



# International Waters Project

## What is the International Waters Project?

The International Waters Project (IWP) is working with pilot communities in 14 Pacific Island countries to find practical ways to strengthen environmental management in three key areas: *coastal fisheries, waste reduction, and freshwater protection.*

IWP is working with these pilot communities to try and understand the root causes of resource management problems and to identify possible low cost solutions that can help countries improve resource management at the national level.

## Working together

In each country a National Coordinator has been appointed within a lead Government agency to manage the project. A National Task Force consisting of key stakeholders from government, non-government agencies, and the local community, has been appointed to support the National Coordinator. This Task Force is responsible for using the lessons provided by the community-based activities to improve the management of resources at the national level.

## Who are IWP's partners?

The IWP is funded through the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and co-managed by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). This seven-year, \$US8.5 million, project is scheduled for completion in December 2006.

## Factsheet

# Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

## COASTAL FISHERIES

### Federated States of Micronesia

The municipalities of Rumung, Maap, Gagil, Gilman in Yap

### Solomon Islands

The villages of Chea and Mbili Passage in Marovo Lagoon

### Vanuatu

The community of Crab Bay in Malekula Island

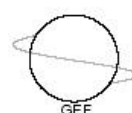
### Niue

*The project is helping the communities of Alofi North and Makefu work together with the Government to improve the management of coastal fisheries. The Niue IWP is looking at a range of options such as strengthening existing marine protected areas.*



*A Niuean gleaner uses an axe to collect tube worms from the reef.*

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SPREP is based in Apia, Samoa.

## WASTE REDUCTION

### Fiji

The village of Vunisinu in Viti Levu

### Kingdom of Tonga

The village of Nukuhetulu in Tongatapu

### Papua New Guinea

The village of Barakau

### Republic of the Marshall Islands

The village of Jenrok in Majuro Atoll

### Republic of Nauru

The community of Buada

### Republic of Palau

The village of Chollei in the district of Ngarchelong, Babeldaob

### Tuvalu

The villages of Alapi and Senala in Funafuti



### Kiribati

*The Kiribati community of Bikenibeu West has 205 households but only 64 have access to an adequate sewage or solid waste collection system. The IWP is assisting the community implement low-cost alternatives to manage their solid and liquid waste. Pictured above: Children making the most of a wrecked car in South Tarawa.*



*A boy drinks from an unfiltered water intake high in the Takuvaine Valley*

## FRESHWATER PROTECTION

### Cook Islands

*The Takuvaine Valley watershed is the main source of water for urban Rarotonga but in recent years it has become increasingly threatened by pollution. The Cook Islands IWP is working together with the Takuvaine community to develop a plan for managing this vital water catchment.*

### Samoa

The village of Lepa and Apolima Island.

## The International Waters Scholarship Scheme

The International Waters Scholarship Scheme is helping to build capacity in environmental management in the Pacific region. Funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF) the US\$273,000 Scheme offers postgraduate scholarships valued up to US\$20,000 for each of the 14 participating countries. The scholarships are linked to the IWP's work to build management capacity in the areas of sustainable coastal fisheries, waste reduction, and the protection of freshwater resources.

UNDP Resident Representative in Apia, Joyce Yu, praised the IWP Scholarship Scheme as an investment in the future of the Pacific region, "I'm very excited by this scheme because it is making such a tangible contribution to building human resources in the region. All the recipients are working to improve the management of our coastal resources and their work will continue to have a real and lasting impact on the quality of life in Pacific communities".

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