

## Tuvalu Fisheries Authority – Job Description



<b>Position Title:</b>	Fisheries Economist	
<b>Level and Salary:</b>	L 3	\$25,038 to \$37,232
<b>Employer and Section:</b>	Tuvalu Fisheries Authority	Executive
<b>Location:</b>	Funafuti	
<b>Reports to:</b>	Deputy Director of Fisheries (Technical)	

### Position summary:

The Fisheries Economist is responsible for providing advice to the Fisheries Authority in the formulation of policy on the allocation and conditions of fishing access. Duties include investigating and analysing trends and developing strategies that maximise current and future benefits to Tuvalu through effective implementation of mechanisms such as the vessel day scheme, re-flagging and other licensing arrangements. The Fisheries Economist will also advise on economic aspects of fisheries development in Tuvalu, particularly donor funded projects.

### Main responsibilities:

- Assist the Director of Fisheries to prepare and update annually the licensing policies that govern the allocation and conditions of purse seine and longline licenses issued by the Government of Tuvalu
- Provide advice on licence and Vessel Day strategies and policies that will maximise current and future benefits to Tuvalu, including advice on target licence numbers, licence allocation, licence prices and Vessel Day prices
- Investigate and analyse the purse seine and longline vessel licence conditions and Vessel Day markets in which Tuvalu participates and competes and report findings on trends in supply, demand, prices and participation in these markets that are relevant to the formulation of licensing strategies
- Analyse the economic implications for Tuvalu of management measures proposed either within Tuvalu itself or by PNA, the WCPFC or any other Regional Organisation
- Participate in Fisheries Access Negotiations with distant water fishing nations and domestic companies and provide the economic rationale for the positions taken by Tuvalu
- Prepare annual financial estimates of Fisheries Authority access fee revenue for inclusion in Government budgets and prepare quarterly reports of actual revenue received against this estimate and explanations for any significant actual or likely variances in timing or quantity of revenue
- Provide analysis and advice to support the imposition of appropriate fines for non-compliance of licence holders in the event of fisheries prosecutions, including the impact of the estimated economic harm to Tuvalu of such non-compliance
- Advise on the costs, benefits and economic feasibility of fisheries development projects in Tuvalu, particularly donor funded projects
- Advise on other economic opportunities and cost recovery activities of the Department, for example setting observer levies and charter fees for Authority vessels
- Assist in the effective implementation of the Corporate Plan and deliver accurate and timely reporting against the Corporate Plan to the Deputy Director – Technical

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## Special conditions:

- Undertake any professional development required to ensure currency on all matters relating to the structure, operation and performance of fisheries access markets

## Person Specifications:

*Essential minimum requirements:*

### Qualifications/experience

- A degree in a Commerce, Finance or Economics related discipline
- Commerce, Finance or Economics background or experience

### Skills and Abilities

- Excellent financial analytical skills
- Excellent computer skills and able to use contemporary financial software packages
- Excellent written and oral communication skills with the ability to communicate technical findings to a lay audience
- Very good investigative skills and ability to identify commercial opportunities
- Very good organisational and time management skills with the ability to independently prioritise investigative and analytical tasks
- Very good command of written and spoken English
- Able to adapt to changing requirements and situations

*Desirable experience/qualifications/characteristics*

- Understanding and/or experience of the dynamics of Vessel Day markets
- Experience in analysing capital markets

*It is expected that officers recognise the cross-cutting nature of gender issues; the roles and responsibilities in this job description should be performed by taking into account a sector integration of gender perspectives.*