



REDD - FOREST CONSERVATION IN PACIFIC ISLAND COUNTRIES II

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Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu are preparing for the international UNFCCC mechanism for reducing emissions from deforestation and forest degradation (REDD+). The Pacific island states need support in the capacities to protect and conserve their forests despite the great importance of these ecosystems for the population. This project will support these countries to implement their REDD+ strategies as well as reduce, measure and report forestry sector GHG emissions in accordance with international standards by 2020. Local sample projects inform the national REDD+ processes and demonstrate, e.g. through sustainable management and restoration of forest ecosystems, a variety of additional benefits such as improved income opportunities, resilience to impacts of climate change and biodiversity conservation. The resulting regional capacity building in the forestry sector will also benefit other small island states in the Pacific.

State of implementation/results

- The project also funded the development of a digital app for mobile phones to identify tree species in Fiji, based on the book "Trees of Fiji", which was funded by IKI. The app was officially presented by the acting Minister of Forestry on 29. March 2021 and will be freely available to the interested public as a download from April 2021.
- Fiji's Emission Reductions Programme Document was approved by the Forest Carbon Partnership Facility (FCPF) in July 2019 with no further conditions. On 1 February 2021, the Government of Fiji signed the Emission Reductions Payment Agreement (ERPA) with the World Bank's FCPF. At least US\$ 12.5 million in results-based payments were agreed for verified reduced greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest degradation. The agreement is valid for five years and represents an important milestone in Fiji's ambitious emissions reduction programme.
- In collaboration with FAO's IKI project "The Paris Agreement in Action: upscaling forest and

PROJECT DATA

Country/Countries:

Fidschi, Papua Neuguinea, Salomonen, Vanuatu

Implementing organisation:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

Political partner(s):

- Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology - Solomon Islands
- Ministry of Fisheries and Forests (MFF) - Fiji
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

Implementing partner(s):

- Live and Learn - Fiji
- Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC)

BMU grant:

€ 5,000,000

Duration:

07/2015 till 03/2021

Website(s):

<http://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/18149.html>





landscape restoration to achieve NDCs", the project conducted a webinar on accessing relevant climate finance from 7-12 December 2020.

- In October 2019, the Pacific Week of Agriculture was held in Apia, Samoa. The presentation of the project at the Technical Forestry Meeting was received with much interest.
- In 2019, the Fijian Prime Minister declared the ambitious goal of planting 30 million trees in 15 years. In collaboration with the BMZ-funded project "Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Island Region (CCCPIR)" and the Fijian Ministry of Forestry, national guidelines for reforestation measures were developed for successful implementation. (Completion date: March 2021). The project also supported the purchase of seedlings of indigenous tree species from sustainable nurseries run by local communities.

