



National Workshop on Integrated Environmental Assessment (IEA) And Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) 18-20 August 2009, Port Moresby, PNG DEC, UNEP, SPREP & SOPAC

Summary

1. The national workshop on Integrated Environmental Assessment and Ecosystem-Based Management was attended by about 40 participants from line government agencies, private sector, academic and research institutions, and NGOs. The workshop was organized by Department of Environment and Conservation (DEC) jointly with United Nations Environment Program (UNEP) with support from the South Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP) and the Secretariat of the Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) in the facilitation of the workshop. The first day, scheduled for half of the day was a meeting with the PNG inter-ministerial task force, DEC, Department of National Planning and Monitoring (DNPM), UNEP, United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and advisors. The following three days involved sessions of presentations and discussions on the workshop objectives.

The workshop mainly focused on developing the Papua New Guinea Environment Climate Change Outlook (ECCO) report will be compiled by a team of representatives from various relevant sectors and national government agencies. There was a general view on inefficient data and information management or utilization and weak institutional linkages, which could impede the mainstreaming of climate change into planning processes. Despite these, all participants seemed enthusiastic about been involved in the development of country's first ECCO report and offered to contribute actively. The workshop also focused but to lesser extent the establishment of an ecosystem-based management pilot project in the country that will be funded by UNEP. The site for the demonstration project has yet to be decided up on as concerns for the availability of data and information, and the extent of issues have to be considered.

The workshop was seen as a consultation with key sector agencies for reporting on the state of environment for PNG and within the region, and helped highlight the current capacity to work on the issues discussed so that appropriate measures are considered to deliver on a satisfactory outcome.

Background

2. This workshop was a continuation of another, National Training Workshop on Environment Impact Assessment that was run the week before from the 10th-14th August 2009. It was also somewhat a follow-up to the Environmentally Sustainable Economic Growth (ESEG) workshop, also organized by DEC and in late April 2009. The focus of the country's development has now been slightly varied, which is now towards sustainable development that limits the impacts on the environment but promoting economic growth. Hence it would be an advantage to understand how the ecosystems work so that development can be planned within the limits that allow for the optimal economic gain and minimal impact on the environment.

Workshop Objectives

3. The main objective of the workshop is to build and strengthen the institutional and technical capacity of DEC, Papua New Guinea in preparing a state of environment report using an integrated environmental assessment approach to support environmental decision-making processes at national level. Also for the development of integrated policies and management measures for sensitive and vulnerable marine and coastal ecosystems in regards to the impact of climate change. A report based on the objectives will mainly discuss the likely impacts of climate

change and cross-cutting environmental issues and will therefore be an Environment and Climate Change Outlook report.

Another objective was the discussion of an ecosystem-based management demonstration project funded by UNEP.

This in turn will contribute to the UNEP Medium-Term Strategy accomplishments to assist countries and regions integrate an environmental management and climate change approach into national planning and development processes.

Participants and Organizers

- 4. The workshop was jointly organized by the DEC and UNEP with support from SPREP and SOPAC.
- 5. Majority of the participants were key senior policy and technical officers from the central and sectoral government agencies, academic and research institutions, private sector and environmental NGOs.

Agenda

- 6. The workshop consisted of 12 sessions with session 11 having 2 parallel sessions under Integrated Environment Assessment (IEA) and Ecosystem-Based Management (EBM) as listed below.
 - Session 1: Background and Introduction to UNEP Ecosystem Assessment and Management
 - Session 2: Cross-sectoral policy options addressing Environmental issues
 - A. Cross-sectoral policy options addressing environmental issues
 - B. Brief update from line-ministries on key sector issues and relations to the state of environment
 - C. Moderated roundtable discussion of cross-sectoral national policy and management options to support e.g. ESEG
 - Session 3: Integrated Ecosystem Management Options
 - A. Introducing key EBM concepts
 - B. Coupling integrated environmental assessments with EBM goals
 - C. Overview of current knowledge on key ecosystem status and drivers in PNG
 - Session 4: Environmental Data and Information
 - Session 5: Integrated Analysis of Environmental Trends and Policies
 - Session 6: Group exercise to identify key environmental issues and key drivers using DPSIR framework
 - A. Priority issues and related indicators
 - B. Information needs for cross-sectoral planning
 - Session 7: Group presentations (3 Groups) and finalization of the issues to be discussed in the report by using DPSIR
 - Session 8: Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Impacts, Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation and Prioritizing Adaptation Options. Also in PNG context.
 - Session 9: Group exercise to integrate climate change adaptation and vulnerability aspects in DPSIR framework
 - A. Identifying Climate Change indicators in DPSIR
 - B. Reviewing Climate Change preparedness and adaptation options
 - Session 10: Group presentations (2 Groups)
 - Session 11.1: IEA session on ECCO report
 - Session 11.2: EBM concepts for planning of demonstration project
 - Session 12: Workshop recommendations: Mainstreaming IEA and EBM into PNG environmental policy and planning processes

