TENTH SPC HEADS OF FISHERIES MEETING

PARTICIPANT FEEDBACK SURVEY RESULTS

Meeting organisation, structure and content was rated highly by HoF10 delegates
Meeting organisation received the highest average rating of 4.34 out of 5

The inclusion of group work was received positively, however, participants would have liked the opportunity to hear feedback from other groups and outcomes

Interestingly, comments by FAME staff on aspects of HoF10 were more negative than those made by participants, observers and other SPC attendees

Suggestions for improvements included feedback sessions after group work, hearing more from some countries, extending HoF by 1-2 days and improved Wi-Fi and projector

Meeting organisation

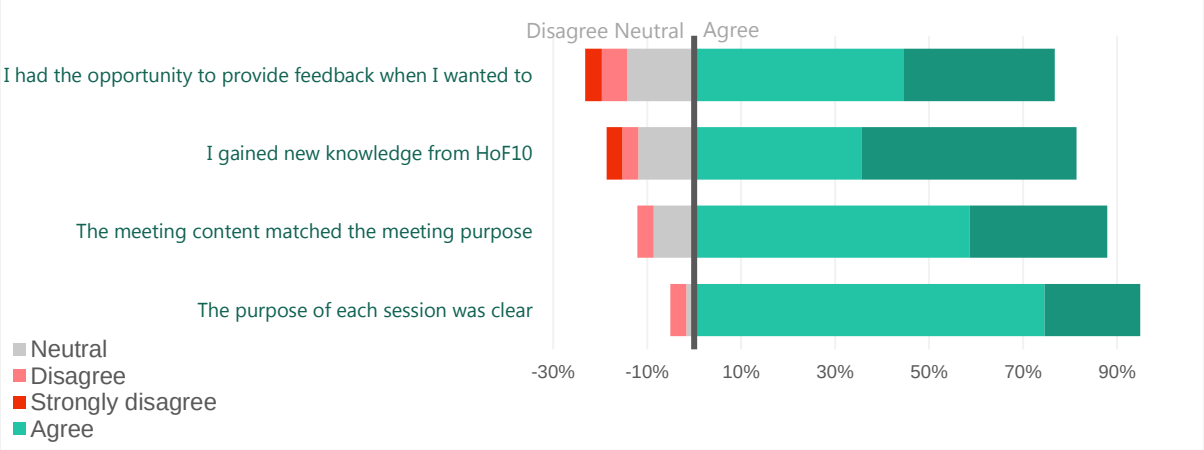
The Tenth SPC Heads of Fisheries (HoF10) was held 14-17 March 2017. 88 participants and observers attended, not including SPC staff, with 59 completing a feedback survey. Delegates rated meeting organisation, content, opportunity for feedback, engagement, group work and time allocation. All aspects received positive scores, scoring 3.5 out of 5 or greater. Meeting organisation received the highest rating (average score 4.34) and group work received the lowest (3.87), although still relatively high.

"Really good organisation. Plenty of time for feedback from participants was built into an informative agenda."

Meeting structure

In relation to how well the meeting ran, most participants either agreed or strongly agreed that: the purpose of each session was clear (95% agreed), the meeting content matched the meeting purpose (88%), they gained new knowledge (81%), and they had the opportunity to provide feedback when they wanted to (77%), with the latter receiving the lowest average rating. Gaining new knowledge had highest number who "strongly agreed" (27 respondents, 46%).

Figure 1: HoF10 delegate feedback on meeting structure and outcomes



Meeting content

Sessions: Participants were asked to rate the individual sessions at HoF10. The sessions that received the highest average ratings were sea cucumber fisheries on day 3 (4.31 out of 5), fisheries economics coastal & oceanic on day 3 (4.14) and the introduction of new projects on day 4 (4.14).

"The presentations were really clear and helpful and the opportunity for further discussion in the groups was useful. The access to experts is fantastic!!"

Among HoF10 participants and observers, comments on what was most useful included updates on SPC programs and projects (9 comments), discussion groups / group work (8 comments) and the focus placed on coastal fisheries (4 comments). SPC staff commented that the opportunity to meet with country and partner delegates in the margins was the most useful element (7 staff).

