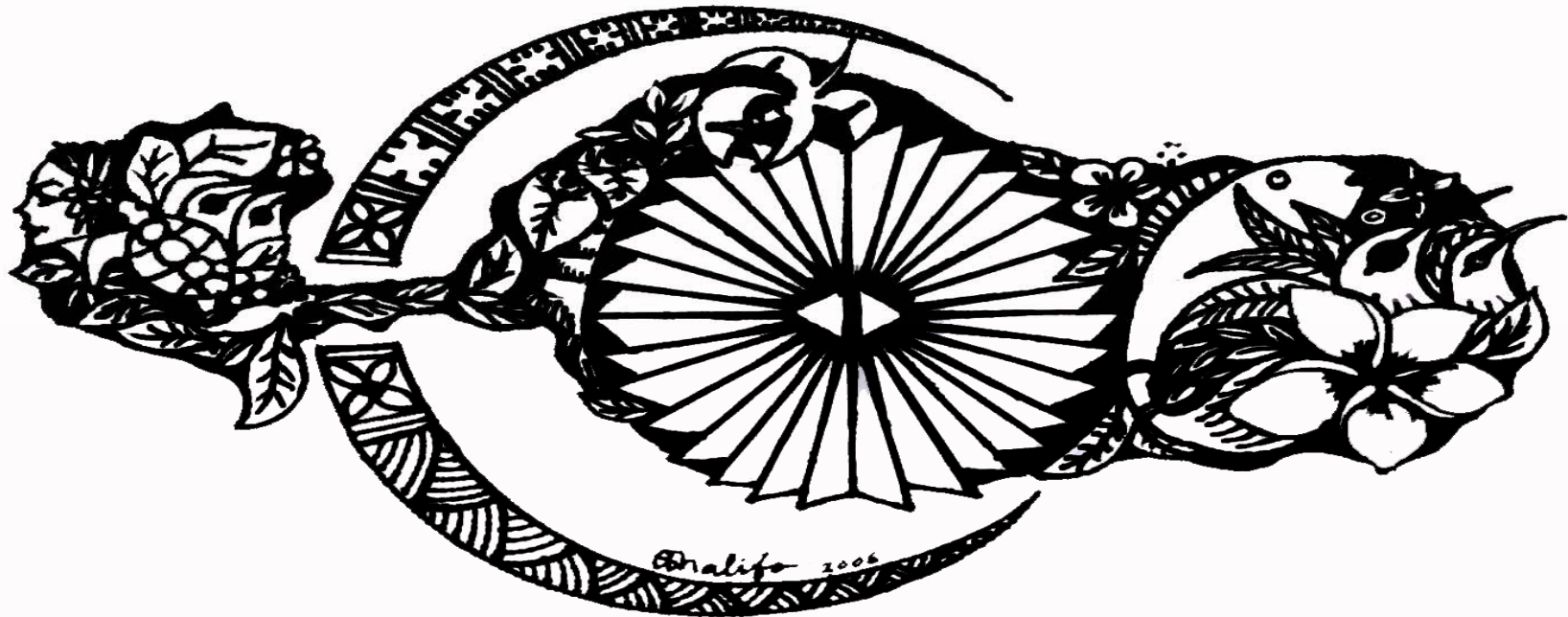


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LäjeRotuma Initiative was initiated in 2002 by a group of young Rotumans who lived in Suva and share a passion for their home island. LäjeRotuma is an environmental awareness development program for Rotuma.



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Noa'ia 'e mauri!

The humble idea to protect a people's heritage for the future, mobilized a community to manage well their natural resources. For many of us who are directly involved in the coordination of LRI, we have been privileged to experience life lessons whilst interacting with our own kinsmen, as well as share that knowledge with others by learning different cultures, far different from our own. Since its inception, LRI has been trying to work with urban Rotuman communities, an important stakeholder group to be involved in the integrated, yet comprehensive approach of managing well Rotuma's natural resources and protection of its biodiversity.

