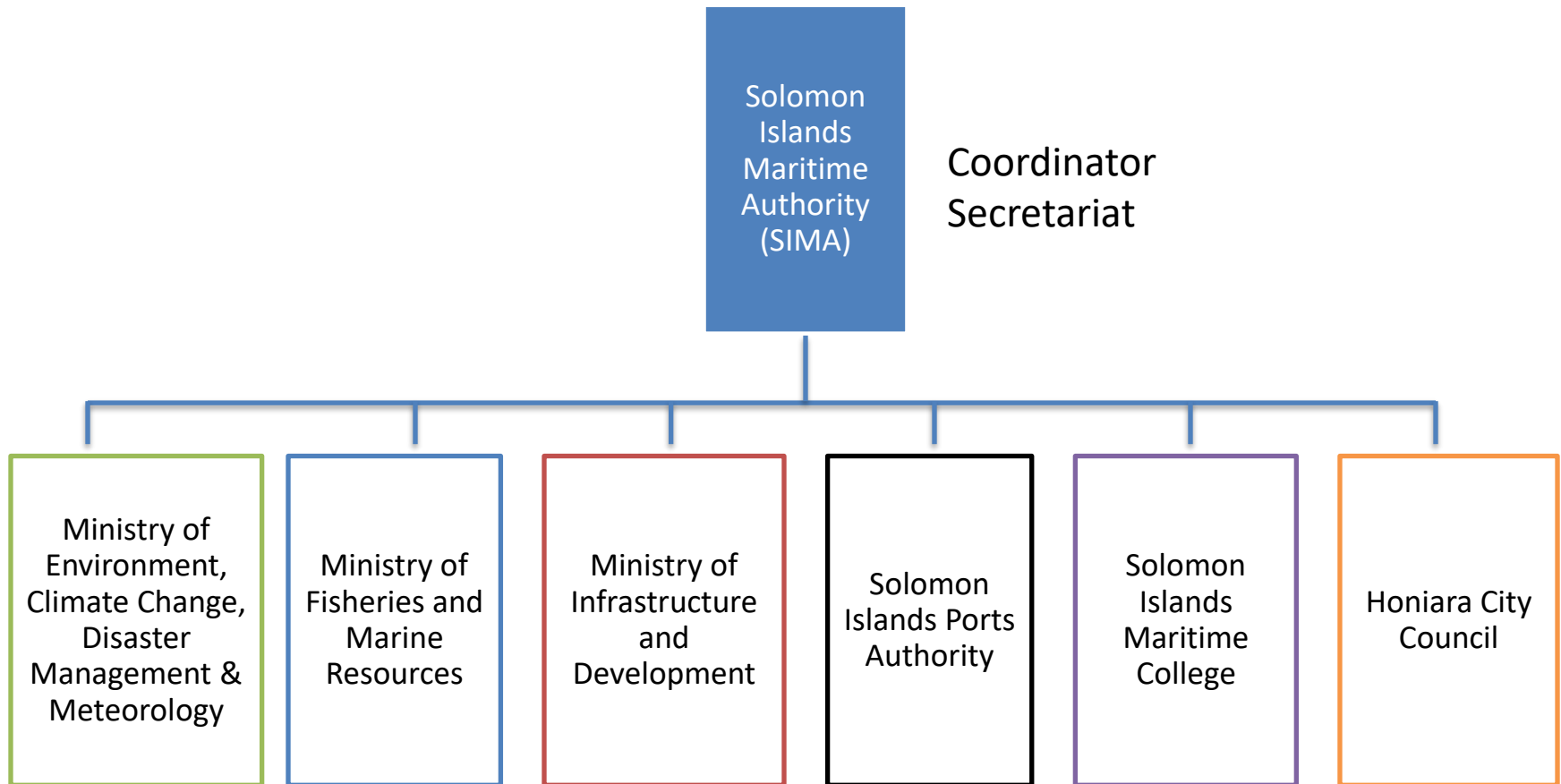




Preventing Marine Litter & Pollution from Ships

7th SIMA Workshop with Ship Operators
2 June 2026

National Task Force



NTF Members

Background and Context

Archipelagic nation with
~992 islands (300 inhabited)

