

Darwin Initiative Annual Report

Important note:

To be completed with reference to the Reporting Guidance Notes for Project Leaders – it is expected that this report will be about 10 pages in length, excluding annexes

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Darwin Project Information

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1. Project Background

BirdLife International Fiji Programme works in collaboration with the Pacific Partnership Secretariat in the Fiji Islands. The BirdLife International Fiji Programme was established in Fiji in 2002 and received its first grant from Darwin Initiative for the identification of Important Bird Areas (IBAs) as internationally recognised priority sites for biodiversity. Fourteen sites were identified at the end of the project, and the outcome and findings from the project resulted in the publication *Important Bird Areas in Fiji, Conserving Fiji's natural heritage*. Conservation programmes were subsequently developed on four of 14 IBA sites, and the current Darwin project was started contiguously from the end of an Australian Government's Regional Natural Heritage Programme (RNHP) project implemented between 2005 and 2006 which Initiated community based conservation. This Darwin project is working on four IBAs: FJ03 Natewa/Tunuloa Peninsula, FJ04 Taveuni Highlands, FJ12 Nabukelevu and FJ13 East Kadavu.

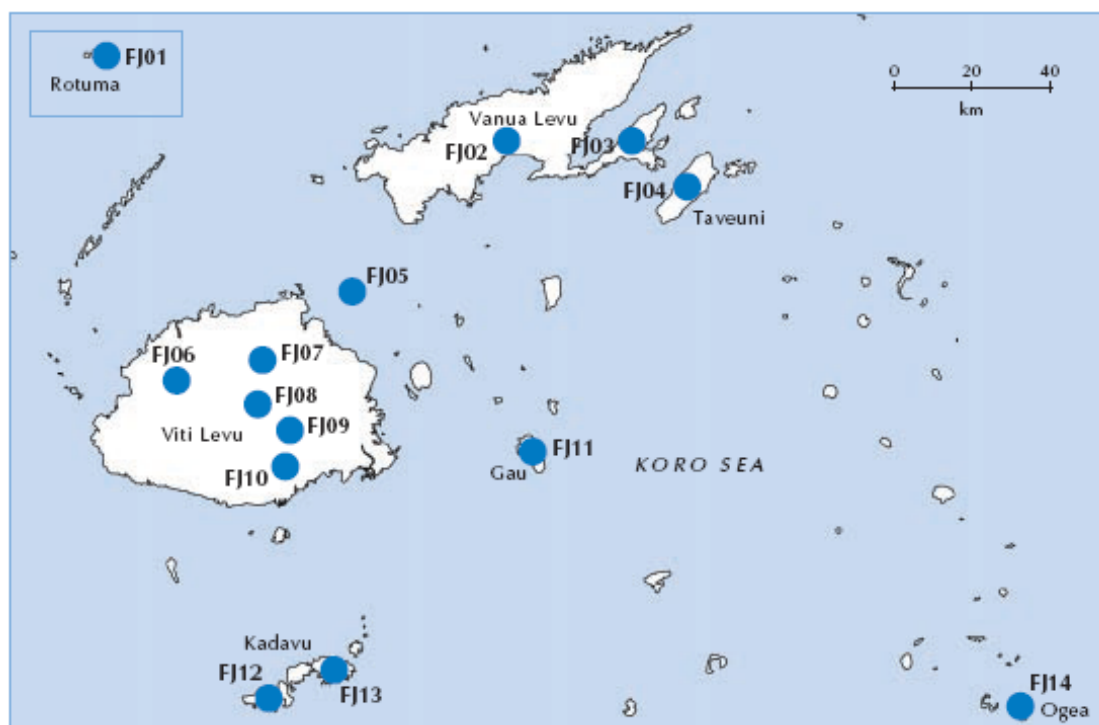
The problem the project seeks to address is the lack of capacity to develop, manage and monitor protected areas in Fiji. The project aims to provide training in key areas to young conservational professional and develop model conservation areas on the four sites.

The project is run in parallel with three other projects being implemented by the BirdLife International Fiji Team.

- One project undertaking the restoration of smaller islands by the eradication of alien species (primarily rats)

- one project identifying internationally and nationally important seabird islands and assessing priorities for island restoration
- One small project component to undertake survey and community awareness work in order to attempt to relocate the critically endangered Red-throated Lorikeet

The capacity building and site based conservation elements of the Darwin project are highly complementary to the other projects making up the Fiji Programme.



