

Ridges To Reefs

Lessons From the Field

*Willie Atu
The Nature Conservancy*



“Development without conservation is unsustainable, and conservation without development is sterile.”

**Dr Melchior Mataka
PS MECDM
2017 Pacific Island Round Table (PIRT) Meeting
Honiara,**



Hope Giver

Dear Editor - We invite interested people for support.

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You can support our widows and orphans by buying a Hearts Of Hope "Hope Giver" T-shirts.

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Hearts of Hope
Auki

Need for a Better Understanding

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ours sincerely

Frank Short
Bangkok,
Thailand

cream or yoghurt, cheese, a whole range of those sorts of products that could well be worth investigating."

Karen Mapusua said the workshop would also deal with problems facing coconut growers like the rhinoceros beetle.

While the Solomon Islands is already producing virgin coconut oil, it occurs to me that making non-dairy ice cream with coconut cream or yoghurt, needs further study and the potential for such products most certainly worth investigating.

Yours sincerely

Frank Short
Thailand

Federal System

DEAR EDITOR - Reading Mr Andrew Radclyffe's "Wish List" on 25/7/2017, I find his first wish is to have a cabinet of the place for a federal government. This won't work and we can't afford it... "end quote, is very much colonialistic, lacks sensitivity and continues using the stereo type argument that Federal System of Government is too expensive.

The last 39 years of independence we have been under the unitary system of Government and this country is still experiencing unequal distribution of wealth, socio-economic developments and lacked full political participation from provinces.

The centralized governance we are experiencing up to now is far more expensive through political corruptions and selfish capitalistic practices in the country and those benefiting most are foreign businesses and cronies of the Central Government.

Resources in all provinces are plundered by foreign investors and revenues are enjoyed by "big man" politicians through one-man decision of the Central

Government.

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Sharing of power and finance is the future hope for Solomon Islands after the good position RAMSI is leaving for us with. Unitary system is enslaving majority of people in Solomon Islands.

I'm still positive that the Federal System of Government will allow the freedom for each state to decide how to best use its resources and revenues for its people and the development of the state. At present Provinces are becoming more and more of spectators today. It should not be a one-man show of the Central Government to govern and develop Solomon Islands and its people as it is today.

Allow the Constitutional Review process to complete its course (although is time consuming now!). Let the Draft Federal Constitution be table and decided in Parliament. Let's wait and see if DCCG can deliver the new Solomon Islands we expect from the Federal System of Government.

Clement Kengava
Former MP

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1st Lesson!



- **Logging is all over Solomon Islands**
- **It is 5-6 times beyond its sustainable rate**
- **Contributes to 70% of SI's economy**
- **Put and keep government in power – Need a Different Approach. CBRM may be an option**
- **Direct threat to the marine environment & island endemism**

2nd Lesson – “Seeing Is Believing!”



Voza/Koloni Villages
North West Choiseul
Choiseul Province
16th December 2004

Dear Sir

We wish to inform you that we are now ready and agree to Conserve the Island of Xinoo. Which is situated just front of - Voza Village. Because our Visit to Ansons Conservation area last October, which having LhCTC. A.G.M. at Vagina Island Arihi Village. We feel very ^{Courage} happy to start the Conservation Programme on the Islands and the reef.

Please, Would you help us with this in Consulty T.N.G to pay a visit to us and also to see Island itself. The Islands and the reef is free from dispute and we are confident to start Conservation programme.

Yours sincerely

- (1) Ciral Bubebatu
 - (2) Levi Tanavahu
 - (3) Ederly Logata
 - (4) Headly Medoko
 - (5) Harry Dorouoga.
- Land owners
(Chiefs)



LAURU LAND CONFERENCE OF

TRIBAL COMMUNITY TRUST BOARD INC.

P.O. BOX 28 Taro Post Office, Choiseul Bay, Choiseul Province, Solomon Islands

17/12/2004

The Programme Manager,
TNC
P.O. Box 759
Honiara
Solomon Islands.

Dear Sir,

ZINOA ISLANDS-CONSERVATION PROGRAMME

Enclosed herewith please find the letter written by the landowners ^{who own Zinoo Islands} into our Zinoo Islands. They came to me with their letter and confirmed that their tribal members agree to keep Zinoo Islands reef for the conservation programme.

You can find in their letter ^{to that} they explained the reasons for requesting TNC to visit them at Voza village and also see the Islands. When you come to see the Choiseul people, would you include in your programme to visit them.

Regards and Happy Christmas.

