

State Period of Activity: 5 days (Friday 28th September – Wednesday 3rd October 2018).

Key Stakeholder: KNTD, MICTTD.

Name of Key Contact: Tekonaba Teburea (Tourism Officer - Research and Statistics).

A. ACTIVITY/Output

List all preparatory activities undertaken. Site of Activity

- Offering and local dance performed at Tebanga village on Friday 28th September at 4:15pm
- Anglers met with local fishermen at guesthouse on Friday night at 7.30pm
- First day of exploratory on Saturday 29th September with local fishermen at flats in the south.
- Anglers explored northern side of the island by motorbikes on Sunday 30th September guided by Tourism informant Erenete.
- Monday 01st October, anglers explored the northern lagoon flats of the island with 3 boats.
- Pothole fishing at the center of the lagoon on the last day Tuesday 2nd October 2018 with 3 boats
- Team left the island on Wednesday 3rd October at 10am by plane.

B. Objective of Activity

What is the main objective/are objectives of the activity?

- Explore Maiana to reassess its potentials in fly fishing game.
- Gathering information and data for the development of a fly fishing package.

C. RESULTS ACHIEVED

A fly fishing exploratory in Maiana was conducted in five days from Friday 28th September to Tuesday 2nd October 2018. On Friday, team arrived on the island from Tarawa around 4pm and guided to Teitirua maneaba for welcome feast, garlanding and presentation of offerings. After offering, team headed to Island council guesthouse to meet local fishermen at 7.30pm. On Saturday, exploratory fishing was started at the southern flats with two boats with 9 local fishermen. The northern sides of the island was explored on Sunday by 4 motorbikes where anglers guided by tourism informant Erenete. On Monday the northern flats were explored again by 3 boats and 7 local fishermen accompanying anglers. On Tuesday which is the last day of exploratory, the central flats of the island was explored with 3 boats and 4 local fishermen only. However, the total number of local fishermen joining anglers on the first day of fishing were 9 but the number was decreased to 4 only on the last day of the exploratory.

However, as reported by Garvin and anglers, Maiana has the potential in this fly fishing game since more than 9 bonefish, 2 trigger fish and plenty of good size trevallies and blue fins caught and released. Additionally, there's a need to explore the island again to confirm spawning aggregations on the flats identified and to study well the movement of bonefish and trevallies in different seasons and tides for anglers to have options where and when to fish as well as either during low or high tide.

Apart from that, this exploratory trip was not only to explore lagoon flats for fishing, but it was also a trial to assess all the items to be included in the package and how to improve them to meet the standard required for the fishing package. As reported by anglers, Maiana has an outstanding local dance and offertory welcoming but the island failed in the standard of the guesthouse's facilities and provision of services by employees at the

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guesthouse, the food and other service provided need further improving, such as fishing boats were late to pick up anglers as well as local fishermen were always came late to the meeting point for departure.

Last but not least, one of the achievements gained out of this exploratory trip was the support from the old men association as per their speeches during the farewell feast held on Tuesday night. They supported the project as the project was not aiming to ban Bonefishing but are encouraged to use their own traditional way of fishing bonefish instead of net fishing during the spawning aggregation periods. In the farewell banquet, old men were encouraged by team to work closely with island council to support byelaws and other conservation activities for the bonefish and other important marine species for economic development on the island.

D. BENEFICIARY

Approximate number of beneficiaries reached by Activity (disaggregated by gender/age), etc.

Listing how many Government officials, private sector, NGOs, CBOs, elders, women, youth, etc participated in your activities

- 30 women and 26 men attending the welcoming and offering event.
- 9 local fishermen involved in the exploratory on the first day
- Mrs Clerk and Mrs Mayor and
- More than 20 old men and island councilors attending the farewell banquet at Island council Maneaba on Tuesday night at 6-10.

E. BUDGET USED

How much was originally planned?

\$2,537.50 (\$350 Perdiem + \$2187.50 operational costs). This was funded by GEF through UNDP coordinated by Project Management Unit at MELAD.

How much was actually spent? Which sub-activity was inadequately under budget /excessively over budget and reasons for such?