Workshop Proceedings

Session 1: Background and Introduction to UNEP Ecosystem Assessment and Management

7. Following the opening remarks by **Gwen Sissiou**, the Deputy Secretary of the Policy Coordination and Evaluation Wing of DEC and a brief background and objectives of the workshop, **Ole Vestergaard**, Program Officer in the Environment Policy Implementation Division of UNEP (Nairobi office) gave an overview on the UNEP for Ecosystem Assessment and Management of which humans are an integral part as their activities and behaviors have some direct impact. He continued to explain that UNEP is aiming to partner with all sectors at all levels to strengthen scientific understanding of the ecosystems, assessing the ecosystems and their functions so that they can be considered and incorporated into policy planning and development processes.

Session 2: Cross-sectoral Policy Options Addressing Environmental Issues

8. **Kay Kalim**, Acting Deputy Secretary of the Sustainable Environment Program Wing of DEC did a presentation on PNG Government agencies having mandates on environment protection and management and a sectoral and cross-sectoral analysis of the natural resource sectors using the Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) concept. Together with DEC, other agencies included PNG Forestry Authority, National Fisheries Authority, Departments of Agriculture and Livestock, Petroleum and Energy, Mining, National Planning and Monitoring and the Office of Climate Change and Environmental Sustainability. The natural resource sectors identified were forestry, agriculture and livestock, fisheries/coastal, water resources, mineral and petroleum resources and, infrastructures. Two main cross-cutting environmental issues; climate change and biodiversity were also analyzed using SWOT. She emphasized that the sector concerning water resources is a good example to explain the IEA process with application of the EBM approach.

Discussions on the way forward on SWOT were mainly on issues of data and information management and sharing between stakeholders. And an extra column for Vision should be added to the SWOT table to detail the possible outcomes of the other columns which may follow a process from the micro to macro levels. There was a brief update from line-ministries on key sector issues and their relations to the state of environment, which later continued to a moderated roundtable discussion of cross-sectoral national policy and management options to the ESEG initiative. A common issue raised was the concern on institutional links and how weak they are especially in terms of data and information sharing. DEC representatives explained that the Department of National Planning and Monitoring is taking the lead in planning the ESEG initiative however DEC as the government agency responsible for environment protection and management has to develop this initiative and moved it forward as per the NEC directive (Decision 147/2008).

Session 3: Integrated Ecosystem Management Options

9. Ole Vestergaard explained in detail the key EBM concepts and the links to humans' activities and behaviors and their impact. By understanding the mechanisms that drive the system, better decisions can be made to ensure sustainability of the ecosystems. Also during this session Dr. Geoff Dews of University of Queensland, Australia provided more clarification to coupling IEA with EBM goals.

Maino Virobo then did a presentation on sustainability indicators at the global and national levels with a review of the GEO Database Development and its relevance to environmental sustainability especially in PNG. He and **Noriko Chatani**, a Sustainable Livelihoods Officer with UNDP PNG office and currently attached to DEC, went on to give an overview of the current status on Millennium Development Goal Seven (MDG7), targets and indicators, which generally refers to ensuring environmental sustainability. They also reported on the progress achieved in terms of reviewing the national indicators and the Department's current stand in evaluating existing environmental data and information for MDG7.

Session 4: Environmental Data and Information

10. **Tunnie Srisakulchariak** continued as a follow-on addition to Session 4, explaining environmental data and indicators (as in the MDGs) and harmonization using the framework for environmental assessment. This framework takes into consideration all the possible factors and tools (pressures, state and responses) needed to make a sound assessment of the environment based on land, water and air indicators and a fine database system. A good database system greatly contributes to the strategy and plan of action for harmonizing impacts and the ecosystem, and importantly by nominating a national focal point for the smooth transition of data and information in the policy-institute-data-framework.

