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FOREWORD

At the outset, allow me to recognize the staff from the Ministry of Forestry and Research (MFR) and experts/advisers of the KOICA/SIG Partnership Program as well as other stakeholders and partners for their sound contributions and advice towards the formulation of this Work Program. These contributions and advice has enabled the leadership to effectively and constructively translate the policies of the Democratic Coalition for Change (DCC) Government in the forestry and reforestation sector. The translation of the five (5) broad forestry and reforestation policy objectives of the DCC Government has also enabled us to include and explore a few initiatives that promote whole of government approaches for better coordination and implementation of these greater results and impacts on our target groups and beneficiaries.

Key activities of this Program include the review of the Forest Resource and Timber Utilization (FRTU) Act and coordination of the cross sectoral initiatives that necessitates effective dialogue with our partners and stakeholders as well as timely responses to the agreed activities and strategies. In terms of the whole of government arrangement, we look forward to working with central agencies as well the Ministries of Environment, Lands, Agriculture, Mines and Energy and Provincial Government. The Review of the Act amongst others will create a fair and conducive environment for sustainable forestry and reforestation programs while the cross-sectoral initiatives aims at promoting conservative industrial parks, agro – forestry and REDD+ initiatives to name a few outcomes.

We are sure that this Work Program will strike a balance between the forest resources activities and the timber processing initiatives. Hence it is important for the Ministry and its stakeholders to account for the implementation progress of these strategies and Program at appropriate intervals.

We anticipate full cooperation and support from our stakeholders and partners in the pursuit of this Program. Let us restore and create legacies from our forest resources that our future generations deserve.

God Bless Solomon Islands

Barnabas Anga
PERMANENT SECRETARY

INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

Our forest covers about 80% of the country and contributes significantly to the economy of this country. The forest sector provides income to the government through export duty, royalty to landowners and business opportunities for investors and wages and salary for the people that are employed and engaged in this sector.

The populace has depended on the forest for their livelihood for generations and will continue to rely on it for their future. However at this stage the main concern is the rapid rate of deforestation and forest degradation through unsustainable logging practices, commercial agriculture and poor management of infrastructure development initiatives. Therefore it is important at this point to adopt relevant policies and frameworks that promote sustainable forest management amongst others to ensure that the benefits of forests and trees continue in perpetuity.

The DCC Government places forest sector as a priority in which it not only seeks to grow the economy but also build a broad –based and environmentally sustainable economy.

This work plan is based on the Policy objectives of the DCC Governmental that includes:

- **Review of the forestry Act**

The Forest Resources and Timber Utilisation (FRTU) Act was consolidated in 1969, it is about 45 years old. The FRTU Act is not only outdated but also does not cover many forest and forest industry issues such as Reduced emissions from deforestation and degradation as well as on forest plantation development, sustainable forest management and timber certification. The DCC Government has recognised the severity of this issue and mandated the Ministry to review the FRTU Act and come up with a new Forestry Act that will replace the outdated legislation.

- **Promote Downstream processing of forestry and timber industry in the country**

The country has depended on log export for decades. There is a need now to shift from just exporting raw materials as logs to other products such as veneers to add value prior to export. Moreover, stakeholders are coached in activities such as saw doctoring to be assured of both quality and quantity of products

- **Encourage reforestation and small holder plantation schemes in the country**

Solomon Islands has the three ingredients (sun, rain and land) that will ensure successful plantation development. However, we need to review the present so that our farmers and their Associations are fully in control of government assistances to farmers and the constituencies. For the past two to three years, the annual target of planting 500 hectares was not achieved.

- **Establish Protected Areas (parks) and conservation areas, National Herbarium and Botanical Garden And encourage pharmaceutical research and encourage participation in REDD+ initiatives**

The Solomon Islands is rich in both flora and fauna. In terms of flora, there are about 5,000 plant species and many of them need to be discovered, and about 10 percent of the 5,000 species has cosmetic and pharmaceutical potential. Many field expedition, excursion and botanising work need to be undertaken.

