



# COMMUNITY-BASED COASTAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT REGIONAL SEMINAR

Project for Promotion of Grace of Sea in  
Coastal Villages – Phase 2, Vanuatu

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# **Presentation Outline**



- Solomon Islands Profile
- Overview of Community Resource Managements Activities
- Benefits of Community Based Approach
- Partners in CBRM – SILMMA Network
- Problems and Constrains
- Existing Projects and Programs in Solomon Islands

# Solomon Islands Profile



- Between PNG and Vanuatu
- Part of the Melanesia Spear-head Group countries
- Also Part of the CTI countries (high biodiversity)
- Population is six hundred thousand plus
- 2.07% Growth Rate (2014 est.)
- > 85% live in the rural areas
- Fish consumption per capita per annum is 35 Kg

# Overview of Coastal Resource Management Activities



- The Government of Solomon Islands is promoting Community-Based Resource Management (CBRM)
  - Management of natural resources that is happening at the community level
  - Communities are the best managers of their natural resources
- Why CBRM is workable is due to the strong customary marine tenure system and lack of financial and human resources at the government level

# **Benefits of Community-Based Approach**



- Low ongoing cost
- Can be undertaken with little prior data
- Strong traditional knowledge, ownership and decision making from resource owners
- Empowers community structures and institutions
- Can potentially be undertaken by communities themselves with little or no outside support

## Partners in CBRM-SILMMA Network

# Solomon Islands Locally Managed Marine Areas SILMMA Network



*"Our Vision is to be a well resourced network for information sharing to ensure well-informed decision making by SILMMA members on sustainable resource management and conservation of biological diversity"*



## Our SILMMA Communities

## Who we are

The SILMMA network is a group of projects and practitioners including NGOs, Government and communities in Solomon Islands who have joined together and are working to improve the success of their conservation and fisheries management efforts through information sharing and networking



## What we do

SILMMA helps Solomon Island communities to manage and conserve marine resources to maximize benefits and ensure food security. This is achieved by sourcing funds, facilitating, coordinating and providing information, building capacity and empowering partners through traditional and scientific approaches.

## Can I be a SILMMA member ?

SILMMA members may consist of individuals, communities, landowning groups, traditional leaders, government representatives, conservation organization staff, elected decision-makers, and university scientists who are working to achieve specific goals related to the conservation or sustainable management of marine resources and biodiversity in Solomon Islands. To become a member, contact Elirose Fagaqweka [elirosef@gmail.com](mailto:elirosef@gmail.com)

## Poster Contributions

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# Problems and Constrains



## 1. Community Level

- Perceived conflict between Development and Management Objectives
- Customary tenure system e.g. Dispute

## 2. Sustainability of Finance for Management

- Continuity of NGO at sites

## 3. Compliance and Enforcement

## 4. Poor Communication

# Existing Projects and Programs



- REVIEW OF CURRENT NATIONAL/PROVINCIAL LAWS (e.g. Fisheries Act, 1978, Provincial fisheries Ordinances) and STRATEGY FORMULATION (Solomon Islands Inshore and Provincial Fisheries Management and Development Strategy – *draft*) – **MFMR/SILMMA partners**
- AWARENESS OUTREACH PROGRAM ON NATIONAL LEGISLATIONS (e.g. Protected Areas Act 2010) (**MECDM**)
- SEAWEED PROGRAM (**MFMR**)
- FAD PROGRAM (**MFMR/WWF/WFC**)
- HAPI FISH PROJECT (**MFMR /WWF – Data collection, Fish markets**)
- COMMUNITY-BASED FISHERIES MANAGEMENT PROGRAM (**MFMR/SILMMA partners**)
- INTEGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT (RIDGE TO REEF APPROACH) – **TNC/SICCP**
- TURTLE CONSERVATION PROGRAM – **SILMMA NETWORK partners**



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- CBRM RESOURCE MAPPING PROJECT – **MECDM/TNC**
- EXPANDING THE REACH PROJECT – **MFMR/SILMMA partners**
- ESTABLISHMENT OF PROVINCIAL INFORMATION HUBS - **MFMR/SILMMA partners**
- NETWORKING
  - Locally Managed Marine Areas Regional Network (Regional Level)
  - Solomon Islands Locally Managed Marine Areas Network (National Level)
  - Provincial Networking (Choiseul, Isabel, Central Islands Provinces)
  - Community Networking e.g. Roviana Conservation Foundation

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- NETWORK DESIGN
  - Community-based design (Fish for kaikai, income generation, restocking)
  - NGO-based design (Biodiversity/species specific e.g. Turtle Conservation)
  - Governance-based design (Ridge to reef, Provincial Natural Resource Management Plans)

**The End**

Thank you for listening!

Questions??