

# **JOB DESCRIPTION**

Job Title:	Senior Marine Resource Economist			
Division/Programme and Section/Project (if any):	SPC FAME-Director's Office			
Location:	Noumea or Suva			
Reporting to:	Director Fisheries Aquaculture and Marine Ecosystems			
Number of Direct Reports:	0			
Purpose of Role:	<ul> <li>This role's primary focus will be to provide leadership and sound economic research and advice to assist and support the Marine Spital Planning process led by the Government of Palau and other SPC members to maximise and measure the economic benefits gained from their marine resources to inform decision-making in SPC members and better achieve research and sustainable development outcomes. This is achieved through:</li> <li>a) conducting and evaluating economic analyses and advice of marine resources, including proposals that relate to Marine Protected Areas.</li> <li>b) assessing policies and regulations in various ocean-related sectors, such as fisheries, aquaculture, and tourism.</li> <li>c) providing recommendations for optimised economic benefits from marine resources while considering longterm sustainability and potential negative impacts.</li> <li>d) development and production of indicators and statistics relating to the level of contribution of marine resources and related sectors to the economies of SPC members.</li> <li>e) developing tools and capacity building materials to guide the conduct of economic analyses.</li> </ul>			
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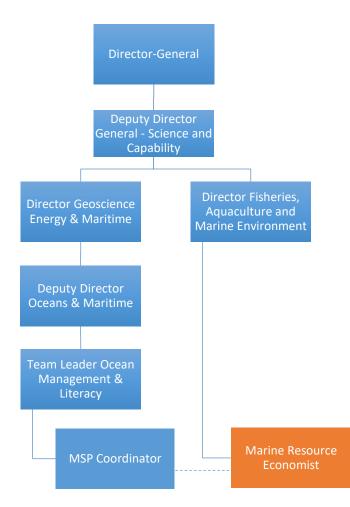
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# **Key Result Areas:**

The position of Marine Resource Economist will work in close collaboration with SPC FAME management, the Geoscience, Energy and Maritime (GEM) management and its Ocean and Maritime Programme, the Pacific Community Centre for Ocean Science (PCCOS), and the SPC Climate Finance Unit.

The position of Marine Resource Economist encompasses the following major functions or Key Result Areas:

### KRA 1: Perform country and territory, sub-regional and regional economic analyses (40%)

- KRA 2: Policy and technical advisory services (40%)
- KRA 3: Capacity building and stakeholder engagement (15%)
- KRA 4: Contribute to team leadership and training (5%)

### The requirements in the above Key Result Areas are broadly identified below.

Jobholder is accountable for	Jobholder is successful when
KRA 1 : Perform country and territory, sub-regional and regio	nal economic analyses (40%)
<ul> <li>Evaluate the economic value of marine biological resources and ecosystems, including tuna stocks and coastal invertebrate and vertebrate species with strong economic potential.</li> <li>Use economic tools such as cost-benefit analysis and cost effectiveness to identify, and spatial tools such as InVEST and ARIES to account for trade-offs, winners and losers in marine spatial planning process.</li> <li>Identify and value externalities in proposed marine spatial plans and suggest pathways to leverage interventions.</li> <li>Explore de-risking strategies to raise private sector confidence in MSP process.</li> <li>Build impact evaluation tools that allow for a long term monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) of MSP goals.</li> <li>Collect and analyse economic and environmental data related to the blue economy to build a baseline and track progress towards MSP implementation, potentially including data on fish stocks, aquaculture production, tourism and coastal development.</li> <li>Analyse data related to marine resource exploitation, including the costs and benefits of different harvesting or extraction methods while considering long term trends and climate projections.</li> <li>Conduct research and analysis on the economic impact of marine resource management policies, including fishing regulations, aquaculture development, conservation efforts and tourism.</li> <li>Conduct coonomic analysis of different marine resource management policies</li> <li>Conduct economic analysis and provide advice on national fisheries management, development and investment proposals.</li> <li>Development and production of indicators and statics of tuna fisheries and related sectors to the economies of SPC members.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Economic value of marine resources is timely and accurately provided to aid decision making.</li> <li>Economic data are managed in accordance with SPC FAME Data Governance Policy and readily available to respond to country or SPC needs.</li> <li>Costs and benefits of marine resources exploitation are delivered on time with the right level of detail.</li> <li>Economic impacts and costs/benefits of marine resource management policies is evaluated and findings are adequately shared with various stakeholders.</li> <li>Members seek advice from SPC on national fisheries management and investment proposals, with focus on Marine Spatial Planning on a regular basis.</li> <li>High quality analysis and advice is provided to SPC members and relevant stakeholders in a clear and easily understood manner.</li> <li>Economic factors are taking into consideration by SPC members when setting management policies and considering development and investment proposals.</li> </ul>

