

## Project #5

SOLOMON  
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National  
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Committee



# Community-Based Resource Management (CBRM) Education and Curriculum Development

**Project Duration:** 3 years (2012-2015)

**Total Cost:** USD\$292,285

**Proponent:** Environment and Conservation Division, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology

**Government Counterpart:** The Government will provide 20% of the total cost of the program amounting to USD\$57,725

**Objective:** Enable 80% of Solomon Islands communities and children to access Community Based Resource Management (CBRM) information, resource materials, and have the skills and ability to engage in CBRM by 2015.

**Funding Requested:** US\$234,560

**Beneficiaries:** Provincial Education Officers from the nine provinces and Honiara, 200,000 school children, local managers in Resource Management Sector and most of all reaching the entire 700,000 population of Solomon Islands. The project will ensure sufficient and appropriate knowledge and information is available to communities to assist in their decision making and planning purposes. It will support communities and children to:

**Brief Background:** Solomon Islands is made up of about a 1,000 islands and 80% of the land is under customary ownership. The population is approximately 700,000. About 80% are young people, coastal, and rural dwellers. Most citizens live in remote islands are inaccessible to basic government services. This forces communities to rely heavily on their marine resources for sustenance and livelihood.

Although, schools are present in almost all provinces, the curriculum does not include study of their resources and the importance of looking after it. This results in a shortage of local expertise and resources within the natural resource management sector and a lack of appreciation to sustainably use their resources.

- Access resource management information;
- Manage and make decisions for sustainable use of resources; and
- Recognize threats and apply actions to contribute to management of the Coral Triangle.

In some areas, islands are isolated and have limited access to means of transport which makes it difficult to communicate with communities in remote areas. Most importantly, as coastal resources are under the jurisdiction of communities, decision-

making is hindered by insufficient knowledge and information.

**Components:** The project will support the people of Solomon Islands to access information and have the capacity to participate in decision making for the management of their resources through the following activities:

**A. Integration of CBRM into the Education Curriculum**

The target audience for this activity are students. The project will include:

1. Development of four modules designed for ages 5-9, 9-12, 12-15 and 15-20 years of age.
2. National consultation with National and Provincial Education Officers to ensure the modules are useful and will meet the needs of the children.
3. Training of Teachers to learn how to use the modules.

The modules will ensure children and youths are able to appreciate their natural resources, understand local and global issues affecting their resources and most importantly learn skills and techniques to look after their resources.

**B. Development of a CBRM Communications and Outreach Program**

A similarly important audience to reach are the rural and general public – the 700,000 people of Solomon Islands.

These groupings make decisions daily on the exploitation of the resources, therefore, a well thought out awareness program is required not only to inform but more importantly be able to change perceptions and lifestyles. Therefore, this activity will include;

1. Contracting a Communications Specialist to design the Program;
2. Conduct National Consultation to gather information on key messages and suitable medians to reach the wider and remote Solomon Islands;
3. Train local counterparts to be able to design outreach toolkits and messages using all relevant communication media;

To invest in the 80% population is ensuring the future is able to safeguard their coral reefs, fisheries and food security.

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**Budget Distribution:**

Activities	Total Cost in US\$	Gov't Investment	Request
Salaries / consultant fees & transportation	154,260	31,500	
Meeting / training and special events	74,430		
Equipment and materials	12,520		
Outreach material & announcements, modules	24,850		
Institutional Support / Admin	26,225	26,225	
<b>Total</b>	<b>292,285</b>	<b>57,725</b>	<b>234,560</b>