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### **Launching and handover of R2R products and publications to Pacific Island Countries**

This document presents end of project results from the implementation of the Knowledge Management Strategy. It outlines the performance of the online platform, and the publications produced by the Regional R2R Project in partnership with the R2R national and demonstration projects to be launched during the Sixth Regional Steering Committee.

The Regional Steering Committee is invited to note these results, the partnership effort, and knowledge sharing critical to facilitate future investments and R2R planning and policy processes to facilitate the adoption of ICM/IWRM practices supporting sustainable livelihoods and climate resilience among Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS).

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### **1. Overview**

The Pacific Ridge to Reef (R2R) Programme is a multi-country, multi-GEF agency programmatic initiative guiding the coordinated investment of US\$90 million in GEF grant funding across multiple focal areas of biodiversity conservation, land degradation, climate change adaptation and mitigation, sustainable land management, sustainable forest management, and international waters in Pacific Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

Operating across 14 Pacific Island countries, the programme aims to deliver tangible and quantifiable local and global environmental benefits by focusing on cross-cutting approaches to water, land and coastal management with linkages across GEF focal areas including: biodiversity, land degradation, international waters, sustainable forest management, climate mitigation and adaptation and capacity development.

The programme is implemented by United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), the United Nations Food & Agriculture Organization (FAO) & the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP).

Executed regionally by the Pacific Community through the Regional Ridge to Reef International Waters Project (Regional IW R2R), the R2R programme is supported by the Regional Programme Coordination Unit (RPCU) in areas of science-based planning, human capital development, policy and strategic planning, results-based management, and knowledge sharing. The Regional IW R2R Project is one of 15 child projects under the Programme, and provides the primary programme coordination vehicle for the 14 other child projects – the national R2R System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (STAR) Projects under the Pacific R2R Programme.

The Regional Project aims to test the mainstreaming of 'ridge-to-reef' (R2R), climate resilient approaches to integrated land, water, forest and coastal management in the Pacific Island countries (PICs) through strategic planning, capacity building and piloted local actions to sustain livelihoods and preserve ecosystem services.

The Regional IW R2R Project has 14 demonstration projects in participating Pacific Islands - Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji, Kiribati, Nauru, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of the Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu.

### **2. Knowledge Management Strategy**

In 2016, the Regional Programme Coordination Unit introduced the Knowledge Management (KM) Strategy. The Strategy outlined the process of capturing (and distilling), creating, storing, sharing, and effectively consuming/using knowledge. KM was referred to as a multi-disciplinary approach to achieving organizational objectives by consolidating, creating, storing, sharing and use of knowledge. One of the core outcomes of the GEF Pacific R2R Programme focused on the establishment of national and regional platforms for managing information and sharing of best practices and lessons learned in R2R.

Central to this is the creation of the Pacific R2R Network, a Knowledge Management Platform

including key knowledge tools and products for effective sharing of information and knowledge – developing a stronger KM modality. KM played a key role in facilitating planning and policy processes to facilitate the adoption of ICM/IWRM practices supporting sustainable livelihoods and climate resilience among Pacific Small Island Developing States (PSIDS).

**Component 4.** *Regional and national ‘Ridge to Reef’ indicator for reporting, monitoring, adaptive management and knowledge management* builds on the results-based approach to project planning and management. The component will also establish national and regional platforms for managing information and sharing of best practices and lessons learned in integrated land, water, forest and coastal management including climate adaptation.

### **KM Strategy**

Knowledge management is acknowledged to cut across all areas of programme activity, and to realize it, collaboration was second nature. KM cut across research, planning, practice, and learning. The focal strategy was to strengthen access to information and knowledge to support [and influence] national, regional and global policy dialogues on options and approaches to ICM/IWRM for adoption. Analytics from Pacific R2R Programme website, prove the strategy and its implementation, in partnership with participating countries, has been notably successful:

Users: 12,242 (end of project target 100)

Sessions: 20,032

Page views: 64,194

Downloads: 11,612

Country access: 177 countries

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### **Products**

At the final and Sixth Regional Steering Committee meeting, a list of publications has been deposited in to the Pacific R2R Programme Website national project repositories. The publications will be launched and handed over to participating countries during the Sixth Regional Steering Committee meeting, and the list of titles include:

<b>Monitoring Protocols</b>	<b>Country</b>
<a href="#">GEF IW R2R Compost System Standard Operating Procedure</a>	Regional
<b>Environmental Monitoring Plans</b>	
<a href="#">Guide to writing an environmental monitoring plan</a>	Regional
<a href="#">Country environmental monitoring plan - template</a>	Regional
<a href="#">IW R2R Dry-Litter Technology Monitoring Plan</a>	Regional
<a href="#">IW R2R Environment monitoring workplan</a>	Regional

