



“Mobilizing community to manage well our natural resources”

ROTUMA WOMEN & CHILDREN CLIMATE ECO-CAMP 2012

23rd - 25th November

Camp site: Oinafa Anchorage

LäjeRotuma in partnership with Rotuma Women Association and island children intends to facilitate a climate eco-camp on the basis of the ‘Adopt-a-habitat’ Program. This eco-camp encapsulates the theme on climate change with its mural art sessions, seagrass-beach-coral reef watch and forest walks that engage the children to observe nature around them.

LäjeRotuma recognises the use and conservation of island biodiversity as an integral part of its culture, inseparable from its ethical and aesthetic values or from its socio-economic reality. In this respect, the program encapsulates this with a theme of a changing climate in its field fun-filled learning activities at the seagrass, beach profiling, forest walks and bird watching. Complimentary to the field trips will include *hanuju* sessions where the children and women of Rotuma learn to understand the manifestations of change on the island and historical coping (survival) measures to extreme natural events practised by our elders.

This *Climate Eco-Camp* ultimately hopes to create the awareness of a changing climate with the women and children thus understanding how better to develop local solutions.

GOAL:

To determine how the women and children in Rotuma understand the varied manifestations of climate change to their families’ livelihoods, health, education, emotional well-being and aspirations.

Expected Outputs:

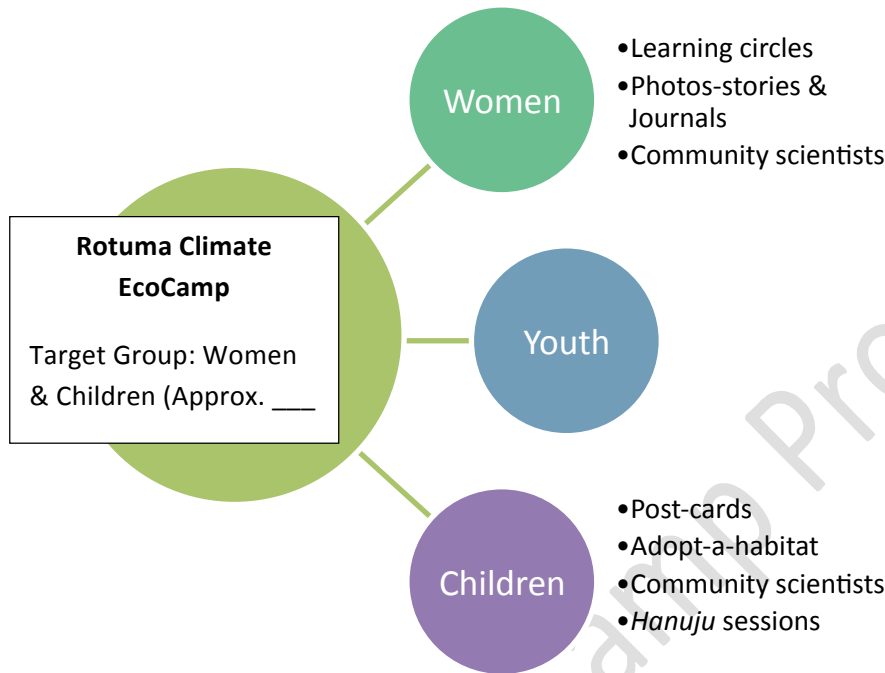
- a. (1) Climate camp report 2012 documenting the tools and experiences of the women and children in understanding the basic climate science and own perceived changes;
(2) Three climate story profiles of a woman, a child and a youth living on Rotuma;
- b. Confirmation of the Rotuma Women Association Action Plan for 2013 under the GIZ/SPC funded Rano Project.



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APPROACH:



PRINCIPLES FOR THE CLIMATE ECO-CAMP:

- Island healthy living
- Practice recycle reduce and reuse actions
- Safe & secure environment
- Must learn to listen when someone is talking
- Be on time ☺
- Be respectful eg. do not laugh at others' mistakes
- Be honest and thoughtful!

