



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

Updates of the Regional International Waters Ridge to Reef Project contributions to the GEF Focal Area outcomes and outputs

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| Focal Area International Waters | Outcomes and Outputs | | |
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| | Target | Actual achieved | Unit of Measure |
| Focal area objective (IW1): Transboundary basins/aquifers catalyze multi-state cooperation to balance conflicting water uses in transboundary surface/groundwater basins while considering climatic variability and change. | | | |
| IW1/1.1 Outcome: Incorporation of national policy reforms on IWRM into national/ local plans and actions | 14 | 14 in-progress | Planning and Policies |
| IW1/1.1.1 Output: National and local policy and legal reforms adopted with functioning national inter-ministry committees. | 14 | 14 in-progress | Policies discussed at the IMC/PSC |



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| IW1/1.2 Outcome: Innovative solutions implemented for reduced pollution, improved water use efficiency, sustainable fisheries with rights-based management, IWRM, water supply protection in SIDS, and aquifer and catchment protection. | 14 | 14 in-progress | Tested approaches |
| IW1/1.2.1 Output: Types of technologies and measures implemented in local demonstrations and investments | 14 | 14 in-progress | National Pilot demonstrations |

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| Focal area objective (IW3): Support foundational capacity building, portfolio learning, & targeted research needs for ecosystem-based, joint mgt. of transboundary water systems, including ICM | | | |
| IW3/3.1 Outcome: Political commitment and capacity demonstrated for ICM integrating with existing IWRM commitments | 14 | 14 in-progress | Planning and Policies |
| IW3/3.1.1 Output: National ICM-IWRM commitment in place, including coastal diagnostic analysis, and national inter-ministry committee oversight documented | 14 | 6 In-progress | RapCA, IDA with documentations |



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| IW3/3.3 Outcome: IW portfolio capacity and performance enhanced from active learning/KM/ experience sharing | 14 | 14 in-progress | Enhanced capacities on ICM |
| IW3/3.3.1 Output: Active experience/ sharing/ learning practiced in the IW portfolio, including through GEF IW:LEARN | 14 | 14 in-progress | Experience notes, lessons learned & knowledge products |

Strategic issues encountered and remedial measures

| Strategic issues encountered | Remedial measures |
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| Challenges in ensuring technical robustness as basis for decisions in sustainable resource governance | Modification of science to policy theory of change enforced in combination with adaptive management measures |
| Limited local capacity, disparity in technical skills and management experience among managers, and turnover of staff | Augmentation of technical support through national and regional technical service providers |
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Lessons learned in implementing Programmatic Approach

- **Strategy:** *Ridge to reef approach is an effective approach for sustainable resource governance*
- **Steering:** *Shared responsibility among the members of the steering committee for achieving R2R outcomes*
- **Cooperation:** *Meaningful and functional participation is key to mainstreaming R2R*
- **Processes:** *Processes, rules and procedures should contribute toward the achievement of the objectives..*





Lessons learned in Programmatic Approach that could be upscaled

R2R program must demonstrate inclusive steering, cooperation and meaningful participation, and responsive processes.

Upscaling of a well-designed R2R program requires:-

- Effective participation, ownership and commitment by stakeholders;
- A well-defined strategy based on agreed Science to Policy continuum
- Commitment to safeguard EGS thereby improving climate resilience & improve livelihoods.
- Demonstrable political support and community acceptance
- Realistic timelines and adequate resources to deliver project objectives and outcomes – this includes responding to domestic priorities or aspirations, and meeting international targets.





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