

Ocean Country Partnership Programme (OCPP) in numbers

Solomon Islands

September 2026

The OCPP programme provided tailored support in the Solomon Islands to help manage the marine environment more sustainably. This included strengthening marine science expertise, developing science-based policy and management tools, and creating educational resources for coastal communities.

The OCPP identified the following areas in which the programme could deliver change in the way these issues are addressed in the Solomon Islands through the generation and use of scientific knowledge to better inform policymaking and action:

- **Marine knowledge and capacity:** providing expertise towards sustainable marine ecosystem science and better marine environment monitoring.
- **Education and awareness:** piloting models and approaches towards community engagement and raising awareness on marine-related topics.
- **Networks and partnerships:** supporting cross-learning and innovation through networks and partnerships.

OCPP in the Solomon Islands demonstrated consideration of **Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI)** in delivery of their work in the following areas:

- Sustainable seafood – value chain mapping analysis
- Marine pollution emergency response



Man selling fish at Honaria's central market, Solomon Islands.

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More information on OCPP can be found at:

[DevTracker Programme GB-GOV-7-BPFOCPP Documents](#)

The data shown covers OCPP activities between 2023–2026 only.

Key achievements in delivery

Outcomes

There is evidence of increased preparedness to respond to marine pollution events in the Solomon Islands. Following the Pacific Symposium on Marine Pollution Emergency Response in 2025, the country signed up to several conventions and the country's lead organisation for marine pollution, the Solomon Islands Maritime Authority (SIMA), carried out independent training including workshops with six high-risk communities.

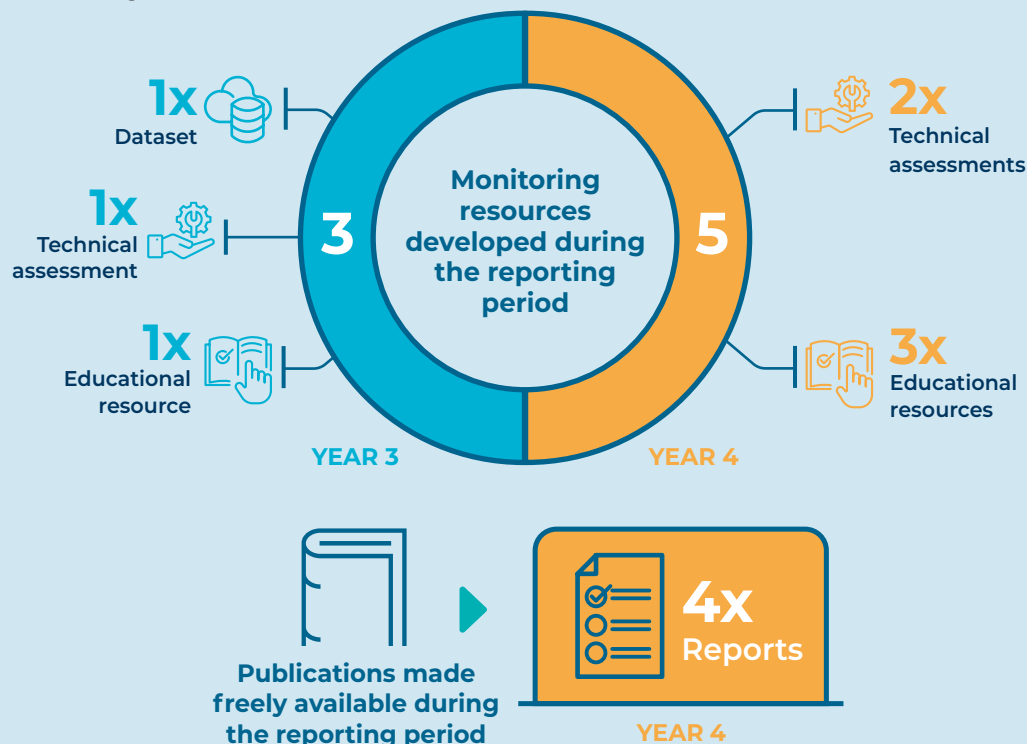
Marine knowledge and capacity

The programme worked to strengthen the capacity and capability of Solomon Island stakeholders in marine science, management and governance. Of those surveyed, 100% of participants reported increased knowledge and capacity.



Education and awareness

The OCPP supported with enhancing education, awareness and the exchange of scientific, technical knowledge and data in the Solomon Islands on a variety of topics concerning the marine environment.

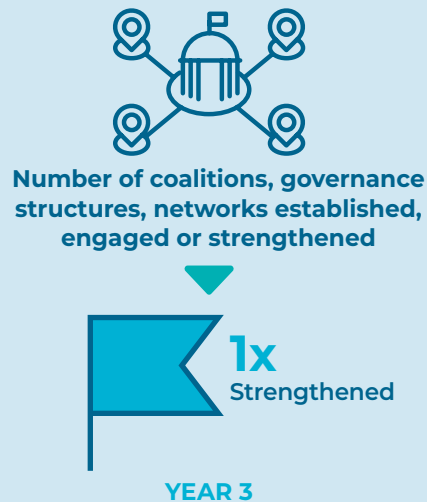


CASE STUDY

The OCPP developed education packs for primary and secondary school children. The packs included a number of lessons and activities for children to work through that provide lessons around marine pollution.

Networks and partnerships

The OCPP worked with the Government of the Solomon Islands to develop and support active ocean-science related knowledge networks and partnerships – either as UK-partner country or in-country coalitions.



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The OCPP supported the strengthening of the Solomon Islands Emergency Response Network. In October 2024, a four-day workshop was held aimed at assessing and fortifying the Pacific region's preparedness and resilience against marine pollution incidents. The workshop brought together key stakeholders from across the region to book collaboration, communication, and response capabilities in the face of marine environmental emergencies.

