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Message from the Minister

Welcome all, to this the first issue of 'Mwin Oañan' for 2005.

I am pleased to see the commencement of major developmental programs this year. These programs are designed to ensure the up-dated maintenance and operations of Nauru's fisheries sector. One of the priorities of the Authority this fiscal year is human resources development. Already several in-country

training modules have been formulated with the kind assistance of overseas organizations and sponsors. The Authority will endeavour to highlight such developments some of which are included in this issue of Mwin Oañan.

Most importantly, the continued cooperation and participation of the general public in the developmental programs will work towards ensuring a sustainable fishery for Nauru's future generations also.

Hon. Godfrey Thoma, MP.
Minister for Justice
& Fisheries.



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Fishery Training Officer Arrives!

The arrival of Training Advisor, Mr. Michel Blanc, in January 2005, is the first of several anticipated visits of the Secretariat of the Pacific Community's (SPC) for consultancy and human resources development purposes.

The focus of Mr. Blanc's mission is to formulate a matrix for *Planning and Implementation on Human Resources & Development Strategic Plan for 2005 - 2010* which includes *Facilitating Fisheries Education and Training Programmes*.



Class of 05: Abi, Betty, Capt. Tabakatu, Murin, Ellington.

audience, resources required, strategy, cost and performance indicators. This module will be adopted as the guideline for the future implementation of human resource development programs. Mr Blanc further

The matrix process entailed identifying objectives/output, target

explained that this module not only assists in the identification of priority areas but also enhance sourcing funding and training facility donors. The workshop entailed discussion topics covering *Fishing skills, Seafood Quality & Processing, Engineering, Vessel Operation, Small Business/Enterprise Management, Sea Safety, Resources Management & Conservation* and last but not least *NFMRA*.

Throughout the workshop, participants addressed each item led by the SPC advisor especially during planning of the training requirements of the sections within the Authority, including its' commercial arm Nauru Fisheries Corporation (NFC).

Participants invited to the one day in-country workshop were Fisheries Management and Senior staff, departments involved in capacity building of the youths and general public as well as the interested private sector.

Michel last visited Nauru in 2001 when he conducted an in-country workshop on Fish Handling, Quality Assessment and Tuna Grading of Sashimi Tuna with NFC.

NFMRA RIPPLES

WOMEN in MARITIME ASSOCIATION

A Regional Meeting of Women In Maritime held in Suva Fiji from 21 to 24 February 2005 was attended by the Senior Public Relation and Media Officer—Lara Atto.

The meeting, co-organized by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO) brought together women from around the Pacific Region to adopt the Article of Association for Women In Maritime. This is a historical step for the women of the Pacific island countries and territories to establish a regional association. Pacific Women In Maritime

Association (PacWIMA), is a platform for women in administration or other in the maritime and fisheries areas. The scope of the association promotes the regional commitment to gender equality. According to SPC, this association will *“bring about concrete activities and initiatives to promote regional networking in general and creating or strengthening possible linkages with Maritime Authorities within individual Pacific Island countries etc.”*



Lara (left) is a committee member in the newly established Association.

FESAP COMMENCES its FOURTH MISSION



S In a 13-day study that commenced on February 8th, a two-man delegation team from the Japanese **OF**CF-Fisheries Extension Service Assistance Project (FESAP) met with

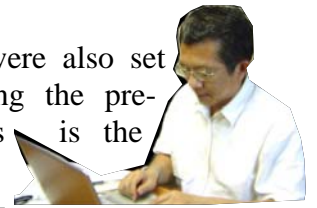
NFMRA (Nauru and Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority) and NFC (Nauru Fisheries Corporation) officials.

The specification of this visit, their 4th mission is on the assessment and monitoring of outcomes in respect to its on-going projects initiated last year. Such projects defined is the study into production and supply of fish stock in Nauru for the enhancement of fish market Management and Domestic

Sales.

Several target objectives were also set for NFC to achieve during the prescribed time-frame and this is the reason for this current visit.

