will give a collective and stronger voice to the Commission and Leaders on important issues that were identified and that we are able to see some firm outcomes from this. It is also my hope that the knowledge shared here today reaches communities - so that they can engage in sustainable fishing practices and livelihoods.

Also, the facilitator, Ian Cartwright, is very engaging and well versed. Also commend the mix of people part of the workshop - brought different perspectives and ideas which was great. #TunaTodayTunaTomorrow



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The Nature Conservancy – Involve in implementation of electronic monitoring on board 8 long line fishing vessels license to fish within 200 EEZ of Solomon Islands.

My take on this CSO workshop is that, I now valued the important role CSO's play in the tuna fisheries management of the region.

I would like an annual CSO workshop as such organised for CSO's to discuss and contribute ideas on how we can contribute to better manage and improve tuna fisheries management within the region. Also, we can reflect/review and further discuss on milestones or recommendations put forward and how best to improve on what has not been achieved. #TunaTodayTunaTomorrow



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In my role I work with fisheries authorities across the Pacific Islands to support collaborative management that ensures tuna fisheries are sustainable and economically viable so that the people can enjoy the greatest benefits. This includes building regional consensus on management as well implementation of management arrangements at the national level.

This has been great opportunity to share information on how fisheries are managed in the region and learn from CSOs about their issues and what is important to them. I am really encouraged by the enthusiasm and positive engagement by everyone at the workshop. We have covered issues from understanding fisheries science and how we ensure viable and sustainable fisheries, through to human safety issues for crew and observers onboard fishing vessels.

Let's continue the great dialogue we have had so that CSOs and the broader public are involved in management processes and have a good understanding of how modern fisheries management works in the region.
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Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights (CELCOR) Inc. is a non-profit law firm based in Papua New Guinea to protect human rights and promote environmental good governance. CELCOR advocates strongly against illegal logging, land grabbing, and environmental destruction through the rule of law. We have worked in 15 coastal and Maritime Provinces throughout PNG for the last 17 years.

As a law firm, we have taken interest providing legal support as well as the legal education to rural and marginalized communities. In the fisheries sector, we have assisted coastal communities to establish locally managed marine areas, assist in marine resource management policy for the National Government, including assisting WWF-PNG to establish a MOU with the National Fisheries Authority, and we also represent the affected communities in the Bismarck Sea over the deep sea mining.

As a practitioner of the upholding of the Rule of Law and having many years' experience in promoting sound policies in environmental governance and human rights, I find this workshop very interesting. It is very interesting in a sense that; human rights issue is common in almost all the resource development sector. The tuna fisheries present a very important case where the crews and observers' lives are at danger and the discussion on how to address this issue is awesome.

I am also overwhelmed with the amount of information on tuna fisheries shared by the facilitation team and the participating CSO/NGO helped me to understand the challenges and issues in this particular area. And the desire for CSO/NGOs to work with the industry and the government agencies to address them reflects the importance and urgency of the need to address the issue.

I think we could further assist WWF and the National Fisheries Authority to sign a MOU for a better working relationship in Tuna and other marine resources, while at the same time assist WWF to establish a secretariat or forum in PNG to discuss, debate, and contribute to policy issues relating to Tuna fisheries. #TunaTodayTunaTomorrow



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The PNG FIA has about 35 active companies ranging from SMEs to fishing and processing companies and ancillary services who are members of the Association. The Association tries to:

- (i) To provide a united voice of the Fishing and Associated Industries in Papua New Guinea and;
- (ii) To facilitate and encourage the promotion of the Fishing and Associated Industries in Papua New Guinea and elsewhere and;
- (iii) To undertake, coordinate and promote liaison and negotiations with the Papua New Guinea National Fisheries Authority and with any other persons or bodies having an interest or an effect on the Fishing or Associated Industries in Papua New Guinea.

The workshop on “Regional Oceanic Fisheries Governance Management and Policy in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO)” is a wonderful opportunity that brings together NGOs and CSO to share ideas of common interest in fisheries and how they can advocate and influence policies at national, regional and international level for the benefit of the pacific island people.

The workshop is also a great place for networking between NGO and CSO to advocate on common issues in the offshore and inshore fisheries and the policy analysis and engagement toolkit has brought about added value to the workshop outcomes which would need to be evaluated in later and follow-up workshops in the future. #TunaTodayTunaTomorrow