Later **Phil Sherman** did a presentation on the University of Papua New Guinea's GIS and remote sensing system and database. He explained how the system is used to also generate data and a new software called the Central Geobook, which allows the user to make GIS/mapping presentations. Discussions on how the GIS system was set up and how reliable the data used to run the system were raised. **Dr. Griffin** suggested that these data sets could be used as baseline data for the country and stressed that the issue at hand was not that there is a lack of data but the expertise and equipment to analyze and prepare existing data so that friendly information can be generated.

Session 5: Integrated Analysis of Environmental Trends and Policies

11. This session was the first part of the exercise later done in Session 6. **Tunnie Srisakulchariak** defined what IEA is, presented an overview of the Direct-Pressure-State-Impact-Response (DPSIR) framework for integrated analysis of environmental trends and policies as well as a set of processes and methods for analyzing the state of environment. DPSIR represents all the factors needed for assessment with the aim of improving and protecting the environment as well as to identify adaptation by people to environmental changes and, drivers of human development and associated pressures that, along with natural processes, affect the state and trends of the environment. Another is to assess how society is responding to these impacts and how effective its response is.

Session 6: Group exercise to identify key environmental issues and key drivers using DPSIR framework

12. Session 6 was the second part to Session 5 in which participants were asked to break up into three groups for an exercise to identify key environmental issues and key drivers using the DPSIR framework for water resources (marine and freshwater), land degradation (deforestation and degradation) and, climate change and governance.

Session 7: Group presentations and finalization of the issues to be discussed in the report by using DPSIR

 $13. \ Group \ presentations \ for \ instructions \ given \ in \ Session \ 6$

Group1 Water Resources

Issue	Drivers	Pressure	State	Impact	Response
	• Population • Economic • Land use • Technology • Infrastructure	 Increased Tourism Unplanned settlements Increase in demands Changes in hydrological patterns Pollutions (industrial/dome 	• Loss of aquatic biodiversity • Degradation in water quality • Reduction in yield • Loss of value (customary/environment)	Impact • Degradation in quality • Availability • Health problems • Productivity • Trans boundary issues	Waste mgnt technology Improve planning/ process (policies/ regulations) Change in human attitude Improve land use patterns
		stic)			• Adaptations
		InformationNatural disasters			options • Awareness/ capacity

		• Loss of customary rights			building
Marine	• Except Land Use	 Pollution (shipping/land base/dam) Coral bleaching SST Mining Over fishing Increase in demand for the resources Natural disasters Loss of coastal habitat Destructive fishing 	 Loss of marine biodiversity Changes of migratory patterns Breeding season changes Degradation of water quality Reduction in yield Loss of value 	 Sea level rise Health Productivity Trans boundary Loss of revenue Poverty increase Loss of land Human stress 	Improved standard approach to take Waste mgnt technology Change of human attitude Land use patterns Improve policies/ processes Integrated approach at all levels Awareness/ campaign

Group 2

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Issue	Drivers	Pressure	State	Impact	Response
Deforestation (Removal of existing primary/seco ndary forest for development)	Economic Development	 Foreign Exchange Poverty Alleviation Improved living standards Modernization 	 Increased GDP Increased Disposal income 	• Urbanization	Improve policies/ regulationsImprove urban planning
	Global Market	Foreign ExchangeIncreased Trade relations	 Increased foreign investment Increased foreign trade 	• Loss of land	National Land Use Plan
Degradation	Subsistence Agriculture	 Food Security Increased consumption Increased population Livelihood 	Consistent food supplyIncreased income	 Land degradation of biodiversity Run- off/erosion Loss of soil fertility 	Improve land use planning Education/ awareness Capacity building
	Agriculture	Economic development Income earning	 Increased exports Increased downstream processing 	• Increase population growth • deforestation	 integrated ecosystem assessment EMPs for all sectors
	Population Growth	•Continuation of human species •Human resource	 Population Census Reduce birth mortality rate Increase life expectancy 	Increase consumptionShortage of foodSupply/basic services	Family planningEducation/aware nessHealth policies

