



BIOPAMA



Assistance for Data Collection and Management of Community Conservation Areas Across Vanuatu

Type of priority area

Marine Protected Area

Terrestrial Protected Area

Indigenous and Community Conserved Areas

Primary objective

Governance

Management Effectiveness

Livelihoods

Target groups

Local Communities

National Government

Subnational Government

Main activity focus

Management Plan

Survey/Data Knowledge Management

Protected Area Management Effectiveness (PAME)



Duration
16.06.2021 – 16.12.2021



Type of grant & budget
Small Technical Grant | 99,947\$



Location
Vanuatu



Protected & Conserved Areas
12 Protected Areas



BIOPAMA RRIS Link
<http://rris.biopama.org/ct/country/vu>



Key Conservation Landscape
Community Conserved Areas

Project Lead

Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC)

Project Partners

Government of Vanuatu

Description of the project:

The project includes two procurement activities that are related to the sustainable development of Community Conservation Area (CCAs) across Vanuatu. The first procurement activity for the project is for the purchase of advanced GNSS survey equipment, through tender process for regional suppliers. The second is the purchase of a 4WD vehicle to be used by the DEPC Sanma Extension Officer.

The two newly procured assets will complement other major project activities such as improving mapping data and boundary information for targeted CCAs (registered and unregistered); printing and installation of informative signboards in all CCAs; designing brochures and posters as part of communication strategies for CCAs; and carrying out community consultations to collect socio-economic data relating to CCAs.





Diagnostic Tools Used

1. Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC), 2018, National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, Ministry of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology and Geohazards, Environment, Energy and Disaster Management, Government of Vanuatu, Port Vila
2. Department of Environmental Protection and Conservation (DEPC), 2019, Sixth National Report to the United Nations Conservation on Biological Diversity, Ministry of Climate Change Adaptation, Meteorology and Geohazards, Environment, Energy and Disaster Management, Government of Vanuatu, Port Vila



The BIOPAMA AC Objective(s) Addressed

Enhance the management and governance of priority protected areas by addressing existing limitations.



Priority Need Addressed

1. Improve mapping data boundary information for Vanuatu's registered and unregistered CCAs by purchasing GPS surveillance equipment and installing signboards.
2. Increase support offered to community conservation areas in priority areas of Santo, through the provision of a vehicle, so as to improve the management and conservation areas.



The change the project implementation will bring for the protected areas

The GPS survey equipment will be used to carry out scheduled, accurate mapping of CCA boundaries and other biodiversity and conservation spatial gaps across Vanuatu. Accurate data collection using the surveying equipment will improve national and provincial government data regarding land use across islands, inform better strategic island-wide environmental assessments, including plan/zone development. Derived information from collected data will also assist the national government to meet international reporting obligations, particularly for the post-2020 Global Biodiversity Framework, which focusses on the percentage of land area under protection to adequately progress towards global biodiversity targets.

All (12) targeted CCAs (registered and pending registration CCAs) will have sign boards installed within the CCAs. The signboards will communicate CCA boundaries, including significant biodiversity information and governing systems. Two sign boards will also be installed in Luganville (urban centre of Santo), to provide general protected area awareness in a high-pedestrian traffic area for the purpose of increasing communication to the public about conservation areas.

The purchase of a 4WD vehicle for Santo DEPC will help increase the support offered to CCAs by providing more flexible and efficient transport options for the DEPC extension officer in Santo. This will also increase the in-person contact between the DEPC extension officer and communities in protected areas, providing an efficient way to collect community concerns and address community challenges.

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