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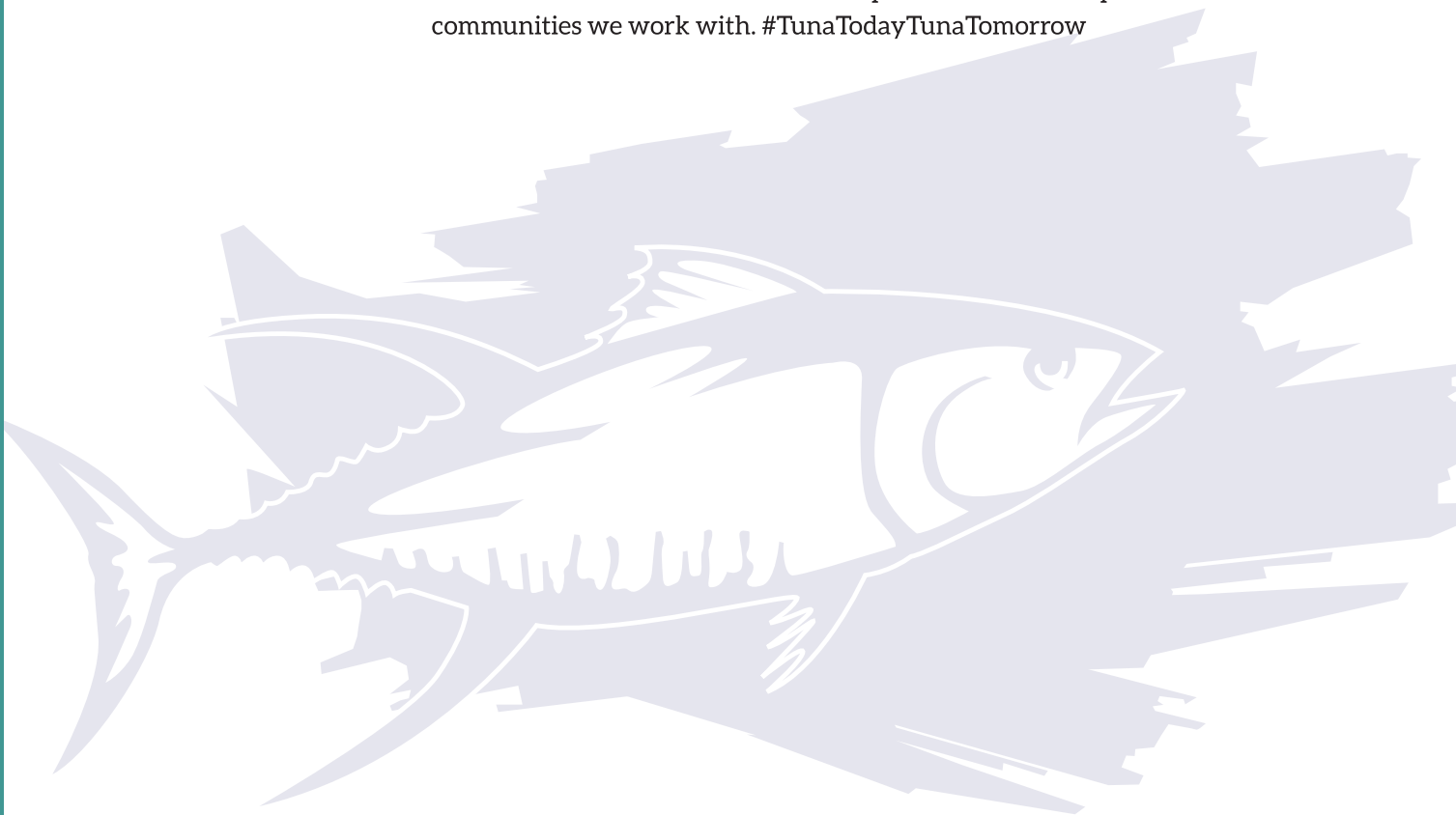
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I work for a locally based organisation based in Papua New Guinea called the Bismarck Rama Group or BRG and our organisation works on the motto 'Land or Ground is Life'. In Melanesia, land or ground is inclusive of everything else. So we believe that if people have access to land or ground, they have access to quality of life.

Our work is around sea bed mining. With PNG being in its experiment stage, we are very concerned how such development will affect the livelihoods of people in the Bismarck and Solomon seas. Our concern is because there are not enough government services trickling down to the communities that rely entirely on the environment.

The workshop has enabled me to learn more about the various policies available and how the policies filter down to the communities through the national level. I big take away for us is to be able to continuously be engaged and have access to information from such workshops and it would be great to have the information broken down or palatable for our respective audiences or communities we work with. #TunaTodayTunaTomorrow



