



Pacific Islands Ridge to Reef National Priorities – Integrated water, land, forest and coastal management to preserve biodiversity, ecosystem services, store carbon, improve climate resilience and sustain livelihoods

Update of the Project contributions to the GEF Focal Area outcomes and outputs

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Project contributions to GEF focal area outcomes

Focal Area <small>(Delete the FA that is not relevant to your project)</small>	Outcomes		
	Target	Actual achieved	Unit of Measure
Biodiversity	To conserve 50% marine and 50% terrestrial		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Square miles/kilometers (marine) • Hectares (terrestrial)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • COMPONENT 1 : EXPANDING AND SUSTAINING RMI PROTECTED AREA NETWORK • COMPONENT 2: IMPROVED GOVERNANCE FOR INTEGRATED ATOLL MANAGEMENT • COMPONENT 3: KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT 			



Project contributions to GEF focal area outputs

OUTPUTS	OUTCOME 1		
	End of Project Target (2023)	Actual achieved	Unit of Measure
1.1: Marine and terrestrial biodiversity and socioeconomic surveys conducted (or updated) in 5 outer islands to assess status and threats and serve as a guide in the delineation of conservation areas.	100 % surveys completed	60%	# of survey reports
1.2: Conservation areas delineated and declared in 5 outer islands following Reimaanlok guidelines:	No. of new Terrestrial PA: 5 No. of new marine PA: 5 Coverage new TPA: 502ha Coverage new MPA: 30,550ha	Progressing towards completing the survey before delineation process begins in 2021.	Square miles hectares
1.3: Integrated management plans developed (or updated) and implemented in 5 outer islands following the Reimaanlok process	NRMPs completed and adopted: 5	20%	# of integrated management plans in place



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OUTPUTS	OUTCOME 2		
	Target	Actual achieved	Unit of Measure
2.1: Action plan for developing secondary legislation to the Protected Area Network (PAN) Act 2015 formulated.	100% completed by 2020	100%	% of the action plan development
2.2: The PAN Office is operationalized through agreed organizational arrangements formally adopted through an appropriate policy instrument.	100% operationalized by 2020	100%	% of R2R support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical • Financial
2.3: Strengthened community-based management structures recognizing traditional ownership of resources (land, coastal, etc.) and local-national arrangements to enable communities to take ownership and leadership in the formulation and subsequent implementation of integrated resource management plans.	100% by 2022	50%	% of R2R support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical • Financial
2.4: Capacity building on integrated approaches for conservation and livelihoods benefitting key national government agencies, community leaders and residents in all 22 outer islands in the entire country; participation by key project stakeholders in regional training programs conducted by the Pacific R2R program support project	100% by 2022	50%	% of R2R support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical • Financial



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OUTPUTS	OUTCOME 3		
	Target	Actual achieved	Unit of Measure
3.1: GIS-based management information system (MIS) developed under the Reimaanlok project improved and to serve as an accessible repository for all spatial biodiversity and resource management information to aid in policy formulation, enforcement, monitoring, evaluation and adaptive management.	100% completed by 2020 and transferred management	50%	% of R2R support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical • Financial
3.2: Local and traditional knowledge documented and compiled in the MIS for easy access and preserved for inputs in the development of integrated management plans.	100% completed by 2020	60%	% of R2\$ support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical • Financial
3.3: Support for expansion / continuation of education and awareness programs at the local and national levels complementary awareness programs implemented using various forms of media to mobilize support for conservation and livelihoods	100% completed by 2021	20%	% of R2R support <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical • Financial
3.4: Coordination established with the Pacific R2R program – regional program support project and other national R2R projects – in terms on monitoring and evaluation and south-south collaboration	100% completed by 2020	95%	# of STAR participation in Regional meetings # of STAR trainings



of STAR newsletter contributions

Etc. etc.

Strategic issues encountered and remedial measures

Strategic issues encountered	Remedial measures
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint effort on national level (non-project level) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify a common entry point for meaningful collaboration, i.e., Small Grants Program engagement
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Joint Board/Steering Meetings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identify a common entry point for both IW & STAR outside the steering committee platform, i.e, national level forums With improved communication and coordination vertically and horizontally with projects
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CO-FINANCING 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REVISIT COMMITMENT ON BOARD LEVEL
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application and mainstreaming of GEF Focal Areas jointly i.e., <ul style="list-style-type: none"> STAR R2R focuses on Bio-diversity conservation with spill over benefits to other multi-focal areas and balancing socio-economic benefits IW focuses on Water and related focal areas in a more integrated manner 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Apply a common methodology/modality to the application of, example, for RMI through the REIMAANLAK Process



Lessons learned in implementing Programmatic Approach

- **Strategy:** Regional and National project need to be better aligned to coincide the mainstreaming of R2R concept and applying GEF multi-focal areas to effect better coordination and communication vertically and horizontally across implementation process
- **Steering:** In the RMI experience, the STAR initiated a joint board meeting, active engagement from STAR and IW project level, including with STAR members and implementing partners. IW challenged with no active engagement of critical members and representation.
- **Cooperation:** STAR R2R experiences a very robust and enthusiastic partnership with implementing partners who are also REIMAANLAK facilitators, through contractual agreements. Six active partners with active agreements.
- **Processes:** Rules and processes are clearly communicated in the experience of the RMI as it uses the REIMAANLAK 8 Step Process as the operational guideline.

§ From the previous slide on lessons learned from the programmatic approach:

HAVE A COMMON IMPLEMENTATION FRAMEWORK, EXAMPLE THE REIMAANLAK CONSERVATION PLAN & FIELD GUIDE & 8 STEP PROCESS

- 1 **INITIATION** Need established by local government or national government for community-based resource management plan
- 2 **SET UP** Establish project workplan, a team of facilitators, identification of budget and resources. Local Resource Committees established
- 3 **COMMITTEMENT** Initial visit to project sites to carry out education and awareness, building consensus and trust with the community
- 4 **INFORMATION MANAGEMENT** Field missions to collect information and data of local knowledge and community resources, including socio-economic and other baseline information, including data analysis
- 5 **DEVELOPMENT OF MANAGEMENT PLANS** Initial drafting of management plans backed by data and information collected from the field surveys
- 6 **SIGNING** Convening of traditional leadership, local leadership and community to launch, adopt and sign the plan, and incorporate into Local Ordinances
- 7 **M&E, ADAPTIVE MANGEMENT** Monitoring achievements of the objectives, both biological and socio-economic. Adapt the management plan accordingly
- 8 **MAINTAINING COMMITMENT** Ensure community has adequate support for ongoing management, including sustainable financing



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