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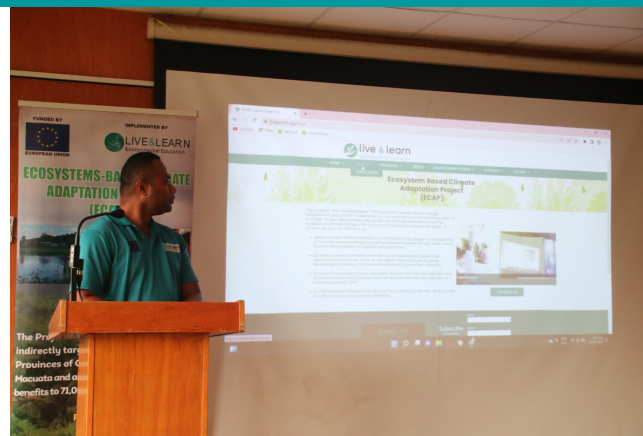
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ECOSYSTEMS - BASED CLIMATE ADAPTATION PROJECT (ECAP)

Portal Story

Official story of Ecosystems-based Climate Adaptation Project



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STEP TOWARDS DIGITILISATION

The Ecosystems-based Climate Adaptation Project (ECAP) is a three-year project that focuses on building local socio-economic resilience to climate change in vulnerable communities in the northern parts of Fiji. An outcome of the project is to generate and share new knowledge related to climate resilient local economies across sectoral networks in Fiji. The build-up to achieving this outcome was not a smooth ride in the park – but rather, through collaboration and partnership with stakeholders and our beneficiaries, the road to success was starting to get a little clearer.

KNOWLEDGE & LEARNING PORTAL LAUNCH

The launch of the Knowledge & Learning Portal was officially inaugurated by the Divisional Planning Officer Northern Mr. Setareki Dakuiboca on the 8th of September, 2022 at the Commissioner Northern conference room. The Live & Learn Fiji Country Director, Ms. Doris Susau was also present during the occasion to which she thanked the various key stakeholder representatives for their continued collaboration and partnership that enabled the team to achieve their targets.

The ECAP Project Manager, Mr. Subesh Prasad highlighted that the project is targeting 19 communities and have established 18 cooperatives as two communities have joined to form a tribal cooperative. Mr Prasad said “We are providing and supporting 18 cooperatives with beekeeping equipment's, materials and trainings so that they can start up or complement their livelihood activities.” Stories and information regarding trainings and activities have been published and is visible to all sectors on the Live & Learn Fiji - ECAP portal.

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Project Manager Mr. Prasad during his address at the launch.



Invited guests standing in between the Live & Learn Fiji Country Director Ms. Susau (L) and ECAP Manager Mr. Subesh Prasad (R) during the cutting of the launch cake.



A snippet of the portal or website page. This can be accessed via www.livelearnfiji.org



DPO Mr. Dakuiboca during his opening remarks at the launch

DIVISIONAL PLANNING OFFICER (DPO), NORTHERN REMARKS

The guest speaker, DPO Mr. Setareki Dakuiboca thanked the partnership and collaboration fostered by Live & Learn Fiji in the past years. Mr. Dakuiboca added that “with this portal or I may say website, also supports the governments initiative for the National Development Plan for digitalisation in the next 20 years.” He goes on to say that “forestry, Agriculture and Ministry of Rural & Maritime Development are together implementing digitalisation.” This platform will enable “structured exchanges within and between communities and this will be via sharing links on social media, widely used by our communities”

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-SETAREKI DAKUIBOCA-



Live & Learn Fiji Country Director and Staff with the community representatives, Guest speaker and invited stakeholders at the launch of the portal

MATAQALI NAKULA REP TESTIMONIAL

Mrs. Merelea Nawa is a Land Owning Unit of the Nakula clan (Nacereyaga Village). She is also an active member of their youth and womens group and is the Secretary of their cooperative that is registered with the Department of Cooperative Business as “Mataqali Nakula Cooperative Limited.” In a semi-structured interview, she stated that she was delighted to have been chosen to represent their Cooperative during the launch. She shared that the portal will inform them about the projects progress as they are always in the village and now information will be accessible.

“We can now see other villages information and see what we can do to improve our bee-hives” said Mrs Nawa. The clan of Nakula consists of 14 individuals of which 10 are adults and dissemination of information would always be transparent as the clan is off a homogenous group. The portal now enables communities to access information relating to the project as well as climate change mitigation & resilience stories from relevant partners and stakeholders



Mrs Merelea Nawa at the Climate Change Youth Leadership Training earlier in the year.