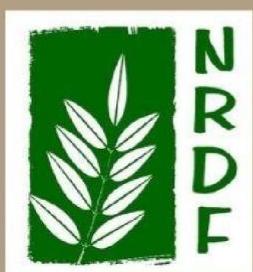




# Babatana Rainforest Conservation Project

Annual Report 2015 - 2019

An Improved Forest Management Project at Babatana, Choiseul,  
Solomon Islands



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# Babatana Rainforest Conservation Project: Sirebe Inception Annual Report 2015-2019

## SUMMARY

Submitted by: The Nakau Programme Pty Ltd (Programme Operator)

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<b>Project overview</b>	
Reporting period	1 January 2015 – 31 December 2019 (5 vintages)
Geographical areas	Babatana Area, South-West Choiseul, Choiseul Province, Solomon Islands
Technical specifications in use	Technical Specifications Module (C) 1.1 (IFM:LtPF) Improved Forest Management – Logged to Protected Forest V1.0. D2.1.1 v2.0, 20151009.

<b>Project indicators</b>	<b>Historical</b>	<b>Added/ Issued this period 2015 - 2019</b>	<b>Total</b>
No. smallholder households with PES agreements	Not applicable	Not applicable	Not applicable
No. community groups with PES agreements (where applicable) by Dec 2020	0	1	1
Approximate number of households in these community groups	0	27	27
Area under management (ha) where PES agreements are in place	0	806.19	806.19
Total PES payments made to participants (USD)	0	0	0
Total sum held in trust for future PES payments (USD)	0	0	0
Plan Vivo Certificates (PVCs) issued	0	87,115	87,115
Allocation to Plan Vivo buffer to date	0	21,780	21,780
Unsold Stock at time of submission (PVC)			0

<b>Plan Vivo Certificates (PVCs) requested for issuance this reporting period</b>	87,115
Available for future issuance (REDD only)	0

## PART A: PROJECT UPDATES

**A1 Key events**

- This is the first Annual Report
- PES Agreement signed with the Sirebe Tribe (Sirebe Company Ltd)
- NRDF and Vuri, Padazaka, Siporae, Lukulobere, Sirebe, signed project development agreements.
- Sirebe Tribal Area Protected Area Management Plan submitted to the Solomon Islands Government.
- Sirebe Tribal Area, Protected Area Management Plan approved by the Solomon Islands Government.
- Sirebe formally established their tribal area as a Protected Area under the Protected Area Act 2010.
- Siporae formally established their tribal area as a Protected Area under the Protected Area Act 2010.
- Babatana Rainforest Conservation Project - Project Descriptions Part A and Part B 17062021 validated.
- Workshop series conducted, including activities about the Research in Aspiration and Perceptions (RAP), to allow for a two-way flow of information between the project coordinator and the communities.
- Sirebe Tribal Association established the Sirebe Community Company under legislation.
- Sirebe Community Company developed a Community Business Plan, which includes the project operational budget and benefit sharing in the community.
- Sirebe Tribal Association formed the Protected Area Management Committee.
- Biodiversity inventory was conducted in 2009 and 2014 for the Babatana Area, including the Sirebe Protected Area.
- First Issuance Request sought.

**A2 Successes and challenges**

- Sirebe became the first tribal landowning group to have their land registered as Protected Area in Solomon Islands.
- Funding has been secured from GIZ to support the development of the project material.
- Funding has been secured from GIZ to improve the monitoring systems and data collection for the forest rangers.

**A3 Project developments**

- Nothing to report at this stage apart from events listed in A1 above.

**A4**

**Future developments**

- Padezaka, Vuri and Garasa to have Protected Area status recognised
- New sub-projects are expected to join the Babatana Rainforest Conservation project in 2021

## PART B: PROJECT ACTIVITIES

### B1 Project activities generating Plan Vivo Certificates

**Table 3: Project activity summary**

Name of technical specification	Area (Ha)	No smallholder households	No Community Groups
Technical Specifications Module (C) 1.1 (IFM:LtPF) Improved Forest Management – Logged to Protected Forest V1.0. D2.1.1 v2.0, 20151009.	806.19 ha	27	1: Sirebe Tribal Association

### B2 Project activities in addition to those generating Plan Vivo Certificates

- Establishment of ranger station and Sirebe Tribal Association/company office
- Establishment of Women's Saving Groups

## PART C: PLAN VIVO CERTIFICATE ISSUANCE SUBMISSION

### C1 Contractual statement

- This issuance is based on signed PES agreement between the Project Owner (represented by the project owner community business – Sirebe Community Company Ltd.) and the Project Coordinator (Natural Resources Development Fund) Solomon Islands, with participants complying with all the minimum requirements stated in this agreement.

