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FACT SHEET

What WorldFish does in Malaita Province



Challenge

Malaita is known as the most populous province of the Solomon Islands, with high outputs of agricultural produce from its land and significant populations of ‘sea people’ highly reliant on coastal ecosystems for food and livelihoods. As Malaita grows in population and develops economically, it will face increasing pressure on its fisheries and marine resources to feed its population and create sustainable livelihoods. In some areas, fishing pressure has already led to decline of key fish species, and malnutrition remains a problem. Decision-making about local fisheries can often exclude key segments of the population, such as women and youth, while their support is needed to develop and enforce rules for use of marine resources.

Our work towards solutions

Healthy People	Empowered Communities	Local Expertise	Economic Benefits
<p>WorldFish is doing research and communications to encourage women and children to eat more fish in order to boost their protein intake and reduce malnutrition and stunting of children. We research for better understanding of food markets and systems in order to inform policy and market practices.</p>	<p>WorldFish conducts research and awareness about community-based fisheries management, to increase capacity of Malaita Provincial Government and communities to manage their marine resources. In support of the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources and the Malaita Provincial Fisheries Office, we also seek to expand participation in CBFM to all people in communities including women and youth.</p>	<p>WorldFish provides technical advice local communities can use to boost their fish catches and collections of other marine species. For example, WorldFish has helped communities to build a Fish Aggregating Device (FAD) can provide a shelter for juvenile fish and boost local fish stocks and fish catches.</p>	<p>WorldFish examines ways people can boost their incomes through better use of resources and technical advice. For example, WorldFish enabled women's groups to purchase solar freezers and run these over time for the benefit of the women's groups while also increasing individual incomes.</p>
<p>These activities are part of the projects “Agriculture for improved nutrition: integrated agri- food systems for the Pacific region” conducted with University of Wollongong, SPC, University of Sydney and the Pathways Project conducted with University of Wollongong, SPC, and government ministries in Kiribati, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands. Funded by ACIAR.</p>	<p>These activities are part of the Pathways Project conducted with University of Wollongong, SPC, and government ministries in Kiribati, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands. Funded by ACIAR. Support for Malaita Provincial Government to carry out CBFM activities is provided under the Pacific European Union Marine Partnership Programme a multilateral fund financed by the European Union (EU) and the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) aiming at building sustainable fisheries in the Pacific region.</p>	<p>These activities are part of the Pathways Project conducted with University of Wollongong, SPC, and government ministries in Kiribati, Vanuatu and Solomon Islands. Funded by ACIAR.</p>	<p>These activities are part of the Enhancing Livelihoods Project. Funded by SwedBio.</p>



WorldFish's mission is to reduce poverty and hunger by improving fisheries and aquaculture. We have been working in Solomon Islands since 1986 with governments and coastal communities to strengthen community-based fisheries management and increase economic and social benefits from sustainable use of marine resources. Our recent work includes research and support for interventions regarding community based fisheries management, nutrition, gender, livelihoods, as seen on our map of provincial activities.