- **Encourage medium to large scale forest plantation development in partnership with landowners and investors**

There are only two commercial forest plantations in the country. While Eagon Pacific Plantation Limited has a plantation estate of about 24,000 hectares and Kolombangara Forest Plantation Limited has 39,000 hectares, their plantation areas are relatively small. Both plantations have about 10,000 hectares and 12,000 hectares respectively. For large-scale Joint venture forest plantations to be established, the issues related to rigid land tenure system needs to be addressed.

While this Plan accommodates the DCC Government's Strategy and translation for the forest sector it also outlines the activities that each Division expects to achieve this year.

The ultimate aim of this Plan is for the Ministry to achieve government policy for the forest sector while also supporting other sectors in activities that will stimulate and drive the economy of this country.

MINISTRY WORK PROGRAM

1. Review the Forestry Act

DCC Policy Statement	Expected Outcomes	Strategies	Activities	Budget (SBD)	Time Frame	Key performance Indicators	Responsible Person
Policy 4.2.3.2 (a) Review the Forestry Act	1.Establishment of a working committee and engagement of consultant	(i). Establish a Review working committee and engagement of consultant.	Establish a review committee and draw up TOR for the Consultant. - Engagement of a Consultant	\$20,000 \$1,000,000	March - June	Engagement of a consultant establish and TOR for consultant drawn.	Forest Resource Management and Technical Services Division
	2.Incorporation of new provisions in the new forestry Bill	(ii). Identify new provisions for inclusion in the new forestry Bill.	Review and identify new provisions for proposed Bill.	\$100,000	Feb - June	New Provisions for inclusion in new Act included.	Forest Resource Management and Technical Services Division
	3 Amendment of relevant provisions of the FRTU Act	(iii). Amend relevant provisions of the FRTU Act.	Relevant amendments of the current Act drafted	\$100,000	Feb - July	Amendments of relevant parts of Act done	Forest Resource Management and Technical Services Division
	4. Consultation with stakeholders and compilation of drafting instructions.	(iv). Consult with relevant stakeholders such as land owners, provincial governments, ministries, forest industries, forest industries, NGO,s CBO's etc.	Consultations with relevant stakeholders 1. Resource owners in 9 provinces. 2. Provincial Governments 3. SFA (Industries) 4. Forms 5 and 6 of relevant schools in the 9 Provinces 5. Other relevant Ministry 6. NGO's in the SI	\$1,000,000	Oct-Dec	Resource owners, Provincial Executives and students know what the Revised forest Act contains and why.	Forest Resource Management and Technical Services Division
	5.Drafting instructions submitted to	Submit drafting instructions to Attorney	Revised Act drafted by Attorney Generals Chambers		Feb – March '16	Attorney Generals Chambers	Forest Resource Management and Technical

	Attorney Generals Chambers.	Generals Chambers.				complete draft of Act.	Services Division
	6.Receive and refinement of all consultation report from provinces	Conduct awareness on the new Bill		\$1,000,000	April – June '16	Wide consultation awareness of revised Bill	Forest Resource Management Division
	7.Cabinet endorsement of Bill for presentation in Parliament	Draft Bill submitted to Cabinet for endorsement for Parliament debate	Final Review by Provincial stakeholders compile for Cabinet	\$200,000	April - June '16	Final revised Bill after another Provincial Consultation	Forest Resource Management Division

2. Downstream processing of Forestry and Timber industry in the country

DCC Policy Statement	Expected Outcomes	Summary of Actions	Activities	Budget	Time Frame	Key Performance Indicators	Responsible Person
Policy 4.2.3.2 (b) Promote Downstream Processing of Forestry and Timber Industry in the Country	Forest Resource Owners produce milled timber.	Support Forest Resource owners with Downstream Processing Equipment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Issue application forms 2) Forms received and summary of applicants produced 3) Verification of applicant's forest resource. 4) MTB deliberates on applications and payments raised 5) Equipment procured and issued to successful applicants 	\$5,000,000	April - Oct	Mills handed over to successful applicants	Utilization Division
	Upgrade mill operating skills of operators in the Provinces	Facilitate Utilization training workshops in the Provinces on sawing techniques and timber grading	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Logistics for training carried out. 2) Participants selected and notified. 3) Workshop training carried out. 4) Report on Training submitted 	\$750,000	Mar - Dec	Four (4) Workshops carried out In the Provinces	Utilization Division,
	Rural Training Centres are using equipment for Training and Infrastructure Development.	Assist Rural Training Centres with Downstream Processing Equipment.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Issue application forms 2) Forms received and summary of applicants produced 	\$500,000	April-Dec	RTC's receive downstream processing equipment	Utilization Division and Coordinator of RTC's

