

Pilot Site Selection for “Community-based Sustainable Forest Resource Management”

~Procedure and Selection Results~

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Today's Agenda

1. Pilot Activities defined in Project Design Matrix
2. Selection Criteria for Pilot Sites
3. Development of Sub-criteria and Longlist
4. Development of Selection Procedures
 1. Stage 1: Shortlisting
 2. Stage 2: Field Inspection
 3. Stage 3&4: Consultation, Commitments, and Agreement
5. Result of Site Selection

Agenda 1: Pilot Activities defined in PDM



Pilot Activities defined in PDM

Output 3: Sustainable Forest Resource Management Pilot Activities, initiated by the Communities and supported/facilitated by MOFR, are implemented

Activity 3.1:	Select the Pilot Sites in accordance with the Pilot Sites selection criteria.
Activity 3.2:	Conduct community profiling in collaboration with the community people and socio-economic analysis in/around the Pilot Sites.
Activity 3.3:	Support and facilitate the Pilot Sites communities to develop Pilot Activities implementation plans.
Activity 3.4:	Support and facilitate the implementation of the plans by the communities.
Activity 3.5:	Monitor and evaluate the Pilot Activities from the viewpoint of their contribution to SFRM.
Activity 3.6:	Analyze and compile lessons learned from the Pilot Activities

Agenda 2: Selection Criteria for Pilot Site



Selection Criteria discussed and agreed between MOFR and JICA

No	Selection Criteria for Pilot Site
1	Local People relying on forest resources
2	Local people who recognize forest degradation and are willing to improve their environment
3	Willingness of local people to participate in the pilot activities
4	Easy access
5	Commitment by provincial office as well as HQ of MOFR
6	Forest management to be improved by community-based activities
7	Significant deforestation / forest degradation
8	Secured land without conflict with land-right/land-use

As some of above criteria are subjective and general, measurable & objective sub-criteria were developed

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Agenda 3: Development of Sub-criteria and Longlist