Yours faithfully,
Mr. Luke Pitakoe

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Avoids of Possible Land Dispute

Ridges To Reef

- Component of CBRM
- Planning tool that describes a holistic ecosystem approach to conservation
- Comes with different branding such as:
 - 1) integrated coastal management
 - 2) Ridges to community to Reef
 - 3) Hilltops to Oceans
 - 4) white water to Blue Water



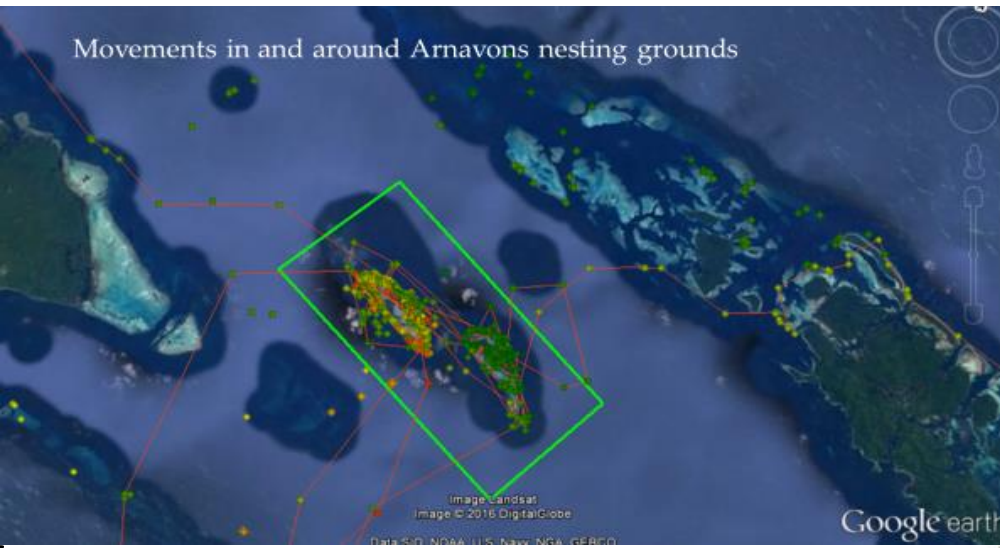
Arnavon Community Marine Park – Declared on May 11 2017 under the 2010 PA Act as the 1st PA of the Country

Site & Species Focused

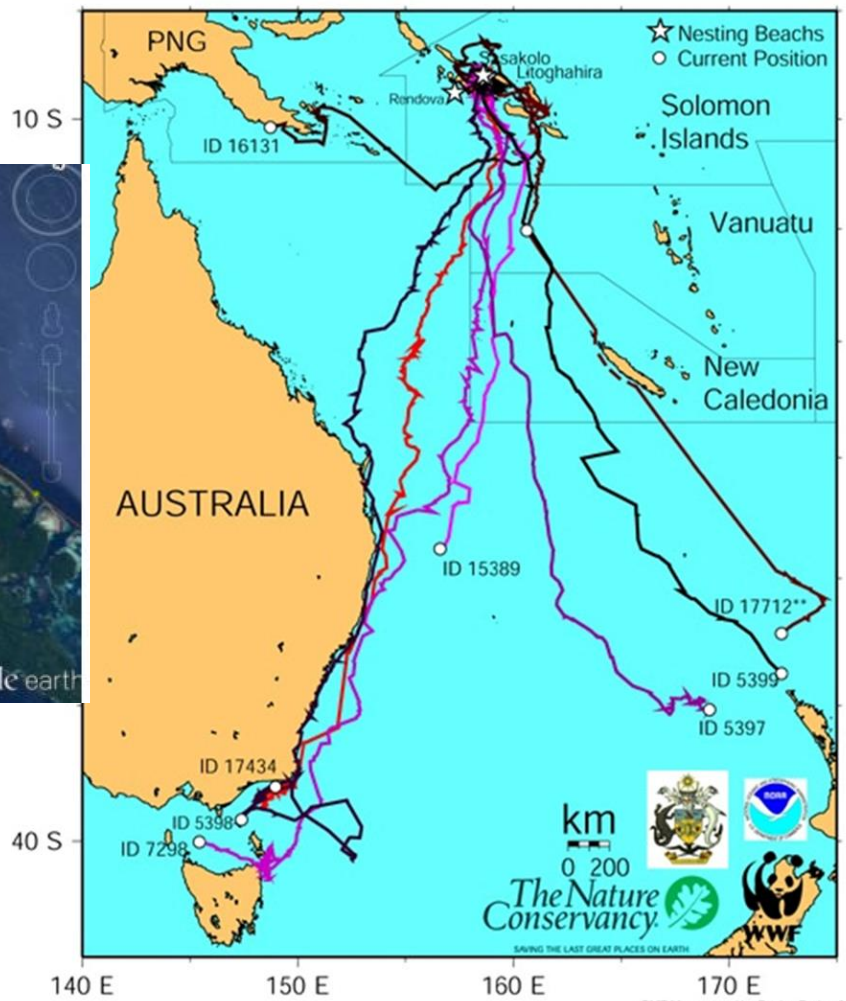
- Site – Arnavon Islands
- Species – Hawksbill & Green turtles.
- Leather back - Sasakolo



