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## NEWSLETTER

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### Message from the Minister

This issue highlights several goodwill visits and aids of foreign countries and agencies such as Korea, Japan and the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).

I am glad to note the Authority endeavours to fully utilise the full advantages of assistance opportunities offered by donor countries and agencies to ensure the continued development of Nauru's

fishery resources. The significance of ensuring a sustainable fishery is evident in the management and maintenance strategies being implemented through on-the-job training programs and awareness exercises at the local Primary and Secondary schools.

It is pleasing to note also that one long line fishing vessel is now operational and supplying fish for the Fish Market.

Welcome to Mwin Oañan.

Hon. Godfrey Thoma  
Minister for Justice  
& Fisheries.



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## Korea Delivers Donations

Earlier this year, a four-man delegation team from Korea arrived to officially hand over their country's donations. Heading the delegation of first time visitors to Nauru is Mr. In-Kuen Park of the Korea Deep Sea Fisheries Association, a representative from the Ministry of Fisheries & Maritime Affairs and engineers from the Daewoo and Dongwon companies.

The generous donation package consisted of one 45-seater bus, numerous school stationary items and sporting accessories.

This donation is part of the Bi-Lateral Fishing Agreement between the Fisheries Authority of Nauru and Korea as stated in the MOU (Memorandum Of Understanding signed on 24 February 2005 by the two parties.

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Authority (NFMRA) was first offered several fishing vessels under the fishing agreement but due to the deteriorated condition of the said vessels this offer was not accepted. This decision was based on the scope of reconditioning and maintenance work required on the proffered vessels with a probable cost estimated in the hundreds of thousands to a million dollars.

The bus was officially handed over to the Education Department by NFMRA's A/Chairman Hon. Cyril Buramen MP in the presence of H.E. President Ludwig Scotty, MP and Hon. Godfrey Thoma, Minister for Justice and Marine Resources.

*Top Photo:* Korean Delegation meets with NFMRA team led by Chairman Hon. Marcus Stephen MP.

*Centre:* 45 seater Daewoo bus donated by Korea

*Bottom:* Hon. G. Thoma MP (Minister) P. Jacob (A/CEO), Mr. J. Kephias (Education), H.E. President L. Scotty, MP, Hon. C Buramen MP. (A/Chairman)

# NFMRA RIPPLES

## VE II Undergoes Major Repairs

The Overseas Fisheries Cooperative Foundation (OFCF) experts team from Japan arrived in late February to commence the first part of the engineering assistance program. With Nauru's spell of bad weather subsided, the anticipated supplies were discharged from the cargo ship and immediate work on the VEII went ahead. Brand new electronic gadgets such as HF/VHF radio and radar were installed. The diesel engine was stripped and cleaned and new parts inserted. The specialist team departed on 10 March 2005 but will be due back in May to attend to the overhaul phase of the vessel. A special farewell was bid to Mr Kyuya the Japan appointed coordinator of current and previous visits of OFCF's technical assistance team since this is his final visit. *Mwinoañan extends to Itto, the good will wishes of friends and work colleagues on Nauru.*



Shiomi & Oswin checking new HF/VHF



Team putting back NF5 engine



Itto and Camalus

## Gadachaoux's Mission.

Secretariat of the Pacific Community's (SPC) Information Expert, Mr. Jean-Paul Gadachaoux arrived 28 February to compile details of the last of a series of Iūn Naeōro posters.



Photos from Left: Mrs. A Dubuae, Mrs. J Itsimaera, Erana, Mr. J Scotty, Mr. D Dabwido, Mr. J Jeremiah, Mr. T Dongobir, Mr. R Itsimaera, Mr. C Ephraim (obs), Mr. A Temaki, Margo, Jean-Paul and Ebelina.

Mr Gadachaoux in coordination with the Coastal section discussed the final layout of the fish pictures with several members of the local community during the first week of March.

