

OVERVIEW OF ONGOING CAPACITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation

*Regional Workshop for Pacific on
Updating NBSAP – Incorporating
Work on Valuation and Incentive
Measures*

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Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature Conservation

- Formed in 1997 at the request of Pacific Island countries and territories
- Coalition of nature conservation and development organizations, governments, inter-government, donor agencies and community groups created to increase effective conservation action
- Coordinate implementation of Action Strategy and Code of Conduct
- Annual Meetings and conferences every 5 years (and 8th was in PNG 2007 and next one in 2012.)



Why Roundtables & Action Strategy

- To improve coordination & implementations of stakeholders
- **Common Vision, Mission & Action Strategy** - To avoid competition but strengthen collaboration (donors, govt, NGOs, community, private sector?)
- Provides justification for donors **funding**
- Makes us **look good & unifies** Pacific Islands Region
- Strengthens **learning and sharing of information**
- Friendly, informal group that promotes **sharing, collaboration & cooperation**
- **Voluntary** & relies on member commitment





CONFERENCE (MEMBERS) /ANNUAL MEETINGS

Chair

Membership

- Full Membership – Charter Signatories
- Associate Membership – non signatories but abide by principles
- HIGH LEVEL Heads of Organisations (HOO) of Donors, CROP, NGOs



SUPPORTED BY:

1. Chair
2. (HOO)
3. Coordinator,
4. Roundtable Management Group (RTMG):
5. MONITORING WG



PRIORITY ISSUES WORKING GROUPS

- ❖ COUNTRY SUPPORT AND CAPACITY BUILDING
- ❖ PACIFIC INVASIVES PARTNERSHIP
- ❖ THREATENED SPECIE
- ❖ PROTECTED AREAS
- ❖ MONITORING
- ❖ CLIMATE CHANGE
- ❖ ENVIRONMENTAL LAW



SPECIAL GROUPS:

1. CROP Marine Special Working Group (MSWG)
- ❖ CBD Support
 - ❖ CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVES
 - ❖ OFFSHORE FISHERIES



SPREP MEETINGS / ENVIRONMENTAL MINISTERS



How it has helped Us

INCREASED COORDINATION AND COLLABORATION among nat'l reg'l and int'l organizations

IDENTIFYING CRITICAL GAPS & PRIORITY ACTIONS and develop new conservation activities

STRENGTHENING LINKAGES with

- ❑ **Countries via NBSAP or similar conservation and development strategies**
- ❑ **CROP agencies for multi-sectoral mainstreaming**
- ❑ **Regional and national NGOs**

