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# Ridge to Reef

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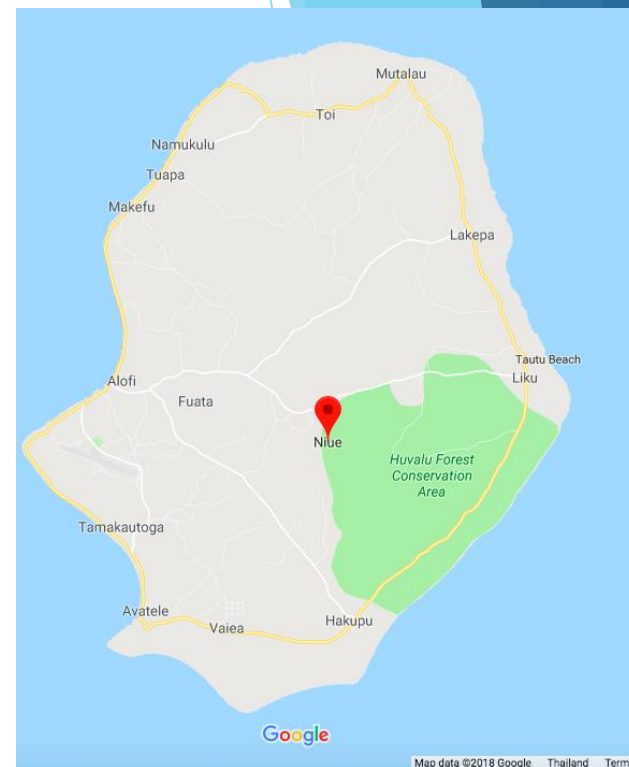
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# Niue R2R Project



**Project title:** Application of Ridge to Reef Concept for Biodiversity Conservation and for the Enhancement of Ecosystem Services and Cultural Heritage in Niue

**Thematic Area:** Biodiversity, International Waters

**Project Timeframe:** April 2016 - April 2021

**Total Budget:** USD \$4,194,862

**Beneficiaries/villages:** Government of Niue, village councils, protected conservation marine and terrestrial areas,

**Funding Source:** Global Environment Facility (GEF)

**Implementing Partner/Executing Agency:** Ministry of Natural Resources

**Implementing Agency:** United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Responsible parties:** Ministry of Social Services, Ministry of Infrastructure, NOW Project, NGOs and CBOs

**Website:** [Niue R2R Project Document](#) and [Niue R2R Facebook](#)

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# Project components and Expected Results

KEY PROJECT COMPONENTS	New community conservation and national protected areas established at different levels, thus reducing threats and improving biodiversity status of conservation areas through effective community management	Strengthened community and cross-sectoral involvement of relevant national government departments to promote effective R2R management by mainstreaming biodiversity and environmental concerns into plans and actions
EXPECTED RESULTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New protected areas and conservation areas on land and in the coastal reefs, established through the use of various protection mechanisms.</li> <li>• Marine Protected Area at Beveridge Reef established.</li> <li>• Management Plans developed for the extended protected areas.</li> <li>• Implementation of various interventions at Village and National level, identified as priorities in the management plans.</li> <li>• Environmental monitoring system established.</li> <li>• EIMS to handle, archive, analyse and make available the processed data for use in management of the protected estate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Institutional strengthening, capacity building at Village Council and community level.</li> <li>• Institutional strengthening and capacity building among key central government entities.</li> <li>• Policy and regulatory reforms at central level but also through by-laws at Village level</li> <li>• Capacities enhanced through the provision of expertise and know-how for land use planning and management, protected area management (including for eco-tourism), species protection and management, sustainability.</li> <li>• Information sharing, awareness raising, learning and outreach</li> </ul>





# Cook Islands R2R



**Project title:** Conserving biodiversity and enhancing ecosystem functions through a “Ridge to Reef” approach in the Cook Islands

**Project Timeframe:** 2015 - 2019

**Total Budget:** USD \$4,267,431

**Beneficiaries/villages:** Islands in the Southern Group

**Funding Source:** Global Environment Facility (GEF)

**Implementing Partner/Executing Agency:** National Environment Service (NES)

**Implementing Agency:** United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Responsible parties:** Ministry of Agriculture, House of Ariki, Te Ipukarea Society, Cook Islands Tourism, Ministry of Marine Resources, Private Landowners, local communities, Marae Moana, Ministry of Financial and Economic Management

**Website:** [Cook Islands project document @ UNDP](#) and [Cook Islands R2R @ Facebook](#)

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# Project Components and expected results