The importance of scientific data and information to determine boundaries for of the intended PA. For example in the Arnavons we have the satellite maps of the internal migrations helps us in determining the boundary that become legalised.



2006-2007 post-nesting movement of leatherbacks nesting in the Solomon Islands in December 2006

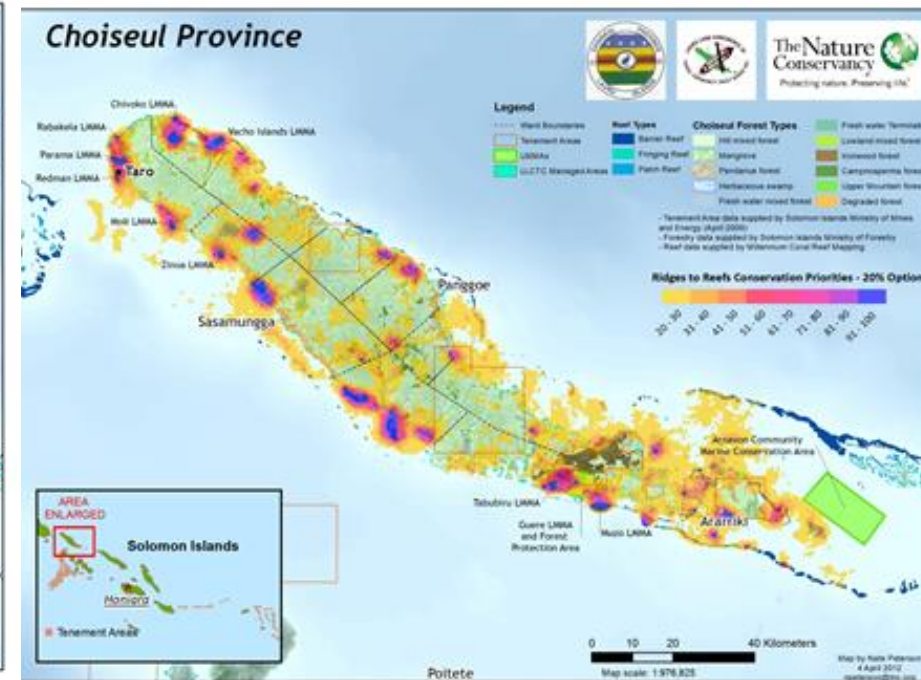


Choiseul

Ridges to Reef Conservation Plan



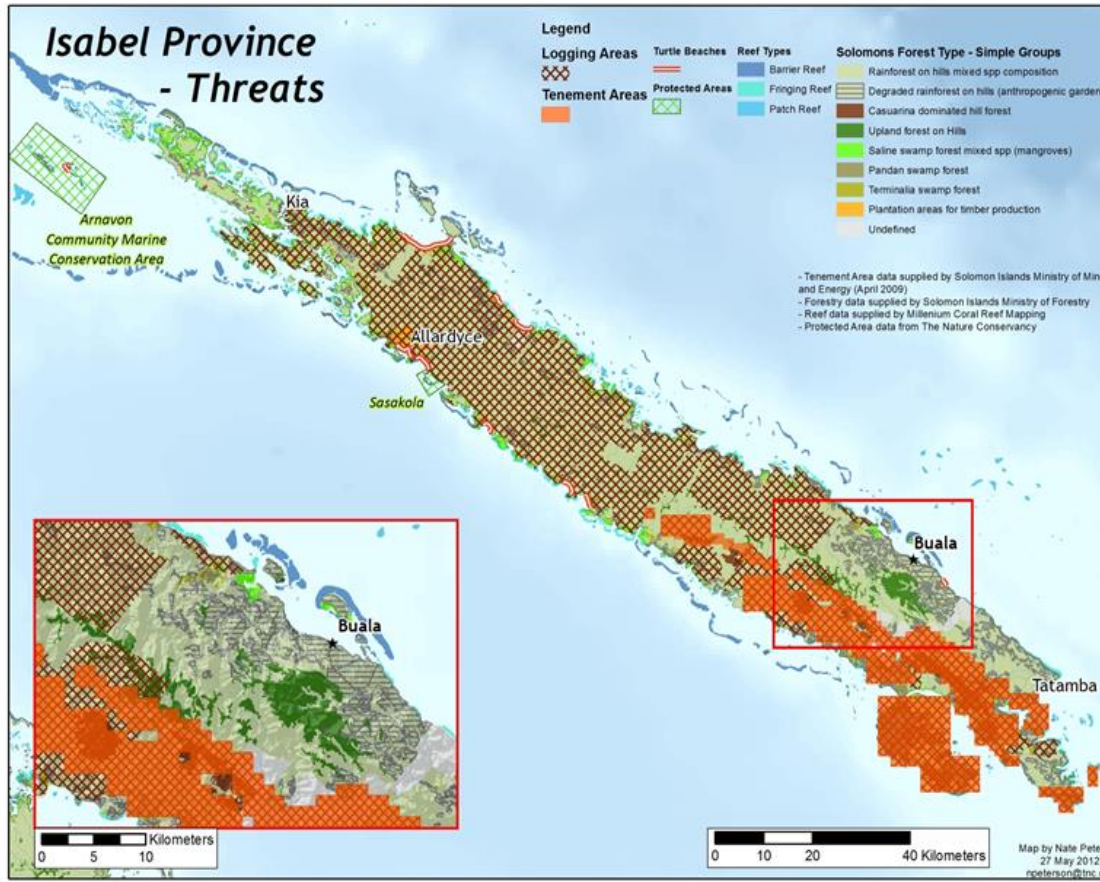