<a href="#">Kiribati IW R2R Water Quality Monitoring Plan</a>	Kiribati
<b>Water Quality Assessments</b>	
<a href="#">Water Quality Assessment of Fogafale Lagoon, Tuvalu</a>	Tuvalu
<a href="#">Kiribati water quality assessment &amp; training report 2020</a>	Kiribati
<a href="#">Melekeok Conservation Network In-Situ Water Quality Monitoring</a>	Palau
<a href="#">Solomon Islands water quality assessment reports, 2018 &amp; 2019</a>	Solomon
<b>Rapid Coastal Assessment (RapCA) Reports</b>	
<a href="#">Fagali'i Catchment Biorap Survey Report: Rapid Assessment of Priority Coastal Areas for Fagali'i, Samoa</a>	Samoa
<a href="#">Rapid Coastal Assessment of Tagabe River Catchment Report, Port Vila, Vanuatu</a>	Vanuatu
<a href="#">Rapid Coastal Assessment of Mataniko River Catchment Report, Honiara, Guadalcanal Island, Solomon Islands</a>	Solomons
<a href="#">Rapid Coastal Assessment of the Marine Environment of Tuna Bay, Bootless Inlet, Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea</a>	PNG
<a href="#">Rapid Assessment of Coastal Areas (RapCA) in the Hihifo District, Tongatapu</a>	Tonga
<a href="#">Rapid Assessment of Priority Coastal Areas (RapCA) in the Hihifo District, Tongatapu. Social and Economic Report</a>	Tonga
<a href="#">Coastal Water Quality Assessment Report: Rapid Assessment of Priority Coastal Areas for Hihifo, Tongatapu, Kingdom of Tonga</a>	Tonga
<a href="#">Rapid Assessment of Priority Coastal Area and Lagoon of Muri Catchment, Rarotonga, Cook Islands</a>	Cooks
<a href="#">Rapid Assessment of Priority Coastal Areas (RapCA) Standard Consultancy Template</a>	Regional
<a href="#">RapCA conceptual framework</a>	Regional
<a href="#">Tofol Area Watersheds Biological Assessment From Ridge to Reef</a>	FSM
<a href="#">Tofol Area Watershed Geological Assessment From Ridge to Reef</a>	FSM
<b>Island Diagnostic Analysis (IDA) Reports</b>	
<a href="#">PNG IDA</a>	PNG
<a href="#">Cook Islands Ridge to Reef Island Diagnostic Analysis Technical Report</a>	Cooks
<a href="#">PALAU IDA</a>	Palau
<a href="#">Solomon Islands</a>	Solomons
<a href="#">FSM IDA</a>	FSM
<b>Strategic Action Frameworks (SAF)</b>	
<a href="#">Solomon Islands</a>	Solomons
<b>Gender mainstreaming</b>	
<a href="#">Gender mainstreaming toolkit</a>	Regional
<a href="#">Guideline document for Guidelines document for Diagnostic Analysis</a>	Regional
<a href="#">Guideline document for Guidelines document for SoC/SAF</a>	Regional

<b>Spatial Prioritisation Modelling</b>	
<a href="#">Identification of priority sites for future upscaling of R2R investments in Vanuatu</a>	Vanuatu
<a href="#">Assessment of Ridge to Reef management actions in Tagabe watershed and Mele Bay in Vanuatu</a>	Vanuatu
<a href="#">Regional guideline for implementing R2R spatial prioritisation procedures</a>	Regional
<a href="#">Regional guidelines for implementing science-policy theory of change</a>	Regional
<a href="#">Informing spatial prioritization using a R2R conceptual framework in tropical island settings</a>	Regional
<a href="#">TECHNICAL REPORT NO 1: Completed Documentation of Various National (and Regional) Sustainable Development Planning Processes and Strategic Frameworks</a>	Regional
<b>Lessons Learned</b>	
<a href="#">FSM STAR</a>	FSM
<a href="#">Palau IW</a>	Palau
Tuvalu IW	Tuvalu
Cook Islands IW	Cook Islands
Vanuatu IW	Vanuatu
<a href="#">GEF Pacific Ridge-to-Reef (R2R) Human Capacity Needs Assessment Consolidated Consultancy Report</a>	Regional
<a href="#">Practitioners' Guide for Mainstreaming RIDGE TO REEF (R2R) APPROACH for Sustainable Development in the Pacific Region</a>	Regional
<b>National Publications</b>	
<a href="#">Solomon Islands - Multi-hazards and Risk Assessment Report for Mataniko River Catchment in Guadalcanal</a>	Solomons
<a href="#">Solomon Islands - Honiara Coastal Assessment Report (incl. technical reports)</a>	Solomons
<a href="#">Solomon Islands - Environment Impact Assessment report</a>	Solomons
<a href="#">Solomon Islands - Biological &amp; Ecological Assessment report</a>	Solomons
<a href="#">Solomon Islands - Mataniko Integrated Catchment Plan (incl. technical reports)</a>	Solomons
<a href="#">PNG Mangroves management plan tuna bay</a>	PNG
<a href="#">Solomon Islands - Bathymetry &amp; Hydrology Assessment report</a>	Solomons
<a href="#">Motu Koita Coastal Management by-law</a>	PNG