



Action Planning and SIDS Partnerships

Lessons learned and Best Practice

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THE BLUE PACIFIC

Pacific peoples are custodians of 20% of the world's combined Exclusive Economic Zones (EEZ).

This is a total of 28 million km² of ocean resources.

Equivalent to almost the entire landmass of Africa and Asia



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PACIFIC R2R PROGRAMME

14 Pacific Island Countries

13 bilateral projects

1 regional and programme-
support project (SPC)

“Whole-of-Island” - crosscutting
approaches to water, land and
coastal management with
linkages across GEF focal areas.



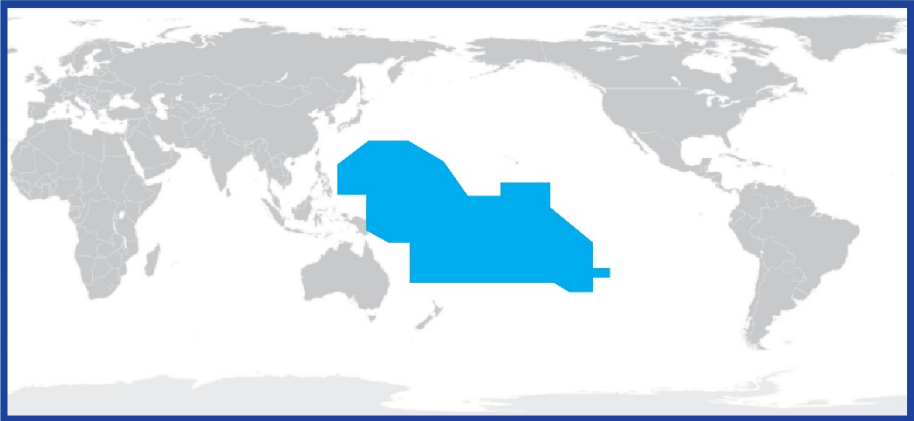
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Components

- National Multi-Focal Area Ridge-to-Reef Demonstrations in all Pacific Island Countries;
- Improved Governance for Integrated, Climate Resilient Land, Water, Forest and Coastal Management
- Regional and National/ Local Ridge-to-Reef Indicators, Monitoring and Evaluation and Knowledge Management
- Regional Programme Coordination



I. NATIONAL DEMOS TO SUPPORT R2R ICM/IWRM APPROACHES FOR ISLAND SUSTAINABILITY



2. HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

Partnership with James Cook University to deliver Post Graduate Program in Ridge to Reef Sustainable Development.

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Pacific natural resource managers build capacity in Ridge to Reef Sustainable Development