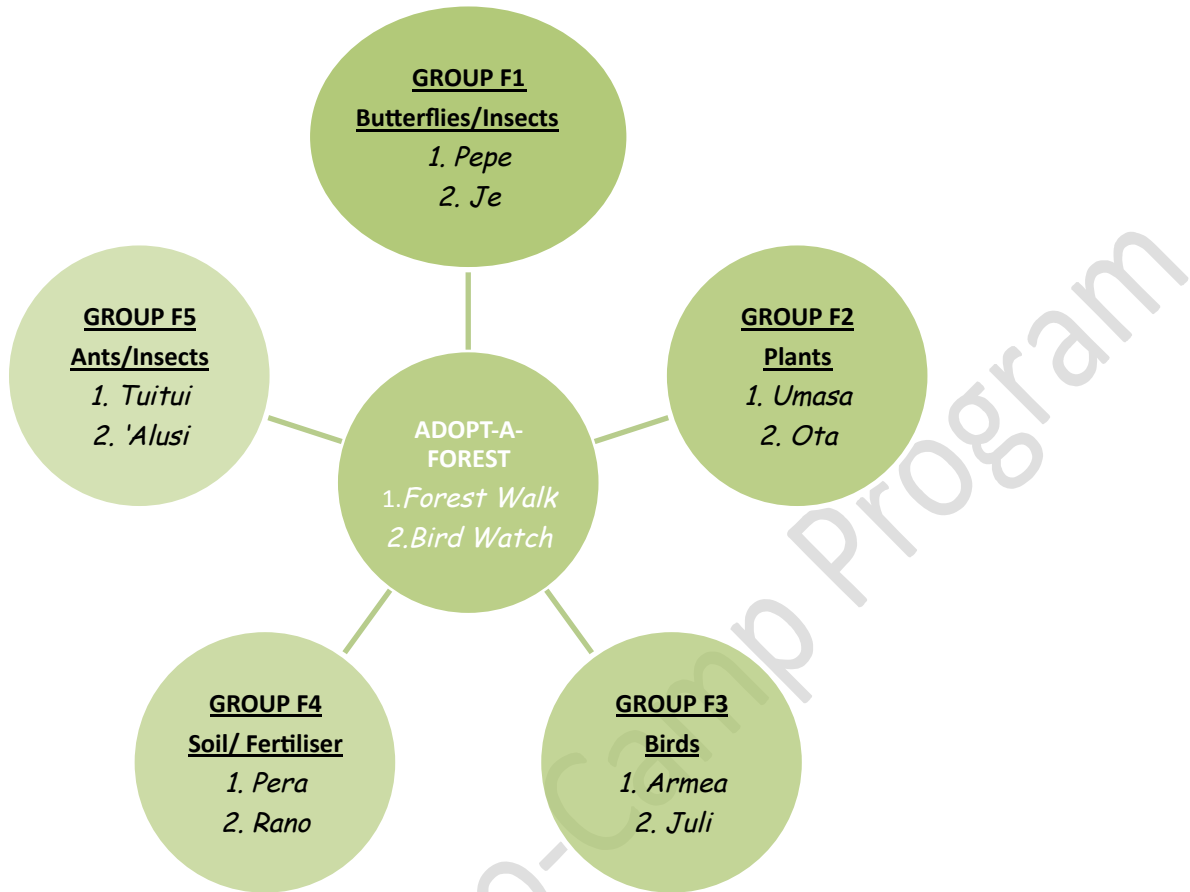
Other partnerships include:

- Council of Rotuma & Rotuma Affairs Unit
- 4 x Primary schools communities
- Ahau Police Station
- Rotuma Hospital team for medical/health inspector
- GIZ/SPC Coping with Climate Change in the Pacific Islands Fiji project team-Suva
- National Trust of Fiji



