



Community of Ocean Action for Mangroves

Towards SDG 14

September 20, 2018

Run of Show

- Welcome (10 minutes)
- Introduction to the Community of Ocean Action (5 minutes)
- Community Presentations (10 minutes)
- Results from Survey & Discussion (20 minutes)
 - Gaps & challenges
 - How can the community assist with implementation of VCs?
- Q&A (10 minutes)

Who's joining the Community webinars



Welcome from IUCN Oceania

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Opening Remarks

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Welcome from IUCN & Ramsar

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Introduction to the Community of Ocean Action for Mangroves



MANGROVES

Protecting Mangroves against human activities including negative effects of coastal development, aquaculture, pollution

*Community of
Ocean Action*

#SaveOurOcean
oceanconference.un.org



83
Commitments



79
Members

**GET
INVOLVED**



UNITED NATIONS



- HOME
- SDG 14
- ABOUT THE CONFERENCE
- CALL FOR ACTION
- VOLUNTARY COMMITMENTS
- COMMUNITIES OF OCEAN ACTION
- PREP PROCESS
- DOCUMENTATION
- EVENTS
- NEWS & MEDIA

- REGISTRY
- COMMUNITIES OF OCEAN ACTION
- REGISTER COMMITMENT
- SHARE UPDATE
- ABOUT & RESOURCES
- ACCOUNT ▾



COMMITMENTS
83

MEMBERS
81

UPDATES
12

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- INTRODUCTION
- HOW CAN I JOIN
- HOW CAN I CONTRIBUTE





Focal points

MANGROVES



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Director General, International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN)

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Ms. Martha Rojas Urrego

Secretary General, Ramsar Convention on Wetlands

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[Commitments platform to drive Ocean Action for SDG 14](#)

[SYMPOSIUM REPORT: SDG14 Pacific commitments 2018 Action Agenda 19 December 2017, Fiji](#)

[Summary & pictures from event on Building Community of Ocean Action on Marine pollution, 6 December 2017, UNEA](#)

[In-depth analysis of Ocean Conference Voluntary Commitments to support and monitor their implementation](#)



Role of Focal Points

To follow-up on the implementation of these voluntary commitments;

To catalyse and generate new voluntary commitments; and

To facilitate collaboration and networking amongst different actors in support of SDG 14

Focal Point reporting to UN DESA

1. What is the overall progress made with the implementation of the Voluntary Commitments in your Community of Ocean Action since the conclusion of the Ocean Conference?
2. What are the current gaps and challenges in your Community of Ocean Action that need to be addressed, including through new voluntary commitments and/or by engaging additional actors?
3. Please provide any illustrative examples of inspiring and impactful Voluntary Commitments in your Community of Ocean Action.
4. Please provide any other comments, including lessons learned within your Community of Ocean Action.

Role of Community Members

Keep your voluntary commitments updated with your progress at oceanconference.un.org/coa

Tell your networks and spread the word to generate new voluntary commitments

Keep in touch!





Mangroves for the Future
INVESTING IN COASTAL ECOSYSTEMS
www.mangrovesforthefuture.org





Save Our Mangroves Now!



SOMN! is a joint commitment of the BMZ, WWF Germany and IUCN to intensify efforts in mangrove conservation through embedding mangroves in political agendas, pooling expertise and disseminating best practices in the Western Indian Ocean.



GLOBAL MANGROVE ALLIANCE

TAKING ACTION TO INCREASE MANGROVE HABITAT 20 PERCENT BY 2030



Global Mangrove Alliance

Connecting initiatives, increasing collaboration, and influencing policy on a global scale



ABOUT

MANGROVES

INITIATIVES



ABOUT

MANGROVE KNOWLEDGE HUB

Explore the latest in science, restoration and conservation.