The FESAP team was mindful of the economic difficulties currently experienced and was pleased with NFC's progress. They saw how this grim situation would act as a motivating factor for a state corporation such as NFC to contribute positively to Nauru's economy. Sato-san and Terau-san following a satisfactory visit left for Fiji on 21st February with the expectation of another visit in the near future to proceed with a follow-up of the assistant project.



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CF Arrive to Make-Over VEII

The much needed longline fishing vessel, the VEII has been dry-docked for sometime at the Anibare Community Boat Harbour due to mechanical set backs last year.

Japan's OFCF and NFMRA's major project for this financial year is the salvaging of the VEII. The team that is to repair and upgrade the fishing vessel have already completed an assessment and submitted their report on the scale of maintenance required to ensure the operational status of the vessel.

The arrival of Japan's team of engineers and mechanics led by Itto Kyuya in late February prompted the start of preparations for the immi-

nent overhaul. The amount of work that will be done on the vessel depends on the parts that made it onto the cargo ship which is drifting offshore awaiting the rough weather to subside before off-loading. The equipment and parts waiting to be discharged ashore are the generous donation of the Japanese OFCF corporate body.



Cargo Ship



Victor Eaeo II (right)

Strengthening Coastal Fisheries in the Micronesian Islands

Nauru, a Pacific Island State of Micronesia was visited by the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) Professor - **Martin Tsamenyi** - to design a legislation for its coastal area.

Prof. Tsamenyi's arrival in Nauru on 14th February 2005 prompted a one-day workshop titled Nauru National Workshop for Strengthening Coastal Fisheries Legislation in the Pacific Island States of Micronesia. The professor's role is to provide guidance in regard to seeking technical assistance from in and around the Region.

The workshop held on 15 February 2005 was officially opened by Fisheries Chairman the Honourable Marcus Stephen. The participation of relevant Government Departments, Instrumentalities and Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) were invited to attend along with Fisheries personnel. The main objective was to divide the participants into groups to discuss and propose solutions to the three questions posed, listed as follows:

1) Recommendations to improve coastal fishery management?

2) Identifying options in implementing community based coastal fisheries management in Nauru?

3) How to enforce community based management in Nauru?

The findings of each of the three groups were then discussed during the plenary before the recommendations were duly passed and adopted by the consensus of workshop participants.

- That the Participation of community stakeholders in the management and development of coastal marine resources and aquaculture in Nauru is of the utmost importance.
- The awareness programmes and public educational measures be implemented at the earliest opportunity.
- That legislations and regulations pertaining to coastal fisheries and marine resources management including aquaculture are enacted and implemented.
- The funding to implement a sustainable coastal fisheries and aquaculture management programme is sought from donor agencies and non-governmental organizations.

Community Service

Independence Fishing Competition

Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority in uniform with previous years once again sponsored a commemorative fishing competition on 29 January 2005 for Nauru's 37th Independence Day celebrations.



Again this competition was competitively organized by the Authority's Coastal Section personnel. Coastal staff were ably assisted by the relevant sections namely Technical Services to ensure the smooth operation of the competition day. This year's event registered a total of 14 boats.

In spite of the unruly weather and petrol limitations on the island, the competition was enjoyed by all, fishermen and onshore supporters. The 2005 Independence Day competition was dominated by Mr. Joel Joram, who reeled in two of the three competing categories - **Overall weight** and **Single heaviest**. Joel (pic above left) comes from a family notable for their fishing skills and enduring participation in all local fishing competitions. Congratulations to Joel and company and to all competitors for a commendable effort. (Results—tabled above)

Time of Landing	Skipper & Co	Most Variety	Single Weight	Overall Weight
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0853	Doneke.A /Co	-	-	-
0900	Oswin A /Co	4	7	19
0913	Aped /Co	1	8	8
0915	Lar. B /Co	2	6	17
0925	TiTi. P /Co	3	6	26
0929	Abana J /Co	4	6.5	39
0931	Quillan D /Co	4	5.5	-
0940	Joel. J /Co	3	10	44
0950	Gary /Co	2	6.5	25
0951	Jerom. /Co	3	6	-
0954	Brein Tsiode /Co	3	6.5	18
0959	Fanga. M /Co	2	8	29