EEZ ~1.59 million km² vs
land 28,900 km²

Ocean central to culture,
economy and connectivity

Rich biodiversity: reefs,
mangroves, fisheries



Marine Litter Situation

Increasing
waste in
coastal and
marine areas

Common
items: plastics,
packaging,
fishing gear

80% land-
based sources,
20% sea-
based

Major
environmental
and
governance
concern



Key Challenges

A photograph of a beach with a large ship in the background and plastic waste on the shore. The ship has a yellow crane and the text 'SAFETY-FIRST' on its side. The beach is covered with many discarded plastic bottles and other debris.

Dispersed
geography and
limited
infrastructure

Growing
population
and
urbanisation

Limited waste
collection and
recycling
systems

Financial and
technical
capacity gaps

Opportunities



IMPROVE WASTE
MANAGEMENT
SYSTEMS



DEVELOP RECYCLING
AND CIRCULAR
ECONOMY



CREATE GREEN JOBS
AND INVESTMENTS



STRENGTHEN
CLIMATE RESILIENCE
AND LIVELIHOODS

Vision

Clean, healthy and resilient ocean,
free from harmful pollution and
litter, sustaining future generations

Vision & Strategic Goals

Clean, healthy and resilient ocean,
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Reduce marine
pollution (land &
sea sources)