- \$1,937.80 was spent as per breakdown below.
- Note that budget for truck hire for land exploratory was not utilized as team used motorbikes to conduct land exploratory on Sunday 30th September 2018.

| Proposed budget for Maiana Exploratory | | | | | | |
|---|---------------------|--------------|------------------------|---------------------|--|------------------|
| Activities | T/Days/trips | Rates | No of staff/etc | Total Budget | Remarks | Total Exp |
| Transport (Airport - Hotel - Airport) | 2 | \$ 50.00 | 1 | \$ 100.00 | Rec # 1178, Rec #1183 | \$ 84.00 |
| Motorbike | 5 | \$ 20.00 | 2 | \$ 200.00 | Rec #0352, Rec # 652176, Inv # 0207222. | \$ 200.00 |
| Boat hire for exploratory | 3 | \$ 200.00 | 2 | \$ 1,200.00 | Rec # 652167, Rec # 0354, Rec # 0355, See claim from Iotaake Rabwebweiti (Tebikerai) attached. | \$1,200.00 |
| Mweaka | 1 | \$ 20.00 | 1 | \$ 20.00 | Used during invitation from Old men association held on Tuesday night | \$ 20.00 |
| Dancing group | 1 | \$ 150.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | See claim from Teitirua community | \$ 150.00 |

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| Mayor's allowance | 1 | \$ 50.00 | 1 | \$ 50.00 | See attachment (Mayor's signature) | \$ 50.00 |
| Truck hire for land exploratory | 3 | \$ 50.00 | 1 | \$ 150.00 | | |
| Airport tax | 1 | \$ 20.00 | 1 | \$ 20.00 | Rec # 584571 | \$ 20.00 |
| Tourism informant allowances | 5 | \$ 25.00 | 1 | \$ 125.00 | see attachment | \$ 125.00 |
| Fuel for motorbike | 5 | \$ 1.50 | 15 | \$ 112.50 | Rec# 0356, Rec # 0357 | \$ 28.80 |
| Generator hire | 3 | \$ 20.00 | 1 | \$ 60.00 | Rec # 652177 | \$ 60.00 |
| Total Expenses | | | | \$ 2,187.50 | | \$1,937.80 |
| Remaining balance | | | | | | \$ 249.70 |

F. LESSONS LEARNED/SELF EVALUATION

It was learnt that island council had attended and fixed all the issues found during the last preparatory trip. However, some of the additional issues seen and experienced by anglers that need to be fixed to improve services of the guesthouse in the future. Note that these issues were discussed during our meeting with Mayor and clerk on Tuesday morning 2nd October 2018 at Mayor's room.

The issues are listed below:

- It was experienced that anglers were always late to leave the island for fishing as breakfast was not ready on the time required.
- Four Kiakia were not consistence in shape and size, and anglers may feel bad when some are given good kiakia while some are not.
- Small shelves outside kiakia should be low in height for anglers to sit on when putting/taking off shoes after fishing
- It was recommended to put gravels around the kiakia to ignore sands brought into the kiakia by anglers/guests when enter the kiakia
- Lights and power point should be installed at every kiakia for anglers to charge their appliances safely
- It was also recommended if generator operated from 6am to 6pm every day and to charge anglers costs of the generator. Also generator should be placed away from the facilities of the guesthouse to ignore inhaled of smokes from generator.
- Employees should wash and change sheets/towels every day or every two days.
- Small kettle should be at the kitchen to boil water when needed by anglers
- Food should be improved as it is the main needs of the guests/anglers. Care taker should be trained on cookery and the food menu development.
- Refrigerator should be put at the guesthouse for freezing water, foods, beer, etc, instead of buying ice-cubes from CPPL every day which is more expensive.
- English teacher should be involved in the fishing training to local fishermen when fly fishing training conducted.
- It was also highly recommended to have a motorman and fishing guide who works on Sundays as anglers are fishing from Monday to Sunday.
- Cushion chairs should be put at the living room of the guesthouse to be used by anglers/guests after having meals or when they have meetings with local fishing guides.

Additionally, it was also learnt that during the start of the exploratory, local fishermen were motivated, interested and were on time, but after they knew that they would not be paid, we saw the number decreasing to only 4 turned up on the last day of exploratory. However, this exploratory was part of the fly fishing guide training to

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select who are enthusiastic, motivated and have the passion in this job as fishing guides. Having those shortlisted will be given further trainings in the next exploratory.

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G. Contribution to Media: Press Release/Newspaper/website/FB?

Any photos would be useful that can portray so many words.

Attach as Annex, program, List of Participants



Figure 1: local dance at Tebanga village



Figure 2: Saturday fishing at Southern flats



Figure 3: Blue fin caught at Northern side of Maiana



Figure 4: Friday night when meeting with local fishermen



Figure 5: Offertory at Tebanga village



Figure 6: Dinner with a very small meal table



Figure 7: Farewell banquet hosted by old men association

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Figure 8: Local fishermen used fly fishing rod to practice



Figure 9: David Wood and his fishermen. Bonefish caught by this local fishermen