DISCOVER MANGROVES

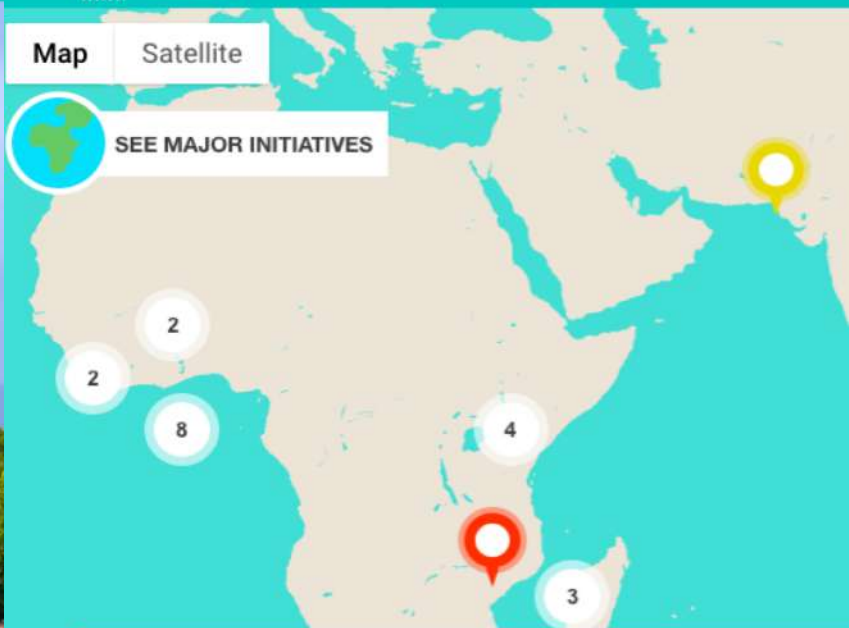


Map

Satellite



SEE MAJOR INITIATIVES



RESTORATION

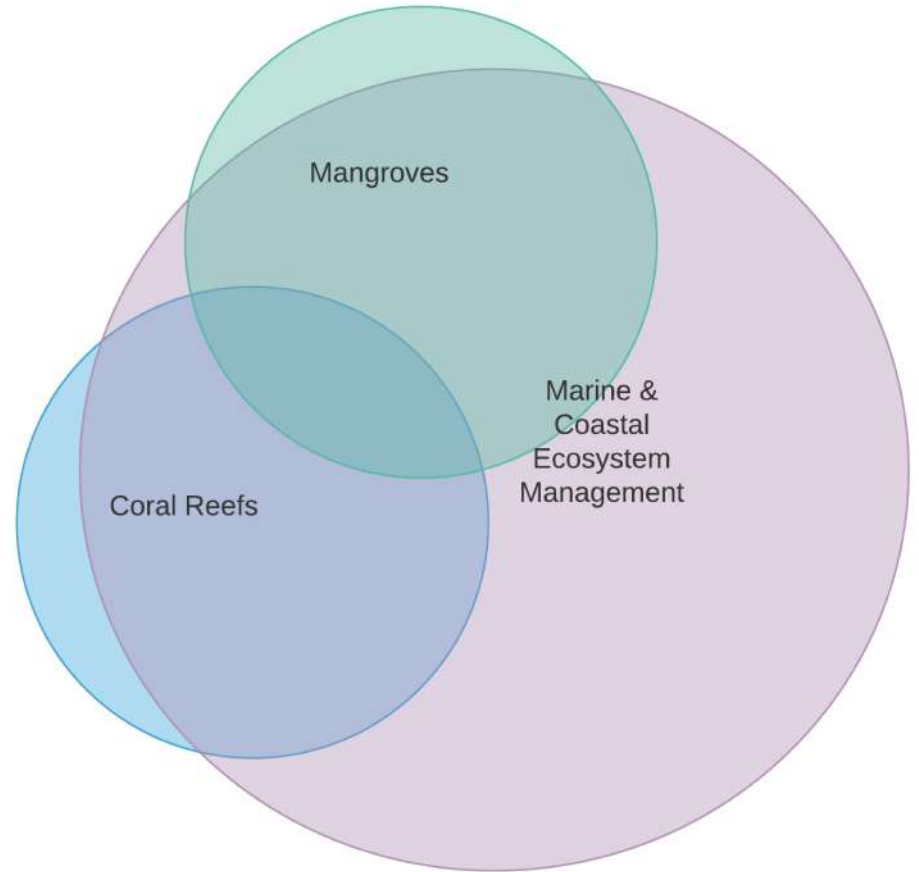


ADAPTATION



LIVELIHOODS

COA Synergies and Opportunities with Other Communities



Updates from the Community



The Incorporation of Ocean Information into the Vanua GIS Platform