Group 3

Issue	Drivers	Pressure	State	Impact	Response
Climate Change	 Population increase Economic growth Existing Technology Cultural practice Politics Ineffective policy implementati on 	 Increased food production Increased demand for fuel consumption Limited space Industrial expansion Increase in CO2 	Over crowded Emergence of new diseases Land availability Quality of life Quality of health Quality of education	Change in climate patterns Sea level rise Species extinction Food security Famine Ethnic conflicts Natural disasters	 Resettlement Alternative livelihoods Land reclamation Migration Advanced technology Effective policy implementation Strong institutions Provide fuel alternatives
Governance	 Corruption Indecisive leadership Poor institutional framework 	 Bribery Selfishness Lack of resources Bad policies and legislations 	 Instability Incompetent leaders Loss of investors' confidence 	Mistrust Poverty Lack of basic service delivery	 Sound policies, regulations and laws in place Promotion of transparency and accountability framework Effective enforcement of disciplinary measures

Session 8: Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment and Impacts, Mainstreaming Climate Change Adaptation and Prioritizing Adaptation Options in the region and in PNG context.

14. Session 8 consisted of presentations by **Tunnie Srisakulchariak**, **Gwen Sissiou** and **Dr. Netatua Pelesikoti**. **Tunnie's** presentation gave a general outlook on climate change and defining key principles applicable to the concept as well as vulnerability, adaptation and mitigation. She also gave an overview of major changes in climatic variables and their implications for selected sectors with case studies from other developing countries and their adaptation practices for various examples. One main component of climate change vulnerability which she and **Netatua** emphasized on was prioritizing adaptation strategies/options so that the mainstreaming process can be done efficiently. **Netatua** continued to explain how planning in terms of vulnerability should also include impacts brought on by natural hazards, using tools such as CHARM in relation to disaster risk assessment, on the ecosystem. This will have most relevance when assessing economic activities at all levels.

Gwen basically talked about PNGs position under the United Nations Framework on the Climate Change Convention (UNFCCC). She gave brief details on how the country plans to carry out this assessment by identifying the degree of future risk induced by climate change and climate variability on vulnerable economy and society within specific sectors upon consultations and using the analysis on existing climate data. Adaptive measures will inevitably be affected by institutional, technological and cultural features as well as mainstreaming environmental considerations into planning and policy levels.

Session 9: Group exercise to integrate climate change adaptation vulnerability aspects in DPSIR framework

- 15. This exercise involved answering the following the questions on impacts of climate change and adaptation.
 - 1. What are the estimated impacts of changing climatic variables on a resource-base that is relevant in PNG?

- 2. What are the potential consequences of estimated impacts that could be relevant in designing future development activities, and coping and adaptation strategies?
- 3. What are potential adaptation strategies and prioritizing them?
- 4. What other mainstreaming processes are carried out in your countries?

Session 10: Group presentations (2 Groups)

16. Group presentations for instructions given in Session 9

Group 1 Marine

Group I Marine	Group 1 Marine				
Marine	Potential Impacts	Adaptation			
(Consequential	•				
Areas of Climate					
Change)					
Sea level Rise	Loss of land	Coastal mangrove replanting(DEC/OCCES			
Sea rever raise	Loss of fresh water	coordination with communities)			
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	Salt water intrusion	Monitoring program DEGAME ANGO / DE			
	Coastline erosion	(DEC/NFA/NGOs/community/Province)			
	• Decrease in fisheries	Coastal management plan (DEC/NFA)			
		Policies (criteria infrastructure development around the			
		coast):- Education and awareness (all sectoral			
		agencies, communities, provinces and OCCES).			
		Other options such as food security, health and social			
Increase in Sea	Coral bleaching	Key Prioritizing Questions:			
Surface	Sea level rise	• Is it sustainable/feasible?			
Temperature (SST)	Disturbance to	Acceptability			
1	natural growth	Beneficial for all			
	patterns				
		In line with government policies			
	• Fish migration due to				
	decreasing O ₂				
	 Increase diseases 				
	vulnerability				
	 Species invasion 				
	MAINSTRI	EAMING PROCESS			
	Nation	nal Constitution			
	Madian - LO	trotorio Dlon (NCD)			
	National S	trategic Plan (NSP)			
	Medium Term Dev	velopment Strategy (MTDS)			
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Environmentally Sustainable Economic Growth Policy (ESEG)					
Contour D. P. J.					
Sectoral Policies					
MRA, NFA, PNGFA, OCCES, DEC, DPE, MPGH, DAL, DOT, PNG Ports					
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OCCES - C	OCCES - Coordinating agency for adaptation policies in collaboration with DEC				