Development of Measurable & Objective Sub-criteria

Proposed Supplement Sub-criteria for Pilot Site Selection				
Criteria	Proposed Sub-criteria	Remarks/Comments from KATO	Comments from TF, HOD, JICA experts	Appropriateness
Criterion #1: Local People replying on forest resources				
	Sub-criterion 1: Exclude communities located within XX km from Honiara and Provincial Capital Cities	Based on understanding of the dependency on forest resources increased in proportion to the distance from town area (remote village = high dependency)	1) Every people in the Solomon island is dependency on the forest resources for their live hood. 2) Remote village = higher forest dependency than urban area	●
	Sub-criterion 2: Main or Sub-cash income source of community households is from their forest resources	1) Measuring the dependency on forest resources through the position of income sources 2) Wondering the available data regarding household income sources of respective communities in advance	1) Government statistic department would have record regards to household income sources. 2) Hard to tell forest dependency from statistics because the value from consumption within family and community are not reflected/included into such statistical data. 3) Cash income is highly depending on market availability/accessibility, in the context of Solomon	?
Criterion #2: Local people who recognize forest degradation and are willing to improve their environment				
	Sub-criterion 1: Community has stopped the logging in their forest area before	1) Measuring the recognition and willingness of the community through actual action taken by community 2) Wondering appropriateness because this criterion giving negative impression towards logging	1) Wondering if there is such record at MOFR 2) Quite few communities, maybe not more than ten	?
	Sub-criterion 2: Community has requested Government for assistance to improve their "Town" environment	1) Measuring the recognition and willingness of the community through actual action taken by community 2) Wondering if there are such records. Also need to consider the possibilities on the case that community had ever requested to field officer but never reached to MOFR/HQ. If you can confirm this during selection, should be ok.	1) Even though the assistance for reforestation is available from MOFR, majority of communities expects not such assistance but a provision of tools or machines for downstream processing. 2) There must be letters coming from such communities but not sure where those are filed. 3) Provincial forest officers are aware 4) Not only the government but also NGO and donors	●
	Sub-criterion 3: Community has organized meeting(s) to discuss on forest management	1) Measuring the recognition and willingness of the community through actual action taken by community 2) Wondering if there are such records at MOFR/HQ. If you can confirm this during selection, should be ok.	1) Provincial forest officers or extension officers at the village might have been invited for such communities 2) Not only the meetings but also the training for SF/Down stream processing/reforestation could be indicator. Check if there are records of the communities where such trainings were provided 3) There are some communities that worked to enrich/serve some part of their forest land with their own initiative 4) Better to check if other ministries such as Ministry of Environment and other donor agencies / donor funded projects/programmes which promote conservation work at the community level	?
	Sub-criterion 4: Community has worked/s working with other donor/NGOs for forest management before	1) Working experience with Donor/NGO to be considered as community's willingness to improve their environment	1) Need to confirm if there is any success of project implemented in the community in the past 2) There must be some form of evidence or certification that indicates community been working/involving in other natural forest management activities 3) Taking into consideration that "environment improvement" defines not only the forest environment but also marine environment, better to check if other ministries such as Ministry of Environment, or other donor agencies / donor funded projects/programmes, or NGO which promote natural resource management or conservation at the community level.	?
Criterion #3: Willingness of local people to participate in the pilot activities				
	No less than XX% of households in the community committed to take part in the pilot activities through filling in consent form	1) Measuring the community's willingness to participate, through filling in consent form (household basis) 2) This criterion should be applied after the shortlisting, as a part of consensus building	1) Need to confirm the past history of community participation in any project 2) Instead of going for collecting consent from households, better to deal with tribes (or both)	?
	Exclude communities without consents from 1) Tribal Chiefs (and clan leaders), 2) Honorary Chief/Ward Councillor, 3) Church Leaders, 4) Women's Group Leader, and 5) Youth Group Leaders	1) Considering the potential risk of internal conflict/issue among clans and key stakeholders 2) Considering the conflict management mechanism 3) Need to consider who would be the key stakeholders in decision making process	1) Sites must be agreed by tribal members and agreement to be sign if on customary land. Alienated land: legal documents of ownership of the land to be presented. 2) Better to have some form of set-up or committee that includes every representative and even surrounding communities.	●
Criterion #4: Easy access				
	Sub-criterion 1: Exclude any provinces with less than XX regular flights / vessels a week from Honiara	Since one site should be in other province, it is required that easy access province to be selected.	1) Stick to the provinces that have everyday flight	●
	Sub-criterion 2: Community has a road connection from Honiara/Capital city/airport/provincial forest offices	Measuring "easy access" through road connection	1) Appropriate for implementation, monitoring and evaluation purposes 2) Should exclude community without road connection	●
	Sub-criterion 3: Community is located less than XX km from Honiara/Capital cities/airport/provincial forest offices	Measuring "easy access" through the distance from the station or airport (travel point)	1) Appropriate for implementation, monitoring and evaluation purposes 2) Less than 20km away from the airport 3) Walking distance would be better 4) Site must be less than an hour travel by boat or car from airport or forestry stations.	●
	Sub-criterion 4: Community has mobile mobile internet access	For easy communication with communities in pilot site	1) maybe important but is not necessarily 2) www.iresearcher.com/mobility.htm	?

