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Welcome to the **Pacific R2R Programme** eNewsletter! We are excited to share our first issue with you as part of the Programme's exciting website redevelopment work to showcase progress, and enhance information and knowledge sharing on the programme, experiences and lessons from implementation.

As the world turns towards the second half of 2020, COVID-19 continues to restrict activity in and between many countries. And despite challenges, it has ensured that communities, national governments and international development organisations remain adaptive in their approach to providing ongoing services to constituents.

To that end, we are excited to showcase the progress of some of our projects, which our Pacific R2R staff, colleagues and partners continue to deliver. We hope you enjoy it!

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Around the Region

Niue declares 45% EEZ as Marine Protected Area

Niue Cabinet passed the Niue Marine Protected Area Regulations 2020 in April, formalising the protection of 45% of Niue's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) – 427,000 square kilometres. [Read more](#)



Innovative digital solution for resource management in the Pacific

The Pacific Community's (PCF) Ridge to Reef Regional Project launched their programme website, an innovative digital solution to foster an effective R2R knowledge network. [Read more](#)



Tonga leads R2R mainstreaming and climate resilient approaches

The Pacific Community's (PCF) funded Tonga International Waters Ridge to Reef (R2R) Project tested mainstreaming of R2R and climate resilient approaches to sustainability and holistically manage their resources from land to the sea. [Read more](#)



World Environment Day Highlights waste management for Fiji's Waimanu River community

Fiji Government Minister of Environment Dr. Sitiveni Rabuka launches Fiji International Waters Ridge to Reef Project community awareness campaign and competition handbook in Sasani village to commemorate World Environment Day. [Read more](#)



Samoa trials nature based solution to protect Fagali River Catchment

To combat erosion, the Samoa International Waters Ridge to Reef (R2R) Project took to the Fagali river bank in May to plant native grass, which are especially effective in places with warmer climates. [Read more](#)



Bankbank erosion control for Fiji's Waimanu River

The Fiji International Waters Ridge to Reef (R2R) Project demonstration site at Waimanu River faces bankbank erosion affecting the river system and the livelihood of the catchment communities. The impacts include high flooding of wet river during heavy-rainfall causing affecting the availability of freshwater fish, snails and mussels. Villagers no longer use the river for recreation activities and houses near to the shorebanks are prone to landslides. [Read more](#)



Local Early Action Planning for Elton Atoll resource conservation and climate change adaptation

Remote Local Early Action Planning (LEAP) process strengthens natural, social and cultural resource conservation and climate change adaptation on Elton Atoll in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. [Read more](#)



Forest restoration partnership drives effective Tagata River Catchment Rehabilitation in Vanuatu

Lead by the Vanuatu International Waters Ridge to Reef Project, over 100 trees were planted by community members along Tagata River and Bankhead Creek in June to mark National Tree Planting Day aimed at improving water supply and quality, bankbank protection, bankbank stabilisation, and food security. [Read more](#)



Kitchen Gardens for Food Security

To promote food security and community well-being, the Niue Ridge to Reef Project introduced Kitchen Gardens in two districts on the island. [Read more](#)



Coming Up



Pacific R2R Fifth Regional Steering Committee Meeting

Date: 21 - 23 October, 2020



15th Pacific Island Conference for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas

Date: 24 - 27 November, 2020

R2R Quiz



Question:

Do you know what this is?

Answer:

This is an **Erinacis** grass stem. It was understood to be on the verge of extinction and discovered by the Niue R2R R2R project as part of their rapid biodiversity survey in the region. It is also found in American Samoa.



Question:

Have you seen or heard of this nature based solution?

Answer:

Yellow grass. Have a look what **Samoa** and **Fiji** are doing with this technology.

News



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Spotlight

New management at Pacific RCR

Pacific RCR welcomes new Regional Programme Coordinator. From Tuzala, meet Samsoni Sauti. [Read more](#)



New RCR Expert joins the Regional Programme Coordination Unit

Pacific RCR Programme welcomes new Science and National Project Team Leader. Based in Honolulu Hawaii, meet Dr. Justin Delmonico. [Read more](#)



Tonga WRCR Project NGO partnership

Tonga Environmental Protection Association partners with Tonga WRCR on Priority Coastal Assessment. Meet Karen Stone, WEPAS Director. [Read more](#)



Fiji WRCR partners with local government.

Fiji WRCR Project partners with local government for community based management. Meet Nataniel Provincial Conservation Officer Sami Saugale. [Read more](#)



RCR in the News

FIM Ridge to Reef (RCR) Project Newsletter



Ridge to Reef Programme Provides Hope for Families

Ministry of Forestry 27-Jul-2020



Practical training for landowners

Fiji One News 26-Jul-2020



FLB Water Boards Navala Village in Sustainability Effort

Fiji Sun 16-Jul-2020



Fiji Water staff plant trees for Navala Village

Fiji Sun Broadcasting Corporation 16-Jul-2020



MRE Looks to Yellow Grass as Solution to Flooding & Landslides

Talanoa 16-Jun-2020



Yellow grass planting starts at Fagali river

Samao Observer 16-Jun-2020



Ready Made Over Compost Bins For Better Waste Management Practice

Fiji Sun 07-Jun-2020



Compost bins provided for better waste management practice

Fiji One 06-Jun-2020



Livestock farmers to receive feeding materials

Fiji One 14-May-2020



MCA Signed Between Bales National Museum and Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment, and Tourism

Bales National Museum 14-May-2020



Protection of biodiversity in development pathways critical

The Fiji Government 13-May-2020



RCR Livestock farmers to receive feeding materials

The Fiji Government 13-May-2020



Hybrid solution may be key

Fiji Times 08-May-2020



Traditional knowledge, social resilience and women's empowerment are keys to cultivating sustainable communities

UNDP Pacific 07-May-2020



Mangrove seedlings planted along Namoli coastline

Fiji Times 07-May-2020



Rubbish stands donation strengthens waste management

Samao Observer 03-May-2020



Cabinet passes the new moana nui maori protected area regulations 2020

Tvhuia 23-Apr-2020



Raising awareness on the Ridge to Reef (RCR) Project

Fiji Times 07-Apr-2020



Learning and Development for R2R Project Managers

James Cook University Post Graduate Diploma Unit 3

The [James Cook University Post Graduate Diploma Unit 3](#) commenced in July, offering 3 streams:
1. Management Stream - [E01888 Public Policy RCR](#)
2. Technical Stream - [E01888 Tools for Resources RCR](#)

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Pacific RCR Programme Lessons Learned Online Briefing

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R2R Videos



[World Environment Day highlights waste management for Fiji's Waimanu River community](#)



[News R2R RCR Project - Most Significant Change](#)

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