



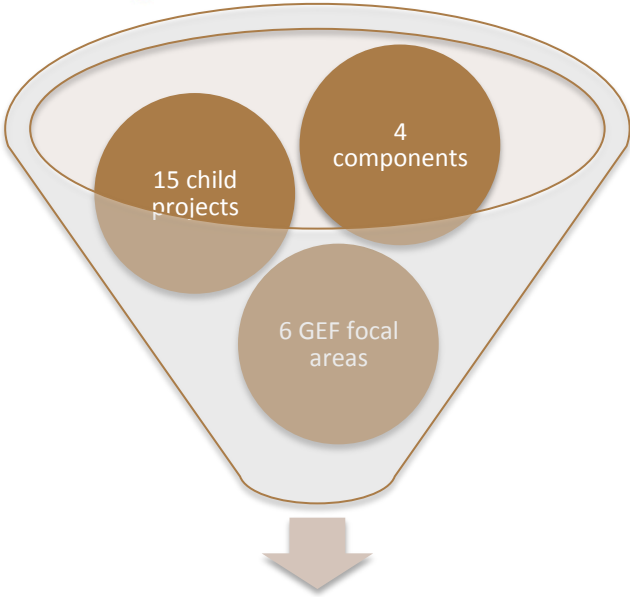
Pacific Islands Ridge to Reef National Priorities – Integrated water, land, forest and coastal management to preserve biodiversity, ecosystem services, store carbon, improve climate resilience and sustain livelihoods

Regional International Waters Ridge to Reef Project

Overview & Results Snapshots Final Report – RSTC7 Meeting

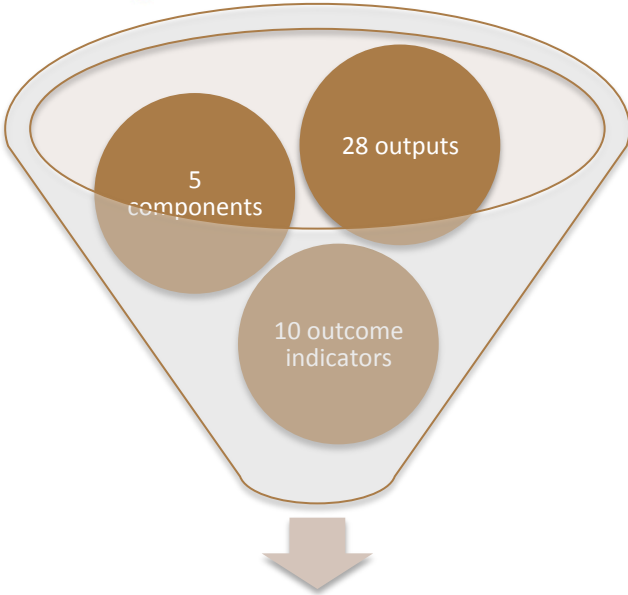
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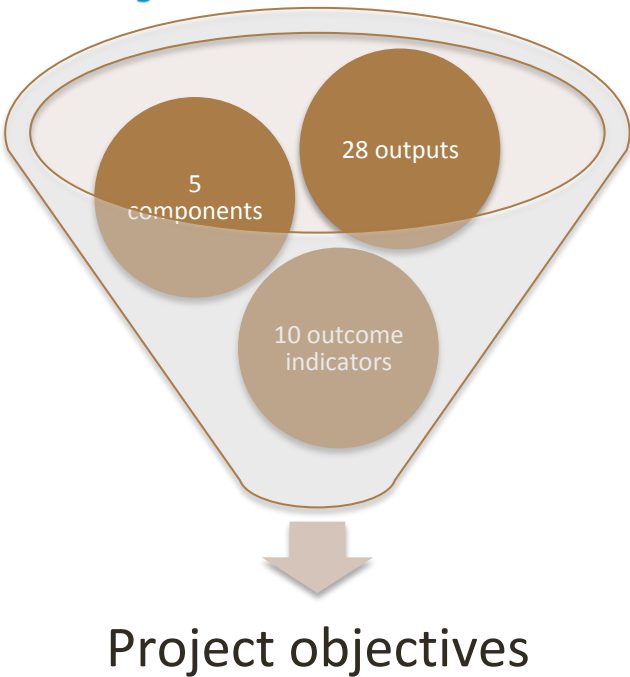
Program facts

