



SOLOMON ISLANDS COUNTRY REPORT



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TOPIC OUTLINE

- **Overview – Solomon Islands**
- **CTI-CFF in Solomon Islands**
- **NPOA – implementation/progress**
- **Lessons learnt, Challenges & Recommendations**



SOLOMON ISLANDS

- 992 islands
- Total land area – 28,000km²
- Total sea area – 1,340,000km²
- Total coral reef area – 3,591km²
- Total mangrove area – 65,000ha
- Total seagrass area – 10,000ha

80% of land is under Customary Tenure (recognized by Constitution).



• Population (2009 Census) : **515,870**

• Annual growth rate: **3.5%**

Diverse culture and people:

- Melaneseans (highest), Polynesians and Micronesians
- ~ 80 different languages

Dual economy: formal and informal

- **Commercial:** natural resource dependent on forestry, fisheries, copra, cocoa, etc . Limited manufacturing and processing exist.
- **Subsistence:** fishers, farmers

85% of people live in rural communities = heavily depend on the land & sea resources for food, income and livelihood.



Our journey since.....

2004

- SI/TNC conducted REA
- SI included in Coral Triangle Region

2007-2008

- SI delegates attended 1st SOM Meeting. Bali. Indonesia
- PM accepts President Indonesia call for establishment of CTI-CFF
- SI Hosted 2nd Coordination Committee Meeting. Honiara

2009

- SI Hosted 2nd Ministerial Meeting. Ghizo.
- PM signed CTI- CFF Leaders Declaration
- SI joined CT6 to endorse CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action
- NCC establishment & NPOA endorsed by Cabinet

2010–2014

Implementation

- US CTI-Support Program (2010-13)
- ADB CT Project (2011-2015)
- Australia CTI Support Program commenced in 2010
- National Work program

Developed key documents:

- *NPOA Implementation Plan 2013-2016*
- *State of Coral Triangle Report 2012*

CTI-CFF in Solomon Islands

SI National Work Program 2014-2015

SI National Coordination Committee

Chairs: PS – MECDM and PS – MFMR (or alternate: Undersecretaries or Directors)

Members:

- MECDM
- MFMR
- Office of the Prime Minister & Cabinet
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Ministry of Agriculture/Livestock
- Ministry of Development Planning/Aid Coordination
- Ministry of Provincial Government
- Ministry of Finance/Treasury
- Ministry of Culture & Tourism
- Attorney General's Office
- Solomon Islands Locally Managed Marine Areas Network
- Solomon Islands National University - SNRAS
- University of the South Pacific
- WorldFish
- The Nature Conservancy
- WWFSI
- Solomon Islands Community Conservation Partnership

Note: All MECDM Project Coordinators (rep) may serve as Co-opt Members

CTI-CFF National Work Program

(HOSTED BY ECD – CONSERVATION UNIT)

LEAD AGENCIES – MECDM/MFMR

National Focal Points (SOM Representatives)

National Coordinators (Secretariat to NCC)

USCTI and USAID Coral Triangle Support Partnership (CTSP) – (2009-2013)

(Completed 2013 after 5 years of implementation covering themes of Climate change adaptation, ecosystems approach to fisheries management and marine protected areas including supporting the CTI national work program and NCC)

Implementations of activities were undertaken by MECDM and MFMR including WorldFish, TNC, WWF and Conservation International and also with other regional partners such as the Coral Triangle Centre.