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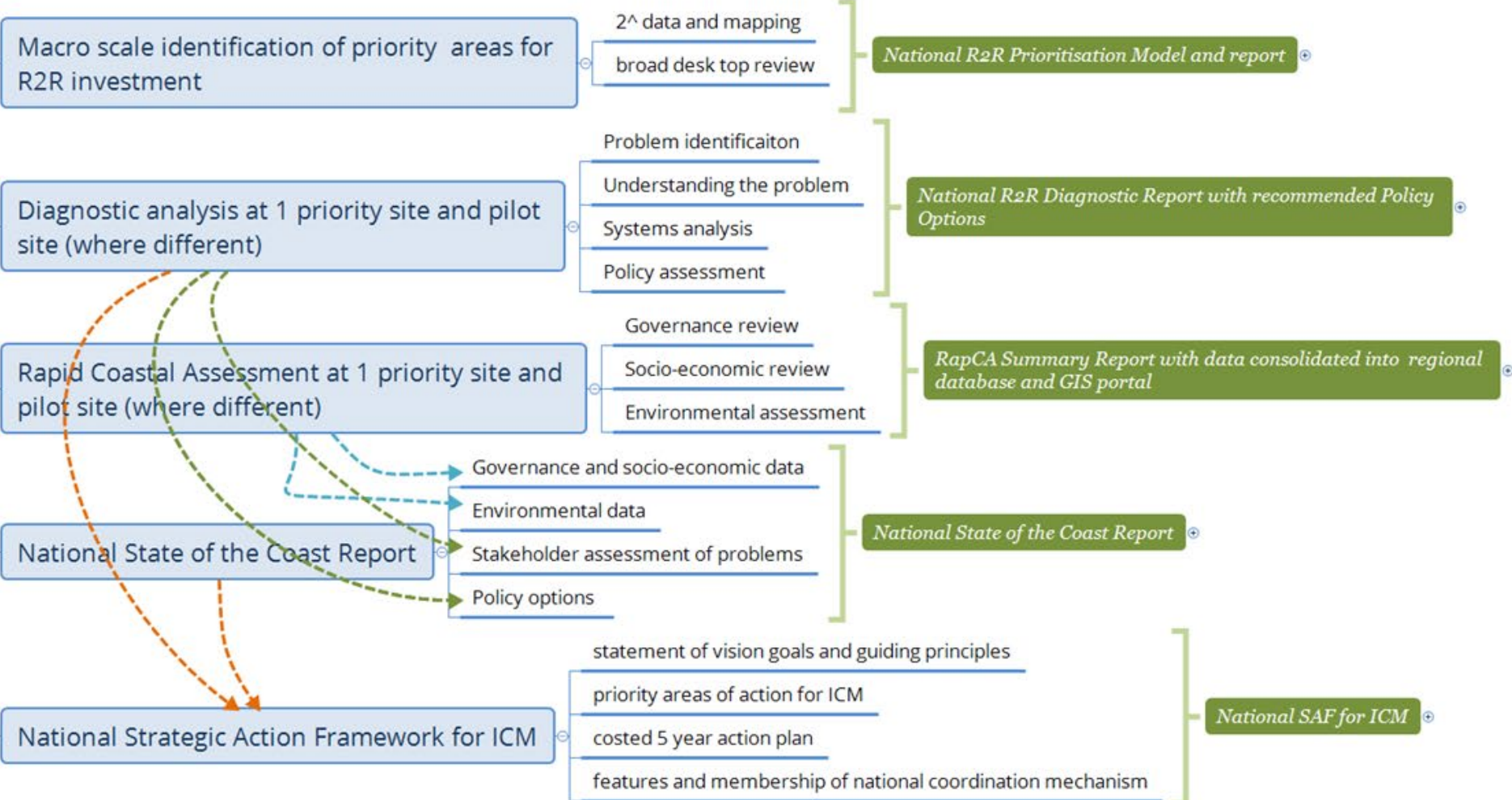
STATE OF THE COAST REPORTS AND STRATEGIC ACTION FRAMEWORKS



- 1. Identifying and characterising national priority areas
- 2. Diagnostic Analyses
- 3. State of the Coast Reports
- 4. Strategic Action Frameworks

Mainstreaming of ridge to reef ICM/IWRM approaches into national development planning

R2R Science to Policy



3. RESULTS-ORIENTED PROGRAMME DELIVERY

1. Harmonized results reporting framework and tool
1. Multi-Year Costed Work Planning tool



Regional Project Website
and associated databases

Programmatic Website
Status of regional programme and national investments
Programme and Project Results Reporting
Regional and national capacity building and knowledge sharing

Lessons learned

Pacific R2R Programme





Tonga IW R2R community consultations

Minister of Agriculture Food and Forestry, Hon. Losaline Ma'asi participates in R2R village consultations.

**Mainstreaming efforts
gender-disaggregated
assessment and social
impact analysis**





Lessons learned: Application of the Most Significant Change methodology

- Systematic collection of stories of change
- Review and select stories
- Feedback and communicate the results

Pacific R2R Programme Workshop
Most Significant Change
The GEF Pacific IW R2R Project - RMI

Name of Person recording story: Jessica Tudeken
Name of storyteller: Jina David
Date of recording: 29th of June 2019

Disinclination

My name is Jina David. I am the Project Manager for Jo-Ikum, and I am also one of the councilmen in the Majuro Atoll Local Government (MALGOV) from the rural side of the island, Laura. I lived in Laura and had been there for more than 20 years now, and as Laura's councilman, I know all the activities that take place.

I was involved with the WRM when it first started with Moriana Philip. At the time, I used to be a water quality expert at the College of the Marshall Islands (CMI) Land Grant. We used to do water samples and awareness together to the people in Laura. I also worked with Julius Lucky in doing water education and awareness regarding the water lenses in Laura.

It was a lot of work. We worked with the farmers in Laura, we worked with some of the people in Laura, but in some ways, it did not turn out to be as successful as we hoped it would.

There haven't really been any changes. We now have 3 compost toilets sitting in Laura that are not being utilized. The method introduced to the farmers about dry litter pig fence was not wholly accepted; they tried, but the people have long decided that they don't want to use that method anymore.

I feel like we could've done more education about the water lens because from what we know, it's the only backup plan for the water company here on Majuro that pumps its water from the lens during the drought seasons.