			<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3) Verification of applicant's forest resource. 4) MTB deliberates on applications and payments raised 5) Equipment procured and issued to successful applicants 				
Vehicle and Outboard motors purchased to increase efficiency of monitoring	Provide logistical support for Utilization monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Equipment identified and quotations received. 2. MTB deliberates and approves quotation 3. Payments raised and equipment purchased 4. Equipment fully used 	\$1,000,000	April-Dec	Purchase equipment for outstations	Utilization Division	
More resource owners are involved in SFM and FSC.	Promotion of resource awareness programs on Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) and Forest Stewardship Council Certification (FSC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Identify communities interested in SFM and FSC. 2. Carryout practical field training program 3. Have FSC auditor to audit operation 4. Communities meeting standards are FSC certified. 	\$150,000	Mar-Dec	Communities certified with FSC	Utilization Division	
Communities and Provincial Executives are aware of timber rights process	Provide information on key aspects of TR process	Touring Provinces prior to timber rights for awareness on TR process	Recurrent Budget- \$150,000.00	Mar - Oct	Awareness on process to all stakeholders prior to TR held	Licensing section	

	Form 4 (Standard Logging Agreement) is properly executed	Involve with applicant and stakeholders during signing	Liaise with applicants for SLA execution in Provinces	Recurrent Budget- \$150,000	Mar - Oct	Form 4 is understood before signed.	Licensing section
	Felling Licenses are issued to successful applicants	Streamline the process	Grant felling license to successful applicant.	Recurrent Budget- \$20,000	Mar - Oct	Felling license issued.	Licensing Section
	Milling licenses are issued to successful applicants	Prioritize FSM, and FSC certification	Milling is carried out according to FSM and FSC standards.	Recurrent Budget- \$68,000.00	Mar - Oct	Licensee maintains its FSM and FSC certification	Licensing Section
	Non taxable revenue are collected	Registry is well managed and maintained	1) Provide a registry of license database. 2) Procurement of Office supplies	Recurrent Budget- \$100,000	Mar - Oct	Files are available	Licensing Section
	Performance Bond database is maintained Annual fee database is updated and maintained	Maintain tracking system for; (i) Annual fees (ii) Performance bond. (iii) License fees	Register and store all license-required fees. Monitor and check licensees compliances to outstanding fees	Recurrent Budget- \$200,000	Mar - Oct	Copies of Performance Bonds are kept. Annual License Fees paid	Licensing Section
	Licensing data is updated and well managed	Data base updated and well managed	Procurement of logistics to support data management	Recurrent Budget- \$80,000.00	Mar - Oct	Licensing database is updated.	Licensing Section
	Ensure License Data base is maintained and stored in office	License data base is secured with copy backup in office Desktop computer	Purchase of a new Desktop Computer	Recurrent Budget- \$90,000	Mar - Oct	Licensing data base is secured	Licensing Section
	Logging and milling companies are exporting according to quota	Verify monitoring reports on all log ship' cargo	1) Liaise with monitoring officers for volume of log exports. 2) Extract files and make copies for analysis	Recurrent Budget- \$30,000	Jan - Feb	Export volumes match annual quota. Reports submitted to Commissioner	Enforcement Section

	Companies comply with Logging Code of Practices and FRTU and License with annual harvesting plans.	Joint team with other line Ministries for field inspection	Random field visits by Joint team to capture foregone revenue from logging companies	Recurrent Budget- \$200,000	Jan - Dec	Compliance with Logging Code of Practice, FRTU Act, License conditions and Annual harvesting plan requirements	Enforcement Section
	Production and Dissemination of updated information	Develop central Database system for the Ministry.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Provide database training to Division staff on MS Access, Windows Server Training (relational database) & Mysql database 2) Upgrade of FRIS to provide database programs for plantation GIS data input, re-entry logged over areas data input. 3) Prepare workshop training costs 	<p>Recurrent Budget 2015 \$76,000</p> <p>\$100,000</p>	<p>February-June</p> <p>April - June</p>		Forest Resource Development and Technical Services Division
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upgrade of FRIS to provide database programs for GIS data input • Upgrade Solomon Islands Forestry development data base registration 	Develop central Database system for the Ministry	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Verification of field post logging development on logging concessions 2) Review and upgrade volume exported by province & species for baseline analysis 3) Procurement of database server and Mysql database program 	<p>Recurrent Budget 2015 \$60,000</p> <p>\$200,000</p>	<p>March - Dec</p> <p>May</p>		Forest Resource Development and Technical Services Division