KR	A 2: Policy and technical advisory services (40%)		
• •	A 2: Policy and technical advisory services (40%) Develop economic models and forecasts to inform policy decisions related to the blue economy and marine resource management. Actively provide technical advice and assistance to PICTs at a national level in areas related to statistical analysis of data related to marine resource economics. Provide insights based on behavioural economics on how incentives and ways in which people affected by a MSP will or won't comply with MSP regulations.	•	National level marine resource economics statistical support provided Technical briefs, analyses and innovative regional program proposals and solutions are well researched, in line with SPC policies Analyses of marine resource economics policies and technical publications undertaken, identifying gaps and
•	Work closely with legal advisers and management specialists to develop policy recommendations for blue economy, environment protection and sustainable use of marine resources. Monitor emerging economic and social trends internationally and in member countries and provide sound advice to management on issues which can affect regional policies, new proposals and current project	•	opportunities and, where necessary, make recommendations Technical advice and coordination assistance are provided in an effective and timely manner internally to GEM, FAME and PCCOS staff and across the Pacific Region People-centred approaches are applied ensuring at a minimum 'no harm'
•	implementation. Collaborate with other professionals within SPC, including other economists, other CROP agencies and technical partners, including fisheries scientists, oceanographers, marine biologists, environmental scientists, economists and decision-makers, to develop comprehensive strategies for sustainable marine resource management.	•	GEM, FAME and PCCOS are well informed of emerging international and regional economic and social trends affecting natural resource management A close working relationship is maintained and strengthened between GEM, FAME and PCCOS and with other relevant partners. Ensure advise is provided through people centred approach.
KR/	A 3: Capacity building and stakeholder engagement (15%)		
•	Develop and deliver training and capacity building activities to enhance the capacity of government agencies and stakeholders on training courses in fisheries and related economics. Build and maintain relationships with government agencies, non-governmental organizations, and other stakeholders involved in marine resource management Contribute to meetings, workshops, and national and regional events related to marine spatial planning and marine resources economies. Ensure that all marine resource economics and blue economy knowledge products created are well	•	Quality training materials are available and delivered to country stakeholders with high satisfaction levels Good relationships are developed and maintained with country stakeholders and partner organisations SPC is vocal and provides advice on the blue economy and marine resource managements based on the best available data during meetings, workshops and events Marine resource economics and blue
KR	disseminated and stored in a relevant depository for future access and use. A 4: Contribute to team leadership and training (5%)		economy knowledge products are created, stored and disseminated properly
•	Lead the economic advice on resources, including guiding, supporting SPC members on economic analyses & assessment, providing recommendations for optimised marine and resources analysis. Identify and develop areas for continual improvement in practices and process for delivering economic advice on	•	Clear direction is provided for economic assessment work.
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<ul> <li>Internal</li> <li>FAME leadership</li> <li>GEM leadership</li> <li>Ocean scientists across all marine disciplines</li> <li>The PCCOS team</li> <li>SPC's Climate Finance Unit and Resource mobilization and Integration team</li> <li>Other SPC teams and staff</li> <li>Administrative and support personnel</li> <li>Technical leads within other SPC programmes, e.g. transport</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Integrated approach to implementation of cross cutting programmes</li> <li>Information sharing</li> <li>Joint planning, implementation and reporting</li> <li>Project formulation, implementation, reporting and monitoring</li> <li>Supporting marine resource economics reference material</li> </ul>

Level of Delegation:

The position holder has no delegated authorities as per SPC's Manuals of Delegation

