

# GEF 5 STAR (Nauru R2R Project) NEWSLETTER

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## Deployment of Fish Aggregation Device

Component 1 is to build stronger linkages between sustainable development and management of freshwater ecosystems (e.g. ground water systems for Nauru) and coastal/marine areas and promotes the implementation of holistic, integrated management of natural resources. Our Locally Managed Marine Area officer Mr Frankie Ribaw is working closely with our partners at Nauru Fisheries Marine Resource Authority (NFMRA) to deploy 1 of the 3 remaining Fish Aggregating Devices



(FAD), procured by the Project. After a weeks of assembling the FAD, it was deployed on the 24th of June. Two more will be deployed later this year. For the purpose of food security, FADs are deployed either in-shore close to the reef edge or further out at sea for fisher-folks to catch certain species of fish.

A FAD is a man-made object used to attract ocean going pelagic fish such as marlin, tuna and mahi-mahi (dolphin fish). They usually consist of buoys or floats tethered to the ocean floor with concrete blocks. The earliest surface/midwater FADs were elements from nature such as drift-wood and trees. FADs attract fish for numerous reasons that vary by species.. It may take around 2-4 weeks for a new FAD to attract big fish. In general, a given FAD can be fished every 10-30 days.

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## R2R & Fisheries Community Consultation

Meetings led by NFMRA and assisted by the Project were held in the four coastal districts from June 25-July 10. The purpose of the community outreach was for each community to form a sub- committee for the four (4) coastal pilot districts (Anabar, Ijuw, Anibare and Meneng).

The sub-committee will be the focal point for fisheries for upcoming implementation and monitoring of managed areas to the marine adjacent to their districts. The overall outcome that is intended for the first and second phase are as follows:



### First phase:

- Form and create fisheries sub-committee for each pilot community
- Inform the community of the importance of sub-committee
- Enable the community to form and select their own sub-committee that will be the focal point for fisheries

-Remind the communities of the upcoming implementation of the district managed areas under the draft management plans

### Second phase:

- After the formation of the sub-committee.
- They will be fully informed of their roles and responsibilities
- Inform and involve them on upcoming activities and implementations for managed sites
- Identify and Finalized proposed managed sites for the Minister to approve.

## Establishment of Kitchen Garden in 5 pilot communities

## Component 2

The Nauru Ridge to Reef project and CIE's Department of Agriculture is providing assistance to the different households in the five pilot districts (Anabar, Ijuw, Anibare, Meneng and Buada) to establish their kitchen gardens by providing them training and planting materials of fruit trees and food crops.

Nauru R2R Senior Technical Advisor Mr Cenon led our team of Technical Support Officers along with Agriculture workers working closely with communities members from our 5 pilot Meneng, Buada, Anabar, Ijuw and Anibare.

The kitchen garden establishment commenced in Meneng on the 7th of June and completed all 5 piloted district on the 17th of June..

There were varieties of fruit trees and food crops used for this kitchen garden establishment.

Fruit Trees:

Bread fruit, coconut tree dwarf, sour sop, Tahitian lime, Lemon grass, ginger, Aloe vera,



Food crops:

Bananas, sweet potato, pineapple, papaya, Chinese cabbage

The Kitchen Garden establishment will continue with other households who require assistance to establish their kitchen garden and assist with food security.

## Water harvesting in 5 pilot districts

### Component 2 (Sustainable Land and Water Management),

The outcome of Component 2 will be the development and adoption of integrated resource management plans that use best practices that initiate direct community based interventions to improve food security (planting fruit trees), waste management (compositing toilets), ground water quality and household water access (water catchment systems improved).

R2R's Land Use Officer Tina Debaio

is working on completing the water harvesting system within our 5 piloted districts. Initially, there were 43 houses selected between the 5 piloted district which met the criteria put in place.

R2R recently engaged the services of two construction companies to carry out the work for the rain water harvesting system in our pilot districts.

Tina reported the status of the Water Harvesting System in the pilot district, stating that 97% is completed, and it is still ongoing.

Households were chosen from a survey conducted in 2017 according to a vulnerability criteria of the number of women, children, disabled and elderly dwell there. Number of gutters are given by it's population ratio.

Pilot district	Anabar	Ijuw	Anibare	Buada	Meneng	Total
Rain Water Harvest System	5	3	7	14	14	43

# Component 3

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### Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and Guidelines

The planned activities under Component # 3 are focused on the development of the necessary national frameworks through legislations, policies and guidelines that support project implementation. International consultants were engaged by R2R to provide the needed expertise to address these objectives.

Environmental and Social Safeguard Policies and Guidelines – Senior Technical Advisor.

R2R has engaged the services of Mr Alifereti Tawake of Fiji as the Senior Technical Advisor on Environmental

and Social Safeguard Policies and Guidelines. He came to the island on the 14th of May and conducted an assessment of Nauru’s environmental and governance gaps and links to support the implementation of R2R and develop sectoral policies under DCIE and environmental and social safe-

guard policies and guidelines. He will be conducting a training course to the relevant government sectors/staff involved to provide knowledge on step by step guidelines on how to promote policies, etc. He left on the 29th of May and will return in July with his draft policies and framework for environmental and social safeguard guidelines. He will also conduct training on implementation of the policy in August.