Location of Important Bird Areas in Fiji

2. Project Partnerships

The BirdLife International Fiji Programme is supported by the BirdLife International Cambridge Secretariat and by the Pacific Partnership Secretariat. The Fiji Programme is staffed by five Fijian conservationists (four being recent graduates on first or second vocational jobs). The Pacific Secretariat has six staff (a Director, two project managers/ technical advisors, a finance manager and an Administrative Assistant and has recently employed a Development Manager.

Revised List of Partners: An updated list of partners was submitted in response to the 07 report review but is included here to clarify important changes particularly in the Fiji Government structure.

University of the South Pacific (USP): remains a lead partner in the project with two students supported financially and technically and one student given technical support and BirdLife International staff have an involvement in lecture courses.

USP includes the *Institute of Applied Science (IAS)* a semi-independent research institute. Under IAS is the *Fiji Locally Managed Marine Protected Areas (FLMMA)*. In turn under FLMMA is *Cakodove Yabula Management Team (CYMST)* and *Kadavu Yabula Management Team (KYMST)*, both essentially provincial chapters of FLMMA covering the Natewa Peninsula (Cakodrove) and Kadavu respectively.

Department of Environment within the *Ministry of Lands, Mineral Resources and Environment:* DoE is a key partner; over the year the department was moved from the *Ministry of Tourism and Environment* the 4th move for the department since the start of the project and is a part of the wide ranging and repeated restructuring undertaken by the Interim Government. This has clearly impacted on the department. However, key contacts, namely the Principal Environment

Officer (Manasa Sovaki) and Senior Environmental Officer (Eleni Tokaduadua) have remained in office. DOE is the CBD focal point and liaises closely with BirdLife International, for example attends workshops, sits on the Project Steering Committee and holds regular liaison meetings. Despite very low staffing levels and limited capacity, DoE does much to facilitate BirdLife work and are very supportive, but does not have the capacity in terms of staffing levels or budgets to undertake significant actions required to meet the NBSAP objectives.

Ministry of Fisheries and Forests, and specifically Department of Forestry, has not been restructured but has undergone internal changes. The previous “Acting Conservator of Forests resigned her position in December 07 and was replaced by a new Conservator (Samu Lagitaki). Despite being pro-conservation, it had proven virtually impossible to engage the previous Conservator (for example she had never attended a Project steering committee meeting). The new conservator has been already engaged and is participating in a new PA forum.

Conservation International Fiji Program and National Trust of Fiji (NTF, now a statutory agency) are working in partnership to develop a protected area in the Sovi Basin; NTF also manages a number of other sites. The National has become increasingly involved in the project and supportive of development of a Protected Area Network, in particular developing “National Parks legislation”

Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Programme (SPREP); we continue to work with SPREP through the Birds Working Group and under a Memorandum of Understanding signed in January 2007.

BirdLife International's Pacific Islands' Regional Partners: *The Ipukarea Society (TIS, Cook Islands)*; *Dick Watling / Fiji Programme (Fiji)*; *Société d'Ornithologie de Polynésie – MANU (French Polynesia)*; *Société Calédonienne d'Ornithologie (New Caledonia)*; *Palau Conservation Society (Palau)* and *O Le Siosiomaga Society (Samoa)*. Regional skill-sharing is one of the great strengths of this project, with staff from partners participating in exchanges; the Fiji model is being used by partners to develop site-based conservation programmes following the IBA process. We have recently received requests for Fiji Team staff to support training activities in New Caledonia and Samoa.

New Partners:

NatureFiji – Mareqeti. Viti is a new conservation NGO launched in 2007 with the aim of protecting Fiji's terrestrial biodiversity. To date this is the only national NGO focussed on biodiversity conservation. Birdlife International has supported the development of a strategic plan (based on the NBSAP) and supported the development of a small portfolio of projects.

The Wetland Trust is a small, UK-based NGO with significant technical capacity in ornithological methodologies; the Trust trained the Fiji Programme Manager in bird banding.

RSPB – is Birdlife International's Partner in the UK, the organisation does not have a focus in the Pacific (outside Pitcairn Island). However, one sabbatical has supported the project activities and placement of one Fijian conservation professional on a reserve is being planned.