	<p>More than 50% log ship monitored</p> <p>More than 70-80% company compliance to code</p> <p>Effective and timely monitoring of timber operation</p> <p>Company comply to regulations</p>	<p>Impose effective log monitoring and auditing of Timber operations</p> <p>Replace old vehicle and OBM</p> <p>Enforce compliance to regulations</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Log ship Monitoring Auditing logging Timber operation performance against Code of logging practice Purchase of vehicles, OBM and equipment Provide technical advise and assist both industry and landowners 	<p>\$2,000,000</p> <p>\$500,000</p> <p>\$1,000,000</p> <p>\$500,000</p>	<p>Ongoing</p> <p>Ongoing</p> <p>January – May</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<p>Relaying of log market price certificate permits to stations, Conducting of 10% and 100% log shipment cargo checks</p> <p>13 key standards of Code are imposed</p> <p>Procure and deliver new vehicle, OBM, Boat and Equipment</p> <p>Arrange to visit and assess the concession or area</p>	<p>Operation</p> <p>All stations</p>
	Companies comply to license condition	xi. Enforce compliance to felling and Milling license condition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License conditions monitored 	\$100,000	Ongoing	License conditions imposed	Provincial field officers
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expected revenue from log export collected through duty payment done with Customs 	x. Impose effective log monitoring and auditing of	1. Assess, process received log export applications and recommend approval/refusal of log export	Recurrent Budget 2015 \$100,000	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of Log Export applications issued with Market Price 	Economics

		Timber operation	<p>application to Commissioner of Forests (COF)</p> <p>2. Commissioner of Forests approval or refusal issuance of Market Price Certificate (MPC) and further recommendation for issuance of Specific Authority by CBSI</p> <p>3. Allocation of Forestry number to approved log export MPC's and updating of spreadsheet data</p> <p>4. Assess, process received sawn timber export application and recommend issuance or refusal of permit by COF</p> <p>5. Issuance or refusal to issue permit by COF</p> <p>6. Allocation of Forestry number to issued sawn timber permits & updating of spreadsheet data</p> <p>7. Prepare Certificate of Origins for COF's approval for both log and sawn timber applications</p>		<p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p> <p>On-going</p>	<p>Certificate by COF and further recommends for issuance of Specific Authority by CBSI</p> <p>• Number of sawn timber export permits issued</p> <p>• Number of approved Certificate of Origins issued</p>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expected revenue from sawn timber export collected through duty payment done with Customs 						
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Market price 	Effectively assess		\$50,000	On-going		

	<p>consistent with determined price</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establishment and usage of database Production and Dissemination of updated information <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Monthly ✓ Quarterly ✓ Half Yearly and ✓ Annual Reports generation 	<p>timber market price</p> <p>. Develop central Database system for the Ministry.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Search international market reports like ITTO through internet ii. Liaise with Economic Reform Unit for collection of quarterly gazetted Determined Value Schedules for implementation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redevelop log export & sawn timber database <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tendering, Recruiting of personnel Analysis Conceptual Design Implementation and Training Procurement of Software Data entry (current & back log) of both log and sawn timber data Generate Monthly, Quarterly, Half Yearly & Annual Reports 	<p>Recurrent Budget 2015 \$600,000</p> <p>\$50,000</p>	<p>Jan, Apr, Jul & Oct</p> <p>March – December</p> <p>Ongoing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarterly gazetted schedules in place, implemented Developed log & sawn timber database in place for usage Reports generated in place for management decision making and for dissemination to interest parties/individuals or resources owners upon request 	
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3. Encourage Reforestation and small holder plantation schemes in the country

