

Loru Forest Project



Loru project launched: 2013
Credits verified: 2016

EQUATOR INITIATIVE

In the northeast of Espiritu Santo, the Serakar Clan are the traditional custodians of a small but important section of remnant rainforest that connects the community with the sea. They have chosen to protect their rainforest from land-clearing and coconut plantations.

Nakau worked with the community to protect the Loru Community Conservation Area under the Vanuatu Environment Protection and Biodiversity Act (2010), and to develop forest conservation carbon credits and agroforestry as alternative sources of income using the Nakau Methodology.

Now the community are receiving payments from their forest conservation credits and the sale of garden produce which is grown in plots alongside the protected forest.

293 hectares
of rainforest
protected

26,504 tonnes CO₂ verified
emissions reductions since
the project commenced

**3,029 carbon
credits** generated
each year

130 community members
supported to protect rainforest
and develop alternative incomes.



The Loru rainforest provides critical habitat for the threatened Vanuatu megapode, and the unique and threatened coconut crab.



The area is also home to several endemic birds including Vanuatu kingfishers, flycatchers, fruit doves, White-eyes, Imperial pigeons and Golden whistlers.



The Loru Rainforest Project uses the Nakau Methodology. Live and Learn Vanuatu is the implementing partner and the project is verified by the Plan Vivo Standard.

