



Pacific R2R Programme Workshop

Most Significant Change

The GEF Pacific IW R2R Project - NAURU



Name of Person recording story	IW R2R PM
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Clean and Green Project Officer

I was chosen to be a project officer in 2015 till mid this year, sometimes to take responsibility for clean and green environment officer around all 14 districts. I did train on compose waste management with Cenon (consultant). I attend R2R Project awareness and promotions which I attend to during their roadshows assisting hand to hand compose, transplanting as for environment day waste management POP/UPOPS for the past years which I'm very interested in which I'm learning and gaining knowledge on composting and coastal vegetation, recycling.



Coastal vegetation plays an important role in stabilizing the surface against wind erosions and land ground erosion

My ability and knowledge on composing and coastal vegetation got me thinking, why not? Give out training to the clean and green community and students on composting pits and coastal vegetations (but I did get them to understand through the years) but it's not that easy to communicate with the locals whom are stubborn and uninterested the value and benefit to their home land. I became to



Mr. Vauili . Amoe Nauru former clean and green project officer showing compost pit

understand more and more about how important coastal vegetations are and how they can be used to prevent erosions and wind carrying salt towards inland. Compost pit can improve soil quality and also provide compose to the community, kitchen garden growers, save environment and the trees in some districts that we see fits. People became interested on why we plant fruit trees, forest trees around the coastal area. Legislation has applied that there is a planting distance along the road-side by the government not to plant to close to the road.

Once we saw a truck just picked up a bunch of cut and trimmed trees around the coastal area in the back of their truck so we stopped them and ask them what they're going to do with the tree and plant cuts, we dump it its rubbish, oh! No this are no rubbish; we can use this to feed our coastal trees and use it for compose too. They see rubbish but we see the future. We have planted forest trees and coconut trees around 3 districts coastal area on places I've taken (me recorder) are 3-5 years old, the big change is I know that we save a little every plant we place, the effort and the changes make me feel happy and proud of the results.

Our Government is our biggest support in our project, communities and families whom becoming more interest in our project and start taking part in action to save our home land Nauru, this is another big change for the people and our country.