



National law Enforcement Mechanisms Nauru Workshop

Seabed Mineral Act Overview

- DSM Pacific Regional Project assist member countries to develop and establish their legal framework to regulate DSM Activities.
- Draft bill reviewed in 2016 by Government stakeholders including NGOs.
- Enacted in April, 2017
- Regulate DSM Activities within national EEZ and sponsorship arrangement beyond national jurisdiction.

Operation of the Act.

Secretariat Technical Advisory Inspectorate Committee

Administrative Action

- Issue written warnings;
- Enter into written agreement providing for the Title Holder to undertake a programme of remedial action and to mitigate the risk of reoccurrence of breaches;
- Issue Enforcement Orders
- Impose and administrative penalty.
- Impose temporary restrictions or cease operations on the SMA of the Title Holder
- Commence a process to vary, suspend or revoke the Title, including a variation to impose additional conditions on the Title.

Enforcement Order

An enforcement Order made may in reasonable terms:

- a. Require a person to:
 - Take corrective active action;
 - Stop taking harmful actions;
- pay money to another person to cover reasonable costs incurred due to failure to comply.
- b. Include a mandatory timeframe for the required action or inaction.

Sponsorship of Activities in the Area

- Company Registration.
- Adherence to Laws and Rules
- Termination of Sponsorship Certificate
- Variation, suspension and revocation of a Sponsorship Certificate

Challenges

- Lack of Legal Staff dedicated to develop regulations required to operationalize the Act.
- Lack of Standard Training Programme for Inspectors – safety matters and SOP.
- Lack of standard monitoring and management system – eg. Vessel Monitoring System
- Regional Coordinating Body

