

COUNTRY FACT SHEET: FIJI (1/4)

Selected sectors and value chains



Fishing (coastal fishing)



Agriculture (kava)

Status of voluntary commitment (VC) process in Fiji:

VCs discussed, negotiated and approved (kava only)

STAKEHOLDERS INVOLVED IN THE VC NEGOTIATION PROCESS IN THE CAKAUDROVE PROVINCE, FIJI

AGRICULTURE (KAVA)



1 high level meeting with the permanent secretaries for agriculture, fishing and forests



2 sectoral dialogue workshops including visits to « champion farms »

Stakeholders:

- Public sector (national, provincial and district level) ;
- Private sector (kava farmers, companies) ;
- CSOs and traditional chiefs ;
- Representatives of financial sector
- Presence of middleman between farmers and exporters was missing



1 VC celebration workshop

Stakeholders:

- Public sector (national, provincial and district level) ;
- Private sector (kava farmers, companies) ;
- CSOs and traditional chiefs ;
- Media

FISHING

(COASTAL FISHING)



The fishing sector was the subject of awareness raising and information sessions but no sectoral dialogue was held



2 workshops with local financial institutions

PRODUCTIVE PRACTICES MOST HARMFUL TO BIODIVERSITY IDENTIFIED BASED ON DIAG 1 AND DIAG 2

<div> <div>Agriculture (kava)</div> </div>	<div>Current practices involve the complete clearing of forest covers between each harvesting season.</div>
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COUNTRY FACT SHEET: FIJI (2/4)

VOLUNTARY COMMITMENT SCENARIOS IDENTIFIED IN DIAG 2 IN FIJI (NON-EXHAUSTIVE)

<p>Fishing</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structuration of the sector into cooperatives • Establishment of community-based fisheries management • Establishment of certification mechanisms • Enforcement of legal framework on coastal fisheries management • Attach conditionalities to loans based on respect of sustainable fishing practices
<p>Agriculture (kava)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding, development and implement of awareness raising campaigns in the kava sector ; integration of awareness raising into provincial, district and village level planning • Set up technical working group made up of GIS experts to develop satellite monitoring of forest cover • Increase research on sustainable kava production techniques • Conduct feasibility study for the implementation of a certification mechanism • Strengthen environmental filters for agricultural loans • Strengthen the recognition of <i>key biodiversity areas</i> (KBA) in agricultural development planning

SOLUTIONS IDENTIFIED BY STAKEHOLDERS

CONTENT OF VCS OBTAINED IN THE CAKAUDROVE PROVINCE, FIJI (NON-EXHAUSTIVE)

<p>Fishing (coastal fishing)</p> 	<p>No VC</p>
<p>Agriculture (kava)</p> 	<p>Natewa Peninsula/Tunuola:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed Land use Master plan by August 2023 and establish a committee for Natewa / Tunuola • Implement integrated management of the landscape Rehabilitation Programme through the planting of Drala then native trees and Fruit trees by 2025 • Initiate recovery of 30% of unused land • Strengthen kava farmers' capabilities by 2025 <p>Taveuni Island:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reforestation: plant 600 trees by 2028 • Stop deforestation by 2028 • Minimize use of agrochemicals by 2028 • Adopt sustainable farming practices such as mix-cropping by 2028 <p>Qamea Island:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • By 2025, restore the forest to its original state • By 2030, plant 11,500 trees • By 2028, rehabilitate abandoned areas through tree planting

COUNTRY FACT SHEET: FIJI (3/4)

EVALUATION OF VCS (AGRICULTURE) AND VC SCENARIOS IDENTIFIED IN DIAG 2 (FISHING)

Criteria	Agriculture (kava)	Fishing (evaluation DIAG2)
« SMART » nature of discussed VCs and VC scenarios		
[Specific] Naming and relevance of stakeholders involved in draft VC	Yes	Yes
[Measurable] Quantitative targets	Yes	No
[Acceptable] Coherent with DIAG 1 (threats) and DIAG 2 (harmful practices) = “science-based”	Yes	Yes
[Acceptable] Alignment with NBSAP	Yes	Yes
[Acceptable] Alignment with Kunming – Montreal framework (main targets addressed)	1 ; 2 ; 5	1 ; 5 ; 15
[Realistic] Enabling conditions required for implementation	Yes	Yes
[Realistic] Existence of budgeted action plan	No	No
[Time-bound] Mention of deadlines	Yes	No
Other criteria		
Publicly available	Yes	N/A
Formalisation and signature	Yes	N/A
Identification of funding sources for implementation	Partly	No
Conclusion	VCs discussed, negotiated and approved	No draft VC beyond DIAG 2 VC scenarios

COUNTRY FACT SHEET: FIJI (4/4)

BIODEV2030 IMPLEMENTATION TIMELINE IN ALL 16 INTERVENTION COUNTRIES
(MARCH 2020 – DECEMBER 2022)