KEY PROJECT COMPONENTS	Strengthening Protected Areas Management	Effective mainstreaming of biodiversity in key sectors to mitigate threats within production landscapes
EXPECTED Outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Strengthened Legal / Regulatory and Policy Frameworks for Protected Areas</li><li>• Expanded and strengthened management systems for Protected Areas</li><li>• Strengthened institutional coordination and capacities at the national and local levels for the participatory management of Protected Areas</li><li>• Financial sustainability framework developed for system of Protected Areas</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Ridge to Reef approaches integrated into Land Use and Development Planning</li><li>• Biodiversity conservation mainstreamed into agriculture sector</li><li>• Biodiversity conservation mainstreamed into tourism sector</li></ul>

# Samoa EWACC Project



**Project Title:** Economy-wide integration of climate change adaptation and disaster risk management to reduce climate vulnerability of communities in Samoa

**Thematic Area:** Climate Change

**Project Timeframe:** November 2014- November 2020

**Total Budget:** USD \$12,322,936

**Funding Source:** GEF Least Developed Countries Fund (LDCF)

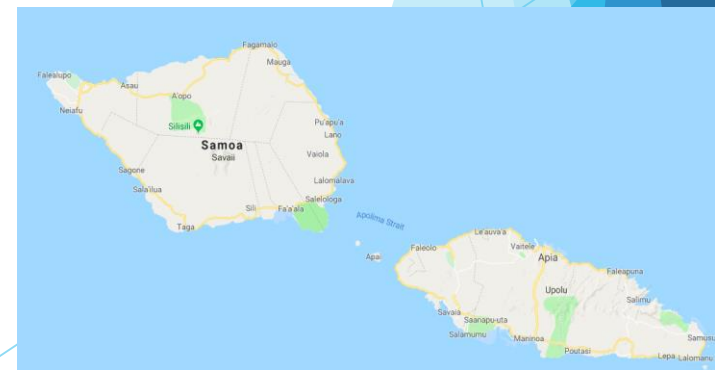
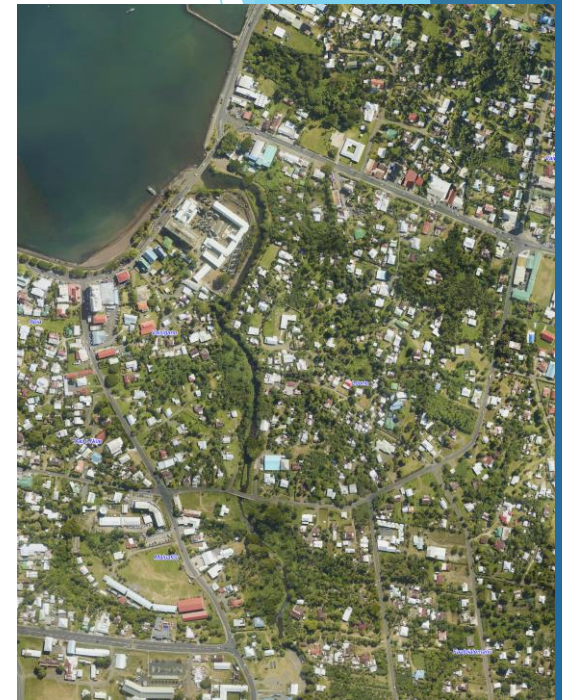
**Implementing Partner/Executing agency :** Government of Samoa - Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE)

**Implementing Agency:** United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

**Responsible parties:** Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Women, Communities and Social Development, Ministry of Works, transport and infrastructure, NGOs and CBOs

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# Key Project Components and Expected Results

KEY PROJECT COMPONENTS	Strategic integration of CCA and DRM in national policy frameworks and development planning	Enhance resilience of communities as first responders of climate change-induced hazards	Monitoring and evaluation and knowledge management
EXPECTED RESULTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate change adaptation mainstreamed into development and sectoral plans</li> <li>• Institutional and operational frameworks for coordination of climate changes adaptation strengthened</li> <li>• CC units in govt, NGOs and village governance structures - have enhanced capacity to manage climate finance</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated watershed Management Plan for Greater Apia following “Ridge-to-Reef” approach</li> <li>• Hard and soft measures for protection of community assets</li> <li>• Sustainable micro-enterprises for youth and women on agro-businesses with a sustainable and resilient value chain approach</li> <li>• Develop the capacities of 100 communities to prepare, respond, recover and manage CC risks.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knowledge about CCA and DRM is captured and shared.</li> <li>• Knowledge management strategy developed, including national awareness campaigns and information sharing through existing international platforms and new multimedia platforms</li> <li>• M&amp;E system established to strengthen institutional coordination</li> </ul>



# Challenges

- ▶ Limited technical capacities
- ▶ Delayed procurement of project
- ▶ Political influence
- ▶ Limited human capacities in-country
- ▶ Data/information

# Asia-Pacific Regional Network

- ▶ Opportunities to network and sharing of what works and what doesn't with other projects within the network
- ▶ Twinning and south-south cooperation opportunities between projects
- ▶ Capacity building and virtual learning through IW and LME LEARN for project teams
- ▶ Possible website support through IW LEARN