- ❑ **Fund Source:** Global Environmental Facility
- ❑ **Lead GEF IA:** United Nations Development Program
- ❑ **Other GEF Agency:** UN Environment & FAO
- ❑ **Partners:** 14 Pacific Island Countries & The Pacific Community (SPC)
- ❑ **Total budget:** USD 90.4 million
- ❑ **Duration:** 60 months



Project facts

- ❑ **GEF ID:** 5404
- ❑ **PIMS ID:** 5221
- ❑ **Fund source:** Global Environmental Facility
- ❑ **Lead GEF IA:** United Nations Development Program
- ❑ **Executing Agency:** Pacific Community (SPC)
- ❑ **Partners:** 14 Pacific Island Countries
- ❑ **Total budget:** USD 10.3 million
- ❑ **Duration:** August 2015 to March 1, 2022



To **test** the mainstreaming of **Ridge to Reef, climate resilient approaches** to integrated land, water, forest and coastal management in the **Pacific Island Countries** through strategic planning, capacity building and piloted local actions to **sustain livelihoods** and preserve **ecosystem services**

Regional IW R2R Project Results Framework (Original)

Project Objectives

To test the mainstreaming of R2R, climate resilient approaches to integrated land, water, forest and coastal management in the PICs through strategic planning, capacity building and piloted local actions to sustain livelihoods and preserve ecosystem services

Ten (10) Indicators

- C1.1** Successful pilot projects testing innovative solutions involving linking ICM, IWRM & CCA (linked to STAR via larger Pacific R2R network)
- C1.2** National diagnostic analysis for ICM conducted for prioritizing and scaling-up key ICM/IWRM reforms and investments
- C1.3** Multi-stakeholder leader roundtable networks established for strengthened 'community to cabinet' ICM/IWRM
- C2.1** National & local capacity for ICM & IWRM implementation build to enable best practice in integrated land, water, forests & coastal management & CCA
- C2.2** Incentive structures for retention of local R2R expertise and inter-gov'tal dialogue on HR needs for ICM/IWRM initiated
- C3.1** National and regional strategic action frameworks for ICM/IWRM endorsed nationally and regionally
- C3.2** Coordinated approaches for R2R integrated land, water, forests & coastal management & CCA achieved in 14 PICs
- C4.1** National & regional formulation & adoption of integrated & simplified results frameworks for integrating multi-focal projects
- C4.2** National & regional platforms for managing information & sharing of best practices & lessons learned in R2R established
- C5.1** Effective program coordination of national & regional R2R projects

Five (5) Components

- C1.** National Demo to support R2R ICM/IWRM approaches for island resilience & sustainability
- C2.** Island-based investments in human capital & knowledge to strengthen national & local capacities for R2R ICM/IWRM approaches, incorporating CCA
- C3.** Mainstreaming of R2R ICM/IWRM approaches into national development planning
- C4.** Regional & national R2R indicators for reporting, monitoring & adaptive management & knowledge management
- C5.** Ridge to Reef regional & national coordination

14 national demonstration projects testing R2R management practices

Location of demonstration sites in the 14 PICs



1. Restored habitat – revegetation programs
2. Municipal waste pollution reduction (aquifers, coastal areas)– sanitation system upgrades and dry litter piggeries
3. Catchment protection measures – sustainable land use, agricultural best practice, ICM plans
4. Conserved/protected wetlands, fish refugia – coastal and fisheries management plans
5. Participatory environmental monitoring programs
6. Ecosystem process and habitat health monitoring programs
7. Assessment of eco-sanitation and dry-litter piggery technologies



Overall rating (Cumulative as of December 31, 2021)

Dev. Objective	RPCU/SPC
Development Objectives	Satisfactory
Implementation Progress	Satisfactory

Overall cumulative ratings (UNDP & SPC)

Development objective (DO)	June 2019	June 2020	June 2021
Development objective (DO)	MU	MU	MU
Implementation progress (IP)	MU	MS	Satisfactory



Development results snapshots (as of Dec. 2021)

