

P.M. receives tuna artwork

Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sa'ilele Malielegaoi and S.I.D.S Coordinator, Fa'alavaau Perina Sila, welcomed the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) and University of the South Pacific's (U.S.P) Tuna artwork to Samoa on Tuesday.

The artwork was presented by the current Forum Fisheries Chair, the Ulu o Tokelau, Kuresa Nasau.

The tuna artwork was completed in Fiji in May in partnership with the U.S.P Oceania

Centre. It features the artistic interpretations of six young arts students at the regional art space.

Their brief was to provide their creative interpretation of the Pacific's multi-billion dollar Tuna Fishery. It was funded with support from the FFA-led DEVFISH II project in partnership with the European Union and SPC.

The artwork is planned to feature as a

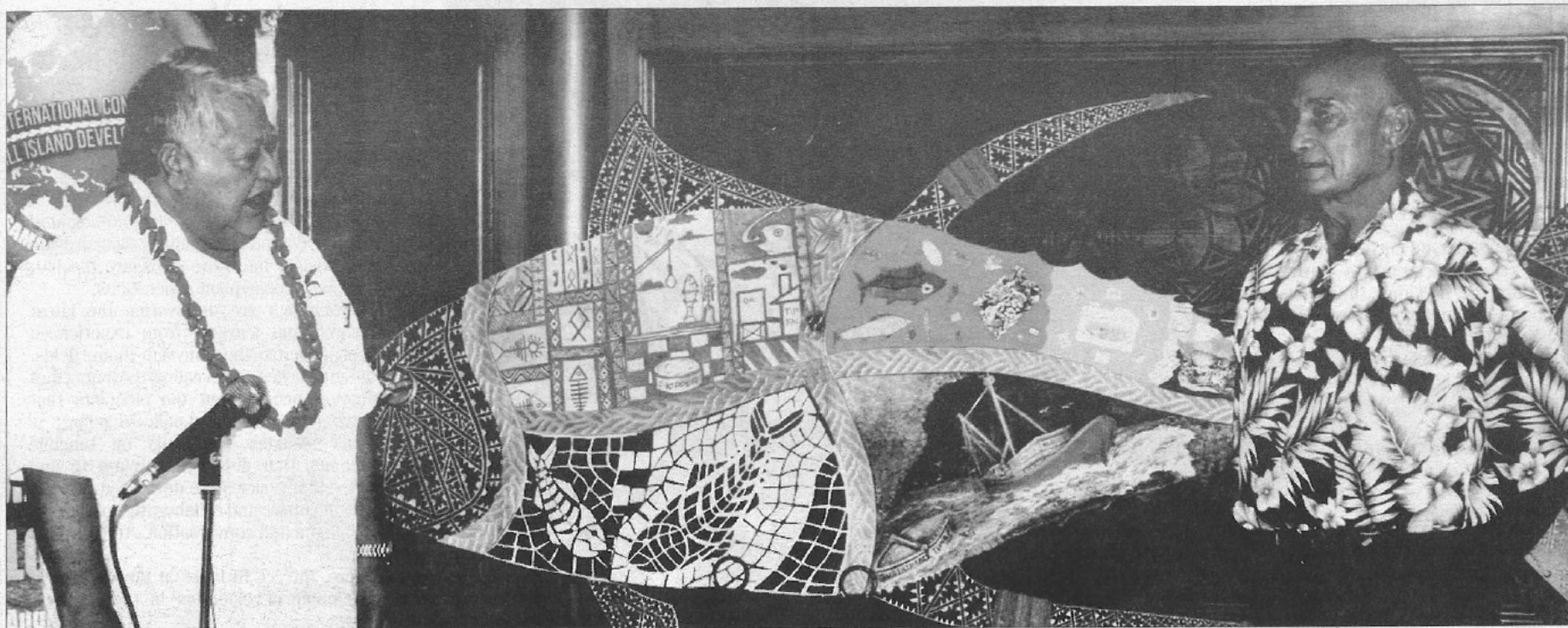
creative action to raise visibility for fisheries issues during S.I.D.S, in addition to panels where Fisheries Ministers will present on the challenges of balancing economic aspirations and conservation and management measures to ensure the stocks of tuna are kept at healthy levels.

The artwork is featuring as part of an informal interactive activity at today's TALAVOU Youth Forum, to engage the voices

of the future leaders of the region in sharing their thoughts on the Pacific Fisheries, which they will lead in the future.

Youth will be part of an interactive social media action where they will Facebook their thoughts/images inspired by the Tuna, and then go into a draw to win an iPad mini.

After the TALAVOU forum the tuna artwork heads to the UN S.I.D.S Pavilion where it will on display until the conference ends.



SAMOA WELCOME: Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi and the Ulu o Tokelau, Kuresa Nasau with the tuna artwork that is here for S.I.D.S.