This is something we should collaborate with the local government. We need to work with the landowners and have them understand that it is vital to find alternative ways of preserving the water lens and keep them from getting contaminated; to keep the lenses clean. People are still in the habit of digging up holes and burying their wastes. This isn't to say it's the people's fault. They just don't understand what they are doing.

One of Laura's piggery project




Pacific R2R Programme Workshop
Most Significant Change
The GEF Pacific IW R2R Project - Solomons

Name of Person recording story: NPA/ Staff member
Name of storyteller: Moses Berry, Vara Creek Community Chairman
Date of recording: 27th of June 2019

Transformation

My involvement with the Ridge to Reef programme just a year ago in 2018, this was after our late community chairman have passed away in 2017. My position as community chairman that involved in ridge to reef activities have enable me to visualise better way forward for my community. Over the past years, there was no activities been organized for my community, apart from Christmas games where people mingle together. Disintegration of Christian, social and cultural norms and values as a result, increasing youth involvement in crime and anti-social behaviours.

Moses Berry

Attending community engagement meetings and workshops organised by ridge to reef project, I decided to have a meeting with several elderly people in my community and revive our community committee. We have several meetings in our community and focus our vision on "clean environment, healthy family". Despite not having support from political groups and other organizations, we try as much as possible to advocate to our people to keep our community clean and safe.

To be more constructive, as a leader and chairman of Vara Creek community committee with educational background, I started to ink down our community plans and submit proposal to the ridge to reef project for support. As a result, the ridge to reef project has supported our community with tools as well as providing educational awareness in waste management that help us a lot in transforming people's mindset to look after our environment.

This project is not only supporting us but it also brings a lot of changes to our community. Community clean-up was done two times in a month on fortnight basis, and that community able to respect community norms and values, while maintain peace, trust, and friendship within our community.

On the other hand, youth involvement in criminal activities and other social behaviours has been maintained at minimum.

I see this project as timely, and its support have transformed our community today. People have passion for the environment, people are aware on how to manage their waste and were able to utilize the 3R's concept of Reduce, Reuse & Recycle in our community today.

National Project Manager of GEF/IOC RW Ridge to Reef Solomon Islands Project handing over hardware tools to Vara Creek Chairman during Materials River Catchment Educational Awareness program for their community clean-up program.

Pacific R2R Programme Workshop
Most Significant Change
The GEF Pacific STAR R2R Project - NAURU

Name of Person recording story: Ms. Theodora Harris
Name of storyteller: Mrs. Yvelia Adam
Date of recording: 18th July 2019

A family that grows together sticks together

I am a 30 year old mother of five. My eldest child is 11 years old and my youngest is 3 years old. I have been married for 13 years and have been a housewife for 12 years. After having my fourth child, I found that I could not maintain the life-style that I wanted for my family, so I decided to look for a job. I became a community liaison officer patrolling the streets of my community reporting on suspicious incidents. My husband was also working, but he decided he wanted to be a stay at home father to our then five children. My company got disbanded and I was once again unemployed. Then I was approached by the R2R Project Coordinator to become a Technical Support Officer (TSO) for the Project. I had no idea what this job entailed, but I wanted a paying job, and thus started working there in October 2017.

