Introduction

This report provides an overview of the swimming scene in the Solomon Islands from 2020 to 2022. It aims to present relevant background information, data, statistics, and analysis to give a clear understanding of the current state of swimming in the country.

Background

The Solomon Islands is in the South Pacific Ocean. It comprises with beautiful islands that makes up nine provinces, with a population of approximately 700,000 people. The country has a rich aquatic environmental, with swimming being a popular recreational activity and a competitive sport.

Participation

Participation in swimming has seen steady growth in the Solomon Islands over the past few years. The number of individual provinces like, Western Province is engaging in swimming activities since 2020-2022, both competitively and recreationally, has increased. This rise can be contributed to the efforts of the Solomon Islands Swimming Federation (SISF) in promoting the sport and organizing various events and programs.



Western province training participant in 2020



Western Province TID School Program in 2021



Participating in Birmingham in 2022



Participant in Clinical course 2021

Competitive Swimming

Competitive swimming in the Solomon Islands has witnessed notable progress. The SISF has been actively organizing local swimming competitions and sending teams to regional and international events. These competitions provide a platform for talented swimmers to showcase their skills and improve their performance.



Officiating in World Swimming Championship Melbourne 2022



World Swimming Championship in Tokyo 2021



Competitive Swimming training in Solomon Islands regional 2020



Swimming Athletes in Western Province 2020

Achievements

Solomon Islands swimmers have achieved commendable results in regional and international competitions during the period under review. The Solomon Islands Swimming team has secured medals in events such as the National Swimming Championships, demonstrating the talent and potential of Solomon Islands swimmers on the international stage.



Athletes in Western province with their certificate of achievements 2020



Young Athletes in Western Province with her certificate 2020



Swimming Athletes with present 2022



Swimming Athletes Uniforms provided by IS Telekom 2020

Challenges

Despite the positive developments, swimming in the Solomon Islands faces several challenges. Limited access to swimming facilities and training resources hinders the development of swimmers, particularly in rural areas. Furthermore, financial constraints make it difficult for the SISF to provide adequate support and resources to nurture and train aspiring swimmers.

Recommendations

To further enhance swimming in the Solomon Islands, it is recommended that the following steps be taken:

- 1. **Training and Coaching**: Provide training and coaching programs to develop the skills and technique of swimmers and focus on identifying and nurturing talent at an early age.
- 2. **Increased Funding**: Seek additional financial resources through government support, sponsorships, and partnerships to provide better resources and support for swimmers, including equipment, travel expenses, and training camps.
- 3. **Promotion and Awareness**: Increase public awareness about the benefits of swimming and the achievements of Solomon Islands swimmers to attract more participation and support from the community.

Conclusion

The Solomon Islands has made significant progress in swimming over the past few years, with increasing participation and notable achievements in regional and international competitions. However, challenges such as limited infrastructure and financial constraints need to be addressed to further develop the sport. By implementing the recommended steps, the Solomon Islands can continue to nurture and produce talented swimmers who can represent the country with pride on the international stage.

Sources

- World Aquatics
- Oceania Swimming Association
- National Olympic Committee of Solomon Islands(NOCSI)