

Rotuma Integrated Community Fisheries Management and Building Community Resilience to the Adverse Impacts of Climate Change.

**GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY - SMALL GRANTS PROGRAMME
PLANNING GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

COUNTRY: Fiji Islands

Planning Grant Submission Date: 3rd February 2006

Project Title (Should specify which GEF Focal Areas): **Rotuma Integrated Community Fisheries Management and Building Community Resilience to the adverse impacts of Climate Change**

Name of Proponent Organization: **LäjeRotuma Initiative**

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Name and Title of Head of Proponent Organization: **Monifa Fiu – LäjeRotuma Initiative Coordinator**

Name and Title/Position of Project Contact: **Monifa Fiu/ LäjeRotuma Coordinator/WWF Fiji Marine Science Officer**

Name and Title/Position of Person to submit Final Report: **Sidney Malo & Monifa Fiu – Team leaders of LRI**

Funding Requested from Fiji GEF-SGP (max US\$2,000): **US\$2,000**

Proposed Starting Date: **early March 2006**

Proposed Completion Date: **June 30 2006**

Name of Bank: **ANZ**

Bank Transfer Information: **LajeRotuma Cheque Account 7690371**

****Attachments: Please attach your approved Project Concept Paper.**

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

(Where appropriate use additional sheets of paper to answer these questions)

1.0 Type/Description of Activity:

Please tick the project activities that best describe how you will use the planning grant and then describe each selected activity in more detail (Provide attachments or Use extra paper to answer this question).

Research (Describe the type, method, who will do it, where, who will be contacted/interviewed)

Meetings (How many, where, agenda, expected participants, outcomes, who will conduct, etc)

At least 2 Planning meets amongst LRI volunteers to draft the agenda; review the workplan of activities; prepare presentations on previous activity results; update on the participation list of stakeholders; confirm workshop venues; organize for transport and housekeeping issues for the 2-day workshops at each centre (rural & urban). The meetings (2) are scheduled for February 2006 to be held in Suva.

Workshops/Seminars (How many, where, agenda, expected participants, outcomes, who will conduct, etc)

A 2-day workshop to be held in Suva and another at Rotuma for wider consultations on the review of workplan for LäjeRotuma and the strategy plan to be developed which could shape the future direction the Initiative will take. The participation list will include key elder and leaders of various groups within the Rotuman community. In terms of general and open community consultation, this has been carried out for the last two years since 2004. Presentation of ideas, concerns, results of past activities and proposed solutions were derived from outcomes of the stakeholder consultative workshops held on the island, which focused on community natural resource conservation.

Drafting and reviewing the project proposal (How it will be done, Who will do it, etc)

Upon completion of the 2-day workshops at both centers (urban & rural), a report will be compiled and a formalized agreement between the various stakeholders will provide basis for the submission of a full grant proposal to GEF-SGP.

Distribution/Dissemination (How, Where, who will be involved, target audience, etc.)

2.0 Expected Outputs and Impact

(Please fill out if no concept paper attached)

List and describe the expected outcomes of your activities described above and how it will contribute to the aims of a planning grant.

Two stakeholder meetings are proposed for the urban and island rural community stakeholders, scheduled for early March 2006. The expected outcomes of this series of 2-day meetings for each centre with the assistance of GEF-SG include:

- a comprehensive community strategic plan which integrates the objectives of the Fiji National Biodiversity & Strategy Action Plan (NBSAP) to be implemented at community level for biodiversity conservation, sustainable development & livelihoods and enhance capacity at building community resilience to adverse impacts of climate change.
- Development of a log-frame analysis to assist in drafting of a detailed framework for activities to be proposed for the GEF-SG funding and which pertinent issues, indicated during community consultations on Rotuma be addressed.

LäjeRotuma team of core volunteers comprise of Suva-based volunteers involved in various tasks of financing, project planning, energy, environmental project management, legal and administrative work. Therefore, the team of core volunteers including the Coordinator and island volunteers will plan and organise for the two meetings at both the rural and urban centres.

Considering the extensive range of partners LäjeRotuma is part of which includes WWF, Marine Studies Program, USP, Ministry of Youth, Rotuma Council, technical assistance and expert facilitation and advice will be sought from these organisations during the meetings.

