

To Chief Advisor  
To Project Coordinator

From Mission Members

13<sup>th</sup>, March, 2018

### Mission Report

Purpose	<b>GPS Boundary Survey of Pilot activities for Falake communities.</b>
Period	March 4 <sup>th</sup> to March 8 <sup>th</sup> 2019
Destination	Falake Community, West Kwara'ae Constituency, Malaita Province.
Mission Member	Hillary Wemani Dr.Nishikawa Tatsuji, Yuzo Ebina, Terao Ayako, Takahasi, Johnson Palmer, Christina Gabuvai, Verity Halinge, Ethel Falu, Arnold Augwaro, Benjamin Fafale, Eric Kwaria, (Malaita Forest Officers) Ronnie Aiwewe, Angela Gwao,

### Result of Activity and Fact Findings

#### Summary

Overview of Activities and Achievements

#### 1. GPS Training for Community members

The community members had participated in GPS (Global Positioning System) on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March after arrival at the Falake community and settling down. The Chairman of Technical Support Committee (TSC), Mr. Johnson Palmer, lead the training. The participating TSC members and MOFR-JICA Forest Project staff assisted in facilitation of training. Practical session on GPS training was done straight after the theory session.

#### 2. Boundary Survey Activities.

According to plan made on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March evening, the GPS activity on tentative boundary area for pilot activities had to be done in 3 groups for effective work delivery. The Team leaders for the three groups should be Johnson Palmer, Eric Kwaria and Benjamin Fafale. The activities in the field involve marking prominent features on the cleared boundary line with paint (yellow colour) and taking GPS reading on any first turn along the cleared boundary line. The work done for these activities on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March was successful and completed on same day. The GPS record readings were taken by MORF TSC and project staff for data entry and feedback from this to the community members is expected soon.

#### 3. Interview with Falake community members

The Intern Students working under MOFR-JICA Forest project had time to interview community members. Whenever they got the chance, they continue to ask and share ideas with various representative from community leaders/elders, women representatives, youth and children. The MOFR-JICA project staff assist in arranging this.

#### 4. Making consensus and Understanding for Community Expenses.

As requirement under the MOU signed during late 2018, the community and MOFR (Technical Support

Committee) and MOFR-JICA Forest Project, had to find a reasonable expense rate for accommodation, catering, community hall venue hire had to be negotiated, and so in consultation with Chairman of TSC, the Chief Advisor of MOFR-JICA Forest Project and community leader representatives, the following cost charges were agreed on;

- Accommodation cost= \$50.00/person/night.
- Catering charge = \$50.00/person/day x 2 people.
- Meeting Venue hire = \$100.00/day/use

This is based on common understanding from the MOU promoting the Community based sustainable Forest resource management where fostering effective human relationship is paramount for such undertaking.

### **Important Facts Found at Community**

1. Falake Community members were engaged in National General Election Campaigning. There is no full community members participation to boundary survey activities.
2. Whether as the potential threat.  
When the boundary survey activities had been effectively completed in one day (Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March), weather changes on the next day, it was raining.

### **Result of Activity**

#### **Activity 1. The GPS training and Practical session**

The community members participated effectively but need more time for the community members to grasp the ideas effectively and at ease with it. But overall they appreciate learning new ideas about GPS handling, recording and reading.

#### **Activity 2. Boundary Survey activities**

All the participating parties (MOFR staff, Project staff, the intern students, Falake community members) had their turn in boundary survey activities (walking along the cleared boundary line and do GPS reading, marking prominent objects with paints, appreciating the Forest environment), Needed information is collected for Data processing at MOFR Head quarter at Honiara.

#### **Activity 3. Interview of Community members**

Members of community appreciate the interaction with the intern students and willingly provide information asked, continue to look forward to harnessing such relationship building in the future.

#### **Activity 4. Reaching consensus on Community Expense areas.**

All parties through consultation appreciate the rate payable within pilot site community (Falake community). The same to be applied for Komuniboli community pilot site as well.

### **Features of boundary surveyed areas.**

The Features of boundary surveyed areas is mainly, logged over, garden site, planted plots with Teak, mahogany trees species, some NTFP (Non Timber Forest Product like beetle nut, coconut, etc), part of this surveyed site is Forest conserved areas. The pilot site activities boundary area is bordered by two streams. The pilot site activity area has gentle rise slope hills though there are few steep rugged terrain in the conserved/protected area that is included in boundary for pilot site activities.

### **Land Dispute**

The Green Field Forest company, Licensee director, Mr. Augustine Funu, had reconciled with tribal members (Funibua/O'oro Tribe) and requested expanding boundary for pilot activities to include water reservoir protected areas for community members sole protection under this pilot site activities and planning. This is positive indication on tribal members support for pilot site activities within Falake community.

## Any Concerns

### 1. Weather

The only potential threat for now is weather, it is unreliability. Apart from this, members of community are prepared to support the project activities for this year.

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### Attachments:

#### 1. Evaluation by TSC and Project staff members who participated in Mission activities (Boundary survey).

Evaluation by MOFR Technical Support Committee (TSC) and MOFR-JICA Forestry Staff for Falake community boundary survey (04/03/19 to 08/03/19).

#### **Safety Equipment for Boundary survey**

[Mr. Johnson Palmer] Safety of participants to boundary survey or future forest survey activities is paramount so need safety equipment be provided for pilot activities involve going into forest and so for first aid kit. Without this, just simply endangering the lives of participants to pilot site forest activities.

#### **Togetherness of Team**

[Mr. Hillary Wemani] A Team stays together until the end so when out on pilot site activities, go together, perform assigned activities together and return together as a team. During this trip, some members had to take the return boat to Honiara early.

#### **Back-up Plans for all pilot site activities.**

[Mr. Kato Takaaki] Need to have back up plans for all pilot site activities in pilot site communities. When activities appointed to perform is completed can continue on to next activities in plan.

#### **Need reporting to community after pilot activities done**

[Dr. Nishikawa Tatsujii] Reporting to pilot site communities of outcome of activities performed is important. For this boundary survey activity, need to prepare well, had to access software for GPS data processing. Information collected from boundary survey could be entered, processed and result be displayed to community members when in pilot site community.

#### **Pilot site community's Seasonal Calendar need to be checked.**

[Ms Stephanie Rikoi] For effective planning, the pilot site community's seasonal calendar need to be consulted to be reminded of important annual, cultural, religious, livelihood commitments for each months of the year. Effective participation of pilot site community members for pilot site activities could be harnessed this way.

#### **Fund not ready in time.**

[Ms Stephanie Rikoi] Fund applied for under SIG Obligation fund boundary survey activities within Falake community not ready in time contributing to ineffective planning and organization affecting schedules and activities delivery in pilot site community of Falake.

#### **Comment from Intern Student University of Japan attaching with MOFR-JICA Forestry project.**

[Ms Ayako Terao] Trekking along boundary line for GPS coordinate reading is tough and lots of insects make it more tougher apart from that the challenge worth the effort.

## 2. Photos of boundary survey activities



Photo 1:

Eric Kwaria taking reading of GPS at pilot activity site boundary survey.

Date: 06/03/19



Photo 2:

Falake community member participant to survey of pilot activity boundary area painting a tree along the boundary line.