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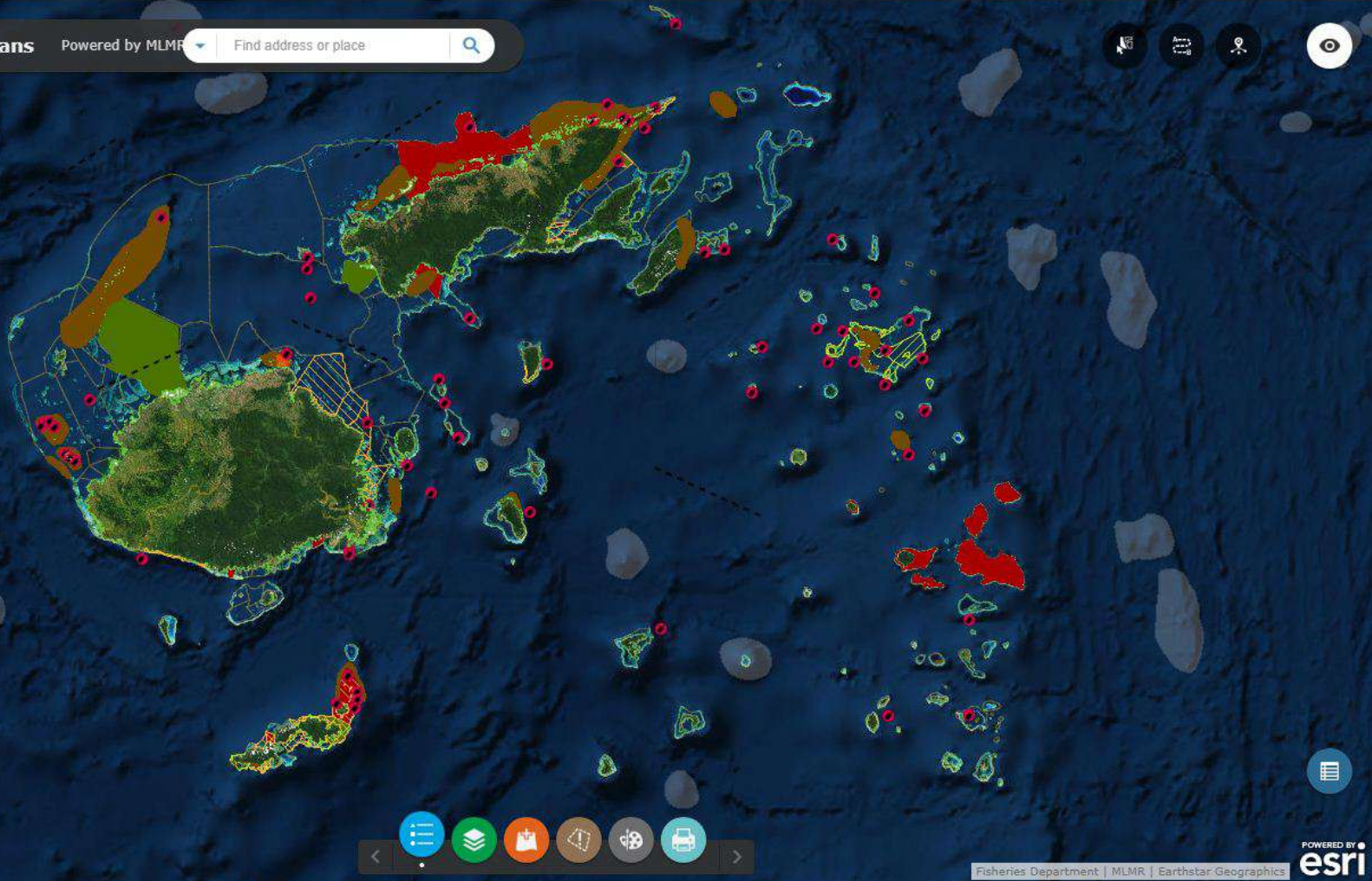
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The incorporation of vital ocean information into the VanuaGis Platform; which is a Web Map Application hosted by the Ministry of Lands & Mineral Resources to include:

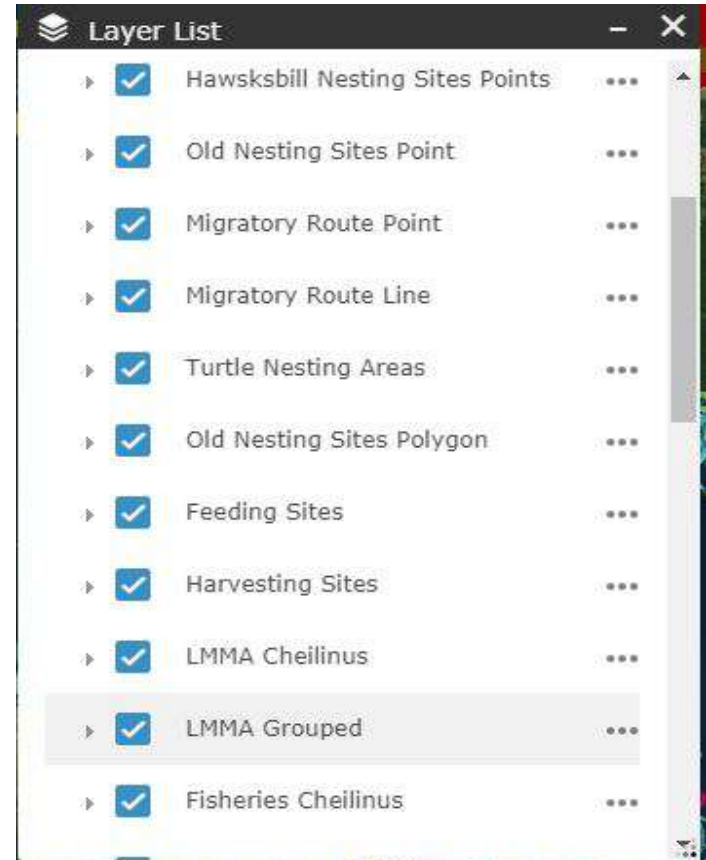
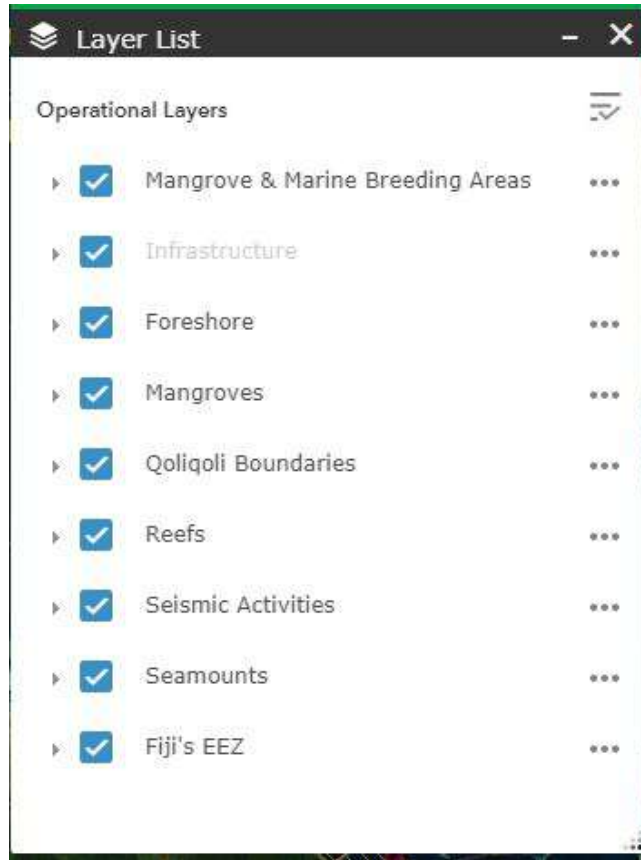
1. Mangrove areas
2. Foreshore Leases
3. Fiji's Exclusive Economic Zone
4. Seismic Activities
5. Oil Exploration Licenses
6. Hydrographic survey information
7. Particularly Sensitive Sea Areas (PSSA)
8. Marine Protected Areas (MPA)
9. The Vatuiria Seascape boundary
10. The Great Sea Reef boundary



175.920 -15.991 Degrees

40mi

Data Incorporated into Ocean's Portal



GAPS & CHALLENGES

1. Outdated National Mangrove Data
2. No Coastal Vulnerability Data
3. The need to determine a National Mangrove Rehabilitation Plan

Integrated Coastal Management to

Preserve Ecosystems Services, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods in Fiji

