

CKI Fisheries Program 2024/25

Milestone 5 Report- June 2024- prepared by Sea Country Solutions

Following a successful pilot year of the new community-based fisheries management program on Cocos (Keeling) Islands in 2023, the initial service agreement was extended for a further 12 months. This milestone report is for the first quarter of year two.

Milestone	Report	Date
a. Administration		
i.) Fisheries Ranger contract extended, and Ranger suitably equipped.	The contract for the existing fisheries ranger, Shakirin Keegan, was renewed on 1 st May 2024. The Ranger vehicle was ordered on 15 th April and due to arrive on CKI in July.	May 2024
ii.) Technical partner and expert contractors engaged and working with Service Provider towards provision of services.	Collaboration agreement executed between SOCKI, SCS & CMC on 30 th April 2024	April 2024
iii.) Provision of information as requested by the Australian Maritime Safety Authority in relation to the vessels of the proposed exempt seven (individuals exempt from provisions in applied law prohibiting the sale of recreationally caught fish).	CMC have informed the proposed exempt seven of the AMSA requirements. They are still working through the pathways to meet the AMSA requirements and at this stage no community fishers have been provided with an exemption.	Ongoing
b. Education and outreach		
i.) (At least) 1 community information session advertised and held to provide update on fisheries management arrangements.	A community meeting was advertised via social media and held at Home Island Cyclone Shelter on 6 th June 2024. Due to poor attendance, only 3 community members in addition to CMC members, a newsletter containing all the updates will be distributed to each house by 30 th June 2024.	June 2024

c. Finance			
i.)	Provision of a financial report certified by the SOCKI Chief Executive Officer outlining how funds under this contract for the initial 12 months were expended.	Audit Report provided to DITRDCA on 4 th April 2024.	April 2024
d. Science and monitoring			
i.)	Complete Final <i>T.maxima</i> (clam) survey report and provide to Commonwealth.	Final report provided by SCS to DITRDCA on 18 th June 2024.	June 2024