

GIZ Pacific Island Region

National Coordinator - Pacific Blue Economy

(Tuvalu)

Project Background

The GIZ Pacific Blue Economy Project (2025–2028) supports Tuvalu and other Pacific Island countries to strengthen sustainable ocean governance and resilience. In Tuvalu, the project promotes community-centred livelihoods, sustainable fisheries, small-scale marine enterprises, coastal resilience, and inclusive economic opportunities. Through improved legal, institutional, and financial frameworks, the project advances environmentally sustainable value chains in fisheries, tourism, and community-based ecotourism, while supporting biodiversity conservation, climate adaptation, and ecosystem-based management. The initiative is aligned with Tuvalu's Te Kete National Strategy for Sustainable Development 2021–2030, the Tuvalu Maritime Zones Act, and the 2050 Strategy for the Blue Pacific Continent.

Main Role:

The National Coordinator provides strategic and technical support to advance Tuvalu's blue economy agenda, advising on policy development, project implementation, and integration of national and regional priorities. The role strengthens institutional and stakeholder capacity in sustainable marine resource management, fosters partnerships across government, communities, and the private sector, and ensures effective knowledge management, reporting, and incorporation of cross-cutting themes such as gender equality and climate resilience.

Reporting Relationship:

The National Coordinator reports directly to the Head of Project for Blue Economy and based in the Department of Environment under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Climate Change and Environment in Funafuti, Tuvalu.

Major Functions:

- Provide strategic advice to government partners on integrating blue economy priorities into national development plans, policies, and ocean governance frameworks, aligned with national and regional commitments,
- Support the coordination and implementation of sustainable ocean management initiatives, working closely with government agencies, communities, private sector stakeholders, and development partners,
- Lead capacity-building activities to strengthen skills and knowledge in sustainable fisheries, marine tourism, business development, and value chain enhancement for ocean-based industries,
- Coordinate project planning, implementation, monitoring, reporting, and quality assurance, ensuring compliance with project standards and results-based management principles,
- Facilitate the development of blue economy enterprises and sustainable value chains, promoting innovation, market access, entrepreneurship, and environmentally responsible business practices,
- Build and maintain strong partnerships, foster multi-stakeholder dialogue, and support knowledge sharing across government, communities, traditional leaders, private sector, and regional networks,
- Mainstream cross-cutting priorities including gender equality, climate resilience, environmental sustainability, and traditional knowledge across all project activities,
- Document lessons learned, best practices, and project achievements, and contribute to the development of practical guidance and knowledge products for sustainable ocean resource management and blue economy development.

Experiences & Qualification:

- Advanced degree in Marine Science, Environmental Economics, Natural Resource Management, Climate/Environmental Policy, Development Studies, or related field.
- 5+ years in blue economy, coastal/marine management, or climate programs, ideally in Pacific donor-funded projects, with experience advising Tuvalu government or regional bodies.

Competences and Experience

- Proven skills in results-based management, M&E, multi-stakeholder coordination, and policy support; experience with blue/climate finance and customary marine tenure in Tuvalu contexts.
- Excellent communication to engage policymakers, communities, and private sector; familiarity with Pacific institutions and proficiency in Tuvaluan or English as assets.
- Proficient in MS Office and ITC; based in Funafuti, Tuvalu, with willingness to travel regionally.

Our offer:

Remuneration package to commensurate with qualification and experience. To source full [Terms of Reference](#) of the role, please email: Ms. Salote Dau. (**This position is open to Tuvalu nationals only.**)

All applications including achievement- oriented CV with details of 3 referees and accompanying documents should be sent by email to Ms. Salote Dau, Senior HR Officer on salote.dau@giz.de or by post/ hand delivered **no later than 4.00p.m Friday, 19 June, 2026 addressed** to:

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