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Description of organization:

(Please fill out if no concept paper attached)

- Date established: Jan 2002
- How many members are in your organization? At least 21 active volunteers
- List the names and title/positions of the three highest officers of your organization?

Monifa Fiu – LājeRotuma Coordinator

Sidney Malo – Marine Science Technical Field Expert

Ruth Isimeli – Community PLA Facilitator

Rupeni Mario – Energy & Proposal planning Expert

- What are the general goals and/or objectives of your organization?

LājeRotuma's vision is to maximize the future environmental and sustainable options for the island of Rotuma and her people. Its main goal is to set up an environmental education and awareness program that is community-based where youth are encouraged to proactively participate in activities, aimed at accessing and sharing information to strengthen the capacity of island communities in management of their natural resources. Since its inception, the Initiative has developed based on pertinent issues indicated by communities. A major underlying factor for much of the identified concerns raised by the community is the resulting adverse impacts of climate change. Therefore, addressing this environmental issue which will inadvertently affect fisheries and food security for a small island community such as Rotuma, means addressing and building community resilience to the adverse impacts of Climate Change.

- If you have previously undertaken community or other projects, please list two (2) projects you have completed within the last year and briefly describe their outcomes?

Conducted a socio economic survey in Rotuma in 2003-2004 with its drafted report finalized and used as a guidance document for identifying gaps which can assist in the development of activity suited to the needs of households and communities as expressed during the survey. Another project is the production and distribution of cloth bags sponsored by the British High Commission in Suva. This activity was in response to concerns raised and documented regarding the irresponsible dumping of household rubbish along the coastline, mostly identified as plastic bags and various synthetic containers. Another project is the annual seagrass health monitoring of its sole habitat type found on the island; this activity addresses the potential vulnerability of a community's coastline related to increased storm wave action which leads to reduction in fisheries potential for a closely-situated habitat for inshore fishing; an adverse impact of climate change.

- Have you ever received a Planning Grant or a Full Grant from the Global Environmental Facility/Small Grants Programme?

Circle (YES) (NO)

If yes, please list by including the project name and the year it was approved?

3.0 Expert/Technical Assistance

- List the names and contact information of local experts you have identified to assist your organization in developing the project or providing technical assistance. Please summarize what each expert will provide.

Francis Areki – Climate Witness & PLA Facilitator: WWF Fiji Country Programme

Diane McFadzien – WWF SPP Climate Change Program

Monifa Fiu – PLA Facilitator & LRI Coordinator (WWF Fiji)

Rotuma Council Member (Secretary)

Alifereti Tawake – FLMMA contact

Mrs Saumaiwai – Youth development Coordinator, Ministry of Youth

Rupeni Mario – Energy & Project Planning

- Will you require assistance in identifying experts? Circle (Yes) (No)

If Yes, please provide the Terms of Reference or list of tasks needed to be provided by experts.

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PLANNING GRANT BUDGET**

Budget Category ¹	Total Budget (USD)	GEF/SGP Contribution	Organization's Contribution		Other Donor (Please Specify)
			In-Kind	Monetary	
Research	-	-	-	-	-
Meetings	\$100	\$100	Volunteers' time	-	-
Workshop/Seminar	\$500	\$500	"	-	-
Transport	\$700	\$700	"	-	-
Consultant (s)	\$500	\$500	"	-	-
Personnel/Labor	\$100	\$100	"	-	-
Equipment rental	-	-	"	-	-
Materials	\$50	\$50	"	-	-
Incidentals	\$50	\$50	"	-	-
Other (specify in footnotes)	-	-	"	-	-
TOTAL	\$2000	\$2000			

Certified by:

Monifa Fiu (LäjeRotuma Coordinator 2006)

Name (Please type)
NGO representative



01 February 2006

Signature

Date

NOTES:

For the purpose of evaluation of the GEF Small-Grants Programme, the NGO or CBO shall furnish, compile or make available to Fiji SGP any records or information, oral or written which the UNDP may reasonably request in respect of this proposal.

1. *The purpose of categorising is to obtain an approximate indication of the nature of expenditures. It is left to the NGO's judgment to determine which expenditure falls under which of the categories indicated. Please add other categories as you see fit.*