DCC Policy Statement	Expected Outcomes	Summary of Strategic Actions	Activities	Budget SBD	Time Frame	Key performance Indicators	Responsible Person
Policy 4.2.3.2 (c) Encourage Reforestation and small holder plantation schemes in the country	Forest Plantation Development Policy formulated.	Development of Forest Plantation Policy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Establish review committee. Consultation Develop policy content 	\$240,000	Mar-Dec	Draft policy formulated	Forest Development and Reforestation Division (FDRD)
	Forest Development & Reforestation action plan documented.	Development of action plan for Forest Development & Research Development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation with KOICA to formulate Action Plans. Action plan drafts formulated. Stakeholder consultation. Final draft & endorsement 	\$40,000	Jan-Oct	Action plan endorse for implementation.	Forest Development and Reforestation Division
	Research Development Master plan establish.						
	Program promotion modules developed	Forest Plantation Development Promotion implemented	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of training modules. Identify new effective promotion modules. Development of modules Implementation. 	\$384,521	Mar-Dec	Effective awareness & program promotion modules developed	Forest Development and Reforestation Division
Tree breeding & improvement	Implement tree breeding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of operations for tree improvement. Liaise with KFPL for joint cost sharing. 	\$250,000	Mar-Dec	Clonal stands establish from best archives.	Forest Development and Reforestation Division	

	<p>successfully implemented.</p> <p>Create additional seed collection sources.</p>	<p>& improvement strategy.</p> <p>Improve and establish new seed collection sources.</p>	<p>Activities finalized & implemented.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvement of current seed collection sources. • Liaise with outstations to identify 2 seed collection sources in each province. • Develop appropriate formalities through MOU with owners. Carry out appropriate operations. 	<p>\$160,000</p>	<p>Mar-Dec</p>	<p>New seed collection sources acquired. Increase seed supply to farmers.</p>	<p>Forest Development and Reforestation Division</p>
	<p>All provincial stations have permanent nurseries.</p>	<p>Establish permanent nurseries in provincial centres.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation with Provinces for land. • Development of Nursery design & costing. • Construct nursery facilities in 2-3 provinces. 	<p>\$1,057,946</p>	<p>Mar-Dec</p>	<p>3 permanent nurseries constructed & equipped. More high quality seedlings available to out-growers.</p>	<p>Forest Development and Reforestation Division</p>
	<p>14 rehabilitation trial pilot plots established.</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site identification • Consultation • Demarcation of study plots • Development of data base <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pilot plot trial treatments 		<p>Mar-Dec Ongoin g</p>	<p>Plots established & data generated.</p>	<p>Forest Development and Reforestation Division</p>

	Technical training on Forest Plantation silviculture conducted	Farmers Technical Capacity building	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review training manual Implement 9 major technical trainings Onsite training provided by field officers 	\$390,389	Mar-Dec	Revise training manuals available. Farmers received training and improve plantation quality	Forest Development Division
	Improvement of infrastructures, logistic supply & resource equipping.	Infrastructure improvement, Logistic supply, resource equipping and building construction.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logistic & tool supply Renovation of staff houses & offices in the provinces. (Buala, Allardyce, Auki). Construction of new buildings & facilities at Lata & KiraKira 	\$3,905,347	Mar-Dec	Provincial stations received office equipments. Identified staff houses & offices renovated. New buildings constructed	Forest Development and Reforestation Division
	Village based forestry extension network reviewed and redirected for effectiveness & efficiency service delivery.	Review Village based Forestry extension network.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review current VBFEO network. Re- strengthening of VBFEO network for effectiveness & efficiency. 	\$250,000	Mar-Dec	VBFEO strengthened and equipped to effectively implement field activities.	Forest Development and Reforestation Division.
	Establish network with Rural Training centres for joint agro-forestry initiatives.	Net-working with RTC's for joint agro-forestry programs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Liaise with RTC coordinator to identify priority RTC's for Joint agro forestry programs. Develop Joint program design and approach. Joint implementation of field work and data collection 	\$123,918	Mar-Dec Ongoing	Establishment of agro forestry trial programs with RTC's	Forest Development and Reforestation Division

