



## Roles and Responsibilities

The statutory roles & functions of the Ministry of Fisheries and Forests are clearly articulated in the following;

### Fisheries

Fisheries Act Cap 158

Marine Spaces Act Cap 158A

Fisheries Regulation

Marine Spaces Regulation

### Forestry

Forest Decree 1998

Fiji Sawmills Regulations 1968

Treatment Plant Regulations 1990

Forest Guard Regulation 1975

Forest Fire Prevention Regulation

Fiji Forest Harvesting Code of Practice 1990(2010)

With this, the Department of Fisheries & Forests is responsible for the formulation and implementation of policies to ensure a prosperous and enhanced Fisheries and Forestry sector. The Department drives this through coordination, collaboration with government agencies, Non Governmental Organizations, Regional and International Agencies.

In doing so, the Department will ensure that the environment is conducive to private sector [INVESTMENT](#) & to increase Fisheries and Forest Sectors contribution to the National GDP.

The Department, mindful of emerging issues such as carbon trading, forest and tuna certification and the potential market structure is appropriate and there is ongoing capacity building to accommodate the changes and efficiently support the sector.

### Major Functions:

Formulation of Fisheries and Forest policies and strategies;

1. Coordinate and facilitate the implementation of Fisheries and Forest strategies and policies (including private entities and the industry);
2. Provide and administer the regulatory function under the respective Department's legislation (Forest Decree of the Marine Act);
3. Monitor and evaluate the current strategies, policies and deliverables – information, analysis and reporting;
4. Develop and promote effective training, communication and awareness and extension services in the Fisheries and Forest sectors;
5. Develop and maintain institutional community and industry development support networks and infrastructure;
6. Undertake applied and scientific research for sustainable forest and fisheries management including practical and market access; and
7. Provide overall leadership and management of the Departments including Human resource management.

## Head Office



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