Merging traditional community-based management approaches and catchment modeling to address land-based impacts to coastal ecosystems in Fiji

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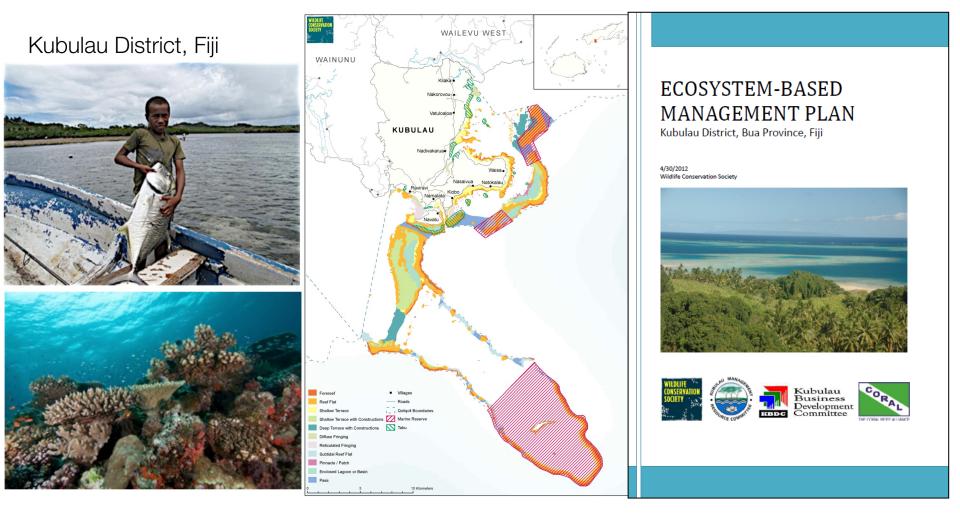
## **INTERGRATED COASTAL MANAGEMENT IN FIJI**

- Environment Management Act 2005 stipulates the development of a coastal management plan for Fiji
- The ICM Framework 2011 provides a general scope and structure of the National ICM Plan
- The national approach is to first develop ICM plans at the provincial level → National ICM Plan





# HISTORY OF WORKING IN KUBULAU, BUA





### MANAGEMENT PLANNING WORKSHOPS







**Community**: *Bose Vanua*, Fishers, Farmers, Women, Youth

**Different communities** working together!

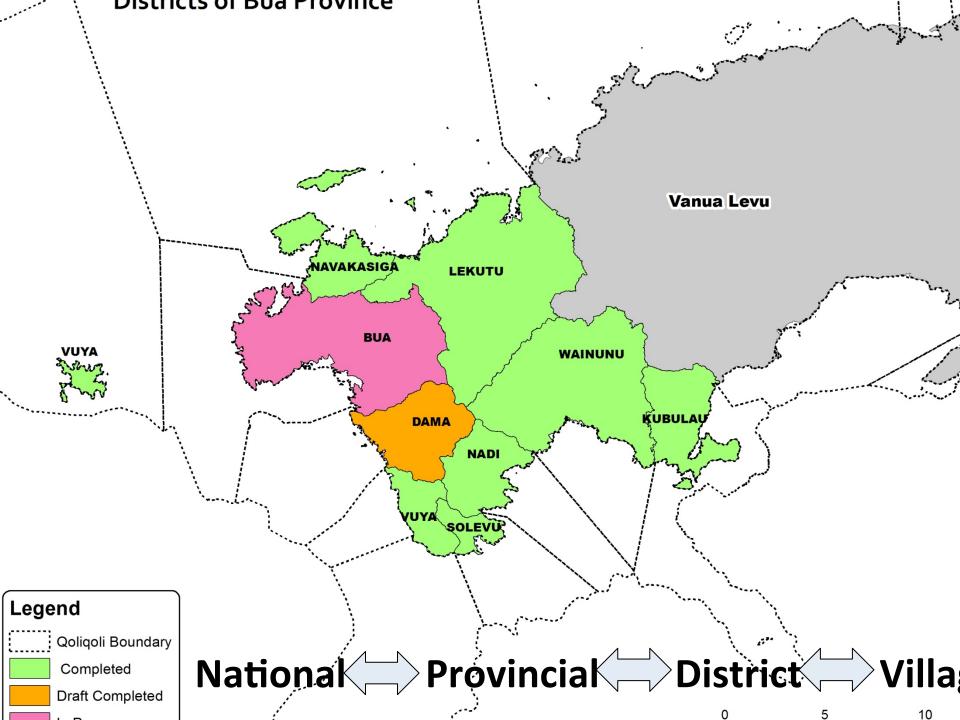
**Government**: DoEnv, DoF, Health, Agriculture, TLFC, TLTB....