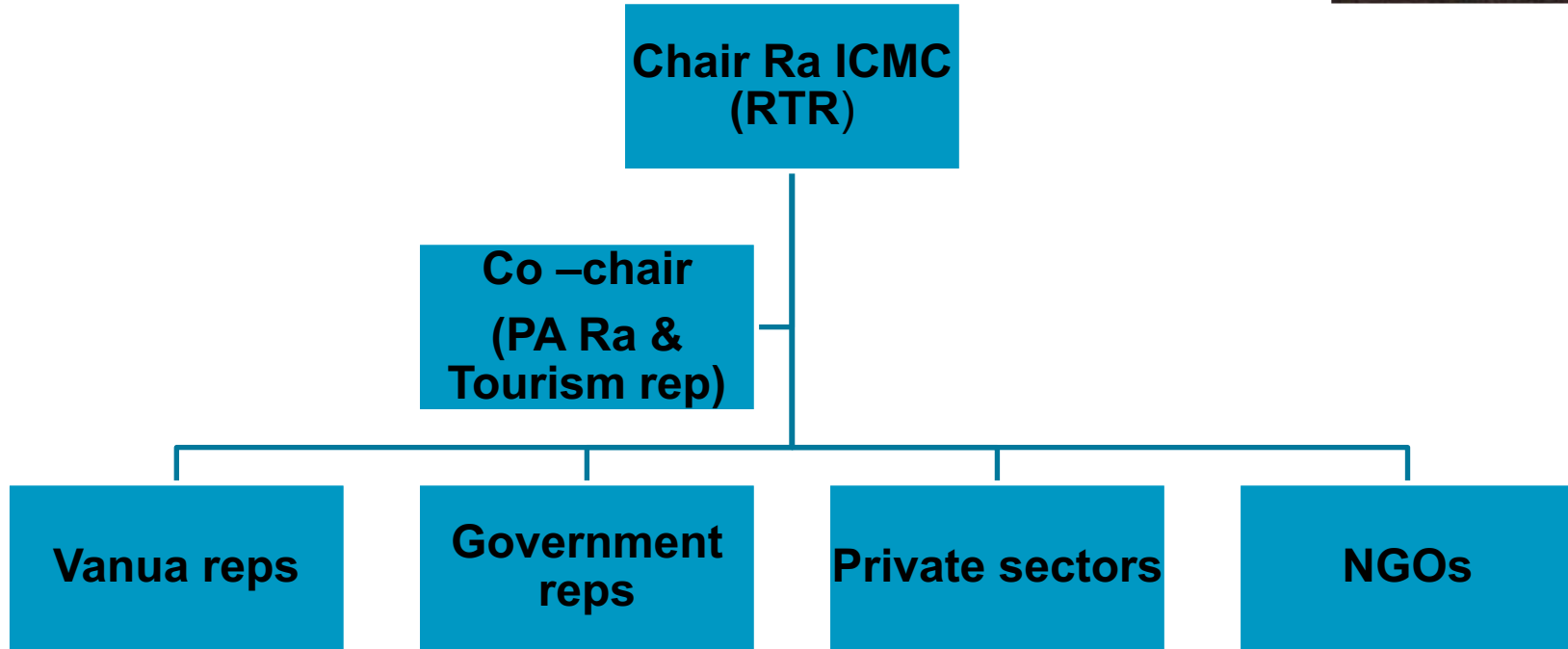
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Ra icmc structure



COASTAL REHAB ACTIVITIES



- MANGROVE REHAB ALONG THE COASTAL DISTRICTS IN THE PROVINCE.
- STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED – CI, IAS, FISHERIES, FORESTRY, COMMUNITY REPS, YMST REPS, PCDF, OISCA, RED CROSS, AGRICULTURE, ENVIRONMENT & PROVINCIAL OFFICE
- OTHER ACTIVITIES INVOLVED INCLUDES AWARENESS, TRAINING, SCHOOL VISITS, COMMUNITY CONSULTATIONS, YMST TRAININGS, COASTAL CLEANUP, PLANTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF 5 COMMUNITY NURSERIES.
- RESTOCKING OF COASTAL VEGETATION INCLUDING FRUIT BEARING TREES AS SOURCE OF LIVELIHOOD (LONG TERM), AS WELL AS NATIVE TREE SPECIES AND SANDALWOOD.

CHALLENGES



- NEED TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY MONITORING ROLES
- LACK OF MANGROVE SEEDLINGS IN THE PROVINCE
- FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES TO HELP ICMC AND YAUBULA COMMITTEES COORDINATE ENFORCEMENT AND MONITORING
- NATURAL DISASTERS EG CYCLONES
- SUSTAINABILITY OF ACTIVITIES AS COMMUNITIES HAVE COMMITMENT AS WELL
- COMMITMENT OF MEMBERS - NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS (GOVT STAKEHOLDERS) DO NOT FULLY COMMIT TO THE WORK OF ICM IN THE PROVINCE.

Gift to Our Children! Scaling up locally managed marine areas to 100% of Fiji's customary marine areas

Link to VC on COA mangroves website

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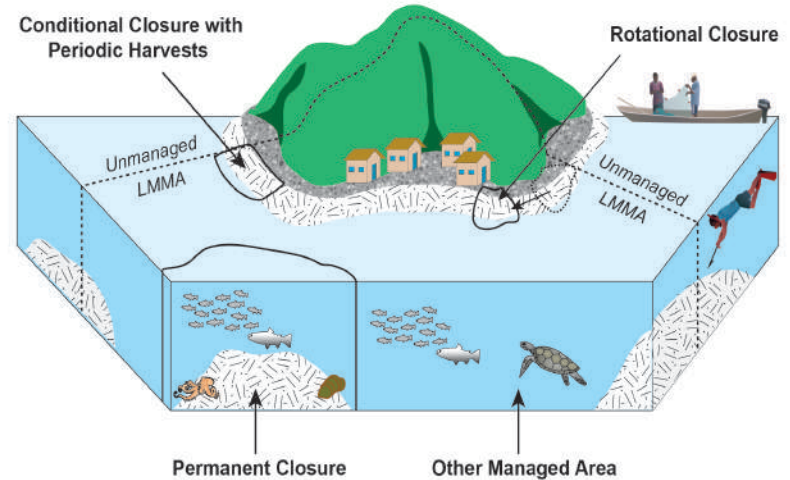
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Deliverables

Deliverables:

1. To create and support a functioning and cohesive community-based, island-based and provincial-based integrated co-management institutions leading the local implementation of conservation and sustainable natural resource management efforts in Fiji by 2020.
2. To establish an effectively managed and governed network of locally managed marine areas covering 100% of Fiji's customary marine areas involving all Fijian communities by 2025.



