



## **Resources, boundaries and governance: What future for fisheries in the Pacific?**

An interactive problem-based workshop hosted by ECOPAS,  
European Consortium for Pacific Studies

Organized by: CREDO, Aix-Marseille Université  
In collaboration with CPS, University of St Andrews

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ECOPAS is a multidisciplinary project designed to provide coordination and support to research and policy on issues connected to climate change and related processes in the Pacific Islands region. It is dedicated to defining and strengthening the potential of European research in the Pacific by creating a platform and portal for knowledge exchanges, a long-term plan for capacity building, and a strategic plan for Pacific state and non-state involvement.

The partner institutions are BPS (Bergen), CREDO (Aix-Marseille), CPS (St. Andrews) and CPAS (Nijmegen) in Europe, and two major Pacific institutions: The University of the South Pacific (Fiji) and the National Research Institute (Papua New Guinea).

ECOPAS (<http://www.ecopas.info/>) also organizes a series of problem-based workshops with invited international guest-speakers and discussants for researchers and policy-makers, in which the specific considerations and challenges of the Pacific context are foregrounded.

The present workshop will deal with oceanic fisheries as well as coastal fisheries (including aquaculture) in their socioeconomic, political and ecological dimensions. The panelists will contribute to explore issues relating to this overarching theme, such as:

- Fish: heritage vs commodity?
- Customary, national and international law: boundaries, sharing of authority, and issues of legitimacy
- Management of natural resources; management of waste and pollution
- Conservation of endangered species and marine biodiversity

This should give momentum to dialogues between representatives of the Pacific region, agents of policymaking institutions, scholars and other experts, with a particular focus on the OCTs.

## 13 October 2014

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome by Prof. Denis Bertin, Vice-President Research, Aix-Marseille University
- 9:15-9:30 Introduction to ECOPAS by Edvard Hviding, University of Bergen
- 09:30-09:45 Launch of pacific-studies.net by Laurent Dousset, EHESS
- 09:45-10:00 Opening of the problem-based workshop by Tony Crook, University of St. Andrews
- 10:00-10:15 Coffee/tea break
- 10:15-11:15 Presentation by Valérie Allain, Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)  
*Tuna fisheries of the western and central Pacific: science and regional management*
- 11:15-12:15 Presentation by Yan Giron, ARMERIS  
*Geostrategy, the dark side of MPAs in the Pacific ocean*
- 12:15-2:00 Lunch
- 2:00-3:00 Presentation by Joeli Veitayaki, University of the South Pacific  
*Coastal and tuna fisheries development options in the Pacific Islands - the same side of the same coin*
- 3:00-4:00 Presentation by Manuel Rauchholz, University of Heidelberg  
*Resources, boundaries and governance: What future for marine resources in Micronesia?*
- 4:00-4:15 Coffee/tea break
- 4:15-5:15 Presentation by Fe'iloakitau Kaho Tevi, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Oceania Regional Office  
*Whose fish is in my ocean? A conversation about future relations with Pacific Fishing nations*

## 14 October 2014

- 8:30 a.m. Welcome of the participants
- 8:45-9:45 Presentation by Gilbert David, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD)  
*Fish, fishers and states: from spatio-temporal dynamics to geopolitical issues*
- 9:45-10:45 Presentation by Nathalie Hilmi, Centre Scientifique de Monaco  
In collaboration with Tamatoa Bambridge, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS), and Alain Safa, Université de Nice  
*The socio-economic significance of fisheries in French Polynesia*
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee/tea break
- 11:00-12:00 Presentation by Samuel Cornier, CREDO/LACITO (Centre de Recherche et de Documentation sur l'Océanie / Langues et Civilisations à Traditions Orales)  
In collaboration with Isabelle Leblic, Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS)  
*Marine biodiversity and Kanak traditional knowledge meeting new governance challenges: UNESCO, development and mining*
- 12:00-1:00 Presentation by Catherine Sabinot, Institut de Recherche pour le Développement (IRD) - Centre de Nouméa (New Caledonia)  
*An emblematic marine species at a crossroads in New Caledonia: Green Turtle*
- 1:00 p.m. Closure of the workshop