AUS-CTI Support Program (2014-2015)

Project: A national strategy, and data and information management capabilities, for community-based resource management (CBRM Mapping)-TNC (2013-2015)

Project: Supporting community-based marine and coastal resource management in Western Province (2013/14) - WorldFish

Project: Expanding the reach of community-based marine resource management support MFMR/CI (2012-2017)

Others completed in 2012/13:

- 1) Supporting sustainable coral reef management through economic valuation WorldFish;
- 2) Implementation Planning for Solomon Islands National Plan of Action and Review of Options to Strengthen Provincial Level Government Support of Community Based Resource Management – Consultant

GEF/ADB - CT Pacific Project (2010-2015)

Project: Strengthening coastal and marine resource management in the Coral Triangle of the Pacific Ocean – NMPU

Project: Isabel Province i) Eco regional prioritisation workshops/Ridge to Reefs conservation plan for Isabel, ii) Building capacity of provincial and local NGOs to implement CBRM, ICM and EAFM in Isabel – TNC

Project: ICM in Malaita Province – WorldFish

Project: Strengthening environmental law & Regional Learning – IUCN

Others completed in 2013/14:

- 1) Special Study: Regional Climate change project – WorldFish;
- 2) Special Study: Climate Change and development strategies for coastal communities of the Pacific Coral Triangle countries – IFPRI

SIG (2009-2015)

Development Project: NPOA Implementation (National Budget allocations under MECDM/MFMR)

Key activities covered in 2015:

- 1) NCC meetings/activities
- 2) CBRM Community grants
- 3) Contribution to CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat
- 4) Support for Workshops/conferences/trainings (CTI-CFF related)
- 5) Communication/Promotions – e.g. CT Day 2015

COUNTRY TWG FOCAL POINTS

TWG	Focal Point	Supporting partners
Seascapes	<i>MECDM (Agnetha) supported by MFMR</i>	<i>TNC, WWF, CI, Ministry of Foreign Affairs,</i>
EAFM	<i>MFMR (Ronnelle Panda) supported by Peter Kenilorea</i>	<i>WorldFish, ADB CTI Project, SPREP, SPC, FFA, TNC, FFA</i>
MPA	<i>MFMR (Peter Kenilorea) supported by MECDM (Agnetha)</i>	<i>TNC, SICCP, SILMMA, WWF, CBO partners</i>
CCA	<i>MECDM (Agnetha) supported by Climate Change Division</i>	<i>SPREP, SPC, NGO partners,</i>
Threatened Species	<i>MECDM (Agnetha) supported by MFMR</i>	<i>SPREP, SPC, SILMMA,</i>

Others include:

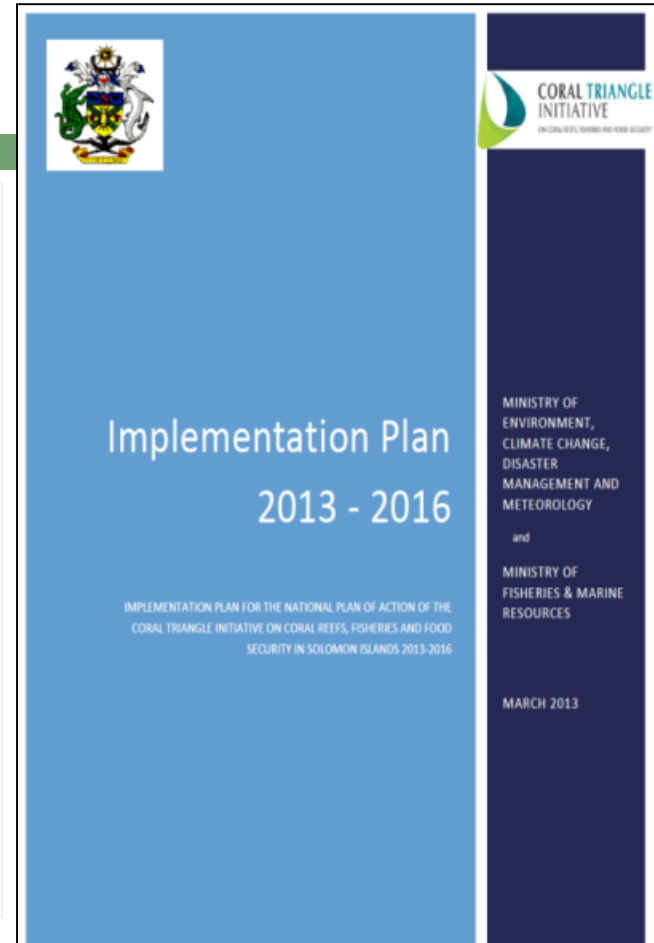
- **Communications & Capacity Building WG** – led by Duta Kauhiona (MFMR under the Expanding Reach Project)
- **Local Governments Network** – led by Ministry of Provincial Government supported by MECDM (Agnetha)
- **Women Leaders Forum** – led by MECDM (Agnetha) supported by MFMR, WorldFish & Ministry of Women
- **Regional Business Forum** – led by MFMR supported by MFMR and MCT.
- **NCC Proposals Sub-committee** – led by NCC Secretariat supported by Projects e.g. NPMU