Comp	Outcome	Jun 2019	Jun 2020	Jun 2021	Dec 2021
1	1 – Pilot testing of innovative solutions	Off track	On track	On track	Achieved
	2 – National diagnostic analysis	Off track	Off track	On track	Achieved
	3 – Multi-stakeholder leader roundtable networks	Off track	On track	On track	Achieved
2	1 – National and local capacity on ICM and IWRM	On track	On track	Achieved	Achieved
	2 – Incentive structures for retention of local expertise/ HR needs	Off track	Off track	On track	Partly Achieved
3	1 – National and regional strategic action framework for ICM/IWRM	Off track	Off track	On track	Partly achieved
	2 – Coordinated approaches for R2R	On track	On track	On track	Achieved
4	1 – National & regional integ. & simplified frameworks for multi-focal projects	On track	On track	On track	Achieved
	2 – Nat'l. & reg'l. platforms for managing info. & sharing of best practice & LL	On track	On track	On track	Achieved
5	1 – Effective program coordination of national and regional R2R projects	On track	On track	On track	Achieved



Outcome 1.1

Successful pilot projects testing innovative solutions involving linking ICM, IWRM & CCA (linked to STAR via larger Pacific R2R network)

Forests and Education – Learn to Love Forests



PacificR2R #Vanuatu Rapid Coastal Assessment Team complete trial forest biodiversity and cover assessment of #Tagabe Upper Catchment, including information on endemic and invasive species. The Team included staff of the Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation, local experts and community volunteers (July, 2018).



Forests reduce the impacts of climate change through carbon storage.

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- ❑ **Achieved (2/2)**
- ❑ Following the modified S2P continuum, 9 national pilot area diagnostics conducted and local governance of water, land, forests & coasts reviewed.
- ❑ 14 national pilot projects are testing innovative technologies are in various stages of implementation.



Outcome 1.2

National diagnostic analysis for ICM conducted for prioritizing and scaling-up key ICM/IWRM reforms and investments

Forests and Education – Learn to Love Forests



Forests contribute to food security and livelihoods.

PacificR2R Samoa Rapid Coastal Assessment
Team complete trial forest biodiversity and cover assessment of Fagalii Catchment with information on endemic and invasive species. Team incl Ministry of Natural Resources and #Environment, local experts and community volunteers. (December, 2018)



- Achieved (2/2)**
- Conducted Island Diagnostic Analysis (IDA) to the 8 priority countries (coinciding with the RapCA).
- Successfully trialled the refined methodology for the procedure and required indicator sets driving the linked land-sea model.
- Established enhanced procedures for characterizing island coastal areas for ICM in collaboration with national and regional stakeholders.



Outcome 1.3

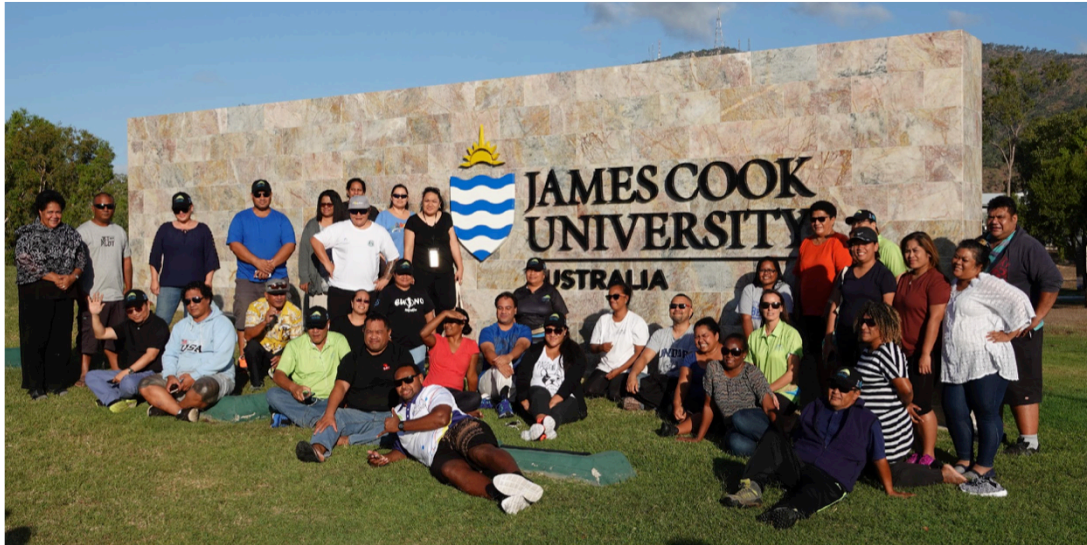
Multi-stakeholder leader roundtable networks established for strengthened 'community to cabinet' ICM/IWRM



