

# NEWSLETTER

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### BASIC BEEKEEPING TRAINING COMPLETED

Table 1.1

The Ecosystems-based Climate Adaptation Project implemented beekeeping training in 19 communities to enhance socioeconomic resilience to climate change.

The intervention was introduced to register cooperatives with the intention for the youth and women's group to take the lead role in the management and monitoring of the apiculture. The Basic Beekeeping Training was conducted in two phases in the months of May, June and August.

A total of 312 participants were trained on basic beekeeping. During the training, 54% were classified as youths, while 25% were categorised as women with the remaining 21% adults. Paradise Natural Produce, a member of the Fiji Beekeepers Association facilitated the training with the support of the Ministry of Agriculture and Biosecurity Authority of Fiji. The training was conducted in the local language.



Photo Caption : (1) Participants of Driti village received their certificate after their Basic Beekeeping Training

All targeted communities (19) have been supplied bee boxes, colonies, equipment and PPEs. It has empowered communities to maximise and sustainably use local resources for livelihood. The basic beekeeping training does not only enhance socioeconomic status in communities but also provide a space for vulnerable groups to showcase their talents and strengths.

| No | Province   | District     | Village          |
|----|------------|--------------|------------------|
| 1  | Cakaudrove | Vaturova     | Vanuavou         |
| 2  | Cakaudrove | Vaturova     | Vatukuca         |
| 3  | Cakaudrove | Koroalau     | Bucalevu         |
| 4  | Cakaudrove | Koroalau     | Nakawaga         |
| 5  | Cakaudrove | Wailevu East | Bagata           |
| 6  | Cakaudrove | Wailevu East | Nabalebale       |
| 7  | Cakaudrove | Wailevu West | Wailevu          |
| 8  | Cakaudrove | Wailevu West | Nacodreudreu     |
| 9  | Cakaudrove | Wailevu West | Nakasa           |
| 10 | Cakaudrove | Wailevu West | Dawara           |
| 11 | Bua        | Wainunu      | Nawaisomo        |
| 12 | Bua        | Wainunu      | Nakawakawa       |
| 13 | Bua        | Wainunu      | Saolo            |
| 14 | Bua        | Dama         | Driti            |
| 15 | Bua        | Lekutu       | Kavula & Banikea |
| 16 | Macuata    | Seaqaqa      | Nacereyaga       |
| 17 | Bua        | Wainunu      | Navakasali       |
| 18 | Macuata    | Dogotuki     | Rauriko          |

Table 1.1 Shows the list of communities that have undergone basic beekeeping training

## LAND USE AWARENESS & TRAINING (LUPAT)

The LUPAT plays a significant role in ensuring community sustainability. It is aimed to equip the communities to sustainably rationalise infrastructure development and take into account all land-based resources such as forest, agriculture, minerals and streams. The training was implemented in 10 communities between August and September, with 134 participants. The iTaukei Land Trust Board and the Land-Ownning Units of the 10 communities were engaged for this activity.

It is hoped that localities will operate within their designated zoning boundaries to meet their daily needs to avoid resource exploitation and pursue sustainability. By doing this, it will be made certain that defined land uses, such as forests, would continue to be recognised and preserved.



## COOPERATIVE BUSINESS REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE

Good news! 10 out of 18 Cooperative Registration Certificates were received in August. These certificates will allow the communities to lodge their lease agreement, open their cooperative bank account, and legalise their business. The team is working with the respective 10 communities to registered Tax Identification Number and open bank accounts in the coming months. The team continues to liaise with the Department of Cooperative to register the remaining 8 communities Cooperatives.

*Photo caption: (2)-ITLTB officer Mr. Solo engaging with communities explaining LOU boundaries (3) Demarcation of proposed areas for conservation areas (4) Stakeholders in the official launch of LLE portal, (5) Cooperative Waiwai being demonstrated of how to comb honey, (6) a snippet of the portal or website page that could be accessed via [www.livelearnfiji.org](http://www.livelearnfiji.org)*

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## KNOWLEDGE SHARING AND LEARNING PORTAL SOFT LAUNCH

The Knowledge sharing and Learning Portal is a new platform to generate and share knowledge related to climate resilient local economies across sectoral networks in Fiji.



It will be a platform where community voices will be heard through videos and stories shared related to resilience and actions to combat climate change.

On September 8, 2022, at the Commissioner Northern Division conference room, the Divisional Planning Officer, Northern, Mr. Setareki Dakuiboca, officiated the soft launch of the Portal. Live & Learn Fiji Country Director, Ms. Doris Susau, key stakeholders and



Mr. Dakuiboca expressed gratitude for Live & Learn Fiji's past years of partnership and collaboration. He mentioned that the website supports government initiative for the National Development Plan for digitalisation in the next 20 years. He continued adding that "forestry, agriculture, and Ministry of Rural & Maritime Development are together implementing digitalisation."

The portal can be accessed via the link, <https://livelearnfiji.org>

## NAKASA HONEY HARVESTING!

The first of the 18 cooperatives involved in honey harvesting is the Mataqali Waiwai Cooperative LTD. On August 11th, 2022, extraction training was held in Nakasa Village. The aim was for the targeted groups to have



hands-on experience to upskill with the knowledge and abilities for future extraction.

Mr. Ilaitia Qalova, an advisor to the youth club in Nakasa village, Wailevu West, Cakaudrove was interviewed on behalf of the club. He expressed his gratitude to the Live and Learn Fiji and European Union for providing the opportunity to the youth and women of Mataqali Waiwai Cooperative. He highlighted that the youth club is focusing on (i) increasing bee boxes and (ii) investing in their children's education.

Mr. Qalova and youth members believe that education is a pillar in having a resilient community. In his interview he mentioned, "We believe that investing in our kids' education will lead paths towards good health, empowerment, employment and resilient community".