### C2(b) Issuance request for projects where issuance is made on the basis of ongoing activities on land already managed by the project (e.g. avoided deforestation, calculated *ex-post*)

**Table 5: Statement of tCO<sub>2</sub> reductions available for issuance as Plan Vivo Certificates based on activity for reporting period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2015 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019**

Area ID	Total area (ha)	Tech. Spec	Saleable ER's (tCO <sub>2</sub> ) available from previous periods	Total ER's (tCO <sub>2</sub> ) achieved this period*	% Buffer	No. of PVCs allocated to buffer from ER's achieved this period*	Saleable ER's (tCO <sub>2</sub> ) from this period*	Issuance request (PVCs)*	ER's (tCO <sub>2</sub> ) available for future issuances
Sirebe	806.19	TS Module (C) AD-LtPF	0	108,895	20	21,780	87,115	87,115	0
Padezaka	5782 est	TS Module (C) AD-LtPF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garasa	2188 est	TS Module (C) AD-LtPF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Siporae	666 est	TS Module (C) AD-LtPF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lukulobere	655 est	TS Module (C) AD-LtPF							

Miqusava	2897 est	TS Module (C) AD-LtPF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Batongo	2753 est	TS Module (C) AD-LtPF	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>			0	<b>108,895</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21,780</b>	<b>87,115</b>	<b>87,115</b>	0

\*Number of tCO<sub>2</sub> sequestered or avoided emission through participants' activities in previous reporting periods which have not yet been issued as PVCs

\*\* Number of tCO<sub>2</sub> sequestered or avoided emission through participants' activities this reporting period

### C3 Allocation of issuance request

**Table 6: Allocation of issuance request**

Buyer name/ Unsold Stock	No. PVCs transacted	Registry ID (if available) or Project ID if destined for Unsold Stock	Tech spec(s) associated with issuance
<i>Unsold Stock</i>			Technical Specifications Module (C) 1.1 (IFM:LtPF) Improved Forest Management – Logged to Protected Forest V1.0. D2.1.1 v2.0, 20151009.
<b>TOTAL</b>			

### C4 Data to support issuance request

- Monitoring data for areas of land and participants which support this issuance request is provided in Annex 1. Babatana (Sirebe) Monitoring Report 1 D3.3 (1) v1.1 17062021.

## PART D: SALES OF PLAN VIVO CERTIFICATES

### D1: Sales of Plan Vivo Certificates

None sold because this is first issuance.

**Table 7: Sales of Plan Vivo Certificates**

Vintage	Buyer	No of PVCs	Price per PVC (\$)*	Total sale amount (\$)*	Price to participants per PVC (\$)*	% Sale price received by participants
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

\*Pricing reported for internal monitoring purposes only. Pricing information will be removed from the final published document.

## PART E: MONITORING RESULTS

### E1: Ecosystem services monitoring

- Monitoring results that supports the request for new issuances is provided in annex 1.
- No PVC units have been previously issued.
- All monitoring targets were met.
- No corrective actions remain outstanding.

### E2: Maintaining commitments

- No participants have resigned or been removed from the project.

### E3: Socioeconomic monitoring

- Results of monitoring of socioeconomic impacts according to our monitoring plan for the reporting period are provided in annex 1 and are also available in the Babatana (Sirebe) Monitoring Report 2020, D3.3 (1) v1.2 17062021.

### E4: Environmental and biodiversity monitoring

- Results of monitoring of biodiversity impacts according to our monitoring plan for the reporting period are provided in annex 1.

## PART F: IMPACTS

### F1: Evidence of outcomes

## PART G: PAYMENTS FOR ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

### G1: Summary of PES by year

- No payments have been made to date because this is the first issuance of PVC units.

