

FADs in the Pacific

FADs: Fish aggregating devices

INDUSTRIAL

industrial drifting FAD



industrial anchored FAD



2000–2500 m

offshore FAD



800–1500 m

100–800 m

ARTISANAL

nearshore surface FAD



nearshore subsurface FAD



lagoon FAD



Marine protected area

Category	FAD types	User groups	Objective	Catch
Industrial FADs	Drifting and anchored	Purse-seine and pole-and-line fleets	Used by fishing companies in support of industrial scale vessels that target large tuna schools	High
Artisanal FADs	All anchored: offshore, nearshore (surface and subsurface), and lagoon	Subsistence, artisanal and recreational fishers	Set by government fisheries agencies to improve food security and develop small-scale domestic fisheries, including sport fishing tourism	Low