

## **Preface**

The first joint Fisheries Symposium sponsored by the Department of Fisheries, Papua New Guinea University of Technology and the Research Center for the South Pacific, Kagoshima University was held on the 10th November 1983 at the Audio Visual Theatre, Matheson Library of Papua New Guinea University of Technology in Lae. It spearheaded the first successful attempt towards the promotion of international academic exchange program through overseas activities to look into the ecological and bio-productive features of the fishery resources of Papua New Guinea.

The various papers presented during the symposium covered almost all the different aspects of the fishery industry and demonstrated the scientific advancements of developed countries in terms of wise exploitation and conservation of their fishery resources.

The papers presented by Academic Staff from the Department of Fisheries was an attempt to familiarize everybody with the present status of the Coastal Fisheries and Inland Fisheries of Papua New Guinea. It was intended to give the visiting scientists an idea of a possible research project designed to help develop and improve the present coastal and inland fisheries practices in this country.

The exchange of scientific information between the visiting research scientists from Kagoshima University and the Academic Staff of the Department of Fisheries made possible the dissemination of the most recent developments of important fishery resources that are yet unknown in this country today.

It is hoped that this initial research project will pave the avenue for further similar studies to enable the people of Papua New Guinea to ensure that the rich fishery resources of this country will be exploited and utilized in an orderly fashion for better health and economy.

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