**Table 8: Summary of payments made and held in trust**

1. Reporting year (mm/yy – mm/yy)	2. Total previous payments (previous reporting periods)	3. Total ongoing payments (in this reporting period)	4. Total payments made (2+3)	5. Total payments held in trust	6. Total payments withheld
n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>TOTAL</b>					

## PART H: ONGOING PARTICIPATION

### H1: Recruitment

- The only recruitment in this reporting period has been the recruitment of the Sirebe Tribal Association (STA).
- The Siporae tribe has also protected their tribal area under the Protect Area Act 2010.
- Padezaka, Garasa, Vuri and Lukulobere tribal groups have all signed project development agreements and with the anticipation of protecting their tribal land
- Sirebe, Vuri, Siporae and Garasa have established tribal associations.

**H2: Project Potential**

- It is anticipated that the Vuri Clan, Siporae Tribe, Padezaka Tribe, Lukulobere Tribe and the Garasa Tribe, will all join the Babatana Grouped Project in the near future.

**H3: Community participation**

- Community meetings held throughout this reporting period are described in Section 3.1.6 of the Project Description Part A and associated evidence requirements and are restricted to meetings required for PD development and monitoring for the first ex post issuance. All meeting outcomes have been audited by the on-site validation and verification audits undertaken for this project.
- Project Description Part B 8.2 describes community participation in the project and outlines the social monitoring that will take place over the projects monitoring periods.
- At the outset of the project, the Sirebe community has set a positive base which is available in section 3 in the Babatana (Sirebe) Monitoring Report D3.3 (1) v1.2 17062021.
- The baseline describes that 92% of the community can access information about the Sirebe Project and further trust the project.
- Of the households interviewed, 62% of the community are directly involved with PES activities, mainly through committee membership.
- Ninety-two percent of the community feels that the PES project is benefiting the community.

## PART I: PROJECT OPERATING COSTS

### I1: Allocation of costs

Project annual running costs	SBD	USD
1. Salaries		
1.1 Operational Manager	10,000.00	1,297.02
1.2 Financial Manager	7,000.00	907.91
1.3 Rangers	12,000.00	1,556.42
1.4 Inspector	1,000.00	129.70
2. Travel (Taro/Gizo)	10,000.00	1,297.02
3. Travel/Transport to/from PA	4,500.00	583.66
4. Office operations (consumables)	2,000.00	259.40
5. Ranger house maintenance & equip.	2,000.00	259.40
6. Rangers equipments	5,000.00	648.51
7. Communication (Phone/Internet)	500.00	64.85
8. Quarterly project meetings (4)	1,000.00	129.70
9. Annual Project Workshop (1)	3,000.00	389.11
10. PA Committee meetings (2)	1,000.00	129.70
11. Association Executive meetings (2)	1,000.00	129.70
12. Miscellaneous (Bank fees)	500.00	64.85
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,500.00</b>	<b>7,846.95</b>

### SIREBE CASHFLOW PROJECTION

Annual PES Credits Produced (Average)	10,600				
Payment to Association per credit sold (SBD)	\$ 33.60				
Percentage of units sold	12%	25%	50%	75%	100%
Number of units sold	1,272.00	2,650.00	5,300.00	7,950.00	10,600.00
Cash receipts from sales (SBD)	42,739.20	89,040.00	178,080.00	267,120.00	356,160.00
Project total Income	<b>42,739.20</b>	<b>89,040.00</b>	<b>178,080.00</b>	<b>267,120.00</b>	<b>356,160.00</b>
Project annual running costs					
1. Salaries					

1.1 Operational Manager	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
1.2 Financial Manager	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00	7,000.00
1.3 Rangers	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
1.4 Inspector	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
2. Travel (Taro/Gizo)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
3. Travel/Transport to/from PA	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00
4. Office operations (consumables)	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
5. Ranger house maintenance & equip.	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
6. Rangers equipments	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
7. Communication (Phone/Internet)	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
8. Quarterly project meetings (4)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
9. Annual Project Workshop (1)	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
10. PA Committee meetings (2)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
11. Association Executive meetings (2)	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
12. Miscellaneous (Bank fees)	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
<b>Project Costs Total</b>	<b>60,500.00</b>	<b>60,500.00</b>	<b>60,500.00</b>	<b>60,500.00</b>	<b>60,500.00</b>
<b>Net Cash flow (Profit/Loss)</b>	<b>- 17,760.80</b>	<b>28,540.00</b>	<b>117,580.00</b>	<b>206,620.00</b>	<b>295,660.00</b>

Note1: In year 1 SBD 60,500 is set for reserve account

Note 2: Average price per credit USD7 (60%)

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## Annex 1. Monitoring Results For Issuance Request

Supplied as a separate document

