

This is the first ever organized EcoCamp activity for the island students of Rotuma. This environmental awareness campaign is being held to raise the profile of Rotuma's unique and fragile natural heritage so that the next generation may be more environmentally conscious in this age of climate change and loss of culture. The Rotuma schools' EcoCamp schedule offers a variety of hands-on, fun activities that help the young campers learn about the natural world, other people and themselves. The activities are as follows:



**Driftwood Art Workshop.** The opportunity for students to fire up their imagination by interpreting the driftwood pieces they have collected. This would involve the addition of shells, seeds, string, etc, to decorate their pieces to produce a work of art from flotsam and jetsam found along the shoreline.

Limit: 20 campers.

**Mural Art.** Select artistic students to partake in joint production of a large mural in a public location. This artwork would cover the overall themes of LRI which are *"to protect and to enhance islanders' understanding of their natural environment"*.

Limit: 10 campers pre-selected by the teachers of Rotuma High School.

**Signage and Sign Writing.** Painting of signs for EcoCampers theme teams, including revamping of litter signs at Oinafa wharf and Maka Bay sea grass watch site.



Limit: 10 campers pre-selected by the teachers of Rotuma High School.

**Visual Arts Workshop.** A chance for students to express their artistic abilities and creative skills using A4 white card and a range of medium (crayons, paints, colored pencils). Themes for artwork would relate to forest and coral reef ecosystems and the flora and fauna of Rotuma.

Limit: 20 campers.

**Field trips.** Snorkel activity at the *Oinafa* nearshore fringing reef, Sea Grass watch surveys at *Maka* bay, forest walk at the *Oinafa* bushland, the beach and cleanup walk and the *Haua* island field trip.



Limit: 80 campers - 2 groups of 10 per activity by 4 field trips.

**Song & Dance Activities.** Musically inclined EcoCampers will be given the opportunity to write and perform drama and dance pieces based on environmental themes espoused by LRI.

Limit: 20 campers.

**Canoe Carving Activity.** Aimed at reviving an interest in this ancient tradition among the younger generation. This involves a master carver demonstrating the skills and the customs associated with the carving of the *vaka*.



Limit: 20 campers.

**Tree Huggers Activity.** Inspired by an Indian legend. This activity involves the use of invasive tree vines to weave "Tree Huggers". A visual art-form portraying the importance of respecting and protecting *Rotuma's* useful trees as well as the significant threat of invasive plants to the island's biodiversity.

Limit: 40, 20 campers per tree.

**Rubbish auditing.** Ongoing EcoCamp daily clean up activities will include sorting and recording of rubbish types as well as demonstration of proper disposable methods and opportunities for reducing, re-using and recycling of man made waste.

Limit: 10 campers.

**Bird Watching.** Did you ever see a bird and wondered what it was? Learn how to identify some local birds by sight and sound. Discover fascinating adaptations of birds and learn how to properly use a pair of binoculars as you take a walk in the forest, the beach and at Haua Island.



Limit: 20, 10 for the forest and 10 for the beach.

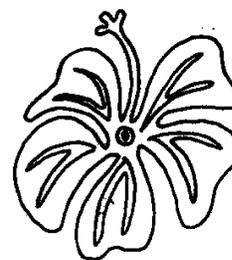
**Financial Literacy.** Aimed at senior campers and team leaders, this activity introduces the concept of personal budgeting and saving.

Limit: only for team leaders and adult campers.

**First Aid and Safety at Sea.** To raise awareness of basic first aid principles and the importance of safety precautions when at sea.

Limit: 20 campers.

**General EcoCamp information:** The camp schedule runs from as early as 5am to 8pm daily. Meals are provided to the campers for the 3 days of stay at Oinafa Bay camp area.



Registration and medical clearance forms are to be completed two weeks prior to EcoCamp dates (Dec 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>) for efficient provision of camp kits and catering logistics.