



Outline of the pilot project in Malakula



Problems, Opportunities and Difficulties on Coastal Recourse Management in Malakula

Identified Management Problems	Presence of considerable differences among member communities of the resource management committee in terms of resource use and socio-economic conditions, which undermine the effectiveness of resource management
Opportunities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Presence of existing management framework for land crab resource, in which 16 communities have taken part• Regular operation of shipment / air flight to the Capital city• Suitable habitats for shellfish culture / propagation
Difficulties / limitations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A large number of communities involve.• Financial arrangement to sustain the functions of the committee is very weak• Monitoring and surveillance capability of the committee is limited• Limited support from Fisheries Department

Objectives and Strategic Elements of the Pilot Project in Malakula

Objectives of Pilot Project	Target resources of the Crab Bay MPA committee are expanded (from land crab to other reef resources) with enhanced financial mechanism and management capabilities of the committee.
Strategic Elements of Project Interventions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="517 558 1850 858">1. <u>Enhanced inter-community cooperation:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="595 622 1605 729">• Coordinated fishing and marketing to meet requirements of the buyers<li data-bbox="595 751 1850 858">• Financial contributions to the MPA committee, agreed among communities<li data-bbox="517 901 1850 1072">2. <u>Diversification of fishing areas and target resources:</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="595 965 1721 1072">• Promotion of offshore fishing by fish aggregating devices<li data-bbox="517 1115 1329 1222">3. <u>Intervention on coastal resources</u><ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="595 1179 1315 1222">• Restocking of marine shellfish

4. Tourism development in Crab Bay



5. Fish Market in Uripiv and Lowni



6. Making of Local Shell Crafts



7. Restocking and Monitoring of Shellfish (Trochus and Green Snail)



9. Revision and Legalization of Amal-Crab Bay MPA Plan



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Legal registration under the Environmental Protection and Conservation Act (EPC Act) means that the area, locally known as the Amal–Krab Bei Tabu Eria (AKTE), is now protected in perpetuity. The registration was formalized on 12 February 2014, and a certificate recognizing this achievement was presented to community representatives on 6 March 2014.

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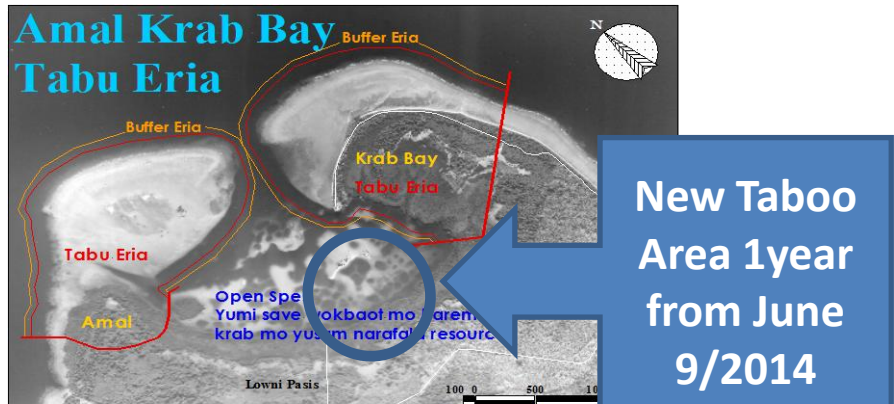
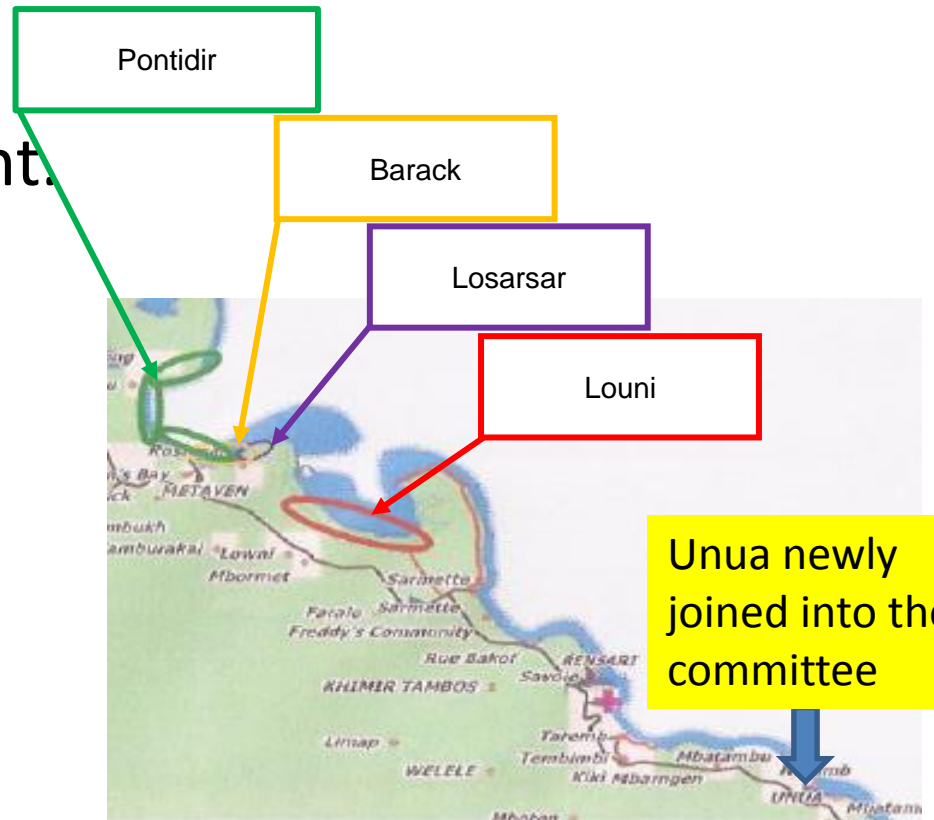
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9. Management of access area for Amal-Crab Bay

i) Now the data collection on the land crab sold at market in Lakatoro is strengthened to collect information as to in which zone the crab was caught.

ii) Mangrove crab is decided be target species



Access Areas for Land Crab Collection⁹