IUCN Oceania Regional Office, opened in 2007, and has provided legal advice for protected area options and designations. Through this process, IUCN has become a key player in an emerging PA constituency.

World Wildlife Fund Fiji Programme and *Wildlife Conservation Society* – remain focussed on marine projects. However, staffs participate in workshops.

Progress and Challenges with Partnerships

Within Fiji is a strong International NGO presence with significant project funding and a relatively weak Government sector resulting in an unusual partner balance. One of the main

difficulties encountered this year was engagement of DoF at a senior policy level (participation at a field officer level was good).

On a positive aspect the implementation of project activities have facilitated the formation of a small constituency supporting PA development. This process has been led by the National Trust of Fiji, IUCN, CI and BirdLife International and has engaged Government Departments. The plan over the next 6-months is to attempt to establish a PA Advisory Group to sit under the National Environment Council. Ideally this will act as precursor to a PA Management Board.

Two other Darwin funded projects are currently being implemented in Fiji: Insect Inventories for Biodiversity Assessment 15007 and Distance Learning for Biodiversity Conservation. Both offer potential synergies that should be explored to a greater extent than they have been to date.

3. Project progress

Over all project progress has been good, community engagement and promotion of community based protected areas has been good and three communities are now engaged, two are sufficiently established that management planning and protected area options may be developed. The development of a monitoring framework and draft monitoring report has been good and drafts are ready to be reviewed and disseminated and various training and capacity building activities have continued. The only area that has not progress as quickly as planned is the engagement of the Department of Forestry over management planning processes.

3.1 Progress in carrying out project activities

Activity 1 Models of Community Based Protected Areas Available for Stakeholders

1.1 Engagement meetings at priority sites with key land owning communities and other stakeholders

Community meetings have been held at all four project sites. Two meetings were held with representatives of the five land owning clans in Vosasivo village, FJ03 Natewa and the purpose of the meetings was to discuss resource-raising for community-managed projects and capacity building for the land owning communities. Other outcomes from the meetings held include the naming of the SSG to *Sisi Initiative*, and the resolution to have BLFP assist in developing community-based projects for sustainable resource use and management within the IBA. Two meetings were held at FJ13 East Kadavu in June and August respectively, and BLFP presented at both meetings. The presentation was an informative one on the Kadavu IBAs and the need to progress towards Protected Areas. Engagement with the respective *Roko Tuis* (elected Provincial Council Head-person) at Provincial offices at both Kadavu (FJ12 & FJ13) & Cakaudrove (FJ03 & FJ04) has achieved support for forest conservation. Meeting reports held at village & district levels have been made available to the respective Provincial offices.

1.2 PLAs are undertaken with priority landowning communities

A PLA is being planned with the Institute of Applied Sciences, to be held on FJ12 & FJ13, Kadavu in May 08. PLAs have been previously undertaken on the other project sites in 2006.

1.3 Community groups are formed and objectives agreed

A Site Support Group (SSG) has been established at FJ12 Nabukelevu, Kadavu in December 07 (second for the project). The SSG was formed following a community workshop, and representatives in the SSG were chosen by community members themselves. The SSG for the Natewa Peninsular has remained committed to conserving forest within the IBA; this includes the refusal of financial returns offered by a logging company, for logging within the agreed protected forest.

1.4 Options for PA models are assessed and agreed

Work was undertaken in partnership with IUCN to undertake a review of PA options in Fiji – and this was taken forwards to a meeting of key stakeholders in March 08

1.5 Protected area models are developed on priority sites

This is an activity planned for Year 3 of the project.

Activity 2: Management Plans for Priority IBAs

2.1 Consultation undertaken with key stakeholders in government including Dept of Environment and Dept of Forestry

Meetings were held in Oct 07 with Forestry officials in the Northern Division, where two of the project sites are located, FJ03 & FJ04. This was a wider information and engagement meeting to complement an initial engagement meeting held in the southern division in the previous year. Both received positive feed back.

However, further engagement of forestry staff at higher levels has proven difficult and for example Forestry staffs have not attended Project steering group meetings. Towards the end of the period the New Conservator of Forests has engaged and expressed for PAs and management planning processes. Engagement with the DoF to adopt the plans, and as required to seek resources is a priority activity for 08/09

Department of Environment continues to support the project and has invited BirdLife is a member of the National Environment Council, and DoE is an active member of BirdLife's Project Steering Committee. BirdLife has been invited on numerous occasions by the Dept of Environment to attend consultation forums; one in particular was a presentation at the launching of the Fiji Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in September '07.

