

Environmental sustainability solomon islands

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For Solomon Islands our country, our culture, and our economy all stand on the base of the natural physical environment. We cannot afford to ignore the signs of our environment being degraded. The report tells us that there are significant pressures on our environment leading to environmental problems across all the thematic areas, as well as large gaps in the data that we should have to make sound decisions for the future. The report shows that some areas are well managed while in other areas we clearly do not have sufficient resources to address the range of issues facing us. There are clear risks to our water quality, air quality, and biodiversity on land and in the sea. Together, these issues affect the livelihoods, health and wellbeing of our people.

The Arnavon Community Marine Park Management Committee has been central to all conservation and development activities in the Arnavon Islands. This Committee is made up of representatives from the indigenous users of the Arnavon Islands, the communities of Kia, Katupika and Waghena. It also brings together representatives from Isabel and Choiseul Governments, the Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources and The Nature Conservancy. The ACMP Management Committee employs Rangers from the communities of Kia, Katupika and Waghena, who reside on the Arnavons for a month at a time, monitoring turtle populations and ensuring compliance with the management rules.

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A growing number of data portals, knowledge libraries, and communication materials are available to support Pacific environmental management. The following are external links to the major environmental information resources.

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The report assesses the current state of the Solomon Islands environment, and the last section highlights some of the environmental issues and problems facing the country.

Being a country whose economic base is primarily sustained by exploitation of its natural resources there always exists great potentials for its environment to be put under stress.

Already extreme weather events in the country in recent years serve as a forewarning of the impacts on the environment that are likely to occur due to climate change. Climate change also poses risks to natural ecosystems such as the coastal and marine environments, fisheries, agriculture, water resources, health, biodiversity, infrastructure and industry.

Tropical cyclones result in flooding and wind damage in the Solomon Islands. There have been severe floods on Guadalcanal, Malaita, Makira and Santa Isabel in recent years with a number of lives lost, and severe damage to agriculture and infrastructure.

The Ministry of Environment, Climate Change and Disaster Management regularly runs workshops and similar events for public awareness and to promote preparedness in provincial capitals.

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