

SPC's mandates for cooperation and cooperative arrangements with other instruments, frameworks and bodies that may be of interest to the BBNJ Preparatory Commission.

SPC supports Pacific Island Countries and Territories (PICTs) in marine science, maritime governance, hydrography, ocean monitoring, fisheries and legal technical assistance relating to UNCLOS and the BBNJ Agreement.

International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)

- SPC is a key partner in the Southwest Pacific Hydrographic Commission and supports PICTs in meeting IHO standards for hydrographic surveying and charting.
- SPC leads regional hydrographic capacity-building, contributes to Seabed 2030, and delivers hydrographic missions to improve maritime safety and support marine spatial planning and ABNJ science.
- SPC and IHO have a current MoU: <https://iho.int/uploads/default/i/h/ihospc.pdf>

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

- SPC hosts the Pacific Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre (MTCC-Pacific), supporting low-carbon maritime transport.
- SPC works with IMO to enhance legal frameworks, compliance with MARPOL and SOLAS, and facilitate technical cooperation for Pacific SIDS.
- Collaborates through technical assistance and the development of regional maritime safety strategies relevant to ABNJ governance.
- SPC houses the IMO Regional Presence Office under a temporary arrangement. The conclusion of the full establishment of the RPO is underway and in partnership with the Government of Fiji (arrangements are to be confirmed).
- SPC and IMO have a current MoU

World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

- SPC contributes to regional ocean observation and early warning systems in collaboration with WMO and national meteorological services.
- SPC leads the Pacific Islands Marine Observing System (PIMOS) Panel, providing advice to the Pacific Meteorological Council (PMC) on ocean and climate data.
- SPC collaborates with SPREP within the Weather Ready Program, part of the EW4ALL program.

Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC/UNESCO)

- Partners with WMO and IOC/UNESCO on GOOS for coastal hazard forecasting and capacity building.
- SPC is hosting the regional alliance of GOOS for the Pacific Islands (PIGOOS)
- Partners with IOC/UNESCO on the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development.
- SPC and IOC have a current MoU

International Seabed Authority (ISA)

- SPC works with ISA to build national capacity and policy frameworks for the governance of deep-sea minerals in the Pacific, including monitoring environmental and legal implications of seabed activities in ABNJ.
- Cooperate in marine scientific research, deep-sea mineral governance, and environmental protection in line with Articles 143–145 of UNCLOS
- Supports Pacific countries in engaging with ISA processes and ensuring the protection of marine biodiversity in the Area, in line with the BBNJ Treaty’s objectives.
- Conduct joint capacity-building, data-sharing, and technical training for Pacific Island States involved in seabed activities.
- SPC and ISA have an MoU: <https://www.isa.org.jm/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/SPC-ISA.pdf>

United Nations ESCAP

- Sustainable maritime transport, climate change resilience, and sustainable oceans MOU ESCAP-SPC 2021 sign....
- Supporting the 2030 Agenda, SAMOA Pathway, and Pacific Roadmap for Sustainable Development.
- Joint analysis, regional dialogues, and co-financing of initiatives, including ocean governance and data-sharing relevant to ABNJ.
- SPC and ESCAP have a current MoU

IUCN

- SPC and IUCN have an MoU signed in 2021, and collaborative areas include:
- Marine spatial planning and integrated ocean governance
- Management of protected areas and endangered species
- Nature-based solutions, ecosystem-based adaptation, and biodiversity finance
- Regional contributions to global initiatives like the Bonn Challenge and SDG14
- SPC and IUCN jointly support capacity development and promote traditional knowledge in ABNJ conservation strategies.

Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA)

- FFA and SPC have entered into a Service Level Agreement, which governs provision of authoritative maritime boundary data by SPC to FFA.
- SPC maintains and updates an authoritative maritime boundary dataset used in FFA’s Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) and MCS tools for fisheries enforcement and management.
- These data support Pacific SIDS’ legal certainty in ABNJ-adjacent zones and underpins regional marine domain awareness, contributing to BBNJ’s objectives of spatial management and compliance.
- FFA and SPC also work closely together on assisting members in the national, sub-regional and regional management of offshore tuna and tuna-like species. SPC provides scientific advice on the tuna stocks and the ecosystem within which they live, along with the consequences of candidate management interventions to assist the FFA in developing their management advice.

Regional Frameworks and Contributions

- **Pacific Maritime Boundaries Consortium:** SPC coordinates and leads multi-partner support for finalising EEZs and ECS submissions in the Pacific region, including mapping ABNJ interface zones. SPC works closely with and collaborates with DOALOS
- **Marine Sector Working Group (CROP):** SPC helps develop unified regional positions on ABMTs, EIA standards, and MGR access and benefit-sharing. SPC currently Chairs this regional WG