□ First
 □ Second
 □ Third

TIDE PREDICTIONS FOR NAURU

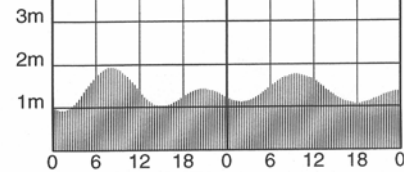
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LOCAL STANDARD TIME

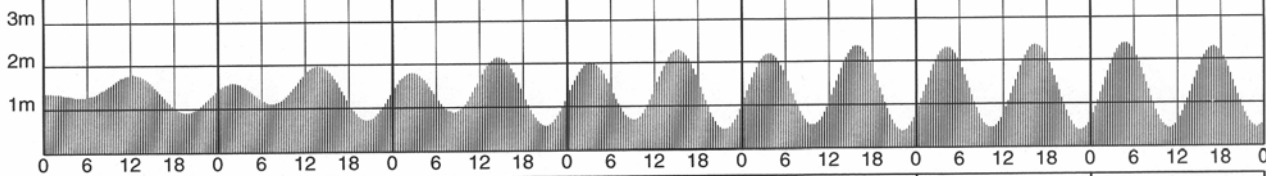
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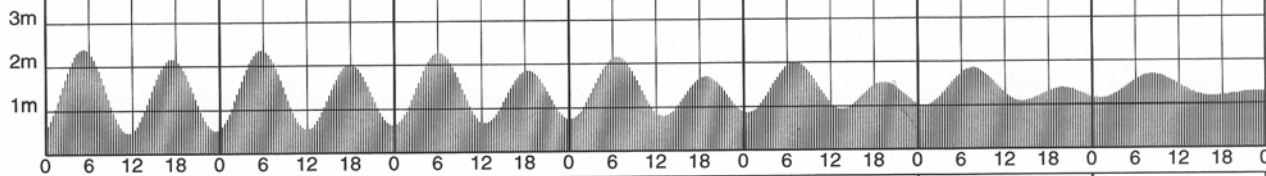
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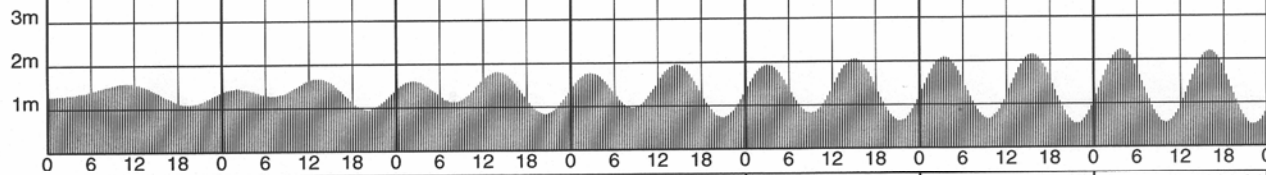
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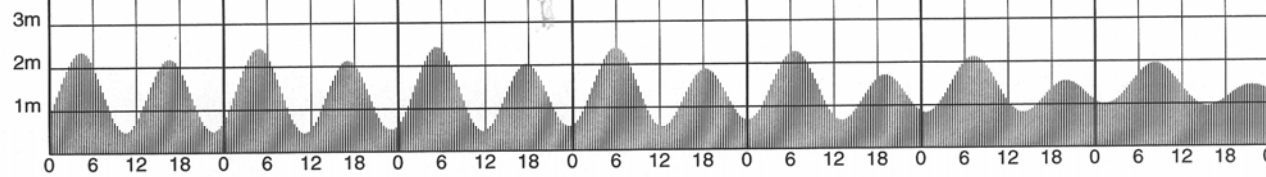
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