A special mention of the families and friends of LäjeRotuma who have assisted or contributed in kind. LRI also wish to thank the many partners including the Fiji Rotuman Association sponsorship to enhance the outreach program on Rotuma Island. It is with hope and prayer that the Initiative becomes that of a people's vision for their home island.

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LRI Core Team

Vision To maximize the future, environmental and sustainable options for the island of Rotuma and her people.

Goal To strengthen natural resource management, with particular emphasis on marine life and of the Rotuman community living on the island for the benefit of the current and future generations.

Environmental Concerns

Rotuma Island with an approximate land area of 43 sq. km, located about 465km North of the Fiji Islands, like other Pacific islands are experiencing the brunt of over exploitation of its marine ecosystem and having to deal with the adverse impacts of climate change.

Environmental Concerns raised by the islanders:

- Smaller sized and reduced catch to date (inshore fisheries)
- Reduction in fishing holes within the lagoon, clogged by an unknown fast-growing coral species, a local phenomenon called *kama*
- Irresponsible dumping of household rubbish to the foreshore
- Vulnerability of coastal areas to adverse impacts of climate change such as coastal erosion and bleaching of coral reefs that will inadvertently impact subsistence fisheries on Rotuma
- The use of renewable energy sources (like the wind, ocean or coconut oil) to provide a better economic fuel and household energy options
- Revival and documentation of local resource use knowledge
- Protection of indigenous knowledge rights and access to benefit sharing issues

LäjeRotuma envisions the interaction between traditional knowledge and scientific study, to enhance the islanders' understanding of their island environment.

LäjeRotuma Partnerships Rotuma Island Council, Rotuman Member of Parliament, Senator, WWF, AUSAID-DAP, Marine Studies Program, Institute of Marine Resources, University of the South Pacific, GCRMN, Global GreenGrants Fund, British High Commission Suva, SeaWeb, Coral Cay Conservation, PADI Foundation, Project AWARE, SPREP, Ministry of Youth, WAC Theatre Unlimited, Fiji Rotuman Association, Suva Itu'ti'u Association, Rotuma website, Rotuma Island Coordinator & Youth Volunteer Network.



How sponsors help LRI?



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Financial Breakdown of Fiji Rotuman Association Sponsorship.

Date	Expense type	Amount
17/3	stationery	\$14.50
13/3	transport-taxi	\$2.00
10/2	stationery	\$79.50
13/3	allowance-volunteers	\$60.00
march-april	Recharge-phone	\$41.00
9/6	tent-Rotuma Day Exhibit	\$275.00
8/8	Allowance-signboard	\$20.00
9/6	meals-volunteers	\$22.35
may-july	transport-carrier	\$60.00
10/6	Recharge-phone	\$45.00
10/6	transport-carrier	\$40.00
8/6	stationery-lamination	\$90.00
18/3	transport	\$4.89
30/6	meals-meeting	\$15.00
10/6	allowances-Rotuma Day	\$30.00
28/9	t-shirts for Fiji Turtle campaign	\$26.50
22/8	t-shirt printing for Melanesia Festival	\$660.00
24/8	materials	\$31.95
18/8	materials	\$1.41
20/9	stationery	\$11.50
22/9	meals-LRI meeting	\$45.00
28/8	lunch-LRI meeting	\$59.00
August	Recharge-phone	\$15.00
26/9	stationery	\$69.00
10-Feb	stationery	\$52.43
19/6	stationery	\$17.70
20/10	Unwired-Internet	\$49.95
4/10	transport-taxi	\$2.20
4/10	transport-carrier	\$15.00
4/10	transport-taxi	\$2.80
7/10	allowance-Melanesia Festival	\$20.00
10/10	Consultant-planning meeting	\$100.00
27/10	Transport-bus	\$25.00
	Total cost of receipts collected	\$2,003.68
	Fiji Rotuman Association	\$2000.00
	Sponsorship	(FJD)

Fishing in Rotuma



Traditional bure-Rotuma High School