SI NPOA

- ❑ Launched 2010
- ❑ Vision: Marine and coastal resources are sustainably managed and utilized to secure the long term improvement of the livelihoods of Solomon Islanders
- ❑ Supported by NPOA Implementation Plan 2013-16

4 Themes:

- 1 - **Community Based Resource Management**
- 2 - **Policy, legislation, partnerships, strategies and guidance**
- 3 - **Data and information management**
- 4 - **Capacity building, education, awareness**



NPOA – Goals and Targets

VISION, GOAL AND TARGETS

VISION

Marine and coastal resources are sustainably managed and utilised to secure the long term improvement of the livelihoods of Solomon Islanders.

GOAL

Solomon Islands sustainably manages marine and coastal resources to ensure food security, sustainable development, biodiversity conservation and adaptation to emerging threats through community-based resource management approaches supported by government agencies and other partners.

TARGETS¹

2015:


- 25% of Solomon Islands coastal, watershed and inshore area under 40% improved management through CBRM and ICM approaches by 2015.

2020:


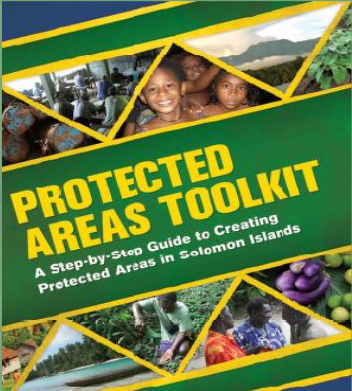
- 50% of Solomon Island coastal, watershed and inshore area under improved managed through CBRM and ICM approaches by 2020.



NPOA – Progress by themes

NPOA Theme #1	NPOA TARGETS	Progress/Activities conducted
<p>Implementation/ Support for CBRM+</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ All provincial governments are supported to deliver CBRM+ to coastal communities by 2016 <li>❑ Appropriate CBRM+ support processes developed, being implemented and incorporated into Provincial Plans and budgets in provinces by 2016 <li>❑ 75% of communities received information and had opportunity to feedback to Provincial Government. <li>❑ SIG line Ministries produce practical advice on adaptation and risk reduction strategies <li>❑ SIG and target provincial governments providing appropriate advice via CBRM+ as well as receiving adequate information feedback to build a vulnerability profile and detect and identify most vulnerable “red flag” areas. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Conducted CBRM ToT training (CTC) <li>✓ Provided community grants for CBRM activities (15 community grants awarded in 2015) (MECDM) <li>✓ Developed /completed CBRM Facilitators Manual (WorldFish) <li>✓ Ongoing mapping of CBRM implementation sites / Stock-take of CBRM activities implemented/planned at provincial/community level. (TNC) <li>✓ Establishment of provincial-based CBRM Working group in Western Province (WorldFish) <li>✓ Support CBRM community activities – pilot projects, awareness, training <li>✓ Collaboration with NDMO and climate change division to implement, plan and advice on CBRM focused projects – Drafting of CBRM/CBDRM guidelines

