

Preliminary workshop in Malakula, 14 May 2012

Fisheries Resource Management in Crab Bay

MPA
Management
Committee

Outline

- members 16 community representatives
- plus one extra from Uripiv and Lingarakh
- in total 18 members

Frequency of Meeting

- before every month
- 2011 4 times/year
- 2012 4 times/yea (planned)

Board members

- Chair Lingarakh rep.
- Secretary Barrick rep.
- Executive rep. Pontidur rep.
- 3 plus Mr. Kevin (VFD) sometimes have meeting

Main Agenda

- before Monitoring
- Now Socio-economic development
- Awareness rising

Activities

- Education
- Clean up
- data collection on crab
- reef check (Finished)
- Kava night (every fortnight on Friday)
- Turtle monitoring

Effectiveness of the MPA

- before poaching was a lot (5/day) but now about 2/year.
- thanks to the spill over from MPA to Access area
- before, resource was found only within the MPA so it caused poachers
- also awareness rising contributed to the reduced poachers

current problems or challenges

- ship reekage (need to be removed)
- Tourism development
- Transportation to MPA area is not developed
- no body stay permanently in the area
- No clean water system

Ideas for development

- Tourism development offering day tour for cruiser ship
- fish lunch
- fish processing/distribution
- FAD / deep sea fishery development