



## General Background information

- Increase no. of ships & fishing vessels in Funafuti lagoon last two to three years
- Increase income economy but also have negative impacts
- 2017 – listed the most frequent incidents of discharge of oil and/or related dangerous substances into Funafuti lagoon (minor spills)
- Most affected: coastal community
- Most incidents could not be traced the source due to lack of human capacity & financial and lack of coordination between relevant departments. EPA, MPA, MRA
- Opportunity: Task force was established, coordination plan developed, review the MPA
- Last incident – fishing vessel – prosecution underway

## National Plan

a)

- Biggest challenge in establishing NATPLAN is BUDGET
- Commitment of stakeholders to the agenda of NATPLAN
- Lack of alignment on legislation – issue of duplication or overlap in work of these stakeholders. E.g Fisheries & Marine Department

## National Legislation

b)

- By far we have amended the Marine Pollution Act, the Marine Resources Act and the Merchant Shipping Act

c)

- Marine Pollution Act, Marine Resources Act, Environment Protection Act

d)

- Coordination plan was developed – SOPs for the use of the oil spill response team (draft)

## Domestic Pollution Response Arrangements

- Responsible Authority – Marine Department
- Overall management NATPLAN – Marine Pollution Advisory Committee – Chair Director Marine Department
- **Members: Fisheries, Environment, AG, Kaupule, Waste Management Dept, Commissioner Police, Industry representative such as manager of the ports, ports users, fuel suppliers, shipping industry**
- Department of Environment – focal point SPREP –
- Police Department – Assistance from the Australian Maritime Surveillance Unit
- Tuvalu has not yet undertake any internal exercises – to respond oil spill

## International Conventions

As of: May 2018	INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION 15 INTERIM 2004 Protocol 71	CC Convention 19	DD Protocol 76	DD Protocol 81	FUND Protocol 74	FUND Protocol 82	FUND Protocol 80B	LMSC Convention 74	LMSC Protocol 96	OPRC Convention 15	Ships Convention 1991	IMO Convention 15	INC/PCO 2010	OPRC/IMO 2002	ROMEO CONVENTION 03	London MAR 2007 Pollution Protocol	
Australia	x	x	d	x	x	x	x	d	x	x	x				x	x	
Kiribati				x		x		x								x	
Neauru																	x
Papua New Guinea	x		d	x		x											x
Solomon Islands				x													x
Tuvalu			d	x	x	x		x	x								x
Vanuatu	x	x	d	x	x	x		x		x	x						x



## Funding pollution response

- Marine Pollution Amendment Act 2017 – capture the establishment of the National Marine Pollution Fund (POLFUND)
- POLFUND finance implementation of the NATPLAN
- impose of marine pollution levies and other sources of revenue for the POLFUND, and any returns to be filed by persons liable to pay such levies or other charges



## Oil and Shipping Industry Participation

- Industry representatives such as manager of the ports, ports users, fuel suppliers and shipping industry are all part of the **Oil Spill Response Committee** and **National Pollution Advisory Committee**



## PACPLAN issues for [TUVALU]

- Yet to be developed however it needs to be established as soon as possible
- Activated oil spill response committee and Marine Pollution Advisory Committee