Development of Longlist with Recommendations From MOFR HQ Divisions

Longlist of Potential Communities for the Pilot Activities (version 1)				
Guadalcanal Province				
#	Island	Community	Contact Person	Remarks/Comments
1	Guadalcanal	Kommuniboli	Mr. Moses Pegoa	1) Participated in MOFR trainings in 2013 on SFM 2) Being involved in community forestry before with VETE
2	Guadalcanal (West)	Wonderer Bay		Virgin Forest is remaining
3	Guadalcanal (West)	Kakabona/Vulavu	Hon. Sirako Usa	Current logging is operational
4	Guadalcanal	Visale	Forest Officer (G/Province)	Logged over area. Licence is still valid
5	Guadalcanal	Bulokalai	Forest Officer (G/Province)	Logged over area. Licence is still valid
6	Guadalcanal (East)	East Guala	Hon. Isaac	Current logging is operational
7	Guadalcanal (West)	Kakabona	Mr. Perenando	Konglatai water catchment area
8	Guadalcanal (East)	Tina in Bahomea and Makango regions	Tina Hydro Project Landowners	Catchment Area of Tina Hydro Power Plant
Malaita Province				
#	Island	Community	Contact Person	Remarks/Comments
1	Malaita	West Aere'are	Dr. Pollard	Conservation purpose
2	Malaita	Fakake Community (ADO Rural Farmers Association)	Mr. Liam Sau Mr. Plus Itea	1) Attended trainings in 2014 with MOFR on SFM 2) Inclusion of Community Forest management in their development plan 3) Actively implement reforestation program by themselves
3	Malaita	Bina	F. Kiriau & J. Usi	Close to Auki (Logged over area), Licence is still valid
4	Malaita	Koisulinku	F. Kiriau & J. Usi	Close to Auki (Logged over area), Licence is still valid
5	Malaita	Heo		Enrichment sites
6	Malaita	Reo		Reforestation site
Western Province				
#	Island	Community	Contact Person	Remarks/Comments
1	New Georgia	New Georgia	Kedson Ago	Reforestation site
2	New Georgia	Leona	NRDF (NGO)	1) Already being involved in Sustainable forest Management 2) One of the FSC certified community under NRDF
3	New Georgia	Gasini		Current logging is operational
4	Rendova	Pagho		Logging currently moved out
5	Kolombangara	Gatere	J. Riven & R. Toirodo	Close to Gizo (Logged over area), Licence is still valid
6	New Georgia	Kindu	Philp Zekele	Close to Munda (Logged over area), Licence is still valid
7	New Georgia	Palutiva	F. Maedi & J. Gelman	Close to Sighe (Logged over area), Licence is still valid
8	Kolombangara	Palupade (Kuvai)		Current logging is operational
9	Shortland Islands	Male'ai	Chief Alisae	Current logging is operational
Makira-Ulawa Province				
#	Island	Community	Contact Person	Remarks/Comments
1	Makira (West)	Tawatana	Gilbert Tabhau	Proposed for conservation
2	Makira (East)	Karena Heights		Proposed for conservation
3	Makira	Baoro		Enrichment Project sites
4	Makira	Kirakira	Kirakira water source committee	Kirakira water catchment area
5	Makira		Makira provincial members	Provincial water catchment area
6	Makira	Kaonasugu	Forest officer (Kirakira)	Close to Kirakira (Logged over area), Licence is still valid
7	Makira	Manihuku/Maevo	Forest officer (Kirakira)	Close to Kirakira (Logged over area), Licence is still valid
8	Makira	Nulukaisi	Nulukaisi Chiefs and water board committee	Nakukal water catchment area
Isabel Province				
#	Island	Community	Contact Person	Remarks/Comments
1	Isabel	Kia		
2	Isabel	Goveo	C. Farnaku & M. Habru	Close to Buale (Logged over area), Licence is still valid
3	Isabel	Allardyce, Luling	Forest Officer (Allardyce)	Close to Allardyce (Logged over area), Licence is still valid
4	Isabel	Sareai		Enrichment Project sites

Agenda 4: Development of Selection Procedure

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Stage-wise Selection Procedure



Shortlisting

Field
inspection

Informed
Consent
(Consultation
& Agreement)

Commitment
from MOFR &
Provincial Office

Stage 1: Shortlisting



Step 1: Pass or Failure

Non-Eligible
Province

Criterion #4: Easy access

Sub-criterion: Exclude any provinces with no less than 7 regular flights / vessels a week from Honiara

Non-Eligible
Location

Exclusion of communities which can not identified on GIS Map

Criterion #1: Local People relying on forest resources

Sub-criterion: Exclude urban communities located within 5 km from Honiara / Provincial Capital Cities

Criterion #4: Easy access

Sub-criterion: Exclude communities located more than 60 km from Honiara/Provincial Capital Cities/airport/port

Non-Eligible
type of
Community

Criteria #7: Significant deforestation / forest degradation

Sub-criterion: Exclude communities without any record of large-scale logging operation in their forests

Step 2: Scoring for Prioritization

After Stage 1, the scoring on remaining communities will be carried out for prioritization, through applying following sub-criteria

Criterion #4: Easy access

- 1) Sub-criterion: The community has "road connection" from Honiara/Provincial Capital Cities/airport/port
- 2) Sub-criterion: The community can be accessed from Honiara/Provincial Capital Cities within 1 hour by OBM
(60 horsepower engine = Speed Average 15not/hour = Approx. 27km/hour)

- 1) **Road Connection: 2 / No Road Connection: 0**
- 2) **Accessible within 1 hour by OBM: 2 / Not accessible: 0**

Criteria #5: Commitment by provincial office as well as HQ of MOFR

Sub-criterion: Village extension officers (Reforestation) are currently stationed at the community / nearby community

Yes: 2/ No: 0

Criterion #2: Local people who recognize forest degradation and are willing to improve their environment

Sub-criterion: Community has worked/is working with NGOs, Donor funded project, or other organization for forest management, forest/biodiversity conservation, downstream processing

Yes: 2 / No: 0

Criterion #2: Local people who recognize forest degradation and are willing to improve their environment

Sub-criterion: Community has been engaged with some activities of MOFR (SFM Training, Milling Training, and Reforestation Activity)

