



# Solomon Islands



## National Environmental Capacity Development Action Plan 2008-2012

**NECDAP 2008-2012**

***Action plan* for managing the *Environment* of Solomon Islands**

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## FOREWORD



Solomon Islands is a signatory to several Multilateral Environmental Agreements [MEAs] including the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity [UNCBD], United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change [UNFCCC] and United Nations Convention on Combating Desertification [UNCCD]. Being a signatory to the Conventions mean obligations stipulated under the different conventions are mandatory for the country. With implications that little has been undertaken to implement the obligations, a call for an assessment of the nation's underlying system of management and governance in order to efficiently and effectively assess and address the environmental issues in the country was done, as well as to implement the obligations under the conventions. This was made possible by Global Environment Facility who funded the National Capacity Self Assessment project [NCSA] in a number of developing countries world-wide including the Solomon Islands.

This process of assessing the individual, systemic and institutional levels to capture the gaps and constraints that exist within the different sectors, organisations and institutions in the country especially those that have direct influence over the environmental sector in the country was carried out over the 2005-2008 period. With the assessments as baseline, this Action Plan Document, the 'National Environmental & Capacity Development Action Plan' [NECDAP] of Solomon Islands was drawn up.

Solomon Islands is graced with resources, a country richly endowed with both terrestrial and marine resources some of which are endemic to Solomon Islands. These very resources are the lifelines of our rural populace. Unfortunately, these very resources are being harvested in some cases in unsustainable manners due to the need for basic necessities in the rural areas, better lifestyle as well as a means of revenue for the Government thus a need for proper assessment and actions to ascertain that appropriate management strategies are in place to ensure that our very livelihood is secure.

The NECDAP is a living document which is tailored to be user friendly and a tool for a wide diversity of users including the Non Government Organisations, the Community Based Organisations as well as the Provincial and National Government and those who aspire to target and address issues in the environmental and capacity areas in the Country. This document should also assist Solomon Islands realise its obligations under some of the conventions that the country is a signatory to.

The document is fairly comprehensive as it was widely circulated in the different government sectors, non-government organisations, community based organisations, Private Sectors and the provincial governments.

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## ACRONYMS

ABS	Access Benefit Sharing
ADB	Asian Development Bank
AGO	Attorney General's Office
AusAID	Australian Agency for International Development
BD	Biological Diversity
CBO	Community Based Organizations
CC	Climate Change
CCD	Climate Change Division
CDC	Curriculum Development Centre
CI	Conservation International
CNURA	Coalition of National Unity and Rural Advancement
COP	Conference of the Parties
DSAP	Development of Sustainable Agriculture in the Pacific
EAC	Environment Advisory Committee
ECANSI	Environmental Concerns Action Network of Solomon Islands
ECD	Environment and Conservation Division
EIA	Environment Impact Assessment
EU	European Union
FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization
FFA	Forum Fisheries Agency
GEF	Global Environment Facility
GIS	Geographical Information System
HRD	Human Resources Development
IFAW	International Fund for Animal Welfare
IPAM	Institute of Public Administration and Management
IT	Information Technology
IUCN	International Union for the Conservation of Nature
JICA	Japan International Cooperation Agency
MAL	Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock
MDG	Millennium Development Goals
MDPAC	Ministry of Development Planning and Aid Coordination
MEA	Multilateral Environment Agreements
M & E	Monitoring & Evaluation
MECM	Ministry of Environment, Conservation & Meteorology
MEHRD	Ministry of Education and Human Resource Development
MET	Meteorology Division
MFMR	Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
MHMS	Ministry of Health and Medical Services
MLS	Ministry of Lands and Survey
MMERE	Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MP	Member of Parliament
MPA	Marine Protected Area
NAP	National Action Plan
NAPA	National Adaptation Plan of Action
NBSAP	National Biodiversity Strategic Action Plan
NCCCT	National Climate Change Country Team
NCSA	National Capacity Self Assessment

NDC	National Development Council
NDP	National Development Plan
NECDAP	National Environment Capacity Development Action Plan 2008-2012
NEMS	National Environmental Management Strategy
NGO	Non Government Organization
NRM	Natural Resource Management
NRRC	Natural Resources and Rights Coalition
NSDS	National Sustainable Development Strategy
NZAID	New Zealand Agency for International Development
PF Net	People First Network
PMO	Prime Minister's Office
RAMSI	Regional Assistance Mission to the Solomon Islands
ROC	Republic of China
RTC	Rural Training Centre
RWSS	Rural Water Supply and Sanitation
SD	Sustainable Development
SICHE	Solomon Islands College of Higher Education
SIDS	Small Islands Developing States
SIDT	Solomon Islands Development Trust
SIEA	Solomon Islands Electricity Authority
SIFMPPII	Solomon Islands Forestry Management Project Phase II
SIG	Solomon Islands Government
SILMMA	Solomon Islands Locally Managed Marine Area Network
SoE	State of the Environment
SOPAC	South Pacific Applied Geosciences Commission
SPC	Secretariat of the Pacific Communities
SPREP	South Pacific Regional Environment Programme
TAFE	Technical And Further Education
TECOM	Solomon Islands Technical Committee
TK	Traditional knowledge
TNC	The Nature Conservancy
ToR	Terms of Reference
UNCBD	United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity
UNCCD	United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
UNDP	United Nations Development Programme
UNESCO	United Nations Education, Science and Cultural Organization
USP	University of the South Pacific
WWF	World Wide Fund for Nature

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