



Pacific R2R Programme Workshop

Most Significant Change

The GEF Pacific STAR R2R Project - TUVALU



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When did it happen	Over the past 2 years

Well Informed Decisions

I am a community member of Nukufetau working with the Island Kaupule.

Before the R2R project began working with communities on the island, there were not many restrictions in terms of harvesting marine resources, such as fish and clams. The rules are there but enforcement was not working. For example, people could go at any time and anywhere to harvest clams and they can get as many clams as they want.



Data collector, Miss Kakea Mainaga (in blue) and a group from Maneapa during the Biorap Assessment in Nukufetau Island

Then we had a number of workshops and consultations conducted by the R2R project team. The awareness and knowledge of the people increased especially the sina (Falekaupule) or those who are involved in the decision making process.



Miss Teave Iosefa (in brown) and a group from Aulotu during the Biorap Assessment in Nukufetau

This resulted in the increase in the level of restrictions and enforcement and the increase in conservation area. Nowadays, the Kaupule is very strict in making sure that no one is allowed to harvest any resources from the demarcated conservation area.

I chose this change because I feel that this will help our island in restoring our fish and marine stock for our future generation.