

<b>SUSTAINABLE LAND RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT FOR THE PACIFIC (2003-2007)</b>
<p><b>Proposed Partners (Further consultation required to confirm partners at all levels)</b></p> <p><b><u>Governments</u></b> Pacific island countries and territories (American Samoa, Cook Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Fiji Islands, French Polynesia, Guam, Republic of Kiribati, Republic of the Marshall Is, Republic of Nauru, New Caledonia, Niue, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Pitcairn, Samoa, Saipan, Solomon Is, Tokelau, Tonga, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Wallis &amp; Futuna), and Australia, New Zealand, Germany (GTZ)</p> <p><b><u>Intergovernmental Organisations</u></b> Pacific Islands Forum Secretariat (PIFS), Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC), South Pacific Regional Environmental Program (SPREP), University of the South Pacific (USP)</p> <p><b><u>Potential Major Groups/NGOs</u></b> NGOs including, Greenpeace, World Wildlife Fund (WWF), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and World Food Programme, and RICS Foundation</p> <p><b>Leading Partner (To be determined through consultation)</b> Facilitation through Council of Regional Organisations in the Pacific (CROP, through its Land Resources Working Group) Name of Contact Person / focal point: Tom Osborn SPC Agriculture Adviser, SPC; Kanawi Pouru, Forestry Adviser, SPC; John Low, Resources Adviser, PIFS; and, Spike Boydell, Land Management &amp; Development, USP Email: tomo@spc.int; kanawip@spc.int; johnl@forumsec.org.fj; spike.boydell@usp.ac.fj</p>
<p><b>Main objectives of the Partnership/Initiative</b></p> <p>The overall goal of this initiative is "Sustainable Land Resources Management" for the Pacific region. To increase the capacity for sustainable development (including agriculture, forestry, livestock and mining) in the Pacific through a partnership of national, regional, and international organization with particular attention to participatory strategies with rural communities that will focus on appropriate technologies, food security, and poverty eradication &amp; economic development that takes into account the fragile SIDS ecologies.</p> <p><b>Agriculture:</b> Based on the regional and national priorities, the initiative will provide long-term funding for programmes and/or specific proposals to increase the capacity for sustainable agricultural development.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Capacity building: National capacity building of public sector, NGOs and community groups in participatory sustainable agriculture development and dissemination</li><li>➤ Sustainable technologies: sustainable technologies that solve farmer's problems are identified and tested at the farm level</li><li>➤ Waste management: Testing and dissemination of livestock/agriculture waste management systems</li></ul> <p><b>Forestry:</b> In terms of forestry and trees, the regional priorities as identified in the Regional Workshop on the UNFF process and based on the UNFF elements are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Promoting public participation in SFM</li></ul>



- Formulation and implementation of national forest programs
- Rehabilitation and restoration of degraded lands and the promotion of natural and planted forests
- International trade and sustainable forest management
- Combating deforestation and forest degradation
- Forest conservation and protection of unique types of forests and fragile ecosystems
- Economic, social and cultural aspects of forests
- Financial resources for SFM

**Mining:**

In terms of mining, the overall objective will be to develop a mineral policy strategy which would contribute to the sustainable development of PICs by improving the governance in the minerals sector, through national capacity building and the formulation of legislation and policies consistent with national economic, environment and social policies, strategies, plans & guidelines. This should be pursued in a manner to ensure that mineral exploration and mining occurs without detrimental effects to the environment, local communities or future generations.

Within the stipulated objectives for each of the above there is appreciation that specific initiatives, programmes and projects should be targeted at national delivery levels and respect the unique customary land management (administration) systems and traditional practices of PICs. Actions should not exacerbate sensitive land tenure and resource access issues.

**Expected Results**

**Expected results to be determined by countries based on National Assessments and stakeholder consultations.**

- Better understanding by farmers of sustainable agriculture including sustainable technologies and management systems, including land use
- Improved understanding of the capacity and capabilities of the soil resources of the Pacific.
- The implementation of regional and national sustainable agriculture, forestry and mining projects
- Improved national awareness and understanding of sustainable agriculture, forestry and mining practices
- Measurable progress towards sustainable agriculture, forestry and mining.
- The implementation of IPF/IFF proposals
- Improved donor understanding of the region's SFM priorities/issues according to deployment of resources/assistance to the region
- Development of mineral strategies/policies for PICs

**Specific Targets of the Partnership/Initiative and Timeframe for their Achievement**

2003	Identification of national and regional activities for funding, consultation process
2004	Implementation of activities including regional workshops
2005	Review of activities and modification if necessary
2006	Activities completed or established
2007	Final evaluation of activities

**Coordination and Implementation Mechanism**

- CROP Land Resources Working Group
- Public sector, NGOs and other stakeholders
- CROP agency governing bodies

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National Steering Committees consisting of the stakeholders in agriculture are being developed that consist of research staff, extension staff, NGOs, private sector, women's and farmer groups will be responsible for developing of initiative for funding, reporting and national level activities.

