

REGIONAL INITIATIVE TEMPLATE

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2. Name of Initiative

A Case for Aerial Maritime Surveillance in the Pacific

3. Background and Rationale

You may consider: *What is the issue being addressed by this initiative? What are the causes of this issue? Are there relevant studies that have been carried out to support the issue? Are there links to national, regional or international goals/policies?*

Please limit your response to no more than 750 words.

Illegal Fishing in the South Pacific

Food Security.

Illegal fishing in the Pacific Region contributes to the following

- *Loss in GDP of Pacific Island member states e.g. [Illegal fishing of Tuna stocks alone contribute to an 11% loss in the MSG GDP alone \$2.32 billion equivalent.]*
- *Denies member states the ability to effectively manage EEZ's and fishing stocks*
- *Without effective management – affects present economic growth and future economic development*

Refer to attached reports – PDF.

4. Description

Please provide a brief overview of this initiative. Try to address the following: Does this initiative contribute to a positive change to the region? What makes this initiative of importance to the Pacific region as a whole? Who would implement this initiative? Who are the main beneficiaries? Are regulatory or legislative changes required at the national level to implement this initiative? How would the initiative be funded? Has this initiative been carried out previously? What are the key risks in implementing this initiative? Are there any complementary projects and programmes currently active? What is the proposed timeframe for this initiative? How would the initiative be sustained over the proposed timeframe?

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With continuous aerial maritime surveillance

- *Illegal entities would become aware of such operations*
- *Aerial maritime patrol will in effect at least limit or greatly reduce illegal fishing as a whole*
- *The cost of maintaining would be minimal when compared to 'fishing revenues regained' or reduction in illegal fishing*

PIFFA in the Solomon's conjointly with Pacific Island Forum Secretariat and the appropriate branch of the E.U.

This would have to be an E.U. funded program

Basing 2 aircraft; one in the Solomon's and one in Fiji- no regulatory requirements other than that which is required by the Civil Aviation Authorities requirements in each state

Permission from member states to overfly EEZ waters.

Risks in implementation

- *Complete a Risk Analysis under SMS – Low in my opinion*

Additional benefits

- *Coast Guard – vessels in distress*
- *Hurricane relief*
- *MEDIVAC*

Australia and New Zealand would not be considered as they possess the resources to effectively manage their respective EEZ's.

5. Alignment to Regional Vision, Values and Objectives

Briefly describe how your initiative supports the vision, values and objectives set out in the Framework for Pacific Regionalism. These can be found in the Framework for Pacific Regionalism document or in the submissions guideline document.

Please limit your response to no more than 500 words

Continuous Aerial Maritime Surveillance of the EEZ's of all 15 members of all Pacific Island FFA Member States [not including Aust. And NZ] would indeed provide clear and equitable benefits for the region as a whole.

The 2 aircraft in conjunction with the well disbursed Patrol Boats of each member state would greatly enhance the ability of Pacific Island FFA Member States

- *to limit illegal fishing*
- *Better management of EEZ's*
- *Revenue gain for present and future generations*
- *This revenue gain would lead to better economic growth*
- *Belter economic growth – better infrastructure*

The Aircraft proposed is described in the attached power point presentation.

6. Additional Information

Please provide or attach additional information in support of this initiative.

Please limit your response to no more than 5 pages.

Attached

- *Power point presentation*
- *Pirates of the South Pacific by Amelia Geary*
- *Small Island developing states of the Southwest Pacific by Robert Gillet*