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# *Capacity Building: A Pacific Islands SIDS Perspective*

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# Context: Pacific Island SIDS

Map showing Forum Fisheries Agency members and their Exclusive Economic Zones.





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# Pacific SIDS Context

- Regional fisheries policy and governance
- Contribution to global production of tuna
- Prevalence of distant water fishing activity
- Challenge to realise development aspirations
- Capacity and resource constraints



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# International Context

- Part VII, Agreement
  - Full recognition of special requirements
  - Special requirements fund
- Part VII Fund TOR broad but emphasis on facilitating the participation of developing States in RFMO/As.
- Participation important, but consider the strengthening of capacity to conserve and manage, and to develop own fisheries, and participate in high seas fisheries.



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# International Context

- *Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention (Art. 30)*
  - Full recognition of special requirements
  - Special requirements fund
- *South Pacific RFMO Convention (Art. 19)*
  - Full recognition of special requirements
  - Special requirements fund
- *FAO Port States Agreement (Art. 21)*
  - Full recognition of special requirements
  - Implementation mechanism – *ad hoc* working group





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# International Context

- Assistance mechanisms:
  - Provision of financial assistance;
  - Assistance relating to human resources development;
  - Technical assistance;
  - Transfer of technology, including through joint venture arrangements, and advisory and consultative services.
  - Others available



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## Concluding Remarks

- Strengthening of capacity to conserve and manage, and to develop own fisheries, and participate in high seas fisheries.
- Support long term capacity development initiatives:
  - Human resources – e.g. scientific, management, MCS
  - Technological enhancement (both in governance and participation in fisheries)
  - Institutional strengthening
- Coordinate sources of capacity-building assistance and capacity-building activities and report

