

MARARO COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATION (CBO)

by

Mr. Tony Atitete

LINEUP

1. HISTORY
2. BACKGROUND
3. SETUP
4. IMPLEMENTATION
5. CAPACITY BUILDING
6. LAUNCHING
7. ACHIEVEMENT
8. CHALLENGES
9. RECOMMENDATION
10. UNSUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT



HISTORY

Mararo Community began to involved in Resources Management in 2012. This comes following a consensus been made with leaders and the people from Mararo Community at the meeting on 2008. Mararo Community Based Organization CBO involve in Resources Management from 2012 – 2017 in terms of Raising the Status of Mangrove and Coastal Marine resources locally.

The title of the management were called PURIASI MANGROVE MANAGEMENT PLAN (MMP).

The Mararo community people had engage in managing two sites. One were called Suu'paura Tabu site and the other were called Puriasi Management site. This two were consist under a title named PURIASI MANGROVE MANAGEMENT PLAN (MMP).

The establishment of the Mararo Community in 1965 was made possible with cooperation system among leaders and the tribes men from Apora, Puriasi and Paurata. And today Mararo becomes a dwelling Community.

BACKGROUND

- ❖ Mararo is very small community
- ❖ It consist of 12 households with population of 60 people
- ❖ Located in Ward 19 within East Are 'Are Constituency
- ❖ Very remote with no access to market and transport services, people depend entirely on Sea, Land and Forest resources for their basic needs



SETUP

In 2008 Mararo community leaders began to organize men, women's and youths to think about issues affecting the life of rural people as the pressure on sea and marine resources versus population density. They discuss ideas and identify issues affecting resources at the rural level. Finally in 2012 Mararo Community Based Organization was formalized and elected of its executive board of management to manage and put measures on the following issues,

- **Over harvesting**
- **Cutting of mangrove trees**
- **Using of unwanted fishing method**
- **High population density at the rural community verses resources on (consumption)**
- **Destruction of mangrove habitat and extraction of coral to construct log ponds (Logging)**

VISION

- **To manage sea and marine resources that will provide for a equitable access for resources owners and coastal residents for equal benefit from their marine resources at the rural level**

- **November 2012: first scoping Puriasi Mangrove Management Plan (WFC)**
- **July 2013: workshop**
- **August 2013: Development of the Puriasi Mangrove Management Plan**
- **September 2013: Review of the management plan and rules**
- **October 2013: Mapping of the Pauriasi tabu site and management site**
- **November 2013: Mararo women's team attends a basic marine biology training**
- **November 2013: Mararo based community was registered CBO under Charitable Act**
- **June 2014: management plan finalized.**



CAPACITY BUILDING

A capacity building program were held from 28th August to 28th September 2014 at fourteen communities within Ward 19 and 20 in East Are 'Are Constituency.

TOPIC

- Environment and resources
- Ownership system
- Woman's in fisheries management
- Youths in monitoring
- Development priority

1. Livelihood

- a, Sustainable use of resources
- b, Preserve for future generation

2. Investment (Locally)

- a, Ecotourism
- b, Research Institutional area



LAUNCHING OF THE PURIASI MANGROVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

- March 19th – 20th 2015 – Declaration of the Puriasi Mangrove Management plan was made public on the 20th of March 2014. (WFC & MCBO) Mararo community based organization had collaborate with Anopou (CBO) and Roahata (CBO) in raising the status of the of sea and marine resources locally.
- On 5th of December 2016 Mararo CBO had done its consultation meeting to registered under Malaita Province Fisheries Ordinance. Submission had formally made and response had given by Minister of Fisheries Malaita Province Government.
- The document was now with the Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources to be registered under Fisheries Act.

Puriasi Mangrove Management Plan

To improve the quality of life of the present and future generation through community-based sustainable management of coastal and marine resources.

A sustainable and productive coastal and marine resource system that is equitably accessible for resource use development, managed by the Mararo management committee and supported by local government and NGO partners.



Puriasi management area rules

-  No use of gill nets/catch nets
-  No diving during day and night
-  No light fishing in the management area
-  No fishing with bow and arrow and spear
-  No harvesting of Rariri, Tatara, Asu'u
-  No harvesting of coconut crab or mud crab for 3 years
-  No harvesting of trochus or crayfish for 3 years
-  No using mangrove tree for firewood (No aotim skin blong manguru tri fo hemi dae an iusim fo faewud o bildim haus fo 3 ias)
-  No unnecessary cutting of trees

Su'u Paura tabu area rules

1. Total ban for harvesting in the Su'u Paura tabu area for 3 years.
2. Access granted for short cut to Honoa along the Tariapuapu passage
3. After the 3 years ban, the tabu area will be opened only for 1 week for any special occasions and then will be closed again.

Penalties

1. Fine of \$500 if anyone breaks the Su'u Paura tabu area rules
2. Fine of \$300 if anyone breaks the Puriasi management area rules

This management plan has been developed and endorsed by the Mararo Management Committee on behalf of Mararo and surrounding communities.

MARARO (CBO) ACHIEVEMENT

- Launching of the Puriasi Management Area on 19th – 20th March 2015
- Registered under Malaita Province Fisheries Ordinance 05th December 2016



FISHERIES OFFICE
MALAITA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT
P.O. BOX 63
AUKI
MALAITA PROVINCE
SOLOMON ISLANDS

TEL: (677) 40071/72

MALAITA PROVINCE

Your Ref:

Our Ref:

Date: 15 May 2017

Mr. Tony Atitete
Coordinator Mararo Community Based Organisation (CBO)
Mararo
East Are'Are
Malaita Province

Dear Sir

Subject: ENDORSEMENT LETTER FOR PURIASI MANGROVE MANAGEMENT PLAN

This letter serves to formally inform you of my support to endorse the Plan Management Titled, Puriasi Mangrove Management Plan.

In response to your letter dated December 2016 and taking into consideration the recommendation of the Provincial Fisheries Office date 6 February 2017. I, Morris Houahe the Minister of Fisheries Management and Conservation of Malaita Province hereby, endorse the Puriasi Mangrove Management Plan, pursuant the Malaita Provincial Fisheries Ordinance of 2015, part 4 on the Community Fisheries Management Plans.

The Puriasi Mangrove Management Plan meets the requirements of section 18 of the Fisheries Management Act of 2015, and is consistent with the Provincial Ordinances and by-laws.

This Management Plan is a legal guiding rules was document to govern the Puriasi Mangrove Management Plan Development aspiration, has met one of the Provincial Plans under my Ministry's object to empower people in the rural areas to utilize their strength or potentials to have managed and conserve their resources.

The Malaita Provincial Government applauds the efforts of the community and customary right holders, associated in the Mararo Community Based Organisation, to active meaningfully engage in managing their natural resources for the well-being of the community, now and in the future.



Cc: Provincial Secretary
Cc: Principal Fisheries Officer
Cc: World Fish Office

"Tu mi lugeta bilim Malaita"

CHALLENGES

- Lack of education
- Mindset
- Stealing

RECOMMEDATION

- Important to engage participants from other communities to be come part of resources management (youth and women)
- Identify communities who are interested in resources management
- Need for documentation
- Need for financial support



MANGROVE HABITAT BECOME A HOME FOR LOGGERS



2015



2017





HEM NOMOA
TANGIO TUMAS!!!

