

## Project Name:

COMMUNITY AWARENESS OF REEF AND MANGROVE ECOSYSTEMS IN FIJI

## Goals/Aims (Describe your innovative idea):

**COLLABERATE** WITH NGO's (IUCN, SPREP, WWF) and Government organizations (MINISTRY

OF AGRICULTURE) and Institutions (School of Marine Studies at University of the South Pacific) in order to help raise awareness on the issues faced/problem.

**EDUCATE** primary and secondary students on the importance these ecosystems.

**TEACH** Youths in rural coastal communities how to monitor reefs.

**RESTORE AND MONITOR** Ecosystems- planting mangroves, monitor growth and population density and conduct reef surveys.

## Location

Fiji Islands

## Category

Environmental Protection

## Project Dates

Start Dates: July 2014

End Dates: December 2015

## Timeline for Implementation Steps:

Organizational Planning [July 2014]

Communicating with partnering NGOs, government sectors, schools, groups and communities [August 2014]

Assessing sites and conducting workshops for leaders.

Educate and Train youths on reef

Start awareness programs with various primary and secondary schools

} [September 2014 – September 2015]

Final surveys and analyzing and relaying data to communities. [October 2015 - November 2015]

### **Who will benefit?**

The major objective of this program is to engage and impart knowledge to young people as they are the future of this very nation. Due to increasing population, the ability of these existing marine ecosystems to support exploitation by locals will definitely decrease if young people of today are not being well informed. This project will enhance the participation of NGO's with local communities in conserving their very own resources and in turn benefit marine species for a well and balanced ecosystem.

### **What results do you anticipate?**

A broader understanding on the importance of these ecosystems; enhance a healthier reef and mangrove ecosystems and an improvement of existing management strategies by the locals in collaboration with partner NGO's and governmental officials Also, new policies and management strategies put into place to minimize the impact of human activities on mangrove and coral reef degradation. Establishing a association between local communities and NGO's and Government sectors.

### **How will you measure success?**

Monitor and survey restoration sites, Host competitions with selected schools to measure impact of presentation and level of awareness and from the data collected to see the efficiency of management of these resources.

### **How will the project be publicized?**

Create a website e.g. a page for the proposed program that will keep participants and partner organizations' informed of upcoming activities and certain issues that needs attention. Creating a Facebook page and twitter account to keep people updated. Collaborations with partner organizations and governmental bodies could enhance report publication on activities on the duration of the entire project.

### Local Partners:

School of Marine Studies, Department of Environment, Department of Fisheries, Department of Forestry, IUCN, SPREP, WWF, PACE-SD, SPC, Mangroves for Fiji, USP.

### Total funding requested:

\$25,000 USD

### Budget document:

Materials	Amount
Equipment : Survey Materials, Restoration Equipments	\$6,500 FJD
Travelling	\$5,000 FJD
Travelling Expenses	\$18,500 FJD
Stationary	\$5,000 FJD
Cultural Expenditure	\$6,500 FJD
Coral transplants	\$5,000FJD
Miscellaneous	\$1,500 FJD
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,000 FJD</b>

### Team Members:

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