Fiji LMMA Network's Shared Vision



FLMMA MISSION:



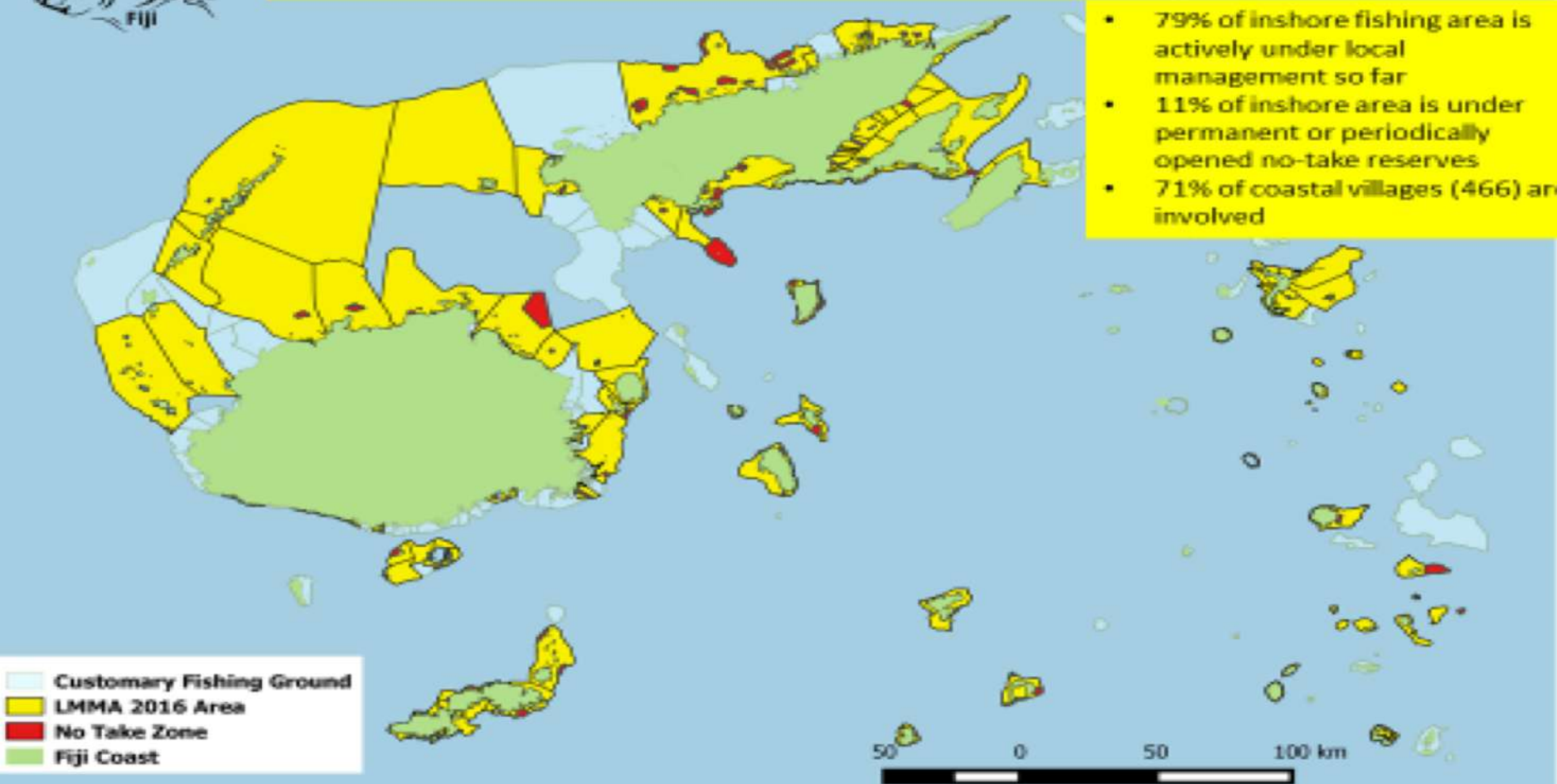
***“Everlasting Fish for our Future Generation”,
“Kedra Sasalu Tawamudu
na Noda Kawa, Levu na Sasalu, Marau ko
Nau”.***





Fiji's commitment through FLMMA to achieve 100% inshore management (35,000 sqkm) by 2020

- 79% of inshore fishing area is actively under local management so far
- 11% of inshore area is under permanent or periodically opened no-take reserves
- 71% of coastal villages (466) are involved



Q & A – Updates from VCs

Community Progress and Survey Results



Community Progress So Far

Modest growth in membership and VCs

Only about 13% of VCs have submitted a progress update

We are on the lookout for examples of innovative and successful VCs to report to DESA!



