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Fiji: Reforestation on Degraded Lands



Key Outcomes:

- *Improved capacity of local Conservation International staff in the development of carbon projects*
- *Reforestation of degraded lands leading to expanded conservation corridors*
- *Development of a new industry in the local community that involves seed collection, tree nursery establishment and management, planting, ongoing forest maintenance and carbon inventory skills*
- *Community project that brings together communities, conservation and corporate businesses for improved climate, community and biodiversity outcomes*

The Project:

Fiji Water and Conservation International joined together to reforest land on the Southern slopes of the Nakauvadra Mountain range on the northern end of the main Fiji island of Viti Levu.

The purpose of the project was to reinstate native forest on approximately 110 hectares of degraded Talasinga grasslands of the Nakauvadra, a Key Biodiversity Area (KBA) earmarked as a priority site in Fiji's proposed protected area network. The carbon sequestered in this project will go toward meeting the voluntary carbon negative commitment of Fiji Water whilst providing community and biodiversity benefits to the village land owners and local environment.



Our Role:

EAS staff were engaged to assist with the project development stage to meet the requirements of both the Verified Carbon Standard and the Climate Community and Biodiversity standard.

Our experienced staff worked with Conservation International Fiji's in-house carbon project team in their Suva office. Our task was to provide technical support services in the development of a carbon baseline and project scenario as well as the design of a cost effective long term monitoring program.

Our staff worked closely with Conservation International and with the local village landholders in remote parts of Fiji. We conducted training in the field to build capacity in the skills required for establishing and implementing the long term monitoring program, which all parties understand will be critical to enabling the objectives of the project to be achieved.

EAS also conducted a thorough internal audit of the project documentation prior to submission to the third party auditor and assisted Conservation International staff through the validation process.



What We Did:

Conservation International engaged us to work with their local carbon project team in Suva to:

- Deliver a Project Design Document and Monitoring Plan for VCS and CCBA validation.
- Select the appropriate carbon accounting methodology
- Confirm and document of eligible areas
- Design of a baseline field measurement approach and associating training
- Develop and document the carbon accounting approach to meet the standards requirements
- Deliver skills training to assist in ongoing management of the project
- Design best practice long term monitoring program
- Train local village landholders in carbon inventory techniques

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