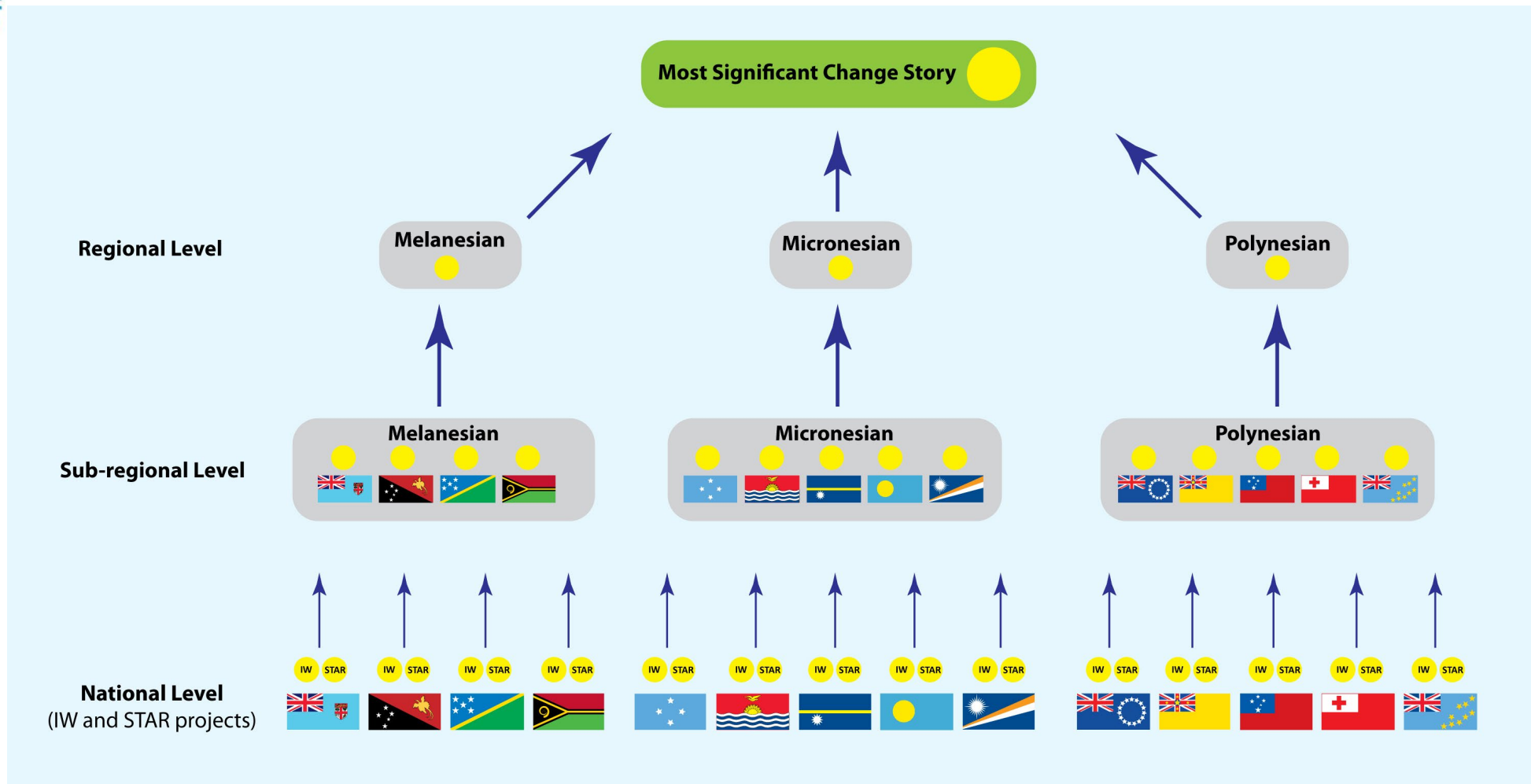
Yvelia Adam Nauru R2R's Buada TSO with her family: L-R: Roderick (11 yrs), Yvelia, Harmony (9 yrs), Rhapsody (7 yrs), Robel, Wan zho (3 yrs) and Wengweng (1 year).

Taking part in prepping garden beds, transplanting tissue culture, watering the R2R seedlings daily, building compost pits, learning about marcorring, grafting, mulching and composting has made me more aware of my surroundings and the potential my back yard has in terms of food security. Being the TSO for the project has taught me the importance of providing my family a healthy meal. Before becoming a staff of the Project, I had zero knowledge in gardening and farming. I could not afford to buy fresh fruits and vegetables as they were too expensive, so these were not part of my family's diet.

The most significant change for me was having my husband take a keen interest in gardening. I would bring home seedlings and as part of my job, I was tasked with looking after gardening tools. With equipment readily available for him, he started his banana patch, then his pumpkins, and now we are growing yam, papaya, sweet potato, limo, chili and eggplants on our small property. He is now spending more time at home with us and he has also given responsibility to our children of tending to our small farm. When it's harvest time, our children sell the food to family members. My husband and I also share what we've learnt by experimenting in the garden to our family and friends and also exchange food and fruit trees. He beams with pride when he talks about his farm.

Since becoming part of the Project, I have felt my confidence grow by liaising and creating a network with my community leaders, district Members of Parliament (MP) and community members. My relationship with the project partner the Department of Agriculture has also become closer as I work with them prepping kitchen gardens with the five pilot districts twice a week. I sometimes lead mini training sessions in my district on composting and kitchen garden once a week. I enjoy my job as it's mostly hands-on activities, and at the same time teaches me about the importance of food security.

Process of application of Most Significant Change technique in Pacific R2R programme



Best Practice Pacific R2R Programme





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<https://www.pacific-r2r.org/>



1997

- GEF IW SAP for PICs
- Priority areas for action in IW

2000 - 2006

Implementation of the IW SAP for Pacific SIDS

2009 - 2015

- Pacific IWRM project
- Focus on national IWRM demos
- Entry point for testing R2R

2015 - 2020

- **Pacific R2R Regional IW project**