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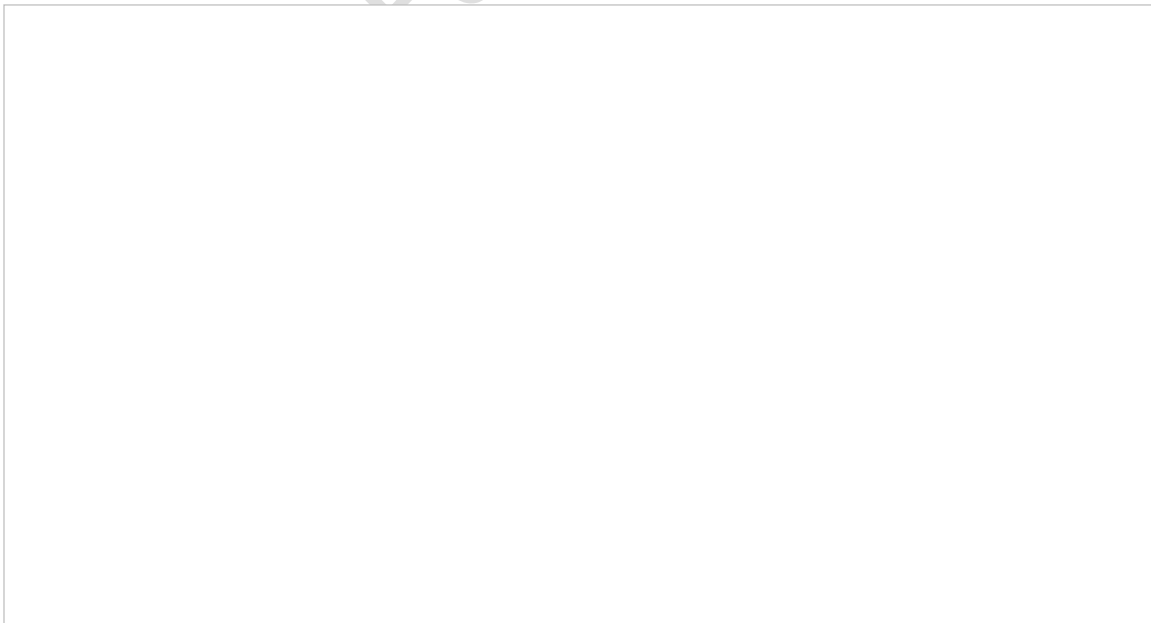
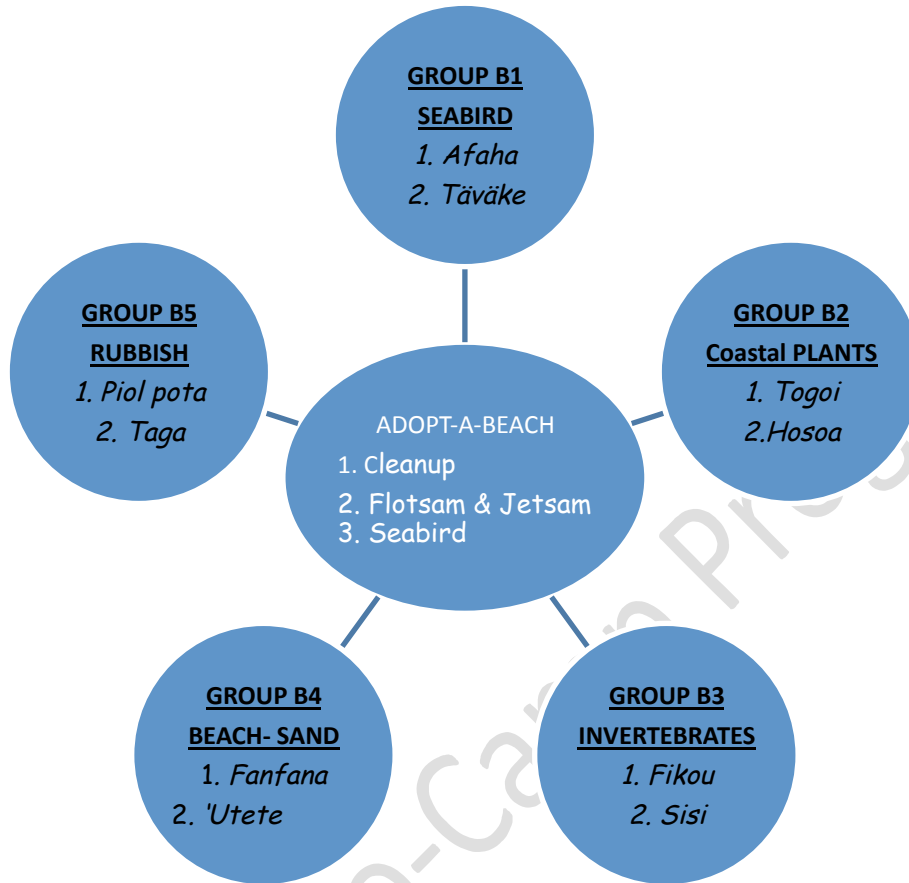
Listing of activities for the learning circles (6-8 ppl):

- Introduce the concept of sustainability (30-50mins)
- Sense of communication
- Rotuma for sale auction activity (30-50mins)
- Model of Rotuma
- Screen printing 'Rotuma 'otou hanua pumue'
- Brainstorm the Alphabetical sketch book