Tenement sites in Choiseul



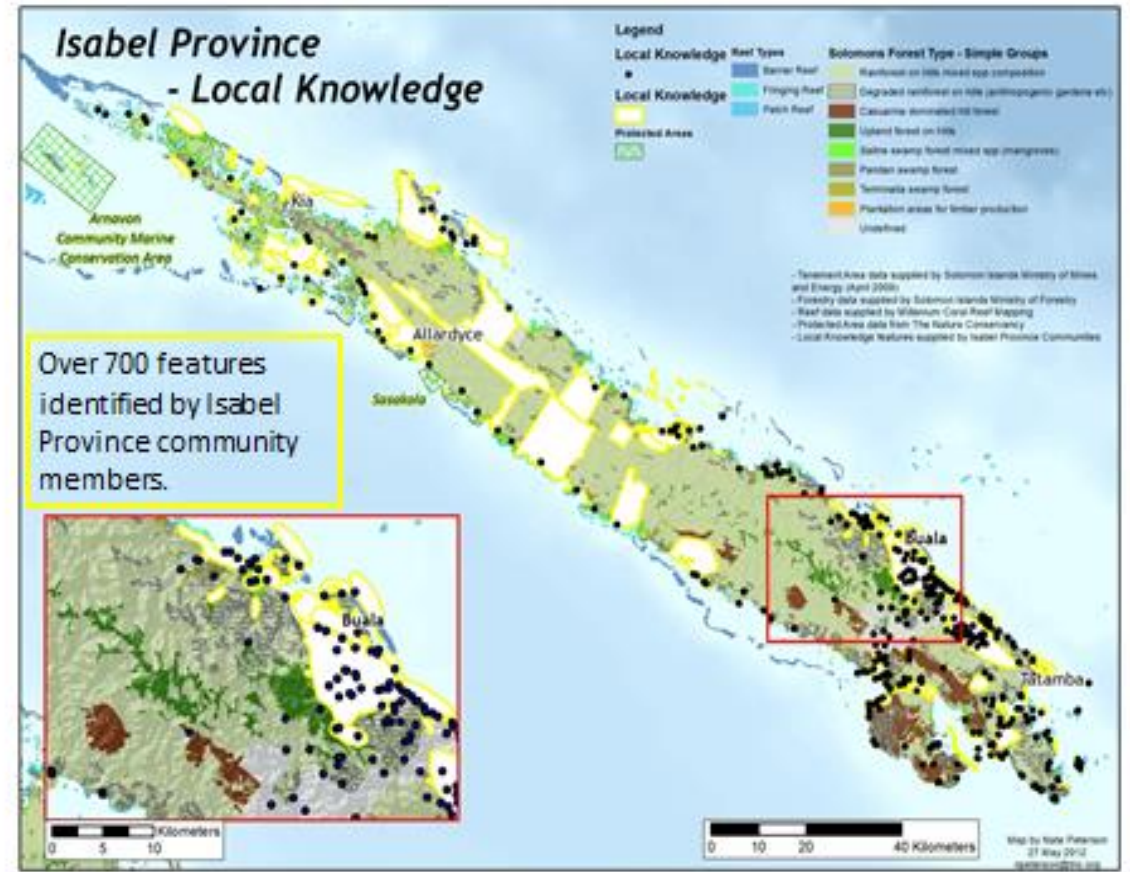
Biodiversity and
Tenement sites

Isabel Province

Ridges to Reef Conservation Plan



Threats

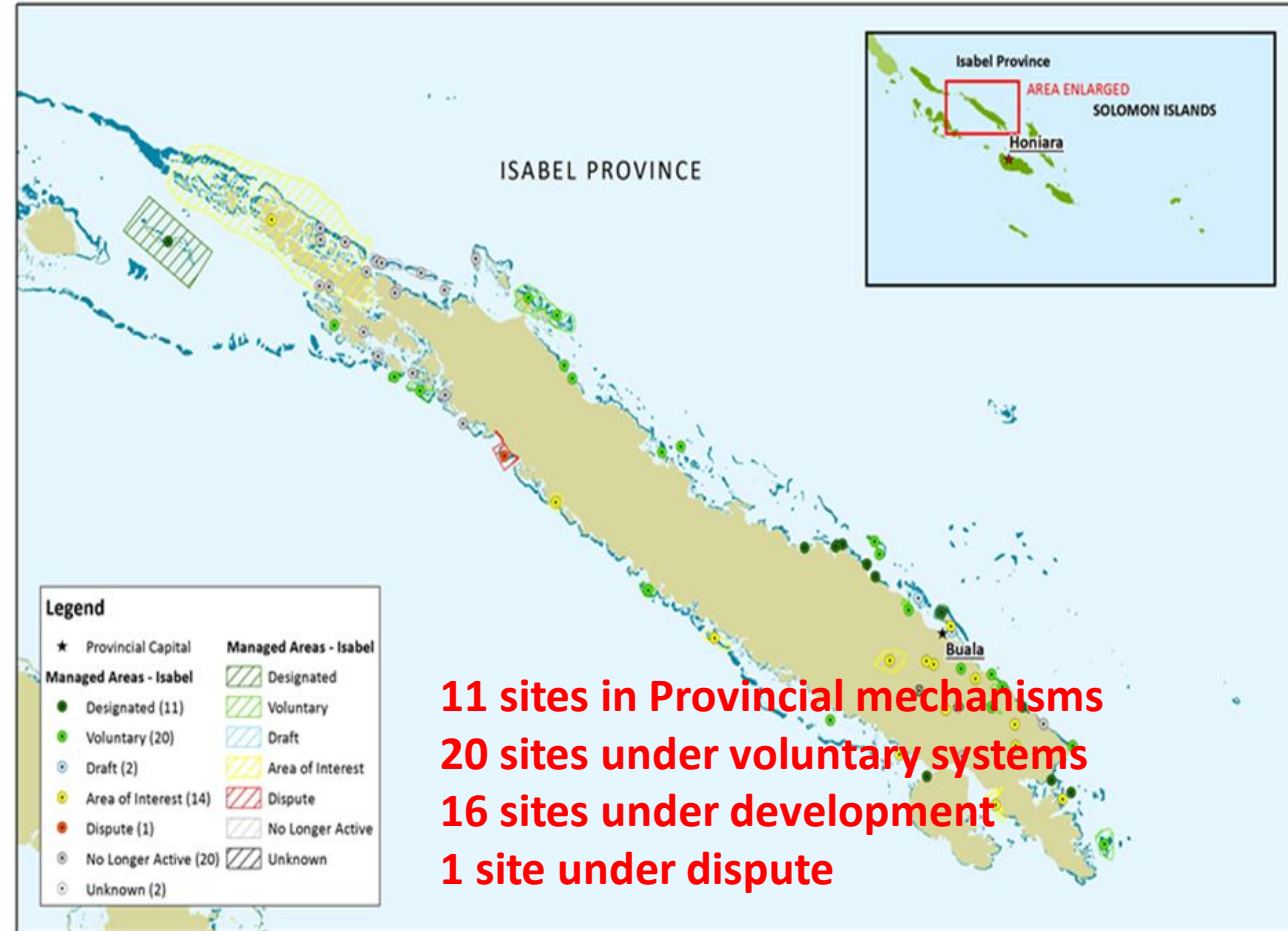
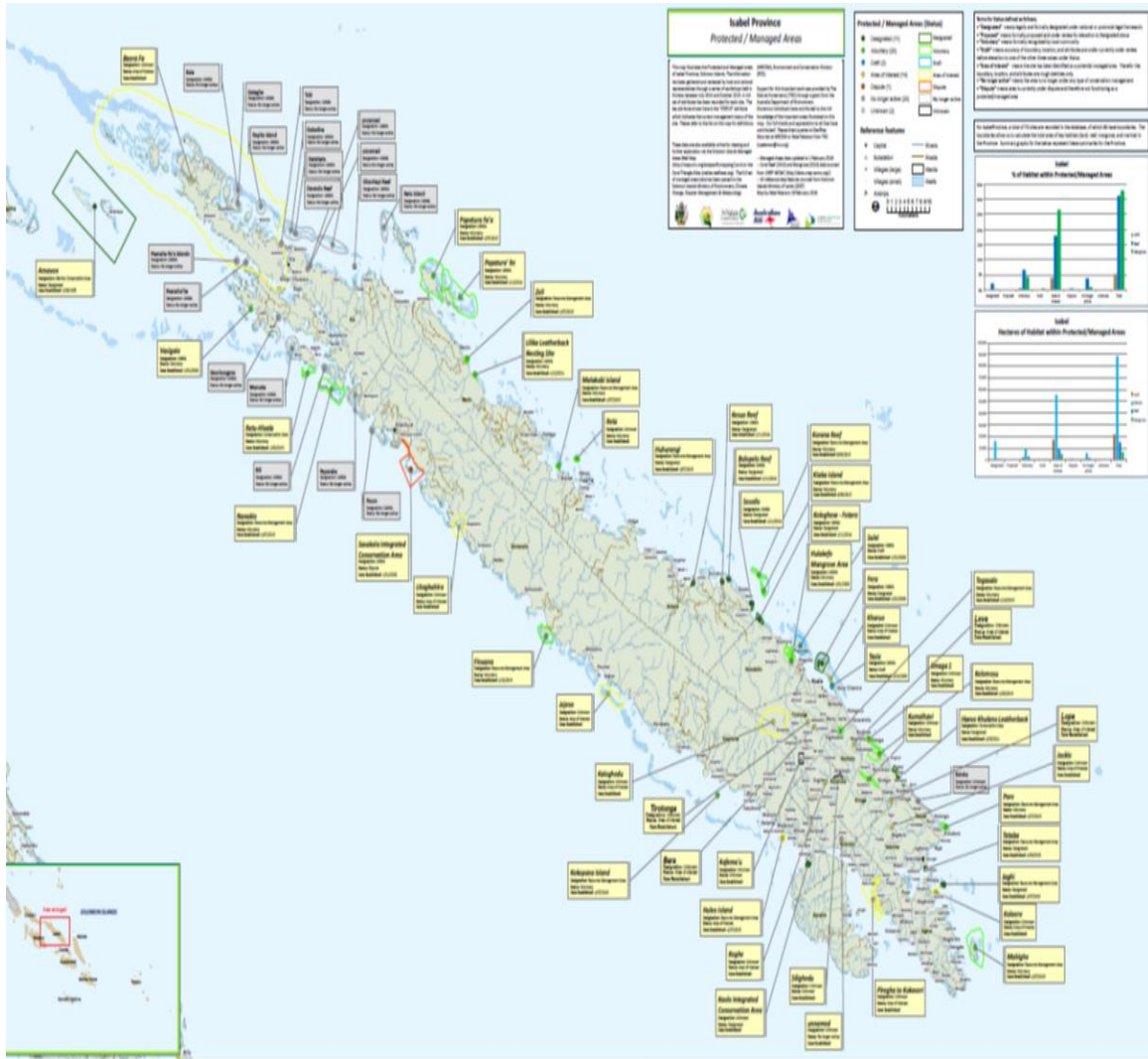