The task at hand for those involved was the identification of traditional names of common reef fishes found on the reef flats, excluding invertebrates.

The consensus of this consultation will then be depicted in the 'Iūn Naeōro - Anor' poster for publication by sponsor, SPC.

## SPC Assists Coastal

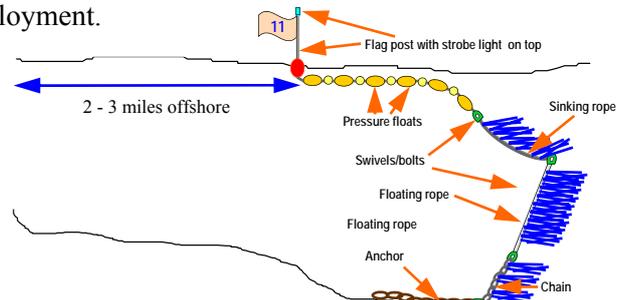
Master Fisherman, Mr. William Sokimi arrived in Nauru on 4th March to assist in the assembling and deployment of 2 of the Authority's 6 Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) generously donated by the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).



The FAD type shown below, the **Indian Ocean** is a fairly simple model, inexpensive and easy to setup.

This device consists mainly of steel chains, floating and sinking ropes and floaters. Due to unavailability of Nauru Phosphate Corporation's (NPC) barge and sampan at the time, deployment of the two FADs to be coordinated by William and Coastal staff was delayed.

The FADs were to be deployed 3 miles off the coast of selected sites, Anabar and Yaren. The first FAD monitoring measure will be conducted immediately after the deployment.



## Coastal Awareness Programme

The Authority was approached by the Heads of 2 of the local schools for the purpose of raising awareness of students. The requests



according to both Kayser College and Nauru College, is integrated in this years' curriculum program titled 'Nauru New Basics'. NFMRA visited the schools prepared with power point presentations, awareness posters, pamphlets and booklets. Research & Development (Ag.) Manager,

Margo Deiye coordinated these visits using Human Resources Development (Abi Caleb, Erana Aliklik) and Coastal (Ebelina Tsiode, Bianca Bernicke) staff.

Top photo : Ms. Margo Deiye at Kayser College  
 Top bottom : Ebelina and Bianca at Nauru College  
 Right : One of drawings from students of Kayser College



## US Treaty

During the early months of this year, the Acting Chief Executive Officer, Mr. Peter Jacob, attended a Multilateral Fisheries Treaty of *America Annual Consultation between certain Pacific States and the United States of America* held in the Kingdom of Tonga. Even though there



were other important issues discussed the principal concern of both the US and Pacific Island countries is the decline of the US fleet -

55 vessels 10 yrs ago to current 16 vessels - operating within the Western Central Pacific Ocean. Both parties were very concerned that if the fleet further declines, it will place the Treaty in jeopardy.

Another issue discussed and resolved at the Tonga meeting is the *Niue Proposal* to increase the **Project Development Fund** for each member Island country. Next meeting will be hosted by the US in Honolulu, 2006.

# FISHING VESSEL NEWS

Nauru Fisheries and Marine Resources Authority's commercial arm, the Nauru Fishing Corporation, (NFC) launched one of the Authority's long liner **FV Austin Bernicke II (NF6)** on five scheduled consecutive fishing trips.



ABII (NF6) supplied for trip 5

During the fourth and fifth trips a most notable overall catch consisting of Big Eye and Yellow Fin tuna and weighing over 300 kilograms became one of the highlights of the fishing expedition, also reported



Richard Rima

was the hauling of a Broad Bill fish weighing at 130 kilograms. All landed catches were transported to the Nauru Fish



Reagan & Daghson

Market for processing and storage, ready for sale to the local market. Numerous customers and hours later the day resulted in the selling of all products at the fish market. The long line fishing vessel the *Austin Bernicke II* is scheduled for another fishing expedition.

