



“Mobilizing community to manage well their natural resources”

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ROTUMA ELDERS BIOVISION & COMMUNICATION SESSION: ISLAND BIODIVERSITY

VENUE: Itu'muta Hall, Rotuma

Dates: 2 days upon confirmation of a boat schedule?

Host: Itumuta/ Rotuma Youth Association

BROAD OBJECTIVES:

Since its inception in 2002, LäjeRotuma has evolved from a single focus on environmental education and awareness outreach initiative for the home island community with a vision to *“maximize the future environmental and sustainable development options for the island of Rotuma and her people”* that must now encompass other social and economic dimensions of an island community at the cross roads of an international port of entry and agricultural export market developments. The necessary first step in developing a Biovision for Rotuma in the throes of such development is to define learning goals and objectives (not the methods) for which will guide LäjeRotuma in designing its next five year Strategic Action Plan 2010-2015 and realigning to the Initiatives set of overall objectives to:

- Strengthen natural resource management of the Rotuma community living on the island, for the benefit of current and future generation;



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- Provide access to information for the island community and provide innovative activities and programs that encourage community and school participation on Rotuma;
- Encourage the creation of sustainable livelihood options for the improvement of standards of living be education and awareness in matters of self-help;
- Further the development of youth, women, and all communities on Rotuma;
- Encourage the full participation of Rotuma individuals and communities living away from the home island in the Initiative’s plans and actions

The principles that guide LRI include:

- ***to work with the community at all levels of project cycles***
- ***to recognise and protect traditional knowledge;***
- ***to recognise community ownership of sustainable resource management***
- ***to develop smart partnerships for the benefit of the island community***
- ***to adopt best practise guidelines for field and community interaction***

SPECIFIC BIOVISION OBJECTIVES:

1. To communicate information from past LRI activities and external sources of information on Rotuma regarding biodiversity, related national policies, land use planning, climate change and disaster risk reduction, renewable energy, alternative livelihoods and potential research subjects amongst other environmental concerns elders might have on Rotuma;
2. To conduct the first mapping exercise for Rotuma which features a comprehensive set of features on cultural aspects, biodiversity –forest intactness, bird areas, fishing significance, agriculture and development highlights;
3. Highlighting the next phase of LRI’s next five year strategic action plan for Rotuma and our communities;
4. To reassess LRI’s role as a facilitating agent with national agencies on future collaborative work to access information and other technologies to island community groups.



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DAY 1:

Time:	Description of Session:
9:30-10:00am	Welcome & Registration
	Opening Prayer
10.30-10.45am	Outline of Programme
	Introduction of participants - Expectations exercise
11:00-11:30am	TEA BREAK
(20mins)	LäjeRotuma Initiative – Profile
	Q & A about the work of LRI
	How to utilize resources- group exercise
1:30-2:00pm	LUNCH
(20mins)	Culture & Heritage
Till 3:30pm	Mapping exercise @District Level Community inventories – forest intact / restoration effect <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - ‘useful trees’ as listed on Rotuma Regulations - Cultural significant areas - Highlighted rel. high bird density areas (survey & anecdotal info.) - Popular fishing areas - agricultural areas - development prone areas, etc.
4:30-5:00pm	Group report back (3 districts report back)
	End of Day 1 programme.



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DAY 2:

Time:	Description of Session:
9:00-9:30am	Opening Prayer & RECAP
	Continue with report back from 4 district groups
10:30-11:00	Rotuma Development Committee – Council of Rotuma
	Q & A session
11:00-11:30am	TEA BREAK
(20mins)	Rotuma Environmental Risk Perspective – LRI
	Follow up on issues from Day 1 Q & A session
1:00-1:45pm	LUNCH
(20mins)	Education /
Till 3:30pm	Mapping overlay @ Island scale
4:00-5:00pm	How to utilize resources- group exercise : EVALUATION
	Closing ceremony.