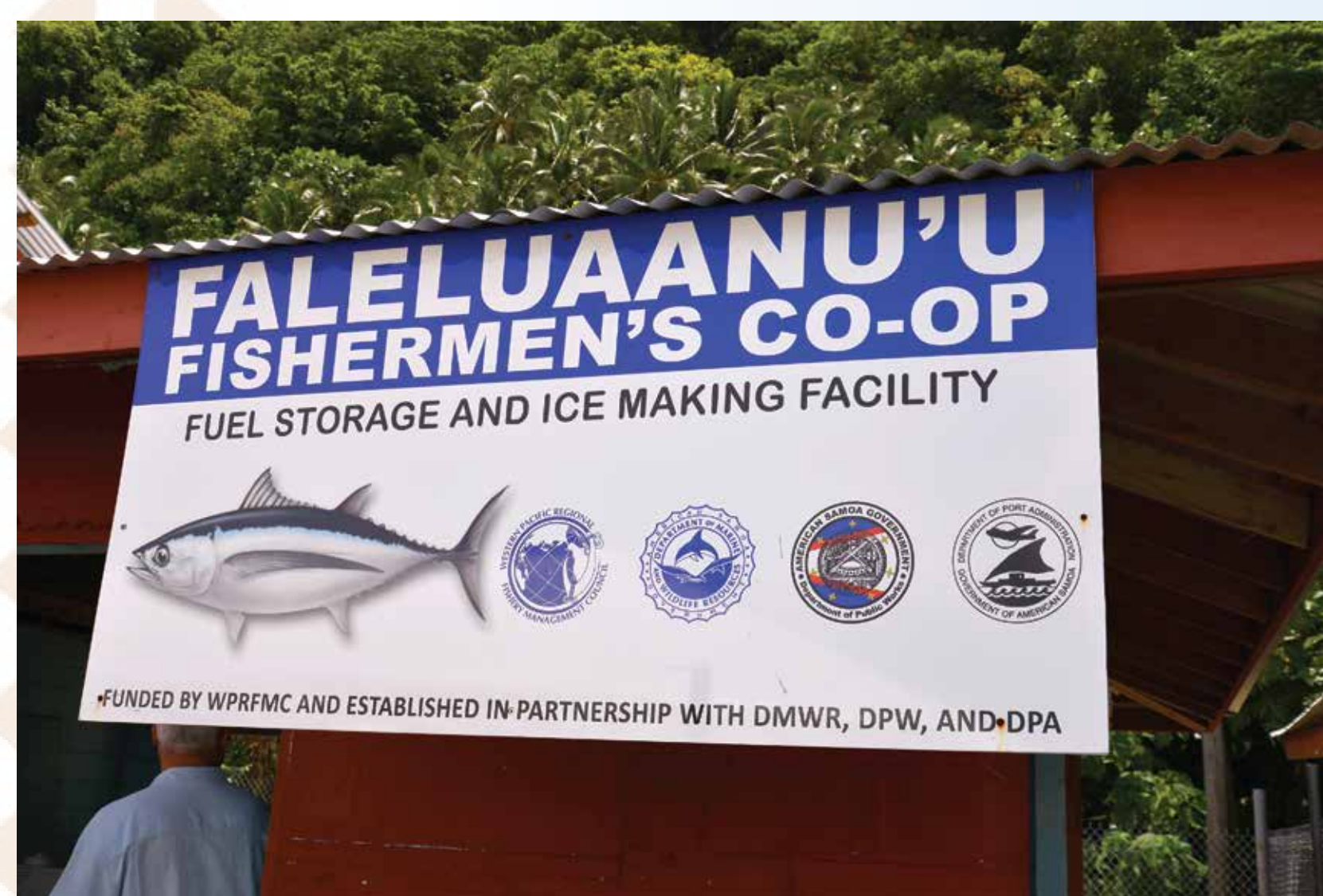


American Samoa Fishery Development & Capacity-Building (2009-2019)

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Get Fishermen on the Water

- **Alia Fleet upgrade** - Designed new multi-purpose fishing vessel to replace aging *alia* fleet and established fishermen training program.
- **Boat Ramps & Facilities for the *alia* fishery** - Constructed ramps on Tutuila (Faga'alu and Tafuna villages) and Ofu Island, and fuel and ice facilities on Ofu and Ta'u Islands to support commercial and non-commercial fishing and general boating activities.
- **Fishermen Cooperatives** - Worked with local fishermen to establish Tai Samasama Co-op on Ta'u Island and Faleluaanu'u Co-op on Ofu Island.



- **Marine Stewardship Council certification** - Assisted American Samoa's longline fleet in obtaining MSC certification—strengthening their market competition by verifying the fleet's sustainable and well-managed fishing practices.

Ensure Sustainable Stocks

- **Creel Survey of unsampled shorelines** - Uncovered data gaps in shore- and boat-based fishermen surveys used to develop annual catch limits.



- **Department of Marine & Wildlife Resources data** - Supported agency in collecting boat-based fishery information by implementing frequent surveys and timely database entry to make data readily available.

Build Capacity

- **Annual High School Fisheries & Marine Resource Management summer course** - Introduce students to fisheries and management through classroom and field activities, including touring boats, visiting the StarKist cannery and going fishing.



- **Vocational training** - Discuss regional opportunities to support fisheries-related training in areas such as marine engine repair and welding.



- **Fishing Tournaments** - Sponsored several competitions to promote fishing in the region.

- **Longline & Alia Dock at Samoa Tuna Processors** - Supported the offloading of fresh fish by small and large vessels for processing and/or export.



- **Malaloa Marina Dock** - Addressed the need for extra docking space to service the locally based US longline fleet.

Create Markets

- **Fagatogo Fish Market construction & renovation** - Upgraded facilities and helped establish the fish market as a hub for fishermen to sell their catch.
- **Fresh Fish Handling workshops & training** - Instructed American Samoa longline, troll and *alia* fishermen, and local seafood retailers in best practices for seafood safety.



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