- Achieved (2/2)**
- 14 national multi-stakeholder networks established/revitalized comprising local leaders and local governments. These networks are in various degree of functionalities and were supported in project steering committee meetings and consultations, awareness raising, and advocating for results-based management, and R2R programmatic implementation.
- One regional investment forum conducted January 11-12, 2022.

Outcome 2.1

National & local capacity for ICM & IWRM implementation build to enable best practice in integrated land, water, forests & coastal mgt. and CCA



- Achieved (2/2)**
- 12 (7-women) have successfully completed the post graduate diploma.
- 32 (17 women) completed the post graduate certificate.
- 14 community stakeholder groups are engaged in various R2R planning and CC activities. Project managers and RPCU staff supported and provided advice, mentoring, and coaching.

Outcome 2.2

Incentive structures for retention of local R2R expertise & inter-governmental dialogue on human resource needs for ICM/IWRM initiated



- Achieved (1/2)**
- Carried out the Human capacity needs assessment for R2R implementation and competencies of national and local government units.
- The HR capacity assessment report highlighted the important requirements for future capacity building interventions on R2R in the Pacific.

Outcome 3.2

Coordinated approaches for R2R integrated land, water, forests and coastal mgt. and CCA achieved in 14 Pacific Island Countries



- ❑ **Achieved (4/4)**
- ❑ At midterm, it was clarified that national PSCs would also serve as the IMCs.
 - ❑ 5 joint STAR and IW PSC
 - ❑ 6 solely for IW R2R project
 - ❑ 3 used existing government steering platform
- ❑ All 14 national projects and their respective PSCs supported the (modified) S2P and the corresponding pilot strategic interventions.
- ❑ Two tech-exchange visits were held (American Samoa and the CoastSnap in Fiji).
- ❑ PSC members participated in the Most Significant Change (MSC) held on July 2019.



Outcome 4.1

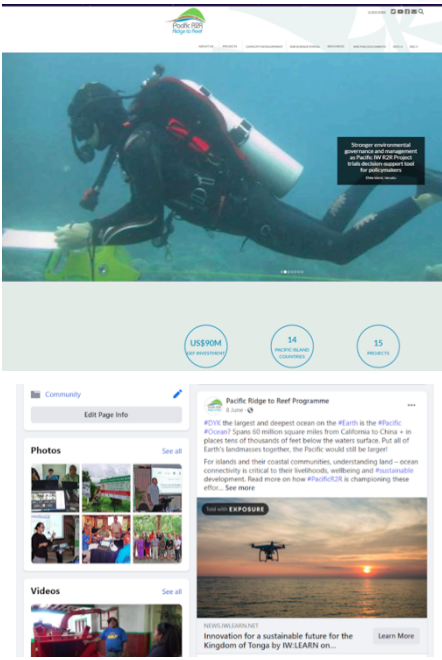
National and regional formulation and adoption of integrated and simplified results frameworks for integrating multi-focal projects



- ❑ **Achieved (3/3)**
- ❑ The Results-based management System was established – in it are various planning tools and reporting templates.
- ❑ A simple, harmonized multi-focal area results tracking tool was developed and endorsed by RSC for adoption by the GEF implementing agencies and its corresponding child projects.
- ❑ Annually, a joint reflection and planning session was conducted. Both STAR & IW projects actively participated.

Outcome 4.2

National & regional platforms for managing information & sharing of best practices & lessons learned in R2R established



- ☐ **Achieved (3/3)**
- ☐ R2R communications strategy including the KM strategy, and the guidance document for programmatic documentation of experience and lessons learned are available and accessible at the GEF Pacific R2R Programme Website.
- ☐ Several national and regional stakeholders were selected to participate in the IW:LEARN activities, and conferences. Due to COVID physical attendance to these activities was no longer possible. There are 6 experience notes published and additional 4 being finalized.
- ☐ GEF Pacific website hosted the roster of experts database, science portal, & repository for best practice R2R techno.