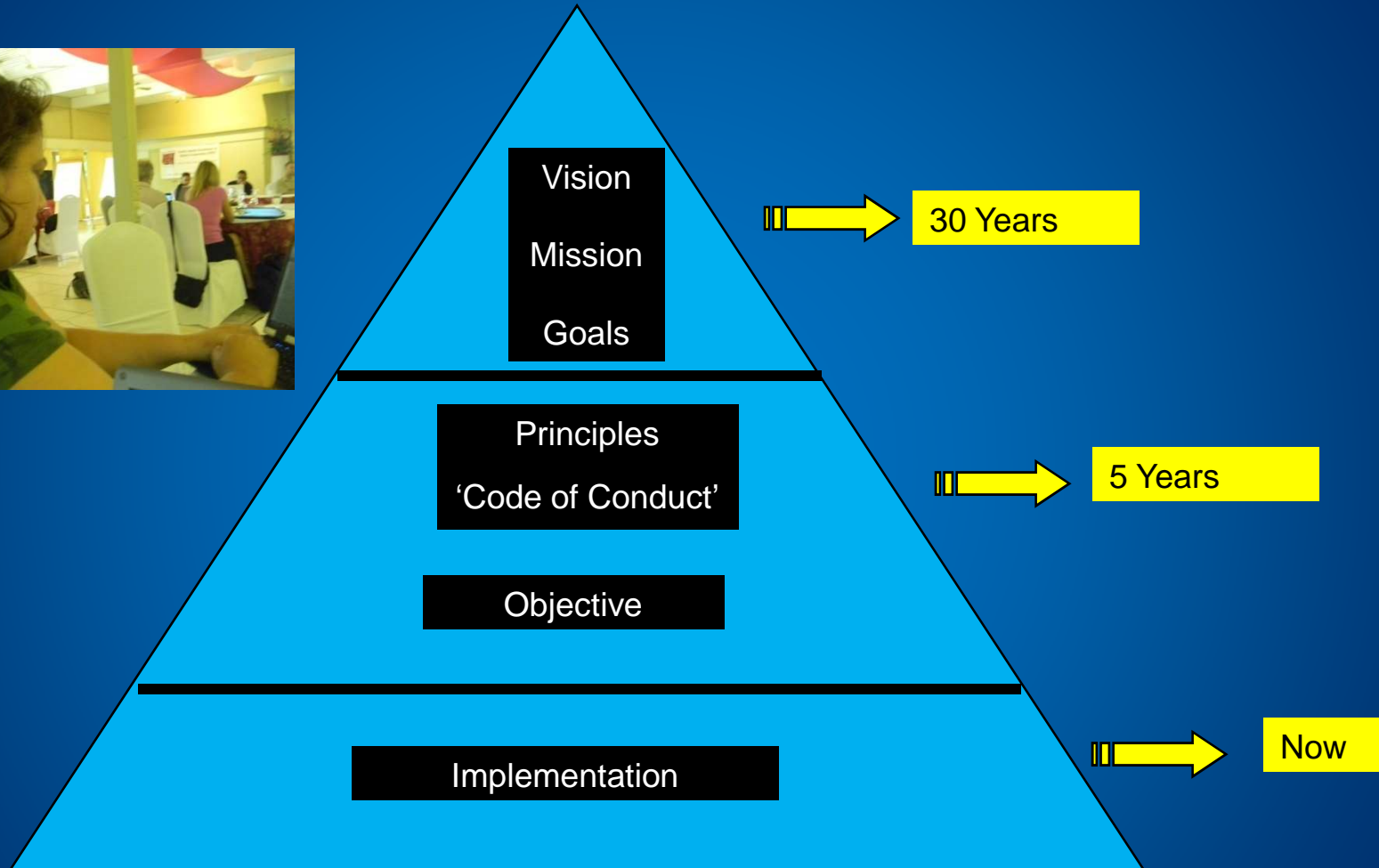
REPORTING & ACCOUNTABILITY to Annual SPREP Meetings, and 5 year conferences & annual meetings.

POOLING RESOURCES AND TECHNICAL EXPERTISE - pooling expertise WGs, thematic

MEMBERS

Birdlife International
Conservation International
LMMA
FSPI
IUCN (Chair)
RARE
SOPAC
SPREP
The Nature Conservancy
University of the South Pacific
Wildlife Conservation Society
WWF SPPO
PBIF
SEAWEB

Structure of Action Strategy



Vision →

Our people proudly honour our natural heritage and cultural identity;
The waters of our streams, lagoons and ocean are bountiful and crystal clear;
Our mountains are wild, our forests pristine and our beaches unspoiled;
Our societies are vibrant and diverse;
We have equitable relationships with our global partners and our economies thrive;
Our cultures and traditions are widely appreciated; and
The products of our creativity and labour are especially prized.

Islands of Life... Pure Pacific

Mission →

To protect and conserve the rich natural and cultural heritage of the Pacific islands forever for the benefit of people of the Pacific and the world

