



SPC-EU Deep Sea Minerals Project

*Pacific ACP States Regional Workshop on Deep Sea Minerals
Law and Contract Negotiations – Session 3*

The Pacific Regional Legislative and Regulatory Framework for Deep Sea Minerals Exploration and Exploitation **(the 'RLRF')**

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The 'RLRF'

June 2011	Inaugural workshop
August 2011	Terms of Reference
November 2011	ISA Workshop and Legal Working Group
January - June 2012	Consultation
August 2012	Launch

- Circulated to 300+ stakeholders
Pacific-ACP States, civil society, industry, academia, and other national, regional and international agencies
- Contribution from all 15 Countries
- Responses from 40+ others



The 'RLRF'

•Positive Feedback From Experts:

"A really amazing job: an extremely well thought-out and balanced document."

"This forms extremely good and strong guidance for the region's states. A wonderful and inspirational document."

"Comprehensive and user friendly - first of its kind in international/ regional legislative history! Thank you and congrats... tremendous work."

43rd Pacific Islands Forum Communiqué:

"Leaders welcomed the RLRF, identified as a Pacific Plan priority action in 2009 and thanked the SPC and the EU for the assistance towards the Framework."

"Leaders recommended that Forum Island Countries consider using the RLRF in formulating relevant national policy noting it highlights the need for a precautionary approach and addresses economic, social and environmental aspects to ensure sustainable resource use prevails."

The 'RLRF'



- The RLRF is the first document of its kind, setting clear and comprehensive guidance for States in their decision-making about DSM activities, and in developing a robust regulatory regime where DSM activities are to proceed, that is consistent with international obligations, rules and standards.

- Provides a road-map to policy and law issues, for States considering engagement with DSM

- Aims to:

- facilitate national policy discussions

- guide national laws to meet international standards (including the protection of the marine environment),

- protect the State's best interests, and

- provide a DSM company's perspective as to what makes an attractive jurisdiction

The 'RLRF'

- What does it say? **OVER TO YOU!!**
 - Working group 1: Chapters 4, 12, 15, 16, 17, 19, 23
 - Working group 2: Chapters 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 13, 21
 - Working group 3: Chapter 14
 - Working group 4: Chapters 18, 20, 22
- Please re-convene in plenary at 3.30pm
- Prepared to deliver a 15 minute presentation to:
 - Summarise the content of your chapters to the workshop, and
 - Tell us any aspects that you would delete, amend or add.