NPOA Progress - theme 2

NPOA Theme # 2	NPOA TARGETS	Progress/Activities conducted
<p>Policy, Legislation, partnerships and other strategies and guidance</p> <div>  <p>CTI NATIONAL PROGRAM GUIDELINES</p> </div> <div>  <p>Compiled by Bianca Priest Rosalie Manu Agnesha Yave-Karamani Lynzi Wani</p> <p>PROTECTED AREAS TOOLKIT A Step-by-Step Guide to Creating Protected Areas in Solomon Islands</p> <p>EDO Environmental Division Office</p> </div>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❑ Effective and efficient administration of legislation and policy for support CBRM+ <li>❑ National coordination of the SI CTI Work program through the NCC, supported by the secretariat 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Adoption of the new Fisheries Management Act 2015 <li>✓ Establishment of CBRM Unit within MFMR <li>✓ NCC meetings conducted <li>✓ Supported National Inaugural Oceans Summit <li>✓ Supported MACBIOs review of oceans legislation/policy <li>✓ MOU with other NGOs/CBOs <li>✓ 2015 - Endorsed Regional “CBFM New Song” Framework <li>✓ 2015 - Endorsed MSG Roadmap for Inshore Fisheries Management <li>✓ Draft 2015 CBRM-Lite Approach Lessons <li>✓ Draft CBRM Toolkit for Practitioners (MFMR/ERSI Project) <li>✓ Establishment of Solomon Islands Environmental Law Association

NPOA Progress - Theme 3

NPOA Theme # 3	NPOA TARGETS	Progress/Activities conducted
Data & Information Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ A national and provincial information system (including information centers) by 2014 ❑ Information on CBRM+, coastal habitats and inshore fish stocks/habitats and CBRM+ available by 2014 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Liaison with Western, Central, Guadalcanal, Malaita on establishment of information hubs/centres ✓ Collation/development/ sharing and dissemination of CBRM materials, products, etc. ✓ Baseline mapping/surveys conducted/planned for provinces. Some already completed for some sites. ✓ Marine Ecosystems valuation survey conducted by MACBIO project ✓ Development of SolGeo Information/Data Platform by EPOG Project ✓ Development of MFMR/MECDM websites (to be completed 2016)

NPOA – Progress by themes

NPOA Theme #4	NPOA TARGETS	Progress/Activities conducted
<p>Capacity Building, Education and Awareness raising</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❑ Priority information and messages identified and strategies for its communication developed and deployed by 2014. ❑ Curriculum modules developed and implemented by teachers (as well as extracurricular activities as appropriate) by 2016 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Conducted community/provincial awareness raising ✓ Conducted stakeholders awareness/workshops/trainings ✓ Conducted schools outreach programs/exhibition shows. ✓ Drafted CBRM Toolkit / manual ✓ Developed/proposed relevant websites for sharing information – SILMMA, MFMR, MECDM ✓ Production/ Collection/ dissemination of information sheets/brochures etc ✓ Promotion/Celebration of the Coral Triangle Day along with the World Environment Day and World Oceans Day ✓ Produced/Conducted radio awareness talks/programs ✓ Dissemination of information through networks - gender contacts, MPA managers, NCC members, SI Rangers etc ✓ Development of SI Rangers Field Guide (ESSI/SICCP/UQ)



NPOA – Progress by RPOA Goals

Goal 1: Seascapes

- ✓ Initiate national profile for BSSE and related trans-boundary issues
- ✓ Attended Seascapes Mini-Regional Exchange in Brisbane>>>>>
Drafted/proposed Choiseul-Isabel seascape as 2nd priority seascapes (needs NCC endorsement)
- ✓ Initiation for Oceanscapes project under SPREP/SPC
- ✓ Marine spatial planning training/awareness (EPOG Project – Australia & MACBIO – IUCN/GIZ)