Mangrove Voluntary Commitments

A total of 85 commitments to date relate to the management, protection and restoration of mangroves and related ecosystems.

Most common objectives

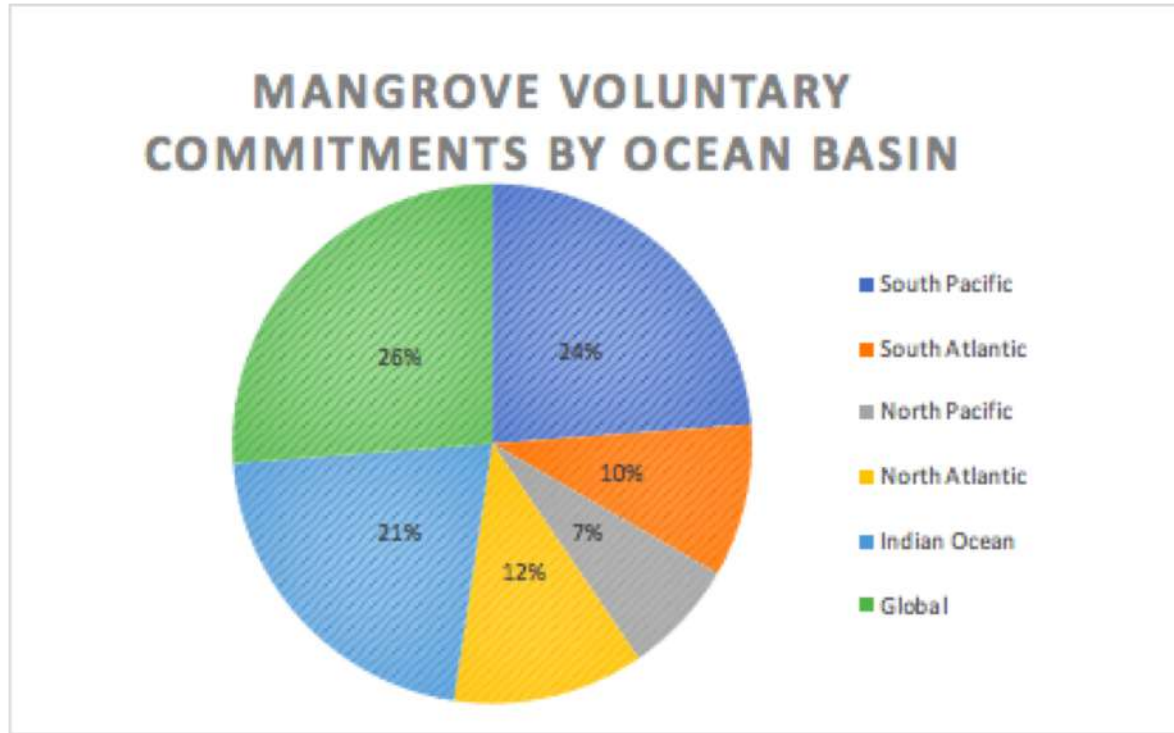
- Mangrove restoration and rehabilitation (increasing forested area)
- Mangrove protection
- Improving community livelihoods
- Empowerment through community-based stewardship, management and co-management
- Improving community and ecosystem resilience and adaptation to impacts of climate change
- Improving sustainability of fisheries
- Enhancing carbon storage (blue carbon)
- Improving knowledge base

