



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

## Session 5: Special Topics

# GEF Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme

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## Session 5: Objectives

- **Reflect on the (modified)** approved R2R Science to Policy theory of change adapting to changing circumstances, and provide renewed commitments, if any, towards mainstreaming R2R in either planning process and/or policy development (Working paper: [GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/WP.09](#))
- **Reflect on the importance of R2R approach in natural resource management and governance, and the utility of land-sea modelling as a decision support tool and endorse the regional guidelines** (Working paper: [GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/WP.10](#))
- **Discuss and appreciate** the importance of available-accessible data and information sharing including through the newly developed (and soon to launched) R2R Regional Science Portal and database, currently called “Pacific State of the Coast Spatial Data Infrastructure for the Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme (Working paper: [GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/WP.11](#))



At the end of this session, this outputs are expected

*Outcome document and records of discussions clearly indicating the **issues and concerns, and recommendations** as regards the following:*

- (Modified) Science to Policy Theory of Change*
- Utility of the Land-Sea Model and the corresponding Regional guidelines as a decision support tool for ensuring governance of natural resources; and*
- Pacific State of the Coast Spatial Data Infrastructure for the Pacific Ridge to Reef Programme



## Action points for RSC

**Paper:** *Regional Guidelines for implementing the (modified) R2R Science to Policy Strategic Framework* (Working paper: [GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/WP.09](#))

### Action:

- Review and assess the changes in the ‘modified’ R2R Science to policy framework and if deemed appropriate;
- Consider and approve the regional guidelines previously endorsed for implementing R2R Science to Policy Strategic Framework



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**Paper:** *Pacific R2R Information Management Systems* (Working paper: [GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/WP.11](#))

### Action:

- Review the latest updates of development and deployment of the GEF Regional R2R spatial data infrastructure and its feature-sets including uploaded data, maps and documents;
- Approve GEF Regional R2R Spatial Data Infrastructure signalling commencement of the regional database and the platform to be used by relevant stakeholders to start sharing their spatial data, related assets, visualization and models via platform, in order to enable decision making on a national/regional scale.

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***Paper: Regional Guidelines for the Application of Ridge to Reef (R2R) Prioritization and Planning Procedures to identify and select Priority Coastal Areas and Sites for the Conservation and Sustainable Use of Ecosystem Services*** (Working paper: [GEF IW R2R/RSC.5/WP.10](#))

### Action:

- Reflect on the design, clarity and relevance of the R2R spatial prioritization and planning procedures noting the outcomes of its trials in Vanuatu; and
- Discuss and (endorse approval) the practical application of the guidelines to implement the spatial prioritization and planning procedures to identify conservation areas in future upscaling R2R investments and ICM planning in PICs.





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