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*Ridge to Reef – Testing the Integration of Water, Land, Forest &
Coastal Management to Preserve Ecosystem Services, Store Carbon,
Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods in Pacific Island Countries*

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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:

Monitoring Protocols	Country
GEF IW R2R Compost System Standard Operating Procedure	Regional
Environmental Monitoring Plans	
Guide to writing an environmental monitoring plan	Regional
Country environmental monitoring plan - template	Regional
IW R2R Dry-Litter Technology Monitoring Plan	Regional
IW R2R Environment monitoring workplan	Regional

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

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