### **Personal Specification:**

### Qualifications

Ess	Essential:		Desirable:	
•	Master's degree in Economics, Marine Resource Management, or other similar field with strengths in statistical analysis	•	PhD in Economics, Marine Resource Management, or other similar field with strengths in statistical analysis	

### Knowledge/Experience

Essential:	Desirable:

•	At least 10 years of experience in a similar role at a senior level	Demonstrated experience with technical report writing and presenting key findings
•	Proven experience in marine resource economics and ex-ante and ex-post statistics	• Demonstrated understanding of emerging issues relating to the blue economy, marine
•	Understanding of national and regional issues related to the blue economy and marine	spatial planning, climate change, and marine resource management in the Pacific
	resource economics preferably in the Pacific region	Experience in providing technical advice to include economic considerations in policy
•	Proven experience in negotiating, building and	drafting
	maintaining professional, client-focused	Expertise in Ocean Accounting
	relationships and mutually beneficial partnerships	Experience in Nature-based Intangible Asset Valuation
•	Strong communication and interpersonal skills, creative thinker, and ability to work as part of a multi-cultural team	Analyses supporting climate finance resource mobilisation and adaptation viability analyses
		Experience in working with Pacific Islands country governments

### Key Skills / Attributes / Job Specific Competencies

The following levels would typically be expected for the 100% fully effective level:

Expert level	<ul> <li>Economic assessment</li> <li>Demonstrate high level of initiative and be innovative</li> <li>Report writing, planning and organising</li> <li>Research and analysis</li> </ul>
Advanced level	<ul> <li>Understand the purpose of the partnership, needs of partners and stakeholders</li> <li>Statistical analysis skills</li> <li>Interpersonal skills</li> <li>Attention to detail with high computer literacy</li> <li>Communication and responsiveness to stakeholder needs</li> </ul>
Working Knowledge	<ul> <li>Ability to coordinate efficiently with multi partners and staff, in a diverse and multi-cultural environment</li> <li>Using data and information management systems</li> </ul>
Awareness	Excellent oral and written communication skills

### **Key Behaviours**

All employees are measured against the following **Key Behaviours** as part of Performance Development:

- Change and Innovation
- Interpersonal Skills
- Teamwork
- Promotion of Equity and Equality
- Judgement
- Building Individual Capacity

# **Personal Attributes**

- Self-motivated
- Honest, reliable and dedicated
- Positive; sociable
- Well organised and able to manage deadlines
- Patient, amiable and good humoured.

### Change to Job Description:

From time to time it may be necessary to consider changes in the job description in response to the changing nature of our work environment – including technological requirements or statutory changes. Such change may be initiated as necessary by the Director Corporate Services. This Job Description may be reviewed as part of the preparation for performance planning for the annual performance cycle.