### Workshop on Land-Use Policy Framework

Nauru has engaged the services of Mr Michel Mich Brunet of Canada as the Senior Technical Advisor on Land Use Policy Framework of the Nauru R2R Project. He will develop a land use policy framework together with a tool kit to mainstream sustainable land

use management in legislations, policies, regulations and strategic planning. He arrived in the country on the 14th of May 2019 and has already left the island after doing a presentation to key stakeholders on the 31st of May. He has submitted his mission report now under review by PMU.

This policy will be part of the draft national Land Use planning to assist the government to organize and sustainably manage land resources in order to achieve environmental goals, economic growth and people’s livelihood.



“Workshop held at Community Resources Center and was facilitated by Mr Michel Mich Brunet and Phaedora Harris”

## R2R Awareness at Schools

Nauru R2R project reached out to the schools, through the Education department after acquiring clearance to conduct R2R awareness and Eben Omo Campaign in three schools.

Schools Visited:

Kaysar College -6th May 2019

Able-Disable Centre -23rd May 2019

Nauru Primary School -9th June 2019

The R2R awareness talk was carried-

out by Communications Officer during school assembly as it was most convenient.

Nauru R2R conducted quizzes on the 5 Eben Omo messages: KIAO KO, ERANA AM NAWOR, RANAET EBOK, EO KAMWARERE and DREDDATU OBWEDUBUT. Children are our future environment and climate change ambassadors, hence our outreach to them through assemblies and donations of Eben Omo pamphlets, posters, booklets, stickers, bags, key holders and pens.



## R2R Panel of Expert (TV Talk Show)

Nauru Ridge to Reef Project has produced its first ever R2R Television Talk Show. R2R formulated a panel consisting of experts from our Project Component 1 Locally Managed Marine Area Frankie Ribauw (LMMA Officer) with Ebelina Tsiode (NFMRA ) and Component 2 Sustainable Land and Water Management Tina Debaio ( Land

Use Officer) and Lucy Duburiya ( Agriculture, DCIE).

This is a newly introduced reporting system and method of disseminating our message more effectively and to target the whole population of Nauru through mass media including Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, radio, posters, newsletter and TV talk show.

It is the hope that Nauru and not only the 5 pilot districts, will be well informed of R2R activities including it's purposes on a quarterly basis using the assistance from Media department.

This Panel of Expert television talk was a success and will be an ongoing activity.

R2R Panel of Experts with Kaelyn Dekarube (Interviewer) for briefing



## Eben Omo Campaign (Non Pilot Districts)

The Eben Omo Campaign was initially designed for R2R pilot districts (Meneng, Buada, Anabar, Ijuw and Anibare). All 5 pilot districts completed their Roadshow in 2018.

The success of the Roadshow instigated requests from two non pilot districts to conduct the Eben Omo Campaign in their community. R2R together with stakeholders worked closely with the Boe and Anetan district leaders to provide assistance to successfully implement

the Eben Omo Campaign in their district.

-Boe Community 10th April

-Anetan Community 15th May



Both campaigns had a great turnout from community members learning about the Eben Omo Campaign and its 5 key messages (KIAO KO, ERANA AM NAWOR, RANAET EBOK, EO KAMWARERE and DREDDATU OBWEDUBUT) under the R2R Project. Each leader of the non pilot district worked hard in sourcing out funds to assist with their community Eben Omo Campaign.

## Nauru R2R Staff Profile



**Frankie Ribauw**

**Locally Managed Marine Area Officer**

**Nauru Ridge to Reef Project**

Q.1 Tell me how you first got involved with Nauru R2R Project?

Ans: heard it from a friend that the position had been vacant for a year.

Q.2 What was your first impression of Nauru R2R Project?

Ans: A small team of dedicated people trying to achieve huge goals

Q.3 What do you find most challenging about your work?

Ans: Being the middle man between DCIE and NFMRA comes with a lot of demands, I have to meet multiple deadlines and it is

not an easy task.

Q.4 What's the best thing that's happened to you since you started working here?

Ans: Building good relations with colleagues from DCIE and NFMRA

Q.5 What would you tell someone who is thinking about applying for your job?

You must have a good time management and communication skills, must be a team player and always practice transparency at all times.

## Home Remedy for Conjunctivitis

### Half-flower, beach saltbush

Nauruan Name: Emet, emed, emit

Nauruans have been using this Emet for many centuries. People have been using this emet fruit to treat their eye infection.

The emet tree bears fruit, this fruit needs to ripen and will turn white. That is when its ready to be harvested for medicinal purposes.

Nauruans use this white ripened fruit from the emet tree to treat their eye infection particularly conjunctivitis also know as

“Cheine mwem”

Step 1: Collect 2 to 3 white ripened fruits



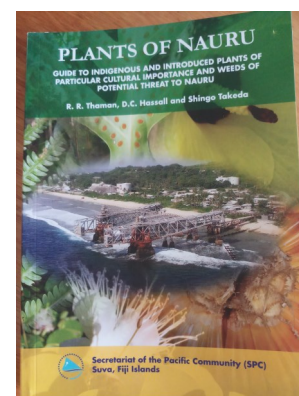
Do this twice a day.

from the Emet tree.

Step 2: Wash them clean

Step 3: Squeeze 3 drops of emet juice directly into the infected eye.

**“Emet fruit is used to treat eye infection for many years”**





## R2R Activity pictures 2nd Quarter 2019



Canstruct stall at Anetan



NRC Stall at Anetan



NUC stall at Anetan



Assembling compost pit



TSO with NFMRA working on FAD



Establishing kitchen garden Anibare



Buada Farm with Daiga. Agir



Kitchen garden in Anabar



Preparation for talk show

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