NPOA – Progress by RPOA Goals

Goal 2: EAFM

- Enacted Fisheries Management Act 2015
- Implementation of ICM in Malaita (WorldFish-ADB)
- Ridges to Reefs Conservation planning/awareness in Isabel (TNC-ADB)
- Implementation of EBAM in Choiseul (SPREP/GIZ)
- Roll-out of HapiFish Survey in Western Province (MFMR)
- Implementation of FAD program
- Implementation of the Aquaculture program
- Inception of PROP Project (MFMR/WorldBank)
- Tuna management (PNA, FFA, WCPFC, MFMR) including Review/Draft Baitfish Management Plan



NPOA – Progress by RPOA Goals

Goal 3: MPA

- ✓ MPA Management /Managers training
- ✓ LMMA/MPA mapping – more than 300 sites recorded in CTMPAS
- ✓ MPA monitoring /outreach/ research
- ✓ Protected areas advisory committee established under PA Act
- ✓ Enacted of MPA/LMMA component under Fisheries Management Act
- ✓ Draft MAME Tool (to be endorsed)
- ✓ - Implement BIOPAMA, CEPF and MACBIO projects



NPOA – Progress by RPOA Goals

Goal 4: Climate Change Adaptation

- Establishment of CC National Coordinator
- Special Study – IFPRI (FISHPACT database)
- Stock-take of CCA activities/projects in SI
- CCA trainings/workshops and awareness raising
- Development of national V& A database
- Completion of the Mangrove Ecosystem Services and Climate Change Adaptation & livelihoods project >> valuation of carbon stock for mangroves (Choiseul/Malaita)



NPOA – Progress by RPOA Goals



Goal 5: Threatened Species

- Implementation of CEPF project (endangered species/critical habitats)
- Drafting of the Wildlife protection and management Act (to be completed in 2016)
- Review Marine turtles action plan
- Review of Sharks Action Plan
- Development/gazettal of the Bech-der-mer Management Plan
- Implementation of Marine turtles monitoring, conservation activities, etc.
- Initiate Dugong & Seagrass Conservation project (2013-2018)
- Bumphead ParrotFish – Connectivity Study by TNC (ADB RETA 7753)
- Bioresearch – coral reefs, fish invertebrates, mangroves, etc.

Cross-cutting – WLF, RBF, Comms/CB, Local Governments

	ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS CONDUCTED
WLF	Hosted Women & Nature Forum/WLF in Honiara Gender awareness/trainings facilitated by NCC partners
Regional Business Forum	Call for Nominations - SIVB & SICCI as Regional Business Advisory Committee reps Endorsement of MCT as NCC reps. Participation during RBF in August. MCT Delegation and Oravae Eco-lodge awarded with Sustainable Tourism Training of Ecotourism Operators on value on Marine ecosystem Joint Project Planning with MCT - EDF11, SPREP, NZDOC, JPRISM Tourism Development Policy launch Conducted Feasibility Study on Eco-tourism Development in Marau Sound (Guadalcanal) Various projects – savings clubs, microfinancing
Communications/Capacity Building	Conducted WG meetings Development of CBRM toolkit Coordination of CT Day booths /participation Implement Radio awareness/programs
Local Governments	Establishment of Climate Change Steering Committees in Makira, Isabel and Malaita Provinces Implementation/support of CTI projects in collaboration with Western, Malaita, Isabel and Guadalcanal provincial governments.

LESSONS LEARNED

- Need strong leadership – regional, national and community
- Coordination and communication (regular)
- Need strong partners for implementation and planning
- Good monitoring & evaluation guidelines



CHALLENGES

- Meeting annual contributions on time/full
- Remoteness – logistics, access
- Social/cultural challenges
- Conflicting priorities for financial/technical support e.g. CC & MPAs & Fisheries management
- Weak enforcement and compliance

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Need for strategic/upscaling regional and national support for implementation
- Regional/National exchanges, learning and capacity building
- Better coordination between CT6 countries and Regional secretariat.
- Improved communications between Regional Assistance Projects – meeting national priorities/needs.
- Expand CTI national/regional partners and network



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INITIATIVE**

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

