



## **Pacific Immigration Development Community**

2024 Regular Annual Meeting

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### **Agenda Item 16: FFA Vessel Surveillance and Monitoring System Site Visit at FFA Headquarters in Honiara**

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#### **Recommendations**

Members are invited to **note** and appreciate the important role FFA plays under our partnership agreement.

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**Facilitator:** FFA

#### **Objective of the Site Visit**

This organised site visit provides an opportunity for Members to:

- (a) obtain firsthand site observation access of the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) Vessel Surveillance and Monitoring System operational facility in Honiara;
- (b) better understand how the FFA surveillance facility operates; and
- (c) recognise the support national fisheries agencies can provide on any maritime domain law enforcement related issues.

#### **Overview**

FFA plays an important role in the Pacific region, contributing significantly to sustainable fisheries management and regional security. There are systems in place that allow FFA members to access real time information about fishing vessels. These systems also promote compliance with area closures or restrictions and provides valuable data. It enhances port state controls to prevent illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing.

Recently, PIDC along with PICP and OCO welcomed the Forum Fisheries Agency into the Declaration of Partnership on in law enforcement and border security. Combatting Transnational Organised Crime requires a collective approach and the inclusion of FFA in this partnership sends a clear and strong message of joint intent to strengthen law enforcement and protect the interests of the region. Pacific Leaders have committed to enhancing the existing regional security architecture, and this collaboration aligns with that commitment.