	Create and improved reforestation data base system	Create new data base for out growers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review current database • Identify new data fields • Design data base system 	\$254,000	Mar-Dec 2015-16	Effective information on forest plantation developed.	Forest Development and Reforestation Division
	Establish simple market avenues for smallholder.	Research into opportunities for marketing of Forest plantation products.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Review • Approval & signing of new project • Project Implementation 	ACIAR funding	Feb July	Identify simple market strategies for forest plantations.	FDRD, ACIAR

4. Establish protected Areas (parks) and conservation areas, National Herbarium and Botanical gardens And encourage pharmaceutical research and encourage participation in REDD+ initiatives

DCC POLICY Statement	Expected outcomes	Strategies	Activities	Budget	Time Frame	Key Performance Indicator	Responsible officers
Policy 4.2.3.2 (d) Establish protected areas (parks) and conservation areas, national Herbarium and Botanical gardens And encourage pharmaceutical research And encourage participation in REDD+ initiatives	Botanical Garden is secure and safe Botanical Garden is landscaped and beautified	Erect fence for National Herbarium and Botanical Garden and conduct landscaping work	1. Consult and pay architecture for design & plan 2. Tendering process preparation 3. Phase payment to contractor .	\$4.0m	Feb-Dec	a. Fence design completed b. Tender notice published c. Fence is complete	National Herbarium and Botanical Garden Division (NHBGD)
	Construct new Herbarium lab and office Building.	Establish new National Herbarium Research laboratory and offices equip with proper equipment.	1) Submission of plan to TCPB for construction approval. 2) Liaise with HTC and lands for the development plan on site. 3) Tendering process preparation. 4) Phase payment to contractor.	\$3.04 m	Feb-Dec	a. TCPB is approved b. Site is approved c. Tender notice is published d. construction commenced	NHBGD
	Solomon Islands Flora is recorded and documented.	Conduct Biological expedition, Botanical and Ethno-botanical, ecological and bio-diversity survey	1) Deployment of officer to the provincial site to collect specimen. 2) Liaise with NMNS for field expedition to the provinces to collect plant specimens. 3) Collate field data. 4) Plant identification and determination.	\$34,358	Feb-Dec	a. Officers are deployed to site /province for botanising work b. Expedition report is published	NHBGD
	Plant sample and specimens are collected.	Collect plant samples to investigate other non-timber forest product (NTFP	1) Liaise with KRIBB for field expedition 2) Deployment of officer to field sites in the province to collect plant samples. 3) Collate field data and sample preparation.	\$34,358	Feb-Dec	a. Officers deployed the province/site. b. Plants samples are collected and specimens mounted c. Expedition report.	NHBGD

Establishment of parks	Develop and establish terrestrial Park.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Deployment of officers to Provinces/sites to assess status of existing park. 2) Assist and support those taking initiative to develop their own. 	\$0.0 m	Feb-Dec	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Officer are deployed to the Province/site b. Assessment report published 	NHBGD
Plant Conservatory, nursery and Orchid shed is enriched.	Improve and enrich the plant Conservatory, Botanical nursery and Orchid house.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Establish proper recording and monitoring system 2) Collect germplasm and propagate plants; and conduct other nursery operation. 	\$103,000	Feb-Dec	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Recording and monitoring checklist finalised. b. Plants diversity is maintained 	NHBGD
Plant database is created.	Develop and Establish National Herbarium plants data base.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Liaise with ICT team on status to develop database for NHBG. 2) Tender process preparation. 3) Entry of data and usage 	\$327,934	Feb-Dec	Database on plants created	NHBGD
Beautify the Botanical garden	Promote, up-keep and maintain the Botanical Garden.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Produce Botanical pamphlets. 2) Promote educational visit. 3) Maintain lawn, treks and road. 4) Collect and proper disposal of rubbish. 5) Propagate plants 	\$260,000	Feb-Dec	Botanical Garden has aesthetic appeal	NHBGD
National Herbarium is effectively managed	Effective Herbarium Curation and management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Establish proper monitoring recording system. 2) Collect, press, dry, mount, determine plant specimen and sort specimen voucher. 	\$200,000	Feb-Dec	Recording and Monitoring checklist is produced.	NHBGD
Collaborative linkage is maintained	Strengthen International, regional and local linkage-collaborative research program.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Continue liaise and maintain existing research collaborative partners. 2) Support and assist individual researcher and research organization on relevant research program. 	\$0.0	Feb –Dec.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Collaborative research is maintained b. Preliminary collaborative research report is produced. 	NHBGD