SFM Training: 3 / Reforestation: 2 / Milling Training: 2 / NIL: 0

Step 3: Shortlisting



Result of Shortlisting

Shortlist for Guadalcanal Province			
Province	Community	Scoring	Priority
Guadalcanal	Kommuniboli	9	1
	Visale	6	2
	Tina	2	3

Shortlist for Other Rural Provinces			
Province	Community	Scoring	Priority
Malaita	Falake	11	1
Western	Bagho/Bago	8	2
Western	Gatere	8	2
Western	Kindu	8	2
Western	Patupaele (kiuvai)	8	2
Malaita	Bina	6	7
Western	Patutiva	6	7
Malaita	Koisuliniu	4	9
Malaita	Reo	4	9
Isabel	Kia	4	9
Isabel	Sareai	4	9
Western	Gasini	4	9
Cental	Haroro	0	14

High Priority

Low Priority

In order to select one more site for field inspection, further information related with below will be collected.

- Existence of Natural Forest
- Land Dispute
- Existence of Community Organization
- Community's involvement into Logging

Stage 2: Field Inspection

PURPOSE OF FIELD VISIT & INSPECTION

Objective ①: To collect necessary information for below Criteria as well as Community Profile

Criterion #2: Local people who recognize forest degradation and are willing to improve their environment

Sub-criterion: Community has requested Government, Donor, NGO, or any other organization for assistance to improve their "forest" environment

Criteria #6: Forest management to be improved by community-based activities

Sub-criterion: Forest resources in their land are utilized and managed by community in a traditional/conventional way

Criteria #8: Secured land without conflict with land-right/land-use

Sub-criterion: Exclude the community suffered from land dispute with neighboring communities/tribes

Objective ②: To conduct Boundary Survey for preparation of Forest Inventory *(Not been possible to carry out during inspection)*

Criteria #8: Secured land without conflict with land-right/land-use

Sub-criterion: There is no less than 2 ha of forest at their land allocated for pilot activities and secured by landowners *(Not been possible to confirm size of the land allocated for SFRM during inspection, but to be confirmed during land use planning)*

Objective ③: To provide awareness for Sustainable Forest Management

Objective ④: To encourage community to formulate consensus among all tribes/clans (incl. resource-owners as well as its users), in order to submit EOI in SFM activities to MOFR, in written.

Stage 3: Informed Consent (Consultation and Agreement)

- ◆ Conduct consultation with Provincial Government and shortlisted communities for informed consent

Consultation with Provincial Executives

Project Orientation (Project Design, Modality, Concept of Cb-SFM)

Community Consultation (Roles and Responsibilities, Land Dispute, Land-use)

MOU signing (consent forms attached)

Criterion #3: Willingness of local people to participate in the pilot activities

Sub-criterion: Community shall submit a formal consent on participating pilot activities (consent shall be given especially from 1) Tribal Chiefs (incl. clan leaders), 2) Counsellor of Chief and Ward Counsellor, 3) Church Leader, 4) Women/Youth Leader (if any), though filling in consent form)

Criteria #8: Secured land without conflict with land-right/land-use

Sub-criterion: There is no objection from any community members as well as neighboring communities regarding the boundaries and land use for pilot activities

Step 4: Commitment from MOFR and Provincial Offices

Obtain endorsement for the result of selection from Provincial MOFR Office



Notify the result to Provincial Government for their acknowledgement



Obtain approval and commitment letter from MOFR HQ



Criteria #5: Commitment by provincial office as well as HQ of MOFR

Sub-criterion: Both MOFR HQ and Provincial Office endorse the pilot site and agree to secure allocation of resources (HR, Budget, Equipment/ Machinery etc.) for the pilot activities