30 Year Goal

ECONOMY

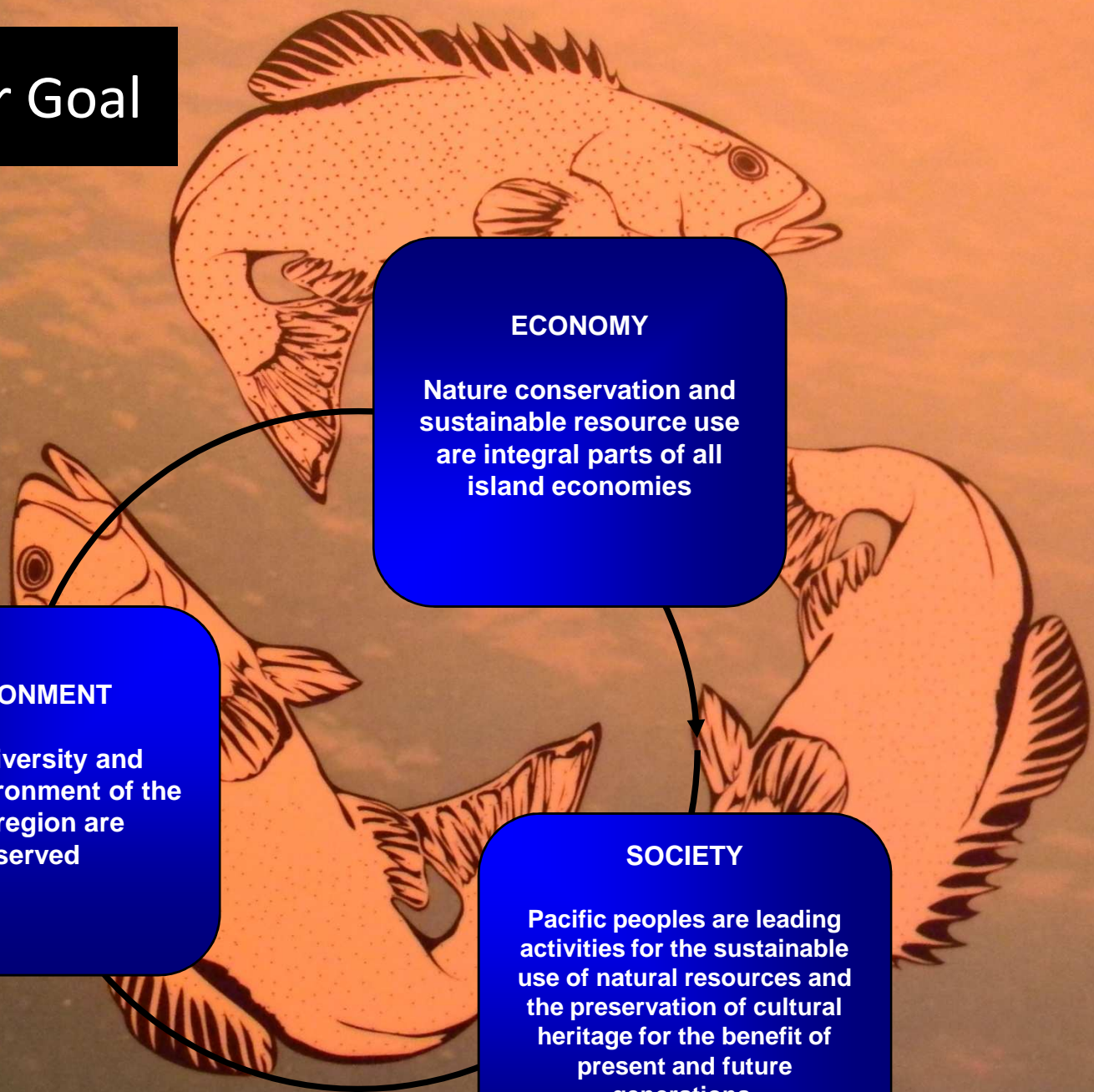
Nature conservation and sustainable resource use are integral parts of all island economies

ENVIRONMENT

The biodiversity and natural environment of the Pacific region are conserved

SOCIETY

Pacific peoples are leading activities for the sustainable use of natural resources and the preservation of cultural heritage for the benefit of present and future generations.