	REDD+ Readiness supported by effective, inclusive and participatory management processes	Establish the necessary institutional and Individual capacities Required to develop Full REDD+ readiness In the Solomon Islands.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Local/regional trainings on GPS, GIS/RS for REDD+ team/provincial staff 2) ArcGIS training for REDD+ team (Planning) 3) Stakeholder consultation/workshop on the assessment of capacity needs 	\$0.0	-	Produce capacity assessment matrix for the MoFR	Forest Resource Management and Technical Services Division (FRMTSD)
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National REDD+ Readiness Road Map submitted to cabinet for endorsement 	<p>(xi). Establish the necessary institutional and individual capacities required to develop full REDD+ readiness in the Solomon Islands.</p>	<p>(i). REDD+ Implementation Unit and MECDM consultation completed final cabinet paper on Road Map Readiness.</p> <p>(ii). Final copy of cabinet paper forwarded to PS Forestry and MECDM for respective Ministers Joint submission's.</p> <p>(iii). Cabinet paper drafted and submitted for cabinet deliberations.</p> <p>(iv). REDD+ Readiness Road Map endorsed by Cabinet printed for distribution.</p>	<p>\$80,000</p>	<p>March – Dec</p> <p>May - June</p>	<p>(i). Consultation with relevant stakeholders completed.</p> <p>- Consultation workshops/discussions held.</p> <p>(ii). Final Road Map Readiness Submitted too cabinet</p> <p>(iii). REDD+ Readiness Road Map endorsed by cabinet</p> <p>(iv). 800 Copies of Readiness Road Map Printed and distributed</p>	<p>FRMTSD</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> REDD+ Stakeholders have comprehensive understanding of the potential benefits and risks associated with REDD+. 	<p>(xii). REDD+ Readiness supported by effective, inclusive and participatory management process through that is broad-based, include multi-stakeholder consultation and Engagement.</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Provincial stakeholder consultation/workshop on REDD+ mechanism 2) NFI Objective workshop 3) Produce REDD+ Awareness/promotion materials 	<p>\$60,000</p>	<p>Mar - Dec</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provincial stakeholder workshop/consultation held and Reports produced 	<p>FRMTSD and MECDM</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Timely, reliable And accurate Information on Forests and forest 	<p>(xiii). REDD+ stakeholders have a comprehensive Understanding of</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) REDD+ community consultation/awareness – REDD+ (site specific consultation) 2) Conduct provincial workshop/consultation 	<p>\$60,000</p> <p>\$60,000</p>	<p>Sep - Dec</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Conduct community awareness and produce information materials to communities 	<p>FRMTSD and MECDM, MAL, MLHS</p>

	ecosystems updated	the potential benefits and risk associated with REDD+	“Benefit/safeguard etc.” 3) Obtain historic/current aerial imagery for land cover change	\$0.0	Aug - Sept June-Oct	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vegetation maps produced 	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Preliminary Capacity developed for REL/RL formulation and MRV. 	(xiv). Preliminary capacity developed for forest reference emission levels/reference levels (RE/RL) formulation and measurement, Reporting and verification (MRV).	1) Stratifications of land-use and forest types for the whole country (using collect earth) 2) Field Biomass inventory training in the western province (Kolombangara) 3) Drafting of NFI objective proposal project 4) Community consultations for the establishment of PSP 5) Consultation workshop (2 days; 20 participants) 6) Provincial consultations (20 person-days) 7) Consultation workshop (3 days; 25 participants) 8) National Inventory Proposal Drafting 9) Field-based data collection and training exercise 10) Data analysis	\$0.0 \$80,000 \$50,000 \$0.0 \$25,970 FAO LoA \$40,810 FAO LoA \$52,868 FAO LoA \$60,288 FAO LoA \$265,228 FAO LoA \$15,805 FAO LoA	May – Jun May May - June Sept - Dec March May May June March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nation-wide stratification of land use and forest type completed Conduct inventory training and data collected PSP identified and land owners consulted Technical assessment of capacity needs for the implementation of a national forest inventory in the Solomon Islands. Funding proposal for the implementation of the Solomon Islands’ first national forest inventory. Field-based forest inventory training and data collection and analysis (15 people, 7 days)	FRMTSD with MECDM, .