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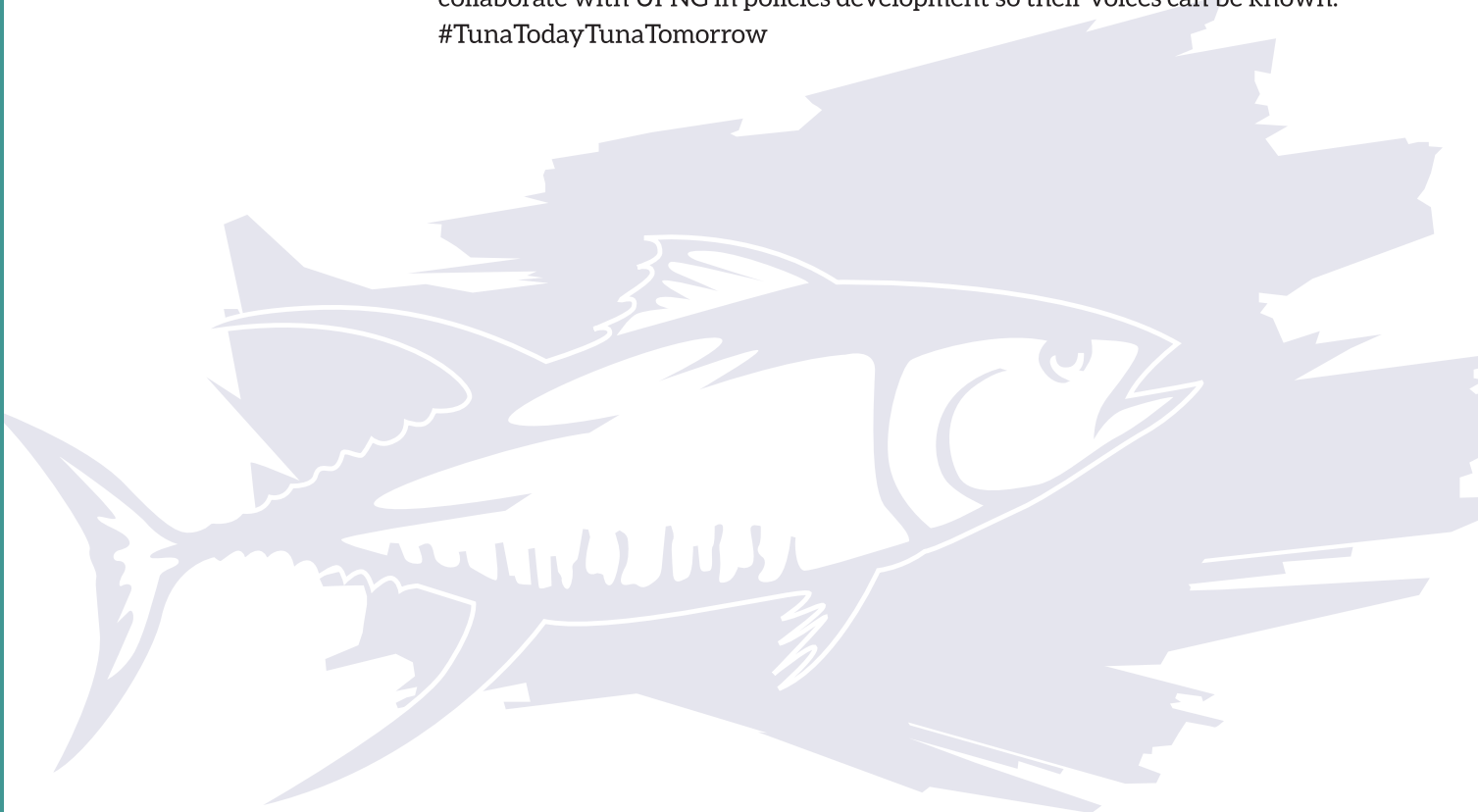
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The University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) is a state university with a vision of being a premier university providing learning opportunities at national and regional level. The three main business of UPNG is Teaching, Research, and Community Outreach. Through the School of Natural and Physical Sciences and its Research Centres, issues in relation to marine resources are being discuss and training programs in place to enhance capacity.

As a staff member of the UPNG Biology Division, my personal opinion is that the workshop is very enriching in terms of improving my knowledge on the oceanic tuna fisheries affairs of civil services organizations and non-government organizations in the region. Additionally, the policy analysis toolkit introduced during the workshop is an excellent tool that is tailored towards supporting CSOs and NGOs to better understand the ocean fisheries policy issues and generally any other policy.

The UPNG helps many in terms of policies development and CSOs and NGOs may cultivate that avenue to address national and regional issues in relations to ocean fisheries. So there is opportunity for CSOs and NGOs to collaborate with UPNG in policies development so their voices can be known.
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The workshop was very engaging by a committed group of participants, keen to learn about tuna fisheries and their management. There was active engagement and focus on areas where CSOs can make a real difference to oceanic fisheries management by applying pressure for positive change. Similar workshops were run almost a decade ago, and it is good to see CSO engagement on the agenda again.

Maintaining the momentum generated at the workshop will be important and the establishment of a steering committee was a useful step in this direction. WWF has stated an intention to act as a coordinating agency, linking CSOs across the region. This coordination, on matters of common interest, is very encouraging. This will strengthen the ability of NGOs to hold governments and the WCPFC to account for commitments made concerning the sustainable management of fisheries. #TunaTodayTunaTomorrow



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