Protect ecosystems
and livelihoods



Promote research
and innovation



Strengthen
governance and
partnerships

Sea-Based Pollution Actions



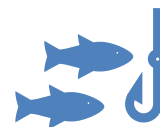
Improve port waste
reception facilities



Strengthen MARPOL
implementation

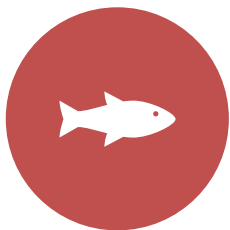


Enhance vessel
waste management



Introduce fishing
gear tracking

Expected Outcomes



REDUCED MARINE
LITTER AND
POLLUTION



IMPROVED
ECOSYSTEMS AND
BIODIVERSITY



BETTER PUBLIC
HEALTH AND
LIVELIHOODS



STRONGER WASTE
MANAGEMENT
SYSTEMS

Institutional Strengthening



Better legislation and enforcement



Enhanced monitoring and data systems

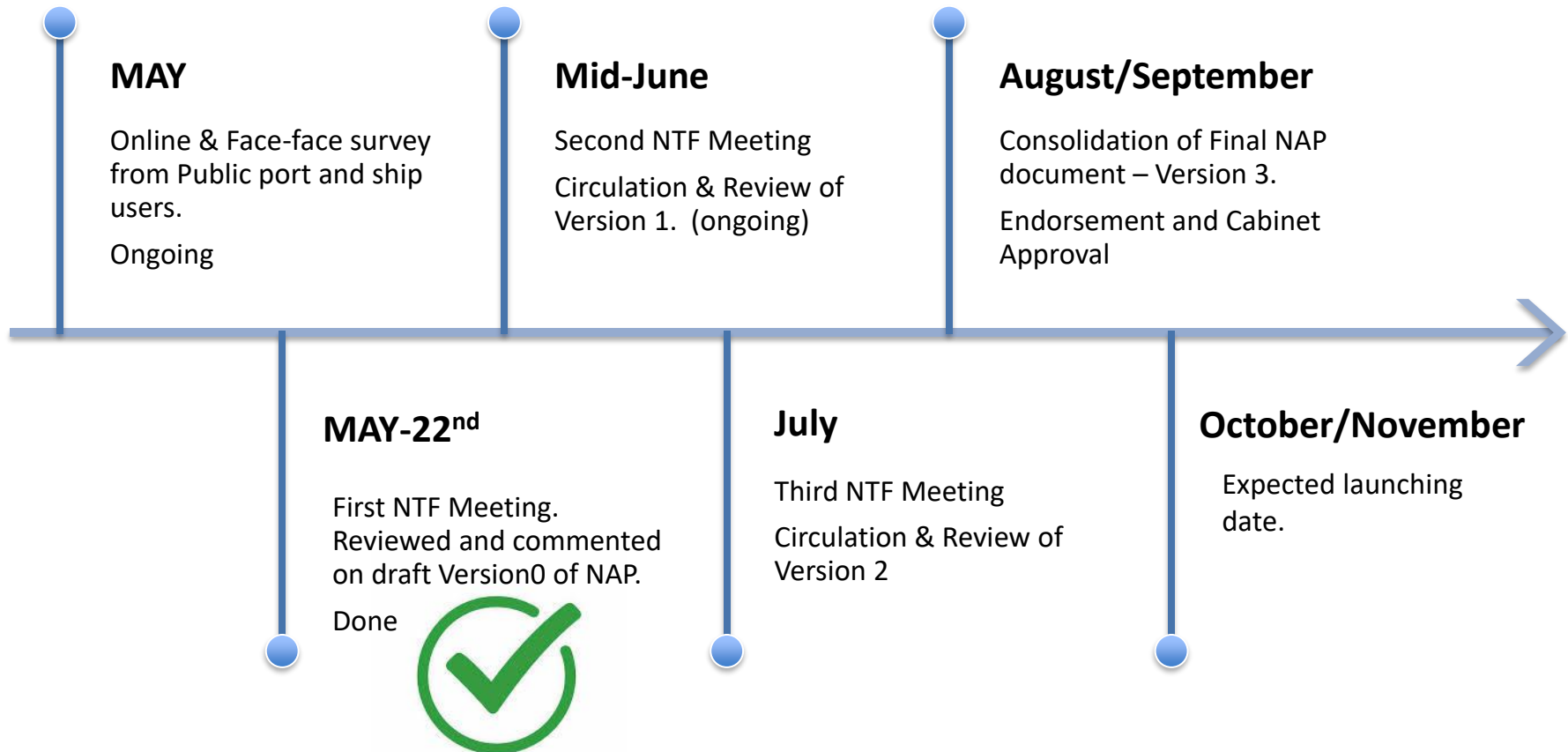


Improved coordination across agencies



Clear national and local roles

National Action Plan (NAP) Development Timeline





Fishing Gear Traceability & Garbage Management: Solomon Islands

Improving sustainability through monitoring and waste control

Marine Pollution Challenge and Integrated Governance Response



Marine Pollution Threats

Abandoned fishing gear causes plastic pollution, harms marine life, coral reefs, and threatens fisheries sustainability.

Integrated Legal Framework

Combining maritime and fisheries laws reduces regulatory gaps and creates unified compliance for vessel operators.

Collaborative Governance Model

SIMA and MFMR coordinate inspections, data sharing, and enforcement through joint committees to address pollution holistically.

Technology and Innovation

Fishing gear tracking, electronic monitoring, and digital reporting enhance transparency and accountability in fisheries management.

Compliance Implementation, Challenges, and Expected Impact



Coordinated Compliance Enforcement

SIMA and MFMR collaborate to enforce MARPOL Annex V and fisheries licensing for robust environmental protection.

Challenges to Implementation

Technical, legal, and funding constraints limit enforcement capacity and data collection on marine litter and ALDFG.

Positive Environmental Impact

Improved enforcement reduces plastic and fishing waste discharge, supporting healthier ecosystems and sustainable fisheries.

Scalable Strategic Model

Integrated enforcement and digital monitoring offer a replicable model for other Small Island Developing States.

PROPOSED WORKSHOP RECOMMENDATIONS

1. **Support** the development of the National Action Plan on Preventing Marine Litter for launch end of 2026.
2. **Recognize** that preventing marine litter requires action on both land-based and ship-sourced pollution.
3. **Call** on government agencies, development partners, communities, and maritime operators to work together to reduce marine litter and pollution.
4. **Welcome** the SIMA-MFMR Memorandum of Understanding and its commitment to preventing marine litter from ships and fishing activities.



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