		verification (MRV).					
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5. Encourage medium to large scale Forest Plantation Development in partnership with landowners and investors

DCC Policy Statement	Expected Outcome	Strategy	Activities	Budget	Timeframe	Key Performance Indicators	Responsible Division
Policy 4.2.3.2 (e) Encourage medium to large scale Forest Plantation Development in partnership with landholders & investors.	Information on abandoned Forestry plantations documented and made available for further development	Re-survey of abandoned Forest plantations at Lata and Gizo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gather information on old plantation sites and current status. Site visit & feasibility assessment. Consultation with Provincial governments. Report with recommendations produced 	\$1,030,000	Mar-Dec	Report with recommendations produced.	FDRD & FRMTSD
	Identification of landholders and acquisition of land for large scale forest plantation development established.	Request interest from landholders for medium to large scale forest plantation Development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consultation with interested landholders. Feasibility assessments conducted. Detailed assessments Land acquisition formalities. Implementation of field activities. Work with existing 	\$800,000	Mar-Dec 2015 & 2016 Ongoing	Land acquired and development agreements signed.	FDRD
	Medium to large scale Forest Plantations developed.	Encourage farmers to venture into medium to large scale forest plantation development.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Farmers to expand current plantation areas. 	\$500,000	ongoing	Medium to large scale forest plantations established.	FDRD
	MoFR to have a Master plan for Forest Resources	Establishment of Action Plan for Forest Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Third deployment of Korean Experts Re-Appointment of members for Policy, Statistics & Reforestation. 	KOICA funding	Jan-OCT	MoFR Master plan produced.	FDRD, FRMTSD KOICA

	Management	Management in Solomon Islands	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Appointment of co-working group for Reforestation. • Identification of Research & Development priority areas. • Various consultations on statistics, Policy & Reforestation. • Establishment of MoFR official website. • Commencement of Research lab building. • Draft master plan produced. • Final consultation. • Final draft of master plan documented. • Endorsement from cabinet. 				
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ANNEXES

Annex 1: Work plan –Utilisation Division

2015 WORK PLAN												
Components and Activities	Responsibilities		JULIUS	S. RIKOI	JOSEPH	K. BULE	TONY					
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Srp	Oct	Nov	Dec
A.	Forest Stewardship Council Certification											
1	Consultant from Wood Mark informed											
2	In country travel and accomodations made											
3	Inform Groups for FSC certification											
4	Consultant Audits interested groups											
5	FSC certification issued to successful groups											
6	Paymenys Raised											
												\$160,000
B.	Capacity building of RTC's											
1	Application forms issued through Coordinator											
2	Applications received from RTC's											
3	Successful RTC's selected											
4	Successful RTC's provides 3 quatations											
5	Payments raised											
							\$500,000					
6	Equipment procured & issued to RTC's											
7	RTC's used equipment for training											
C.	Capacity building of Resource Owners											
1	Application forms issued											
2	Applications received											
3	Applications Verified											
4	MTB meets and approve projects											
5	Payments raised											
							\$911,642					
6	Equipment distributed											
7	Equipment used											
D.	Freight Subsidy											
1	Timbers received with freight invoices											
2	Payment raised for invoices											
				\$40,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$20,000
	Payments Received and distributed											
E	Monitoring											
1	Collect Pro forma											
		Makire	Choiseul	Central	Temotu	Isabel	Western	Gudal	Malaita	Renbel		
2	Raise payments											
3	Tour											
			\$60,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$70,000	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	
4	Imprest retired											
5	Tour report submitted											
F	General Stores											
1	Collect 3 proforma invoices for stores											
2	Raise payments											
3	Collect stores											
						\$6,000						
G	Motor Vehicle											
1	Collect 3 proforma invoices											
2	MTB deliberation											
3	Raise payments											
					\$400,000							
4	Collect Vehicle											
5	Vehicle Used											