

Project #1

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National Community-based Data and Information Centre

for Locally Marine Manage Areas (LMMA), Marine Protected Areas/
Marine Manage Areas (MPA/MMAs), Ecosystem Approach to
Fisheries Management (EAFM), and Climate Change Adaptation
(CCA) through Information Integrated Management System (IIMS)



Project Duration: 3 years (2013-2015)

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

Objectives: The primary objective of establishing a National Community-based Data and Information Center and six provincial-based data and information centers is to acquire, process and archive data and information on Locally Managed Marine Areas (LMMAs), Marine Protected Areas (MPAs), Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management (EAFM) and Climate Change Adaptation (CCA) in a central location.

Funding requirements: Total amount of the proposed project USD\$572,479. Solomon Islands request USD\$430,372 to complete this essential national work in the next 3 years.

Government counterpart: The Government has the capacity to invest 25% of the total cost of the program amounting to USD\$142,107. Most of the investment by the Solomon Islands Government is to make sure that the long term sustainability of this program will be continued after the end of this establishment phase.

Brief Background: Access to environmental data for government, practitioners and communities in a timely and appropriate format has been a problem identified in many national forums.

This has been an issue for government, planners, intuitions and individual researchers alike. There are no data sharing protocols for sharing of data and information between government and institutions, thus they are difficult to obtain and often limited.

Furthermore, there is a gap in the access to provincial information from the national arena, and vice-versa. Community Based Resource Management (CBRM) has been identified as the approach for the Solomon Islands in its Coral Triangle Initiative National Plan of Action (NPoA).

This process encapsulates the initiatives in MPAs or Marine Managed Areas (MMAs); EAFM and Climate Change Vulnerability and Adaptation (CC V&A) assessments in a single approach. The project addresses the issue by creating a Community Based Data and Information Center specifically for LMMAs, MPAs, EAFM, and CCA.

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Intended Outputs and Outcomes:

1. The Information Center will house a specifically designed Information System that will cover all data and information needs relating to MPAs or MMAs in the country, CC V&A and other environmental information. Staff will be recruited and placed in six provinces in provincial office.
2. The project will improve on ongoing national initiatives on a national Coral Triangle website, the Solomon Islands Locally Managed Marine Area (SILMMA) Network and databases contained within the two named Ministries.
3. It will assist the government ministries, particularly the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology (MECDM), and Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources (MFMR), environmental Non-Government Organizations and communities for informed decision making.

The Information Center is directly linked the Solomon Islands NPoA in three of the four themes, and is intended to provide the following:

- Reliable and up to date data that informs decision making in planning, management and monitoring
- A repository of information
- A venue for sharing and storage of information between relevant

government ministries at the national and provincial levels, environmental non-government organizations, and community-based organizations.

This project will be implemented in six of the country's nine provinces, providing an information bridge from these provincial locations to the National Community Based Data and Information Center and vice-versa. Once the National Community-Based Data and Information Center is established, the database will act as a depository of coastal information, strengthening the knowledge base of relevant Government Ministries and the existing SILMMA Network.

This will facilitate effective management and monitoring of CBRM implementation in the country. It is anticipated that the Data and Information Center will foster a positive environment of information sharing and strengthen provincial-national linkages and coordination.

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Budget Distribution:

Activities	Total Cost in US\$	Gov't investment	Request
Salaries/consultant fees	283,487	21,769	
Meetings/Trainings and special events	52,788		
Equipment/Materials	102,085	46,725	
Office renting	43,613	43,613	
Field Operations	9,338		
Education and Awareness	32,000	30,000	
Institutional Support/Admin.	49,167		
Total	572,479.00	142,107	430,372