2.2 Communities engaged and informed over management planning

Meetings held in Vosasivo village, FJ03 Natewa involved discussions on how communities could progress further with protected areas and the use and management of resources within the protected area. A meeting with some clan representatives of FJ04 Taveuni IBA took place in Lavena village in May 07. The meeting was called to discuss issues about unmonitored entry into the reserves, thus reiterating the need for an effective management plan to be implemented. The taking forwards of management planning principals to develop community owned PA / resource management plans are key activities for 08/09

2.3 Expert advice used to develop management plan priorities and format

A UK expert (John Parr) has been contracted to visit Fiji in April 08 to undertake training and develop a management planning template suitable for the local context.

2.4 Management plans are drafted and agreed by key stakeholders

Management plans for the Statutory Nature and Forest reserves in FJ04, Taveuni have not yet been agreed by key stakeholders since there has not been a response from the leading authorities at the Department of Forestry

2.5 Plans are resourced and implemented

This is an activity planned for Year 3 of the project.

Activity 3 Information on biodiversity change and threats is available to stakeholders

3.1 Monitoring framework developed for IBAs in Fiji based on global IBA framework

A draft monitoring framework for IBAs in Fiji based on the BirdLife global IBA Monitoring Framework has been produced. The framework contains the standardised way to assess and assign scores for; the status and trends of biodiversity in IBAs ('state'), the threats occurring in the site ('pressure') and the conservation actions that have been implemented ('responses'). The document will be further refined with support from UK based staff and circulated for adoption.

3.2 Data sources accessed and information analysed for baseline

A preliminary baseline inventory of the status of all 14 IBAs in Fiji has been compiled and will be refined and disseminated in parallel with the Monitoring Framework

3.3 Students undertake research on species richness and forest management and inform indicator based monitoring

Two Darwin-sponsored MSc students have completed their field work and analysis of data. First drafts of their theses are with their internal supervisors, Progress reports were submitted in March 08. Both Students are scheduled to complete by June 08

3.4 Methodology for detailed indicator based monitoring produced

The use of indicator based monitoring will be based on the findings of the Students research projects and will be investigated in year 3

Activity 4: Enhanced Capacity of Government and Civil Society to implement effective PA management

4.1 Steering Committee convened and meets on regular basis: training needs agreed and orientation agreed

Two Project Steering Committee meetings convened. Participating members include: Dr Dick Watling (Birdlife Affiliate), Dr Bill Aarbersberg (Director IAS), Dr Linton Winder USP, Manasa Sovaki (DOE), Robin Yarrow (NTF – Director) and Elizabeth Erasito (NTF CEO). DOF sent a Consultant to one meeting. Linton Winder stepped down and the PSG will co-opt a replacement

4.2 Project implementation team developed to implement project

The Project Implementation Team (PIT) established in year-1; consists of 3 staff, a Senior Conservation Officer, Conservation Officer and a Conservation Assistant. The PIT works closely with the team working on island restoration projects. All staff undertook an annual performance appraisal and risk assessment in Jan 08.

4.3 Hands on training of implementing team by Technical Advisor

Specific areas of practical training provided by the Technical Advisor include project management, fundraising, project proposal writing & reporting. Five staffs have received in-house training in accessing the World Bird Database (WBDB) and more opportunities are being sought to enhance skills in the BirdLife Fiji office.

4.4 Training programme for communities designed and implemented

A community conservation booklet has been drafted in the Fijian vernacular. This, alongside other training tools for conservation will be incorporated into a training programme for communities at the project sites. The training programme will be designed and produced in Year 3 of project.

4.5 Two students recruited and trained

Two Darwin-funded students received ongoing training a third Masters student from the USP has also received sought technical assistance from the BirdLife Fiji Programme for a project examining divergence in forest birds. All three have received training from the Fiji staff in bird identification or mist netting and progress of their work is monitored through regular updates to BirdLife and the Project Steering Committee

4.6 Fundraising training workshop undertaken and fundraising manual produced

A 4-day fundraising workshop was held in June 07 and was facilitated by Caroline Pridham Programme Development Officer from the BirdLife Global Secretariat in the UK. Two concept papers were developed at the workshop for the GEF Small Grants Programme. A follow-up fundraising workshop was held in March 08 facilitated by the STA and new Development Manager. A fundraising manual was drafted after the first workshop and was reviewed during the second workshop. This is currently in press. Materials from both the workshops, including a CD have been disseminated.

