

WORKSHOP 7

A FRAMEWORK FOR ENHANCING COASTAL RESILIENCE IN PACIFIC ISLANDS

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PRESENTER(S):

1. Stuart Chape, Director, BEM, SPREP
'Setting the scene' - A presentation on the key issues/trends impacting on social-ecological resilience in the Pacific island region. Part 2: A Framework for enhancing coastal resilience in Pacific islands
2. Solstice, IUCN
"Translating the Framework into Development Practice" – opportunities presented by the Green Climate Fund
3. Warren Lee Long
Socio ecological systems & resilience thinking in the context of the coastal resilience framework for the Pacific island region

TARGET AUDIENCE:

All Forum participants are welcome; we especially encourage planners, policy makers, development professionals

BRIEF:

Pacific island people rely on ecosystem services and natural resources to support national economies and community livelihoods. However, a combination of non-climate change and climate change factors limit the ability of communities and governments to implement resilient approaches to climate change adaptation and effective environmental management. These factors include: deforestation and impacts on food security and water supplies; rising sea levels; heat stress; poor agricultural or land use practices; unsustainable fishing; damage to reefs and ocean acidification; removal of mangroves; natural disasters, poor waste management; increasing spread of invasive species and impacts on human health, food security and economic development; and so on. While most Pacific islands are implementing climate change adaptation programmes only a limited number explicitly address ecosystem approaches and their implementation, including the assessment of ecosystem services as a basis for long term resilience to climate change impacts. It is therefore important that PICTs focus on the opportunities and resilience provided by protecting and restoring ecosystem services that underpin national development agendas and community livelihoods.

OBJECTIVES:

The objective of this workshop is to present a conceptual programmatic framework for addressing coastal resilience in Pacific island countries. The Coastal Resilience Framework (CRF) is the outcome of pooled programme and project experience within a number of regional agencies with a track record of active engagement in supporting environmental management in the Pacific island region. The workshop presents an opportunity to share the programmatic

direction with a broader audience, with a view to soliciting constructive feedback into its further development and/or refinement.

PROPOSED AGENDA:

Presentation of the framework and related work followed by general Q&A. Group work addressing the following questions:

- i) The CRF as a framework to guide ecosystem-based adaptation planning – general comments
- ii) Proposed ideas, additions or edits to the framework
- iii) Potential partnerships and synergies in staying engaged with the CRF development process.

The results of the group work will be reported back to plenary for further consideration and discussion. Interest will be determined in establishing a 'reference group' to further explore and refine the framework.

Key take-aways include:

- Improved knowledge and appreciation of coastal vulnerability and resilience issues facing Pacific island countries
- Exposure to a new conceptual framework gaining traction amongst regional environmental support agencies and donors
- The opportunity to contribute to the further development and implementation of the framework.