

Regional Scientific and Technical Committee

- 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 Project

18 January, 2022

Project Background

- **SPC** - responsible for the management and delivery of programme activities, achieving project output & progress toward results and proper use of resources
- **UNDP** – oversight and monitoring role
- **Project Life:** September 15, 2021 - March 1, 2022
- **Project Budget:** GEF 10,317,454 (USD)

Terminal Evaluation

- **An Independent review**
- **Mandatory** for all GEF-financed **full-sized projects** (FSPs)
- **Purpose:**
 - - to assess the achievement of project results against what was expected to be achieved and draw lessons that can both improve the sustainability of benefits from this project, and aid in the overall enhancement of UNDP programming. The TE report promotes accountability and transparency and assesses the extent of project accomplishments.

TE Team

- Team Leader – Maria Onestini (Argentina)
- Governance Specialist - Elmer Mercado
(Philippines)
- National Consultants – Tuvalu (Moeli Homasi) & Fiji
(Patrick Fong)
- Submission of draft TE report – January 24th
- Submission of final TE Report - February 10th

Challenges

- Difficulty in recruiting national consultants for FSM, Palau, Vanuatu, Fiji, Samoa and Tuvalu . First Advertising (quarter 3, 2021) unsuccessful before team had to head hunt
- Team Leader – shared concern about lack of cooperation from national consultants
- **Way forward** – Team Leader and Governance Specialist have worked a way forward between themselves and will submit final TE report by February 10
- UNDP and SPC to facilitate operational and financial closure of project.

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