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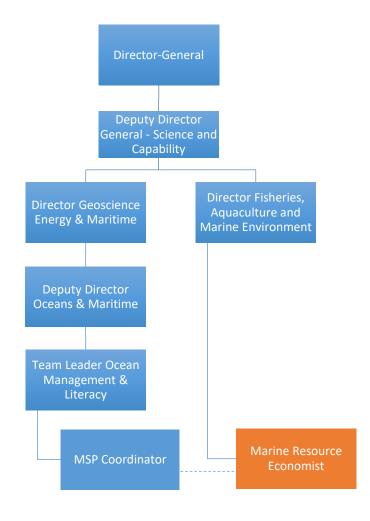
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	confidence in MSP process.		marine resource management policies is
•	Build impact evaluation tools that allow for a long term		evaluated and findings are adequately
	monitoring, reporting and verification (MRV) of MSP		shared with various stakeholders
	goals.	٠	Members seek advice from SPC on national
•	Collect and analyse economic and environmental data		fisheries management and investment
	related to the blue economy to build a baseline and		proposals, with focus on Marine Spatial
	track progress towards MSP implementation, potentially		Planning on a regular basis.
	including data on fish stocks, aquaculture production,	•	High quality analysis and advice is provided
	tourism and coastal development.		to SPC members and relevant stakeholders
•	Analyse data related to marine resource exploitation,		in a clear and easily understood manner.
	including the costs and benefits of different harvesting	•	Economic factors are taking into
	or extraction methods while considering long term		consideration by SPC members when
	trends and climate projections.		setting management policies and
•	Conduct research and analysis on the economic impact		considering development and investment
	of marine resource management policies, including		proposals.
	fishing regulations, aquaculture development,		
	conservation efforts and tourism.		
•	Conduct cost-benefit analysis of different marine		
-	resource management policies.		
•	Conduct economic analysis and provide advice on		
-	national fisheries management, development and		
	investment proposals.		
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	SPC members.		
	A 2: Policy and technical advisory services (40%)		
	Develop economic models and forecasts to inform policy	•	National level marine resource economics
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	decisions related to the blue economy and marine		
	resource management.	•	Policy and technical briefs, analyses and
•	Actively provide technical advice and assistance to PICTs		innovative regional program proposals and
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Key internal and/or external contacts	Nature of the contact most typical		
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<ul> <li>Internal</li> <li>FAME leadership</li> <li>GEM leadership</li> <li>Ocean scientists across all marine disciplines</li> <li>The PCCOS team</li> <li>SPC's Climate Finance Unit and Resource mobilization and Integration team</li> <li>Other SPC teams and staff</li> <li>Administrative and support personnel</li> <li>Technical leads within other SPC programmes, e.g. transport</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Integrated approach to implementation of cross cutting programmes</li> <li>Information sharing</li> <li>Joint planning, implementation and reporting</li> <li>Project formulation, implementation, reporting and monitoring</li> <li>Supporting marine resource economics reference material</li> </ul>		

The position holder has no delegated authorities as per SPC's Manuals of Delegation

# **Personal Specification:**

### Qualifications

Essential:		Desirable:	
•	Post-graduate degree in Economics, Marine Resource Management, or other similar field with strengths in statistical analysis	•	Master's degree in Economics, Marine Resource Management, or other similar field with strengths in statistical analysis

### Knowledge/Experience

Essential:		Desirable:	
•	At least 7 years experience in a similar role Proven experience in marine resource	•	Demonstrated experience with technical report writing and presenting key findings
•	economics and ex-ante and ex-post statistics Understanding of national and regional issues related to the blue economy and marine resource economics in the Pacific region	•	Demonstrated understanding of emerging issues relating to the blue economy, marine spatial planning, climate change and marine resource management in the Pacific
•	Proven experience in negotiating, building and maintaining professional, client-focused relationships and mutually beneficial	•	Experience in providing technical advice to include economic considerations in policy drafting
•	partnerships Strong communication and interpersonal skills, creative thinker, and ability to work as part of a multi-cultural team	•	Expertise in Ocean Accounting Experience in Nature-based Intangible Asset Valuation
		•	Analyses supporting climate finance resource mobilisation and adaptation viability analyses
		•	Experience in working with Pacific Islands country governments

### Key Skills / Attributes / Job Specific Competencies

The following levels would typically be expected for the 100% fully effective level:

Expert level	Economic assessment
	Demonstrate high level of initiative and be innovative
	Report writing, planning and organising
	Research and analysis
Advanced level	<ul> <li>Understand the purpose of the partnership, needs of partners and stakeholders</li> </ul>
	Statistical analysis skills
	Interpersonal skills
	Attention to detail with high computer literacy
	Communication and responsiveness to stakeholder needs
Working Knowledge	<ul> <li>Ability to coordinate efficiently with multi partners and staff, in a diverse and multi-cultural environment</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Using data and information management systems</li> </ul>
Awareness	Excellent oral and written communication skills

### **Key Behaviours**

All employees are measured against the following **Key Behaviours** as part of Performance Development:

- Change and Innovation
- Interpersonal Skills
- Teamwork
- Promotion of Equity and Equality
- Judgement
- Building Individual Capacity

# **Personal Attributes**

- Self-motivated
- Honest, reliable and dedicated
- Positive; sociable
- Well organised and able to manage deadlines
- Patient, amiable and good humoured.

# Change to Job Description:

From time to time it may be necessary to consider changes in the job description in response to the changing nature of our work environment – including technological requirements or statutory changes. Such change may be initiated as necessary by the Director Corporate Services. This Job Description may be reviewed as part of the preparation for performance planning for the annual performance cycle.