Group 2 Terrestrial

Terrestrial	Potential Impacts	Adaptation	Mainstreaming
Systems			
Mountains	 Increased Temperature 	Increase mosquito nets	 Increase research
	Invasive Species, Flora/fauna	Increase awareness	 Increase integrate
	 Migration of species 	Use of herbal indigenous	into national
	Change of habitat	medicine	plans and budget
	 Increased precipitation 	Encourage tree planting	process
	●Extinction of spp	 Increase biodiversity parks 	 Increase climate

	 Introduction of vector borne diseases Decrease in yield of communal subsistence crops Increased soil erosion/run off Land use compensation demand Infrastructure cost 		change adaptation family policy
Rivers, Lakes and Swamps	 Invasive flora/fauna Extinction of spp Reduced water level Salt water intrusion Increased up-welling Loss of rec. activities Reduced revenue/tourists Loss of fresh water/ecosystem Loss of edible resources Reduced breeding cycle 	 Identify new source of ground/water Distribution of tanks and roof catchments 	 Segregation/perm its of water use for commercial/dome stic Recycling waste in industries Water rationing Trans boundary water transfer
Vegetation (Montane Savannah & Arable Land)	 Change in growth rate Change in vegetation types Pressure on vegetation for agricultural space Limited arable land Loss of food crops Decrease in the variety of food crops Increase food prices Increase tribal conflicts due to competition in food supply malnutrition 	 introduce resistant crop variety change in diet encourage storage of traditional food preservation/rationing of food encourage backyard gardening introduce innovative technology 	 separate agriculture and livestock increased research on biotech increase awareness

Session 11.1: IEA session

17. In this session **Tunnie** introduced scenarios and modeling tools to help with the planning process in regards to information and participation as well as defining the purpose, process and substance to specific objectives, approaches and levels of detail. She also provided the steps to follow in a scenario methodology.

Following **Tunnie's** presentation was a discussion on the ECCO report scope and table of contents, forming a working team to oversee the compilation of the report with a timeline that expects a first draft be submitted by end of December 2009. It was firmly suggested that the report has a maximum of 120 pages. All those involved in the discussion agreed that commitment on data provision by each sector for developing the PNG ECCO was vital for outreach and communications including policy linkages. Follow-up talk on further steps in the process will be made known at a later date after team members have been named.

After the discussions, **Netatua** gave more information and clarification on mainstreaming climate change into the national sustainable development plans with an integrated approach. She provided examples that could act as scenarios to addressing and planning in relation to the impacts of climate change, thus proposed that this phenomena be treated as an environmental issue and be seen as the government's business or with a business sense as it inevitably has a direct impact on the economy.

Session 11.2: EBM concepts for planning of demonstration project

18. This parallel session to 11.1 generally involved discussions on EBM concepts for the planning of the demonstration project by taking into account concepts and practical case studies on marine and coastal ecosystem-based management. Such as those from the Maldives, Locally-Managed Marine Areas (LMMA) and Land-Ocean integrated management.

Dr. Geoff Dews presented on behalf of the group in this session. He said the group discussed that the pilot program could possibly be set up in either Kimbe, where there is a lot of information but less issues, or another site where there are more issues but less information. They went on to discuss the processes to establishing this project by way of a work plan, the resources available and the methodology as well as the scale of the project/area. They agreed that having known data would make the process of set up following the processes of EIA, IEA and EBM with less difficulty. Some limitations or risks identified included human resource which may be inadequate or inexperienced, commitment by the local people and methods of data collection which should not be duplicating with climate change objectives. They emphasized that key capacity building should be done at all levels, from community to provincial and that data collected from this demonstration project is a cost-effective way of adding data to the country's database.

Session 12: Recommendations

19. A central data base system should be established which should covers all sectors, including resources, environment and climate.

The committee to develop the PNG ECCO report should include the sectors agencies, academic institutions, NGOs and the resource sector.

Data and information generated from different sector agencies, resources sector and NGOs should be shared and communicated without protocol requirements. Assistance should be sough from UPNG on GIS and remote sensing data and information.

Next Steps

20. Identify the relevant sectors that will form the committee, and the focal points for data and information sources to progress the ECCO project including framing of the draft report.

Develop the working timetable which encompasses budget appropriations with progress indicators.

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