



## ***“Mobilizing community to manage well our natural resources”***

### **Rotuma tentative schedule: 14<sup>th</sup> – late August 2012**

LäjeRotuma celebrates its 10<sup>th</sup> year of work in Rotuma for which the latter 4 years of its journey, the team diffused lessons and experiences with similar remote island communities in the main Fiji Group, including Ono-i-Lau, Cikobia in Macuata, Naviti in the Yasawas and Koro in Lomaiviti.

A team of volunteers- Seline Faktaufon (Itu'ti'u), Rupeti Vafo'ou(Itumuta) island liaison returning home, Rupeni Fonmanu (Noatau) and Monifa –coordinator will be travelling to Rotuma to conduct a children and women's ecocamp during the term holidays, an event in celebration of ***“ our island heritage in a seas of change”***.

### **OBJECTIVES FOR AUGUST\_ROTUMA:**

- To conduct scoping of soft beaches at pre-selected reference points, around the perimeter of Rotuma [3-4 days] during the first week in partnership with SOPAC and NTF.
- To facilitate the ecocamp for women and children during the term holidays in the week of August 20-23 [2 days] in partnership with Council of Rotuma and Rotuma Affairs Unit.
- To meet with the extension officers at Ahau government station and the Council of Rotuma [1 day]
- To continue with photographic catalogue exercise of Rotuma's fauna and flora especially the insect, butterfly and the endemic Rotuman gecko species.
- Validate information for scope of proposal for long term civic engagement on Rotuma
- Conduct annual monitoring of seagrass community at Maka Bay.

### **DEFINING ROLES:**

1. Rupeti Vafo'ou: Team leader
  - Lead the seagrass surveys at Maka Bay
  - Liaise with the network of island volunteers for a get-2-ther at Ahau
  - Field scout for habitats of the endemic Rotuman gecko
2. Monifa Fiu: LäjeRotuma Coordinator
  - Conduct the beaches' scoping for the planned GIS mapping of coastal changes of Rotuma
  - Scope for information on status of Water Sanitation and Hygiene with focus groups of RWA, Water supply, Hospital and DO
3. Seline Faktaufon: Marine science graduate volunteer assistant
4. Rupeni Fonmanu: Features writer & field assistant

### **EXPECTED OUTPUTS:**

- GIS spatial data will contribute to the Rotuma coastal change detection analysis reporting that will enable informed decision making on developmental planning processes underway , thus adding onto the vulnerability and exposure of the island and resources herein to extreme weather patterns influenced by a changing climate;
- Documentation (report) on the ecocamp outlining resolutions that can be channeled to the upcoming planned Leadership and Management Training Programme for inclusion.
- Introductions and familiarity with the current staff at Ahau Government station whilst raising LäjeRotuma's profile with this dynamic stakeholder group;



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- A collection of photographs with selected insect ones provided to Sunil who is currently drafting a revised and improved insect book for Fiji from his first edition;
- Collated information on health, infrastructure, agriculture, cottage industry and social numbers at the village/district level.

### **LIST OF SOFT BEACHES pre-selected for scoping:**

West end & nearest village: Itumuta [Vaio, Lulu, Faneua

Motusa [Islepi, Mofma'iro, Mofmanu, Hunsolo]

Losa & Fapufa & Afo'a

North West corner: Hapmafau beach, Savlei

South end villages: Tua'koi & Tarsua, Juju – Islepi-Pepjei

South East corner: Kalvaka-Joro-Rocky Point, 'Ut'utu-Fafaisina-cemetery

East end villages: Paptea-Ohu, Oinafa-Mal'ia-Sauhata- Wharf point

North East corner villages: Malha'a- vao hefau te 'Else'e-Pephaua

North corner: Hapmak adjacent to airport

Rotuma Children and Women Ecocamp 2012 GOALS:

1. To conduct a series of leadership management activities across all social groups on the island- women, children, youth and the village/district leaders. The ecocamp model is utilised to engage the children in these topical issues.
2. To investigate and document the extent of how women and children understand the varied manifestations of climate change to their families' livelihoods, health, education, emotional wellbeing and aspirations, thus increasing their state of vulnerability.

**OBJECTIVES:** To engage children in active learning about island environment in partnership with the Rotuma Women Association work with the children on creating an interactive model of Rotuma island.

### **EXPECTED OUTCOMES:**

- Model of Rotuma Island for display at Rotuma High School
- EcoCamp report highlighting recommendations from the children and women group of Rotuma to be submitted to the upcoming Leadership and Management Training Programme and incorporated in the planning process for the Rotuma's integrated sustainable development plan.

**PROGRAM:** August 20-24<sup>th</sup> 2012 (exact dates will be confirmed once in Rotuma)

### **NEXT STEPS:**

- Co-facilitation of the youth forum and leadership management training programme [yet to be confirmed]
- Facilitation of the drafting of Rotuma Climate Smart Integrated Development PLAN in Phase III!