Specific Activities

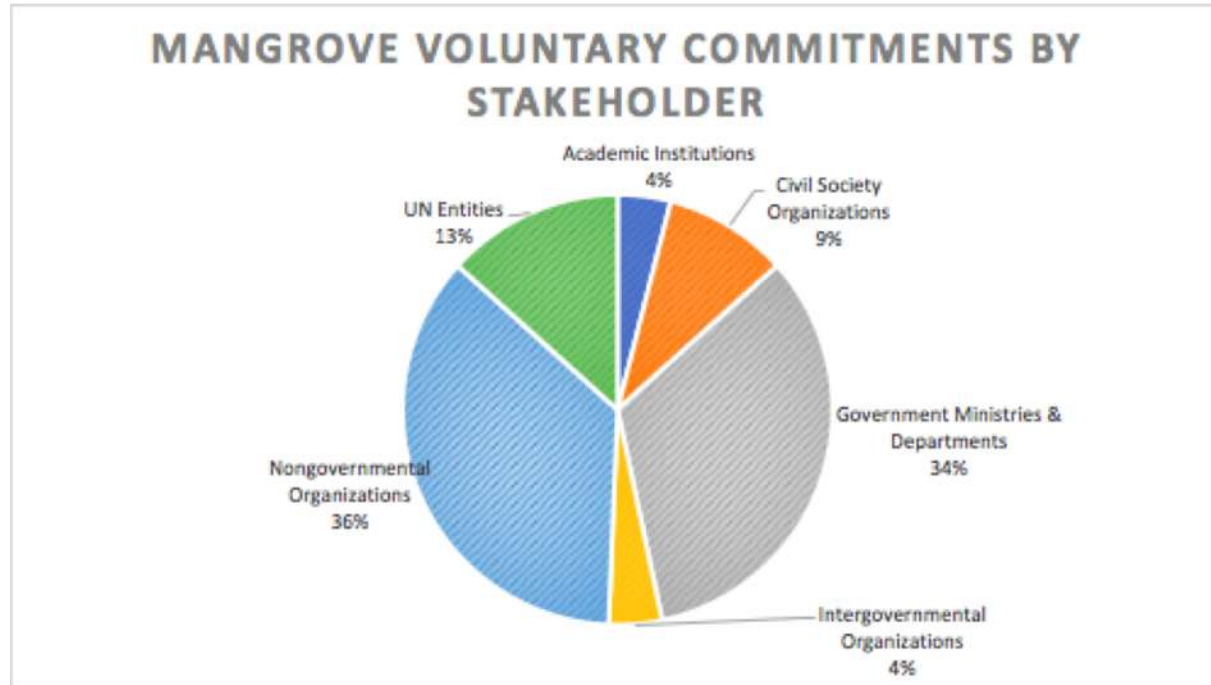
- Mangrove planting
- Putting in place and increasing MPAs and PAs
- Implementing ecosystem approach, i.e. Ridge to Reef, Marine Spatial Planning
- Enhancing participation, gender issues, social justice and human rights
- Pollution reduction
- Scientific research in carbon storage, mapping, monitoring, modeling and migratory species research
- Strengthening cultural aspects of management and use of traditional knowledge
- Quantification of ecosystem services, valuation
- Influencing policy (climate change/biodiversity)
- Ecotourism and other sustainable economic activities
- Public awareness and education
- Financing



Geographic distribution of Mangrove VCs



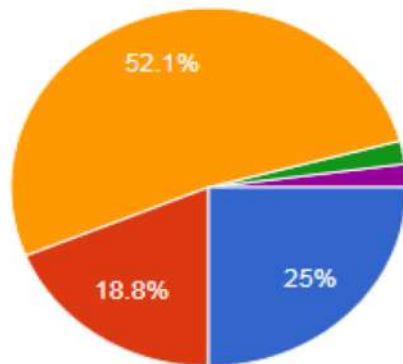
Stakeholder distribution of Mangrove VCs



Survey Results: Join the Community!

Are you already a member of the Mangrove Community of Ocean Action?

48 responses



- Yes, I was grouped into this Community after I registered my Voluntary Commitment
- Yes, I joined the Community through the UN Ocean Conference Portal (but have not submitted a VC)
- No, not yet
- Member of coral reefs
- No

Survey Responses: What are your expectations for the Mangrove COA?

Overwhelmingly we saw that your overall expectations for the Community is that you see this community as an opportunity for:

- knowledge sharing
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- building cooperation
- networking
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Survey Responses: Challenges in Implementation

- Limited technical training, knowledge, and institutional capacity for restoration projects
- Funding limitations
- Policy gaps and need for reform in local and national policy; help in influencing policy
- Community awareness and capacity; help in developing regional capacity in mangrove science and applied management solutions
- Lack of data for national mangrove status and coastal vulnerability

Any others?



Survey Responses: How can we as Community help VC implementation?

- Advocating at the international and national policy levels
- Disseminating best practices
- Sharing of mapping information and updated mangrove coastal vulnerability data
- Coordinate efforts for outreach and educational campaigns
- Sharing knowledge of relevant similar commitments within the mangrove community by providing an overview of the mangrove VCs by region
- Find companies interested in investing

Any others?



Voluntary Commitment Implementation

Only 14 Mangrove VCs have been updated so far!

Please update your VCs by October 1.

Updates should provide specific and clear information about progress towards your commitment.



Any questions or comments?





Upcoming Events

- Mangrove Community of Ocean Action at Ramsar COP 13: Progress and Opportunities event on October 22

Thank you!

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