Outcome 5.1

Effective program coordination of national and regional Ridge to Reef projects



- Achieved (5/5)**
- Technical and administrative staff and consultants comprise the Regional Program Coordinating Unit.
- RPCU provides support to national R2R projects and facilitate timely delivery of outputs that contributes to the overall program outcomes.
- Since 2015, various staff were trained in RBM, and other technical subjects. Country visits were also conducted to coach and mentor project managers. Reflection & planning workshops were regularly held that serves as venue for learning.

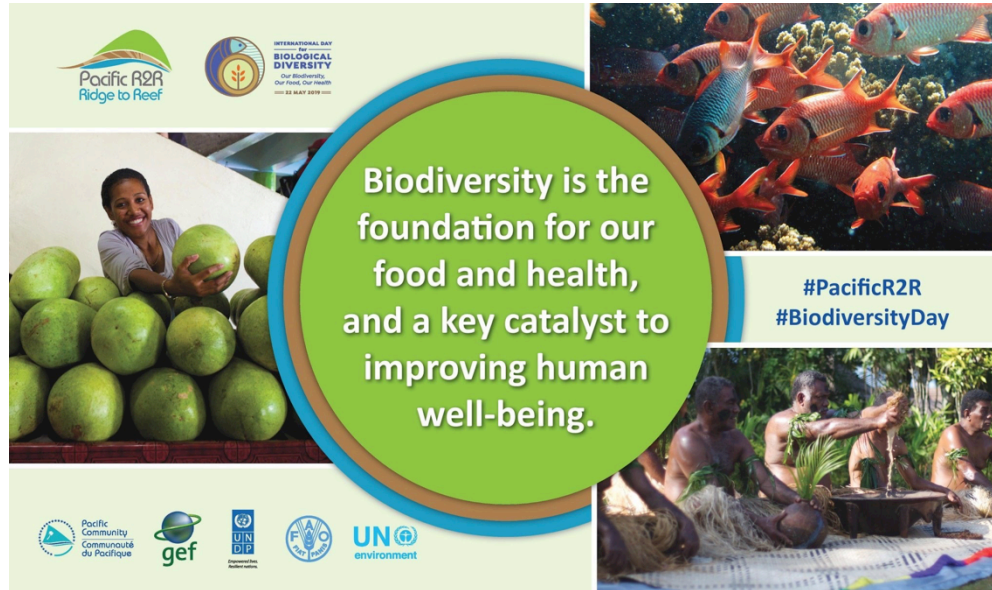


Implementation status of MTR Recommendations

MTR Recommendations	Actions	Status
1 – Review and update of national IW logframes	Done	Completed
2 – Review of lessons learned and best practice from previous IWRM	Consultancy	Completed
3 – Re-evaluate project linkages with other national activities & processes	Consultancy	Completed
4 – Mainstreaming Ridge to Reef	Consultancy	Completed
5 – Adopting an Ecosystems Goods and Services approach	IW Fiji	Completed
6 – Reassessing the Science to Policy Continuum (IDA-RapCA-SoC-SAP/F)	Modified S2P	Completed
7 – Mapping Ridge to Reef contributions to SDGs	HRR/Tools	Completed
8 – Website structure and purpose	Consultancy	Completed
9 – Reassessing multi-focal website features	Consultancy	Completed
10 – Delivering outcome 4.2 – Pacific R2R Website (also in relation to Recommendations 8 & 9).	Consultancy	Completed

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11 – Compiling lessons learned	Consultancy	Completed
12 – A no-cost extension	Done	Completed
13 – Reporting links and information sharing across the Regional R2R Programme	RSC 4 & RPCG	Completed
14 – Clarifying RPCU's programme role and programmatic implementation modalities	RSC 4 & RPCG	Completed
15 – Capacity building focus – ensuring effectiveness and scientific results	Consultancy (Outcome 2.2)	Completed
16 – Reassessing the role and structure of the RSTC	RSTC 5	Completed
17 – Communication strategy based on clearly defined Theory of Change	Guidance documents	Completed
18 – Gender issues	Budget allocated	Completed

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Project Implementation Reports

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Final Reports of the national IW R2R projects

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