

PACIFIC ECOSYSTEM-BASED ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE (PEBACC)

- 5 year project funded by the German Government
- Participating countries: Fiji, Vanuatu & Solomon Islands
- Budget: €4.95 mill.
- Implemented by SPREP BEM Division
- Project sites:

Taveuni Island & Macuata Province

Port Vila & Tanna Island

Choiseul Province & Honiara



Supported by:



Federal Ministry for the
Environment, Nature Conservation,
Building and Nuclear Safety

based on a decision of the German Bundestag

Overall intended outcome

EbA is integrated into development, climate change adaptation responses, and natural resource management policy and planning processes in three Pacific islands countries providing replicable models for other countries in the region.

Outputs

1. Ecosystem and socio-economic resilience analysis and mapping (ESRAM) completed as a basis for adaptation planning at the national, provincial and community levels
2. EbA options analysed, prioritised and plans developed
3. EbA plans implemented with demonstrated benefits
4. Communication and outreach products developed to promote integration of EbA options into climate change policies, plans and projects

Current status

- Working with Ministries of Climate Change and Environment
- Project Manager and Country Managers appointed and based in participating countries (SPREP employees)
- Host Country Agreements in place with Vanuatu and Solomon Islands
- Project sub-regional office established in Fiji
- Comms Officer, Finance & Admin Assistant recruited. Recruitment of Project Officers underway
- Tender awarded for the Port Vila ESRAM. Tender for Fiji ESRAMs being evaluated. Other tenders under preparation
- Inception workshop held in Vanuatu 13 October and Fiji 10-11 December
- Aerial reconnaissance flights conducted



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PEBACC

Pacific Ecosystems-based Adaptation to Climate Change

Climate change in the Pacific Island Region

Climate change poses a serious challenge to sustainable development in Pacific island countries and territories. Rising sea levels, changing weather patterns, ocean warming and ocean acidification impact all sectors of the economy. In addition, island resilience is affected by a number of non-climate related factors that impact negatively on island ecosystems and the people that they support such as pollution, inappropriate coastal development and over-fishing. It is therefore imperative that Pacific island countries and territories invest in appropriate and cost-effective options to simultaneously address climate and non-climate factors as a strategy to manage the impacts of climate change. Ecosystems-based Adaptation (EBA) is a holistic approach to adaptation planning that seeks to harness the potential of healthy ecosystems and biodiversity to strengthen social and ecological resilience.



What is PEBACC?

PEBACC is a five year project funded by the German Government, implemented by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) to explore and promote Ecosystems-based options for adapting to climate change. The overall intended outcome of the project is: EBA is integrated into development, climate change adaptation and natural resource management policy and planning processes in three Pacific island countries providing replicable models for other countries in the region.

What will PEBACC do?

PEBACC has four outputs:

1. Ecosystem and socio-economic resilience analysis and mapping (ESRAM) completed as a basis for adaptation planning at national, provincial and community levels.
2. EBA options analyzed, prioritised and plans developed.
3. EBA plans implemented with demonstrated benefits.
4. Communications and outreach products developed to promote integration of EBA options into climate change policies, plans and projects.

PEBACC project timeline and budget

PEBACC will run from 2014-2019 and has a budget of €4,945 million.

Participating countries

Fiji, Solomon Islands and Vanuatu.

Staffing

Project staffing comprises a project manager, country component managers, country officers, a communications officer and a finance and administration assistant.

Find out more

To find out more about PEBACC visit: www.sprep.org/pebacc



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