Early in March, Nauru received two emergency port calls from two foreign fishing vessels 'FV Proud Heritage' and 'FV Tradition' both licensed under the US multilateral agreement.

*FV Proud Heritage* requested the emergency port call to off load one of its crewmember who had tragically died in an accident while at sea. The body was transported to the local hospital where post mortem procedures were undertaken before quarantine measures and approval was given for the release and subsequent flight out of the island.



The *FV Tradition* entered Nauru to relieve a sick crewmember. Eric Mendez (*left*) was taken to the local hospital and was immediately operated on after diagnosis of an acute appendicitis attack.

Mr. Mendez recuperated days later and was transported back onboard *Tradition*. Although these vessels entered Nauru port on an emergency nature, their licenses, catch data reports, logs and other official documents still had to be checked and processed by Fishery Oceanic Officers, led by Terry Amram and Immigration & Custom Officers as part of the national security.



Samuel & Terry

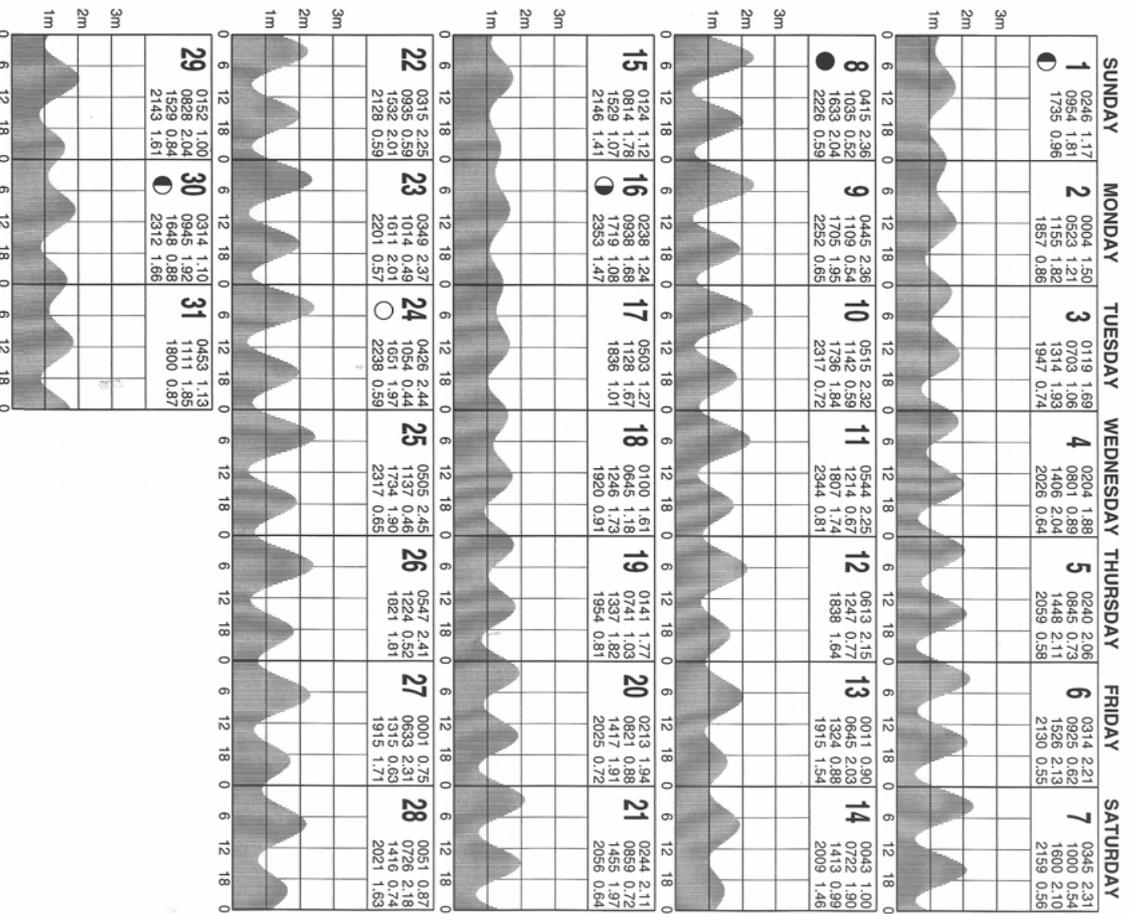
An incident irritated Master Julio Guidi during the boarding of the *Tradition* which impelled the Licensing Officer, Samuel Teabuge, to recommend future boarding parties be aware of safety measures.