4.7 Protected area management workshop and manual produced

A workshop has been scheduled for April 08 and will be reported against in Year 3 of project.

4.8 IBA monitoring workshop and manual produced

This is an activity planned for Year 3 of the project.

4.9 Advocacy materials produced

Two leaflets produced: on FJ03 Natewa & FJ04 Taveuni IBAs (Fijian language) and globally threatened birds the English. The Fiji Programme also produced a poster to inform communities of the critically endangered Red throated lorikeet. Materials have been disseminated extensively throughout priority sites and to concerned stakeholders.

Leaflet on Kadavu forest to be produced and wider dissemination to schools and to use the materials for educational programmes.

4.10 Media profile maintained

The Fiji Programme has maintained its success in raising its media profile with a total of 12 press releases over the last year. The Senior Conservation Officer has twice been interviewed live on radio, for the protection of biodiversity through eradication of invasive species and for the enlisting of Fiji's endemic Long legged warbler to the United States Fish & Wildlife Service as an endangered bird facing extinction.

4.11 National secondment opportunities identified and secondments developed between NGOs and government

A Forest Ranger from Colo-I-Suva Park spent several weeks supporting the Darwin sponsored students in their field-work. Opportunities for productive staff secondments will be examined during 2008/09.

4.12 Regional and International network meetings attended

The Senior Conservation Officer attended Birdlife International Pacific Partnership Meeting in Palau in May 07 and the Pacific Invasives Learning Network in French Polynesia in Sept 07 and presented on the Forest Conservation Project and the Senior Technical Advisor attended and presented at the Nature Conservation Conference in PNG, Oct 07.

4.13 International and regional exchanges/ training visits undertaken

A staff member from the *Société Calédonienne d'Ornithologie* (SCO) of New Caledonia accompanied the BirdLife Fiji Team on a field visit in Aug 07. Two staff from the Fiji Programme attended a 2-week 'Island Species Led Action' course in Guam, USA in Feb 08. Milly Vukunisiga has won a follow-up grant to disseminate lessons learnt and give an introduction to Community PA development during a 10-day mission to New Caledonia in 2008.

Tuverea Tuamotu (Conservation Assistant) has applied for a Darwin Scholarship to FSC and will also undertake training in ornithological methods, IBA monitoring and data management and reserve management in the UK.

3.2 Progress towards Project Outputs

1. Models of community based terrestrial protected areas

1.1 Progress has been made on three sites towards the development of community managed PAs. Communities on two sites FJ12 Nabukelevu and Natewa have formed Site Support Groups (SSGs) and declared "forest protected." Progress has been slower on East Kadavu IBA. Initially several communities have been engaged but have shown little interest in forest protection. However, meetings have solicited interest from one community opening up opportunities to develop an initial community PA. Local government support from the Kadavu Provincial office to move towards protecting forests has been very positive.

1.2 One of the key challenges of the development of community based protected areas in Fiji is the lack of clear pathway for the legal protection of land. A report on the options for protecting land or "PA legal options" has been produced in partnership with IUCN. This is essentially an analysis of options that may be used to protect land including statutory reserves, leases and

covenants. This acts a guide to conservation practitioners for the legal and enforceable land conservationists and can be presented to communities interested in protecting land. The document also acts a gap analysis, highlighting the limitations of current legislative frameworks and provides a basis for the drafting of new PA legislation. Significant progress has been made from the community engagement side with communities ‘declaring’ PAs. The key over the next year will be to move community declarations towards more sustainable ways of protecting land.

The assumptions remain valid

2. Management plans for priority IBAs

2.1. A draft management plan was produced in the first project-year by Dick Watling for F04 Taveuni Forest Reserve with the endorsement of the Department of Forestry (DoF) at that time. However, with subsequent staff changes and difficulty in engaging more senior DoF over the year the draft plan has not been taken forwards or adopted. However, more positive engagement with the new Conservator of Forests indicates that the conditions are more suitable for the promotion of management plans. This will be a priority activity for 2008/9.

2.2 Management planning training scheduled for April 08 and this workshop will be used to develop model for management planning for community PAs. The development of management plans will be undertaken during 2008/09.