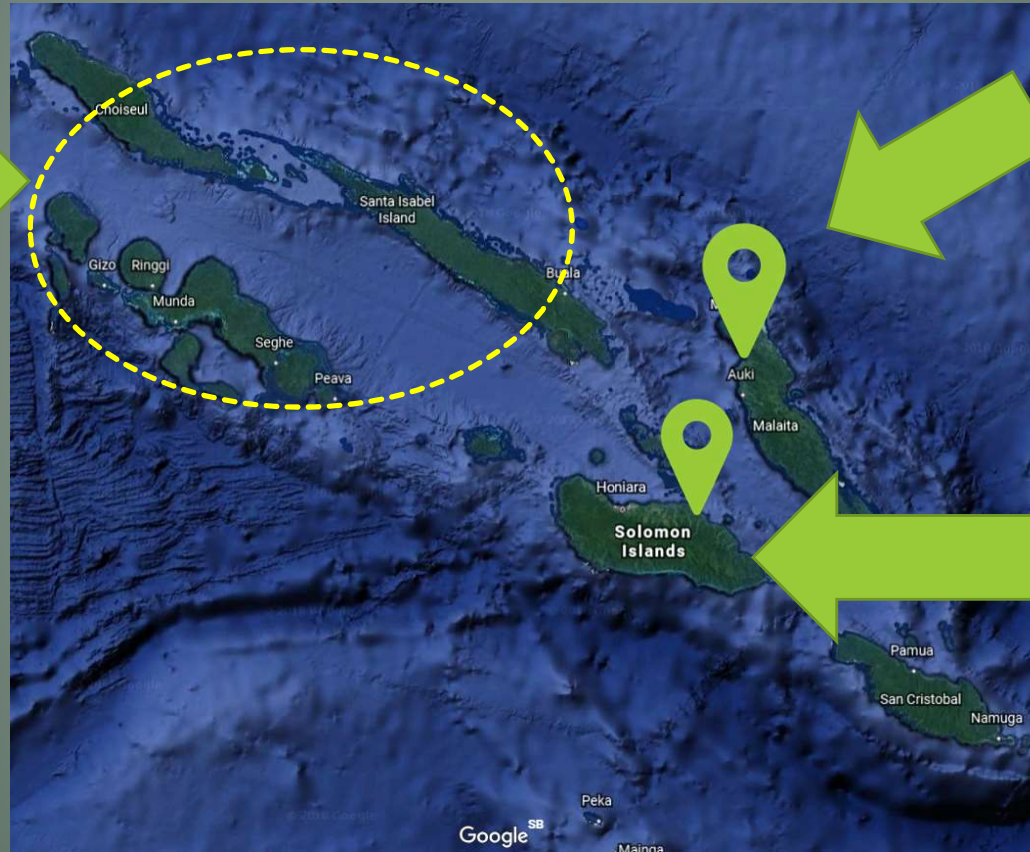
Sub-criterion: MOFR HQ issues an official instruction, in written, to Provincial Office for the engagement of MOFR officers in province, including extension officers at village-level, for close support to and monitoring on the pilot activities

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Agenda 5: Result of Pilot Site Selection

Selected Pilot Communities

MOFR is willing to identify one more site in western region of Solomon Islands



- ◆ FALAKE Community, West Malaita
- ◆ KOMUNIBOLI Community, Central East Guadalcanal

MOU signed amongst Community, MOFR and the Project

Komuniboli Community Guadalcanal Province

Memorandum of Understanding

for

Implementation of Pilot Activities for Community-based Sustainable Forest Resources Management

amongst

Komuniboli Community
(Ward 16, East-central Guadalcanal Constituency, Guadalcanal Province)

and

Ministry of Forest and Research, Solomon Islands Government

and

The Project on Capacity Development for Sustainable Forest Resource Management in Solomon Islands

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Ministry of Forest and Research, Solomon Islands Government

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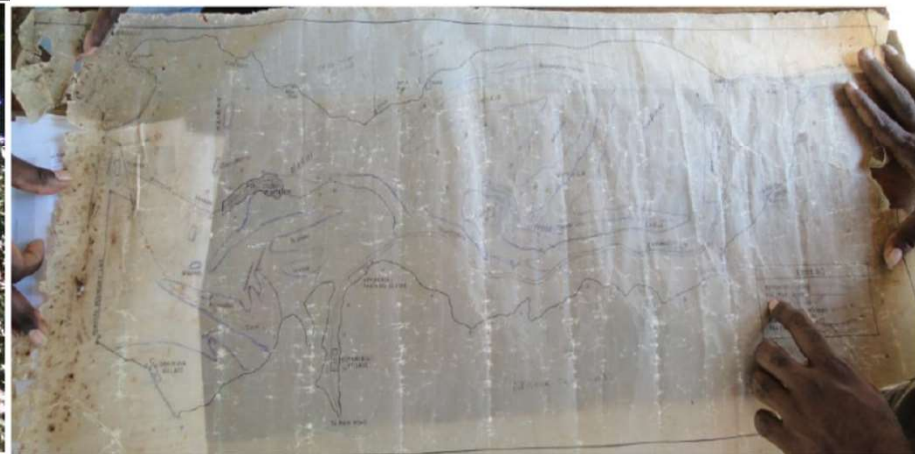
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Falake Community



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