Objectives



OBJECTIVE 1: Ensure conservation has a development context that recognises, respects and supports sustainable livelihoods and community development aspirations

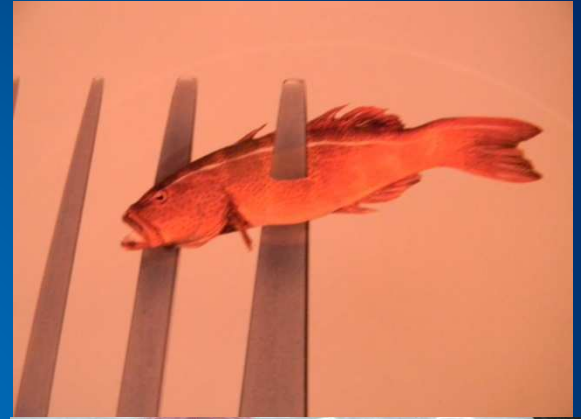
OBJECTIVE 2: Identify, conserve and sustainably manage priority sites, habitats and ecosystems

OBJECTIVE 3: Protect and recover threatened species and species of ecological, cultural and economic significance

OBJECTIVE 4: Manage threats to biodiversity, especially climate change impacts and invasive species

HOW! Principles and code of conduct

- 1. Community rights** - *Most natural resources in the Pacific are owned and used by indigenous and local communities*
- 2. Conservation from a Pacific perspective** - *Natural resources are often the most important source of wealth and development opportunities for Pacific communities. Therefore the practice of Conservation principles in Pacific communities will influence the economic, social and cultural affairs of those communities*
- 3. Ownership of conservation programmes** - *Lasting conservation in the Pacific can only be achieved if national partners (including communities) take responsibility for and leadership of the design, implementation and evaluation of all conservation programmes in their respective areas*
- 4. Financial sustainability** *Conservation initiatives must be adequately resourced over time*
- 5. Good governance** - *Effective conservation programmes are participatory, accountable and transparent*
- 6. Co-ordination** - *Conservation is more effective when partners coordinate and work within a strategic framework*
- 7. Capacity development** - *Community and national capacity to design, prioritise, direct, manage, implement, monitor and evaluate conservation programmes must be put in place so that lasting conservation objectives can be achieved.*
- 8. Accountability** - *International and national partners are accountable to the communities and countries they work in for their investment and engagement in conservation programmes*



BENEFITS

- **Unifies** the Pacific Islands Region
- **Common Action Strategy** - Clear, simple document
- Provides justification for **funding**
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- Developed important & **useful tools...** [for] AS implementation...Data & Information Management



On-going Capacity Building Programmes

COUNTRY SUPPORT:

- PIRT to **coordinate WGs and Members** to focus work and support to specific countries (2008, Fiji, Solomon Islands and PNG)
- To improve **capacity, implementation and coordination** of nature conservation & development at country level.
- Support countries in the implementation & coordination of their nature conservation frameworks such as NBSAP



Process

- **REVIVAL ROAD MAP** – Work with environment ministries to develop a 3 – 6 months awareness and consultation process to develop stakeholder contribution to NBSAPs.
- **STAKEHOLDER COMMITMENTS**: Agreements on contributions of stakeholder to the national framework such as NBSAP. – Development of NBSAP Implementation Framework
- **MONITORING ARRANGEMENTS**: Establish WGs around themes of focus areas to carry monitoring of progress e.g Invasives. Coastal management, Forest conversion

4 step process

- Step 1.** **Revise NBSAP's Results Framework** to establish a Priority List of Target Results (Outcomes)
- Step 2.** **Causal Analysis of Priority Issues** and Outcomes, and develop Strategies (Technical Groups)
- Step 3.** **Consolidate Focal Area Strategies** into the Revised NBSAP Implementation Plan and Arrangements
- Step 4.** **Coordination of the NBSAP Implementation Plan** and M&E Framework

Where we are at

- Fiji – NBSAP multi-stakeholder Implementation Plan and monitoring mechanism in place.
- Solomon Is – 2 year cooperate Plan produced
- PNG – NGO/Govt engagement, they decided to use their national sustainable development plan as the overarching strategy
- Support 2 or 3 countries each year

Take home messages

- Government need to take **leadership**
- Environment **to strengthen role as convener** and voice for environment protection and sustainable development
- Need to have a joint national implementation Framework – sustainable development
- Improve coordination and implementation as core role.

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PIRT Sevens Team





PIRT 1st 15 for 2011 RWC Team