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KGWAN LOCAL PROJECT

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Improving Livelihoods through Biodiversity Conservation and Sustainable Climate Systems

KGWan Eco Habitat Inc

Project coordinator : KGWan Eco-Habitat Inc.

IMPLEMENTATION PERIOD

July 2023 — March 2026

AMOUNT OF FUNDING

Co-financing €5,000

Kiwa €50,000

Theme

Terrestrial Ecosystem Management and Restoration

Main co-benefits, in addition to climate change adaptation

Biodiversity conservation

Food security

The Bismarck Forest corridor in the montane ecosystem of Simbu Province plays a critical role in supporting local livelihoods, particularly as climate change intensifies droughts and raises temperatures. Intact forests in this region help mitigate these effects by enhancing rainfall and cooling surrounding areas.

The project enhances socio-economic resilience of local communities **through reforestation and sustainable forest management.** It also supports the conservation of the endangered Nothofagus plant species and promotes climate-smart crops, benefiting 1,500 community members.

Specific Objectives:

- Enhanced sustainable natural resource management of 20,000 hectares of montane forest.
- Improved livelihoods of more than 2,000 target community members through climate smart food production and marketing.

IUCN Kiwa Initiative Coordinator receives a traditional welcome from the Inaugl tribe in PNG
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Subregion: ■ Melanesia/Timor-Leste ☐ Micronesia ☐ Polynesia

Papua New Guinea

The project is implemented in Simbu Province, along the Bismarck Forest corridor, specifically within the forests of the Inaugl Tribe, which cover an estimated 15,000 to 20,000 hectares.

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Beneficiaries:
The project targets 2,163 individuals, including 46% women (991), across 528 households in 13 villages.

Key results:

Ensuring sustainable forest management practices are being implemented across 20,000 hectares of montane forest within the Inaugl Tribe.

- **More than 5000** people benefited from awareness raising programs, in particular on the 26 natural resources management rules under the Inaugl Conservation Deed that was signed by five Clans to protect over 20,000 hectares of montane forest. **Another 2,000 people indirectly benefited** from the implementation of these measures.
- Over 2,000 seedlings were distributed to the community.

Enhancing the livelihoods of more than 2,000 community members through the production of climate smart food crops.

- 1000 Casuarina seedlings were replanted as part of climate smart farming (responding to the very high demand for Casuarina seedlings from the community).
- 60 people, representing families received training on financial literacy, food and nutrition.

Improving the conservation of the threatened Nothofagus species (Grandis, fagaraea) in montane forest of the Inaugl Tribe.

- Hardware materials have been mobilized to **expand the community's central nursery,** which was able to **produce 2,000 Eucalyptus seedlings** that were planted to support reforestation efforts on community woodlots.
- **Approximately 5000 seedlings** of important native tree species (Nothofagus, Podocarp, Fagaraea, Water gum) have been raised in the central nursery to enrich natural forest areas. Out of which around **3000 seedlings were planted** by communities in watershed areas.

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