Cultural Sites

Sources of Data for R2R Planning

- Local Knowledge
- Grey literatures – verified & ground truthed
- Data bases – Govt ministries & NGO sources
- Published Research Reports from institutions & individuals
- Private Sectors – Mining/Logging Companies
- National Archives
- Regional Organization portals – SPREP, SPC etc
- Start with information that is available and populate as more information become available.

Protected Area Sites in Isabel Province

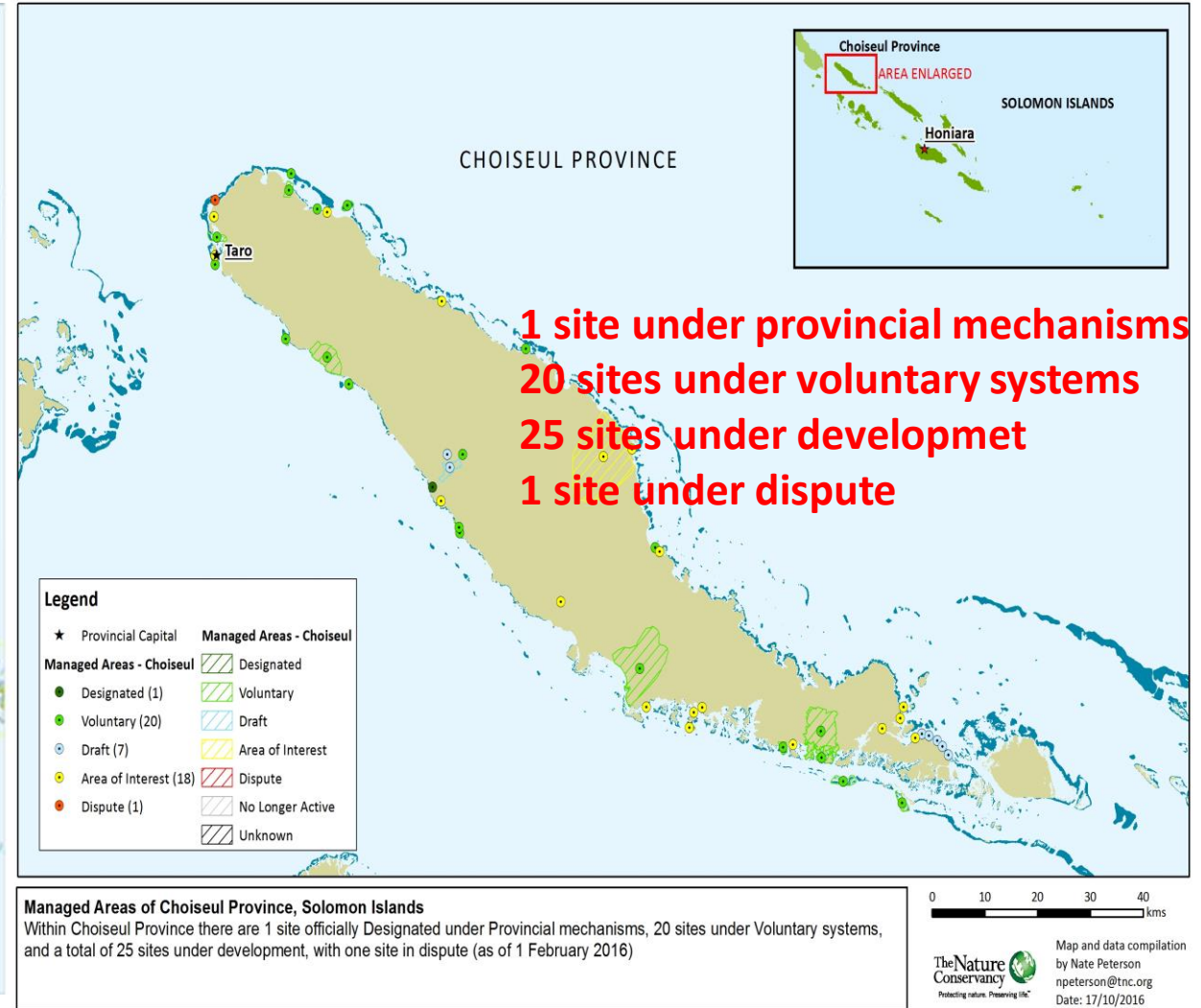
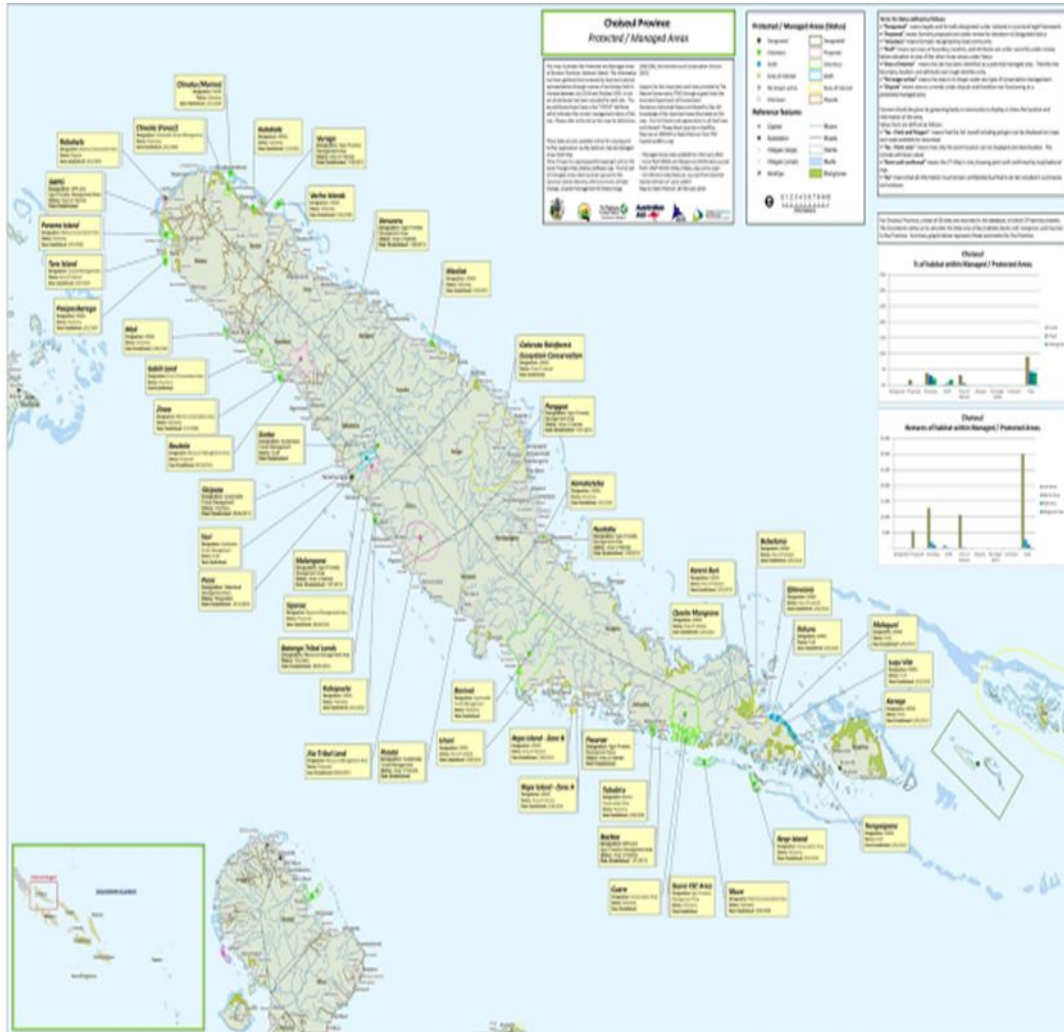