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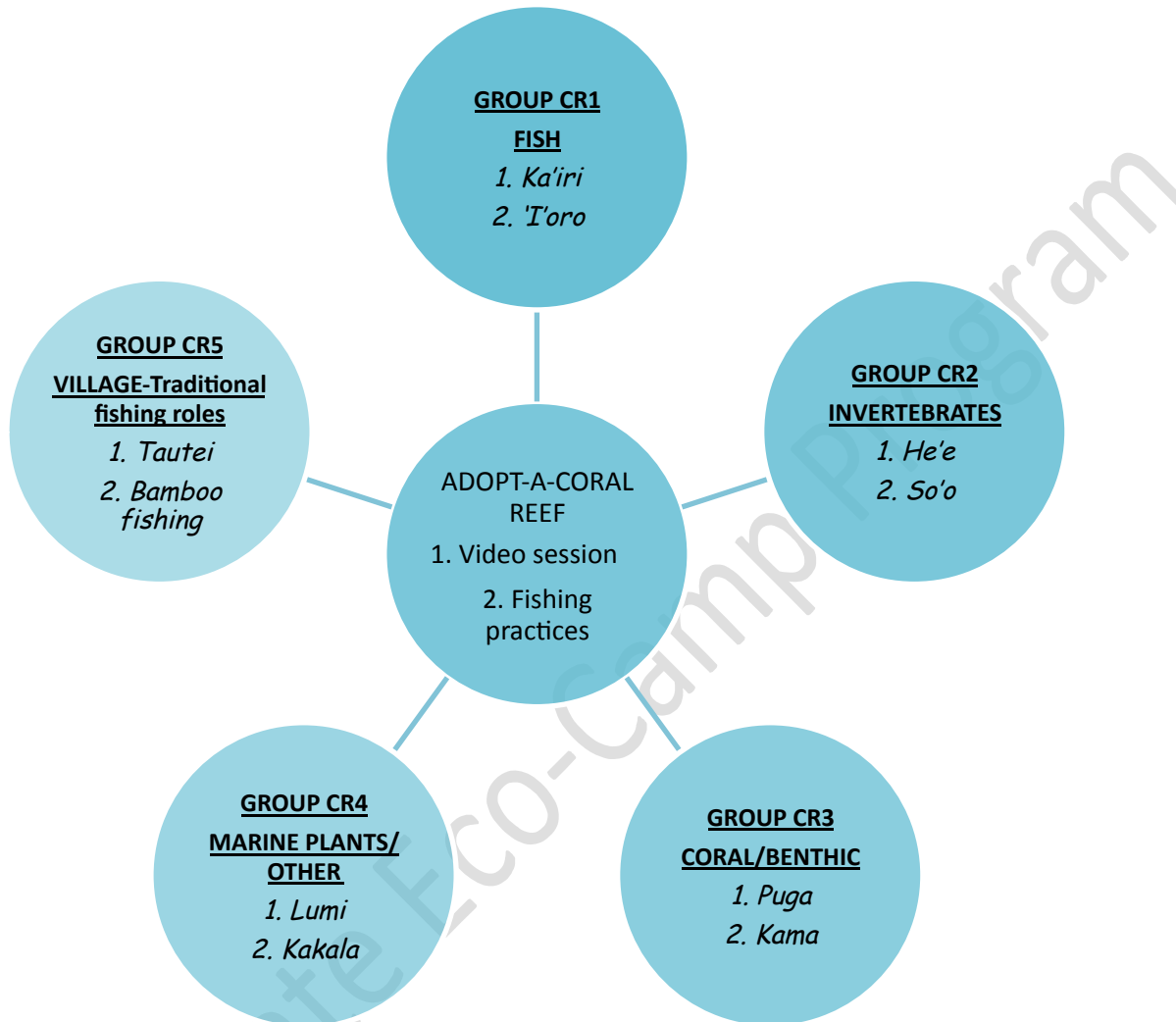
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Fishing net: Where to from here..

Fishing net to hold all campers' expectations and their lessons whilst defining their commitment to act now!

Fishing net to hold photographs & resource materials.

Fishing net to hold postcards of the children group.