TIDE PREDICTIONS FOR NAURU

LOCAL STANDARD TIME

MAY - 2005

Tide gauge zero is 7.2929 metres below NAU1



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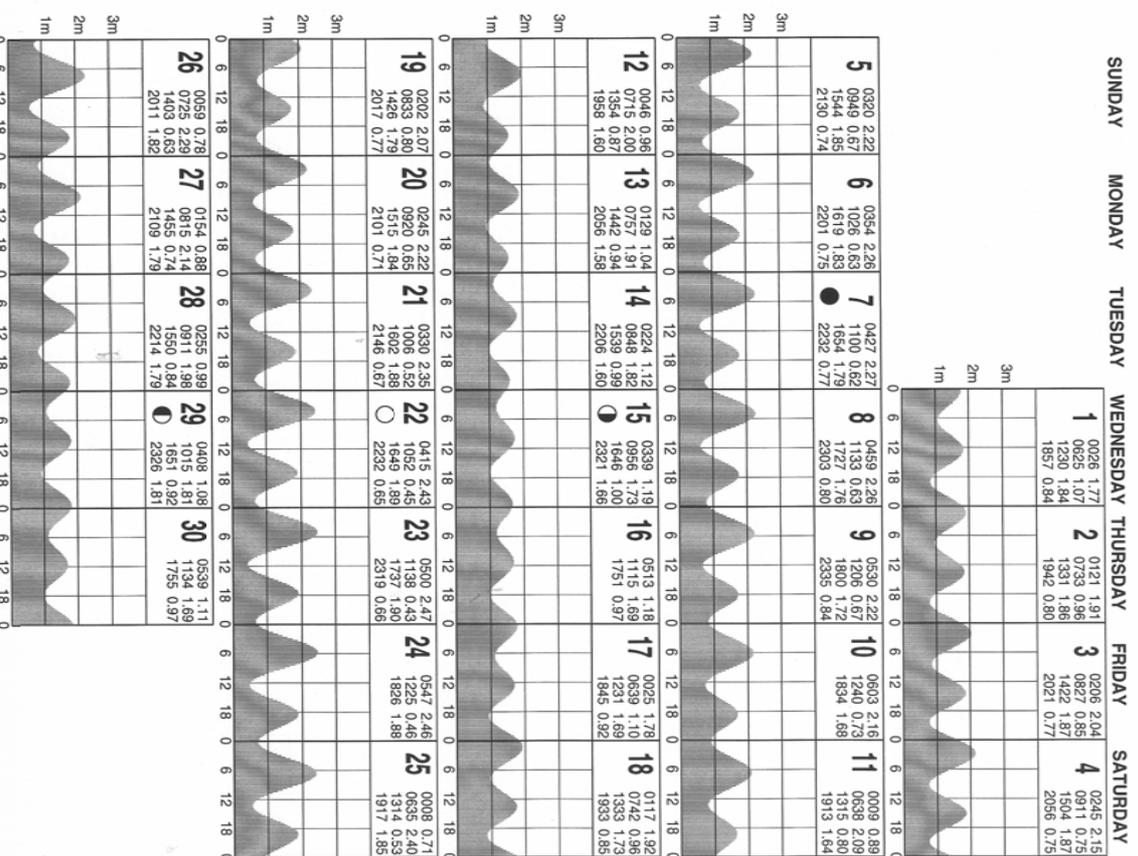


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