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The Climate Witness Programme - Adaptation Lessons from Fiji

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AIMS:



“To build a constituency of people to make climate change a priority”.

1. Work with communities to **build resilience** to the impacts of climate change
2. **Mainstream** climate change into other WWF field conservation programmes
3. Raise awareness – community, national and international level - **telling the human story**





Where's Kabara?



About the WWF SPP Climate Witness Programme

- **What:**

Raise awareness, (community, national and international), implement participatory local appraisals to establish vulnerability and develop and implement community adaptation action plan, facilitate community advocacy for action on climate change.

- **Partners:**

External donors, Local community, Local government, National government

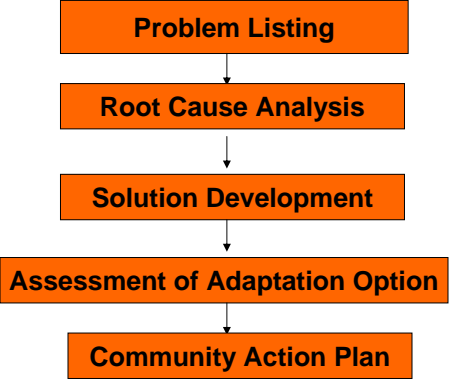
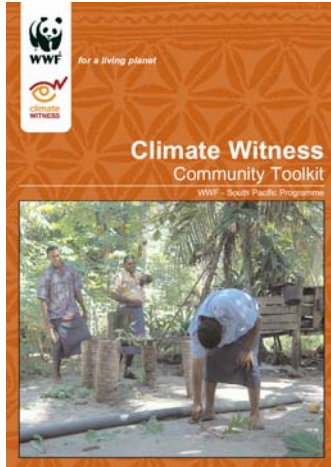
- **Results:**

Greater awareness, policy influence, leverage of funds, implementation of adaptation plan, better resource management, sustainable incomes.





Kabara Community Adaptation



Advocacy for Action





What we did well- Strengths

- Climate Witness part of a sustainable livelihoods programme
- Community ownership and sustainability
- Building partnerships with wins for all partners
- Multi-tiered with synergies among tiers
- High return on low investment (\$)
- Use of anecdotal and scientific information
- Simple, friendly toolkit
- Exit strategy
- Duplication- Building Kabara community capacity, as well as other Fiji NGO/ CBO capacity to implement Climate Witness projects
- Prioritisation of other no regrets options require further analysis to leverage assistance for implementation



Challenges

- Mainly logistical- very high transport costs, mis-match in timing of government and Global Green Grants
- Using the network of Climate Witnesses to influence climate change policy/ decisions- How?





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