



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

Update of the Project contributions to the GEF Focal Area outcomes and outputs

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Project contributions to GEF focal area outcomes

Focal Area	Outcomes		
	Target	Actual achieved	Unit of Measure
Biodiversity	National PAN Strategy	National Strategy Adopted	Policy
	16 States with PAN Sites	16 States in PAN	# of State Governments
	PAN METT	PAN METT Developed	METT Tools
International Waters	Alignment of PAN and SLM	Integration of SLM into PAN Strategies at National & State	Policy
Land Degradation	4 Land Use Strategies	4 LUS	Strategies
SFM/ REDD+	SFM Strategy	SFM Strategy developed	Policy
	Forest Monitoring Protocol	FMP Developed	Protocol



Project contributions to GEF focal area outputs

Focal Area	Outputs		
	Target	Actual achieved	Unit of Measure
Biodiversity	Increase by 4 new PAN Sites	11 new sites	# of PAN sites
	PA coverage by 101,300 ha	93,740 marine	Hectares
International Waters	Minimum of 4 states with aligned PAN/SLM plans	4 aligned	# of Plans
Land Degradation	4 land use strategies	4 land use strategies to be adopted by at least 4 states	# of strategies
SFM/ REDD+	8,000ha	2100 ha in PAN ~6000 ha non-PAN	Hectares Terrestrial



Strategic issues encountered	Remedial measures
Change in Political Atmosphere	Adapt implementation to incorporate social and political priorities (i.e. displacement creating housing development needs, changes in state governance)
Different capacity levels among implementers	Conducted capacity assessment and addressed gaps for those specific agencies
COVID Pandemic affected progress of implementation	Adapt to the “new normal” of the pandemic (i.e. limited workshop sizes)



Lessons learned in implementing Programmatic Approach

Strategy: The project document noted the risk in changes of political will/priorities and in capacity of partners to implement. However, it did not take into account the Pandemic, but it does allow for adaptive management to occur.

Steering: Having a combined Steering Committee serving both the IW and STAR helped to align the work and provide clearer directions and guidance for how to enhance that alignment between the two.

Cooperation: Coordination and cooperation between internal and external partners have enhanced the delivery of the projects by contributing directly or indirectly to the results as well as the sustainability of the outputs and outcomes beyond the project life.

Processes: Clear agreements between Executing Agency (EA) and Project Partners (PP) through Memorandum of Agreements helped ensure transparency and understanding between these stakeholders.



Lessons learned in Programmatic Approach that could be upscaled

- **Clear process between EA and PP**
 - Memorandum of Agreements between national partners
 - Sets clear roles of MNRET(Executing Agency) and Project Partner
 - Sets clear process for partnership and deliverables
 - Allows for adaptive management should issues/risks arise
 - Benefits
 - EA supports PP and acknowledges that PP is an expert in their field and trusts that the results/deliverable are aligned with EA expectations
 - Integration of other lessons and work that were not known and alignment with existing work to reduce duplications



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