"Updates from SPC staff / teams were very useful and informative"

"This was my first HoF meeting and I am positively surprised for the quality of presentations and debates."

Group work: Comments indicate that the inclusion of group work was felt to be a positive initiative, however, participants would have liked the opportunity to hear the feedback from other groups and outcomes from the group work sessions. A couple of participants from the donor/regional partner groups also suggested mixing the groups so they could hear country feedback.

"Good to see the inclusion of group work in several sessions."

Comments by FAME staff on aspects of HoF were more negative than participants/observers, mostly due to a few FAME staff feeling the meeting was not well planned. Sixteen comments were received for what delegates found the least useful, however these were varied with no clear themes emerging.

"Not sure how much influence results of group work have, where did it come out?"

Suggestions for improvement

HoF10 delegates suggested the following improvements, it is recommended these be considered for future HoF meetings:

- Opportunity for feedback sessions after group work (6 comments)
- Time for countries to present / hearing from more countries / discussing cross-country issues (5)
- Extending HoF by 1-2 days to allow for greater feedback after sessions and a less squeezed agenda (3)
- Improved internet connection as meeting content could not always be accessed (2) and use of a better projector (2)
- Make meeting papers made available online earlier (2)
- More time to review / clear draft outcomes (2)
- More time to consider / discuss new proposal from Vanuatu before being asked to comment (3)
- Improved process for prioritising country requests and meeting outcomes (2)
- Greater variety for lunch (3)
- Other suggestions included: Convene HoF annually, attach agenda to meeting announcement, arrange rapporteur/s ahead of time, have a floating microphone for observers during discussions, identify which countries are eligible during new project discussions, and open up the library (1 comment each).

Annex: Result tables

Question 1: Please rate the following aspects of HoF10

	Very poor	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Meeting content	3	1	5	33	16	0	58	**4.00**
Opportunity for feedback	2	4	5	25	22	0	58	**4.05**
Participant engagement	1	2	9	30	16	0	58	**4.00**
Time allocated for sessions	1	1	5	38	14	0	59	**4.07**
Meeting organisation	2	0	4	22	30	0	58	**4.34**
Group work	0	2	14	27	11	2	56	**3.87**

Question 2. To what extent do you agree with the following statements

	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
The purpose of each session was clear	0	2	1	44	12	0	59	**4.12**
The meeting content matched the meeting purpose	0	2	5	34	17	0	58	**4.14**
I gained new knowledge from HoF10	2	2	7	21	27	0	59	**4.17**
I had the opportunity to provide feedback when I wanted to	2	3	8	25	18	1	57	**3.96**

Question 3. Please rate the following sessions at HoF10

	Very poor	Poor	Average	Good	Excellent	N/A	Total	Weighted Average
Day 1 - Opening address & progress on HoF9	2	2	3	32	13	4	56	**4.00**
Day 1 - Programme reports from CFP, OFP and Director's Office	1	2	5	32	16	2	58	**4.07**
Day 1 - FAME Business Plan	1	1	6	32	13	1	54	**4.04**
Day 2 - Regional strategies & New Song indicators	1	1	5	34	12	3	56	**4.04**
Day 2 - Vanuatu proposal for coastal fisheries	2	8	16	21	7	3	57	**3.43**
Day 2 - Pacific Strategic Plan for Agriculture & Fisheries Statistics	0	1	12	29	9	3	54	**3.90**
Day 2 - Harmonised collection of small-scale domestic fisheries data	0	3	5	33	11	4	56	**4.00**
Day 2 - Data holdings & repository	3	1	4	29	17	3	57	**4.04**
Day 2 - Marine Specimen Bank	1	2	6	26	16	5	56	**4.06**
Day 3 - Fisheries economics: Coastal & Oceanic	2	1	7	24	23	0	57	**4.14**
Day 3 - Sea cucumber fisheries	0	1	7	19	25	4	56	**4.31**
Day 3 - Presentations from other organisations	0	2	10	29	11	4	56	**3.94**
Day 3 - Discussion & clearance of outcomes	1	1	6	28	13	4	53	**4.04**
Day 4 - Introduction of new projects	0	3	2	30	15	6	56	**4.14**

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