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C3 LOCAL PROJECT

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Restoring mangroves for livelihoods in Fiji

Project coordinator : Community Centred Conservation (C3 Fiji)

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

August 2022 – March 2026

AMOUNT OF FUNDING

€ 200,000

This project **strengthen coastal resilience in Macuata province** by implementing **community-based mangrove restoration and supporting sustainable livelihood opportunities.**

Specific objectives:

- Three target sites in Northern Vanua Levu each host at least one functional, sustainable and legally-recognized **mangrove-dominated Locally Managed Marine Areas (LMMAs).**
- **Restoration of mangrove forest** and associated livelihoods within LMMAs at 3 target sites.
- At least 1,600 community members in Macuata aware of the importance of mangrove forests and LMMAs as Nature-based Solution.

Theme

Coastal Ecosystem Management and Restoration

Main co-benefits, in addition to climate change adaptation

- Biodiversity conservation
- Socio-economic resilience
- Food security
- Disaster Risk reduction

IUCN Kiwa team visiting C3 Fiji project site in Raviravi village
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Subregion: ■ Melanesia/Timor-Leste ☐ Micronesia ☐ Polynesia

Fiji

The project is located in 3 target sites in northern Vanua Levu, Fiji, namely Naividamu, Raviravi, and Quaranivai.

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Beneficiaries:
Over 500 direct beneficiaries in the three target sites

Key results to date:

Locally Managed Marine Areas:

- a major milestone was achieved with the establishment of a **298-hectare LMMA**, supported with established committees with an emphasis on gender inclusion. This area will help safeguard coastal ecosystems while empowering local communities to manage and protect their resources.

Mangrove restoration efforts:

- over **10,860 mangroves have been planted** across Raviravi and Naividamu. Additionally, **2 nurseries have been established** with more than **34,000 propagules** ready for future planting, surpassing initial targets and setting the foundation for long-term restoration. Survivability rates have been monitored monthly, and failing plantules are regularly replaced.

Community engagement and youth involvement:

- the project has actively partnered with Reef Rangers in schools, reaching 131 students through **training in mangrove ecology and climate change awareness.** Collaboration with the Ministry of Youth has extended mangrove conservation knowledge to young people, building a new generation of environmental stewards.

Training of conservation ambassadors:

- to strengthen community leadership, 15 conservation ambassadors across 3 communities have received training in mangrove ecology and conservation. These ambassadors play a key role in raising awareness and monitoring mangrove health, fostering sustained community involvement.

Celebration of environmental days:

- community events were held for World Wetlands Day and World Oceans Day, emphasizing environmental awareness and community unity through educational activities.

Sustainable Livelihood Initiatives:

- consultations on potential sustainable livelihoods support were conducted in Qaranivai, Naividamu, and Raviravi, and communities decided on obtaining a community solar fridge to support local fishers selling their catch, and 1 biogas installation to reduce the community's dependency on Mangrove firewood.

Awareness and Outreach:

- a quarterly newsletter, active social media presence, and a dedicated video on mangrove restoration have been used to raise awareness. In addition, 300 T-shirts with conservation messages were distributed, further promoting the project's mission. 15 youth were made aware of the economic value of mangrove ecosystems.

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