

Drawa Forest Project



Drawa project launched: 2012
First credit vintage verified: 2015
Second credit vintage verified: 2020

The Drawa community on Vanua Levu were one of the first Pacific communities to use the Nakau Methodology to protect their forest.

Eight mataqali (clans) worked together to form the Drawa Block Forest Community Cooperative. Forest carbon credits are now a significant income source and have allowed them to care for critical forest ecosystems, strengthen their community and grow alternative enterprises like rainforest honey products.

Since becoming verified by Plan Vivo, the Drawa communities have used the income from credit sales for water and sanitation and other building projects across five villages. They've set up honey production enterprises and established women and youth groups.

4,120 hectares of rainforest protected

165,350 tonnes CO₂ verified emissions reductions since the project commenced

15,176 carbon credits generated each year

450 community members supported to protect rainforest and develop alternative incomes



The Drawa Block Forest Community Cooperative is home to the globally endangered Barred tree skink, the Vanua Levu slender tree skink, and the remarkable Fiji ground frog.

The Drawa rainforests are set on the Wailevu-Deketi highlands, and are a haven for 385 unique plant species — 47% of which are only found in Fiji — and 22 of Fiji's native birds.



Project Area: 5686 Ha
Conservation Area: 1548 Ha
Forest Area: 4120 Ha



The Drawa Block Forest Community Cooperative is a conservation project using the Nakau Methodology. Live and Learn Fiji is the implementing partner and this project is verified by the Plan Vivo Standard.