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### **NATIONAL RULES AND BEST PRACTISES**

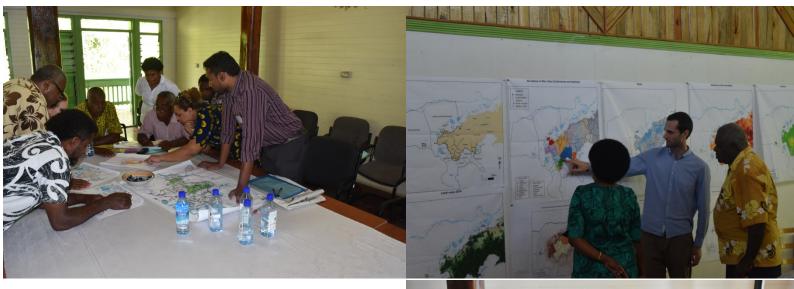
| RULE  | EXCEPTIONS | NATIONAL   | DISTRICT   |
|---|------------|------------|------------|
| Taking <i>davui</i> is prohibited.                                      | -          | <b>X</b> 1 |            |
| Taking any species of grouper during the month of August is prohibited. | -          |            | <b>X</b> 2 |
| Dynamite fishing is prohibited  | -          | <b>%</b> 3 | <b>X</b> 4 |

| RECOMMENDATION   | RATIONALE  |
|--|--|
| Do not clear, burn or farm within 100 metres of the bank of a river or stream.                   | Riparian buffers reduce soil erosion and improve downstream water quality.                             |
| Restore degraded river banks and riparian zones by planting native trees and shrubs.             | Riparian vegetation reduces erosion and provides food and shade for freshwater fauna.                  |
| Use fertilisers and pesticides only as necessary, and always follow manufacturer's instructions. | Fertilisers cause algal growth and eutrophication.<br>Many pesticides are toxic to people and animals. |
| Do not build crossings, weirs or other structures in a manner that prevents fish migration.      | Migration up and down rivers is a vital part of the life cycle of many fishes, including food fish.    |
| Do not allow logging within 100 metres of the bank of a river or stream.                         | Riparian buffers reduce soil erosion and improve downstream water quality.                             |





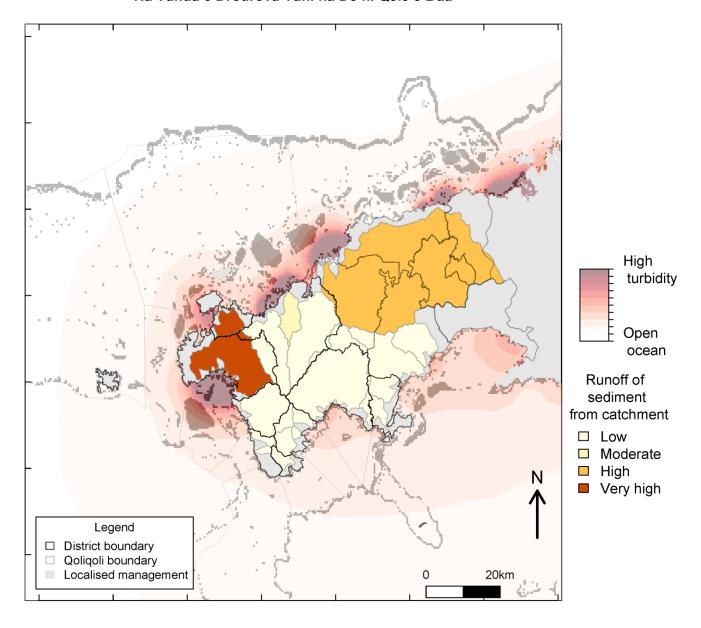
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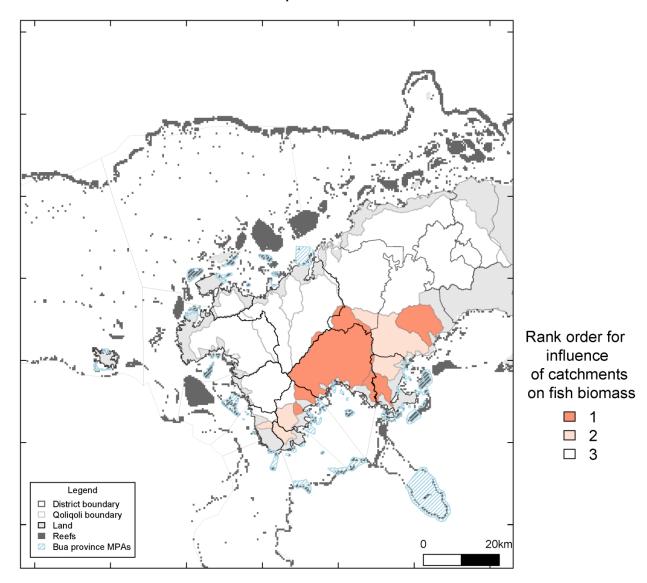
Mapping out the potential areas for development in Bua and its impacts on the qoliqolis



#### Na Vanua e Drodrova Yani na De ni Qele e Bua

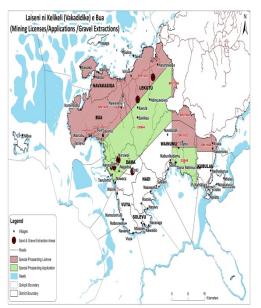


#### Influence of catchments on predator fish biomass

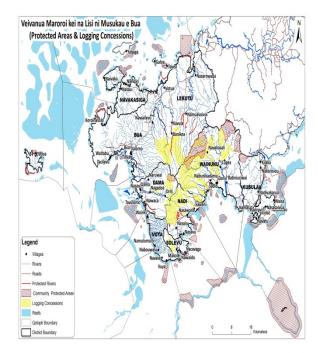


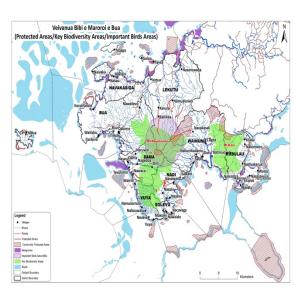


### **OVERVIEW OF BUA ICM WORKSHOP**



- Mining License/ Application/Gravel Extraction
- 2. PA, KBA, IBA
- 3. PA & Logging Concessions









### CONCLUSION



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