At the regional level there will be a regional steering committee composed of relevant CROP Land Resources working group members that will review the national project proposals, select the ones for funding and work with the national steering committees and oversee the use of the funds.

### **Arrangements for Funding**

Sustainable Agriculture project regional fund	
US\$250,000/year for 5 years	US\$1,225,000
Administration and supervision	US\$25,000/year for 5 years
	US\$ 125,000
Sustainable Forestry and Tress project:	
Phase 1: USD, 200,000 for a Regional Meeting	
Phase 2: US\$3,500,000 over 5 years	
Mining projects (strategies and policies)	
Phase 1	US\$100,000
Phase 2	US\$1,500,000

### **Arrangements for Capacity Building and Technology Transfer**

- Strengthen the capacity of national stakeholders through training workshops for identification and dissemination of sustainable agriculture and forestry technologies and systems
- Strengthen national agencies in the production and exchange of information concerning sustainable agriculture, forest, Land use and mining through training workshops
- Implementation of community level sustainable agriculture projects that put into practice what was learned in training workshops??
- Consolidate and strengthen sustainable agriculture and forest development at a national and regional level
- Strengthen national and regional sustainable development governance arrangements including CROP coordination
- Develop the capacity of Pacific Island States to fulfil international commitments under the UNFF process
- Evaluation of gaps in current policy and legislation related to agriculture, forestry, land use and mining.
- Development of mineral, agriculture, forestry and land use policy taking into consideration other existing legislation in the countries and international agreements.
- Assist with the revision and update of land resource legislation in accordance with policy.
- Assist with the Implementation of policy and legislation through institutional strengthening, capacity building and advisory services .

### **Links of Partnership/Initiative with on-going sustainable development activities at the international and/or regional level (if any)**

This initiative will provide funding to expand on-going national and regional projects so that sustainable technologies will reach greater numbers of farmers and land owners.

The EU funded Pacific Regional Agriculture Programme 1990-1999 involved a wide variety of projects among which were the Farming Systems and Atoll Agriculture project as well as training and promotion of participatory approaches. Sustainable technologies were tested but many of the technologies were not fully disseminated.

Currently there is a EU regional project that will refine and train and test participatory methods on a pilot

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scale in the participating countries. There is also a proposed FAO Food Security project and TCPs with several countries on sustainable development focus.

This initiative will test and promote environmental sustainable technologies that reverse the trend in land degradation and enhance production of crops that improve food security of rural families and communities.

In terms of forestry, this Initiative will be based on going programmes and project proposals arising from the priorities identified in the Pacific Regional workshop on the UNFF Initiatives, both at the national and regional levels.

In terms of mining SOPAC is the primary/key/focal agency for coordinating technical and training capacity development in the Pacific. Other CROP agencies offer assistance related to implications or planning for Mining operations or associated activities. SOPAC is committed to capacity building in its activities. SOPAC conducts field training during mineral assessments and other projects in the sector. It conducts in-country seminars and workshops. It also funds fellowships to study at the University of the South Pacific (USP) in the Earth Sciences programmes. Overseas scholarships are also sometimes available in mining-related areas, through SOPAC.

### **Monitoring Arrangements**

Please describe expected arrangements for monitoring of progress in the implementation of Partnerships/Initiative after it will be launched at the WSSD

- Reports to the Directors of Agriculture/Heads of Forestry
- Reports to the CROP Governing Bodies and consolidated through CROP for submission to the UN Commission on Sustainable Development
- Progress reports provided to all related processes
- Website portal to all activities, database establishment and awareness materials for dissemination
- National yearly reviews of projects of implemented in each participating country that will be reviewed and compiled by the regional steering committee. Country visits by regional steering committee members to review projects.

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