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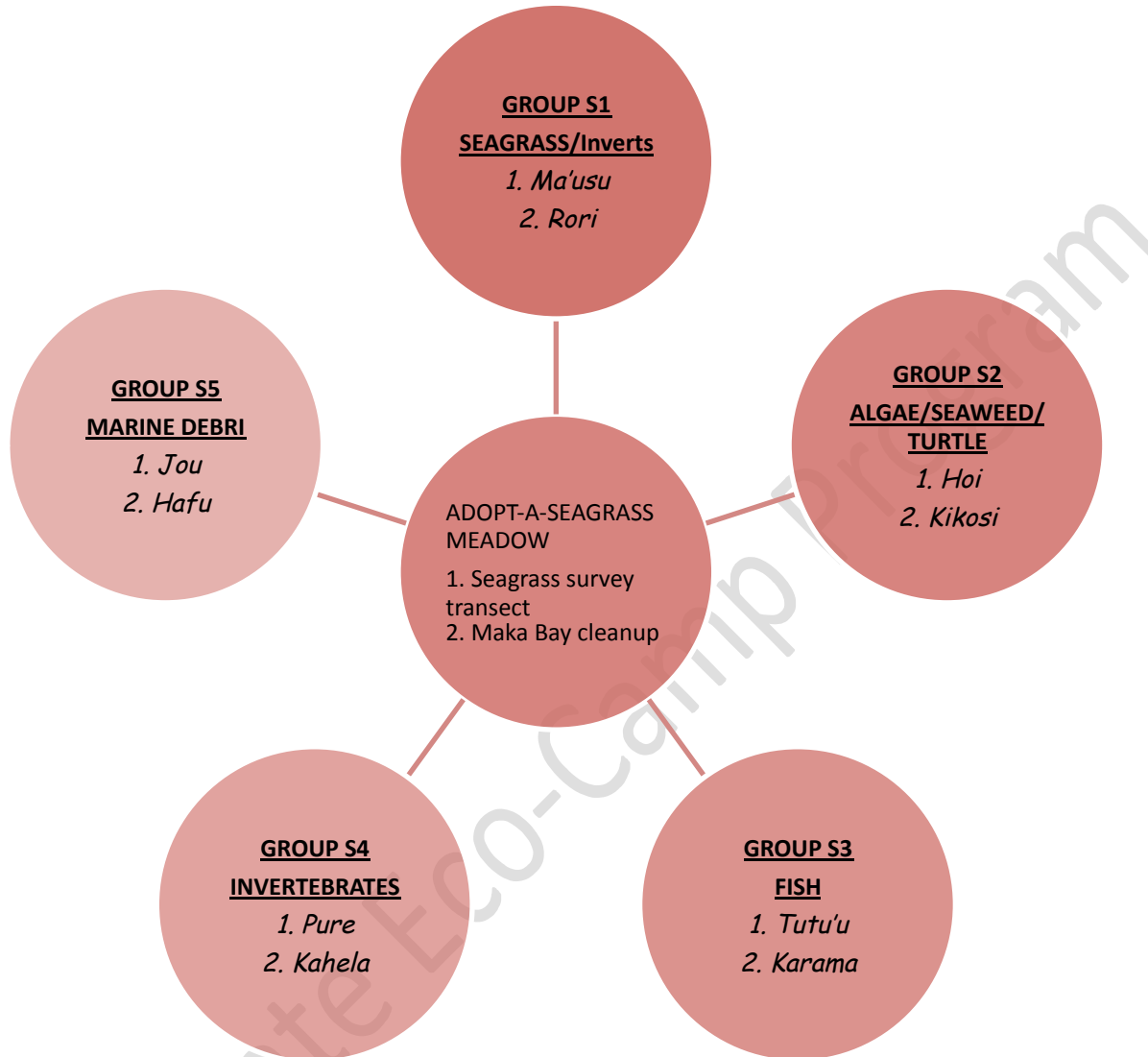


Photo-stories & Journals (a selection of 4-6ppl representing the 4 habitat groups):

- *What changes have you noticed?*
- *Group ranking survey on perceptions of change amongst the women & children groups of the climate eco-camp!*

Field trips: Adopt-a-habitat (10 children/habitat with at least 5 women):

- For each habitat, there will be 5 pairs/groups to focus on a specific aspect highlighted in the forest connections;
- For each habitat there would be at least a women per pair of children which in a group of at least 10 children;



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Proposed timetable for the Climate Eco-Camp:

Children travel to campsite after school *Registration of children open from 4-5pm	Friday^{23rd} Pick up: Women group @10am Registration of women: 10-11am <u>Women Program starts @ 12pm</u> Introduction Principles of the Climate Eco-Camp 'Adopt-a-habitat Program' "Understanding our carbon/footprint- water & waste management" ---Greening principles--- Learning circles: 6-8 women per activity Dinner: 6pm Thanksgiving service @ <i>Fau Tarau</i> Church Children campers- Movie +night-cap Lights out at 10pm
	Saturday^{24th} Wake up call: 4.30am Devotion/Morning Glory/Warm up: 5.00-6.00am Clean up-breakfast-briefing: until 8am Group sessions: A. Footprints- in color B. Learning circles "Web of Life"/ creating photo-stories with the women to educate & advocate/ learning about the clouds & weather C. Community scientists: Forest/Beach/Coral Reef/Seagrass/Bird-watching, Butterfly trapping/ local <i>rano</i> mapping Children session: <i>Hanuju</i> @ Sunset RWA session: 2013 Action planning [Evening]
	Sunday^{25th} Wake up call: 4.30am Devotion/morning glory/warm up: 5.00-6.00am Breakfast-debriefing: until 9am Church service: 10-12.00pm Lunch session Group ranking survey Presentation of certificates Camp break: 4.00pm



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Climate Eco-Camp Program