Managed Areas of Isabel Province, Solomon Islands

Within Isabel Province there are 11 sites officially Designated under Provincial mechanisms, 20 sites under Voluntary systems, and a total of 16 sites under development, with one site in dispute (as of 1 February 2016)

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Protected Area sites of Choiseul Province



What are your suggestions for priority activities of MFMR to ensure it achieves its vision “a sustainable fishery that is able to contribute to the socio-economic needs of all Solomon Islanders?”.

- Make provisions that certain percentage of annual offshore earnings (\$300+M SBD) should be allocated to inshore fisheries (CBRM). This will make both inshore and offshore of equal standing and appreciation of their importance.
- Paradigm Shift of Thinking – Think Nationally! The problem experienced by the community of Ontong Java is mine as well, although I am not living in Ontong Java.
- Align our community interventions to provincial, national policies & priorities in relation to SDG’s, Aichi Targets and UN Conventions – Possible funding assistance.
- Create a National Trusted Mechanism for Multilateral opportunities – to get maximum benefits for communities
- Get Away from Middle Man – Go to the Market Directly for Maximum Price

How would your team suggest that CBRM initiatives have to evolve to be able to contribute to achieve sustainable management that contributes to the need of all Solomon Islanders?

- Protected Areas – Just as important as building infrastructures (roads & bridges)
- Policies & Legislations to guide activities on the ground – Don't make our activities a stand alone – Example: Arnavons (Provincial Ordinances & Plans and Legislations)
- Make a 'Blanket Declaration' with close and open access areas (challenge is customary ownership)
- NGO Fraternity – Community Conservation work in SI follows our footprints (Lets don't create orphans and liabilities to the communities and state). Deal with our core business and allow other partners to do what we cannot do.
- Political Stability & Indigenous Organizations – Political Support & Community Guidance
- The 2010 Protected Areas provides provision for Sustainable Finance Mechanisms for PA – Opportunity to sustain our community work. (Glue that holds Arnavon all these years).