The assumptions remain valid.

3. Information on Biodiversity change and threats is available to key stakeholders to inform decision making

3.1 A draft IBA monitoring framework for Fiji has been circulated to the Project Steering Committee members for comments. This will be refined with expert input and published and disseminated. A provisional baseline IBA report has been drafted using “broad brush data” in accordance with IBA monitoring guidelines. This will also be circulated for expert and peer review.

3.2 Research by the two Darwin students will contribute to the assessment of indicator species and inform detailed monitoring on selected sites to gather baseline data. This work will build on the findings of the previous Darwin Initiative Project (162/11/022) sponsored student who demonstrated the most suitable time to undertake surveys and collect consistent data was July – October. Monitoring will be conducted during the 2008/09 breeding season.

Assumptions remain valid

4. Enhanced capacity of government and civil society to implement effective PA management

4.1 Conservation professionals have been trained in key areas. Fundraising was the main training focus with two workshops held and participation from NGOs, students and community groups (20 and 13 participants). On going support in fundraising has been given to conservation practitioners resulting in two GEF (SGP) concepts being submitted and several other proposals being developed and submitted to other donors. Training in other key areas, has been provided as hands on training, this has included logframe design, project planning, project management, bird survey, IBA monitoring, database management (WBDB), GIS, project reporting. Three conservationists have received international training in species led conservation and invasive species management. Training activities have been completed as planned, and training in IBA monitoring is the main training focus for the third year of the project.

4.2 Conservation professionals who have received training in proposal writing and fundraising are assisting community groups in FJ03 & FJ12 develop specific community-based projects with activities leading to sustainable use and management of resources. Taking forwards lessons on management planning, protected area options and monitoring to Site support groups will be undertaken over the next year.

4.3 National capacity, perhaps better described as a “constituency promoting protected areas” has historically been lacking in Fiji. Over and above the development of individual skills of conservation professionals, project activities have catalysed discussions on the development of a Protected Area Technical Group. The lead has been taken by the National Trust of Fiji (a Statutory Agency with management responsibility), supported by IUCN. Early discussions have engaged DoF and DoE as well as IUCN, CI and BirdLife. Options being examined include the formation of a formal PA Technical Committee to sit under the National Environment Committee with the purpose of developing a PA or Parks Board in the longer term

Assumptions remain valid.

3.3 Standard Measures

Table 1 Project Standard Output Measures

| Code No. | Description | Year 1 Total | Year 2 Total | Total to date | Total |
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| 15A | Press releases in Fiji at milestones & outputs (x c18) | 12 | x12 (10 in Annex 3) | 24 | 18 |
| 15C | UK press releases at each major milestone (x c4) | 4 | | 4 | 4 |
| 18A | National TV stations contacted at each major milestone (x c8) | 2 | | 2 | 8 |
| 19A | National radio contact at each presentation/output (x c12) | 3 | x3, <i>Domo ni Vanua</i> Fijian language programme on Radio FJ1 Oct 07; 15 min interview Radio Australia Oct 07; 15 min interview Radio FJ1 Mar 08 | 6 | 12 |
| 8 | UK staff and consultants visit region for training (x6) | 1 | x3 Fundraising expert (BL Secretariat) in Fiji to conduct Fundraising Workshop June 07; Fundraiser in Fiji to conduct follow-up proposal writing training Mar 08; MP consultant in Fiji to conduct Management Planning Workshop Apr 08 | 4 | 6 |
| 5 | Full time <i>Darwin IBA Monitoring Officer</i> recruited, full time training of two existing staff commences | | Completed | | - |
| 6A | Exchanges / secondments with similar projects, 5 individuals, minimal total training c9mths. Nationalities, Fijian, Palauan, New Caledonian, French Polynesian | 4 | x1 Staff member from <i>Société Calédonienne d’Ornithologie</i> of New Caledonia accompanied BL Fiji Team on a survey to the Ringold Isles Aug 07 | 5 | 5 |
| 5 | 20x conservation professionals receive training in monitoring/ indicators/ fundraising/ PA management planning – Fijian | 9 | X20 professional receive fundraising training June 07 x1 FJ staff underwent training in French Polynesia Sept 07 x4 FJ staff receive WBDB practical training Oct 07 x2 FJ staff attended ISLA Course Guam Feb 08 | 30 | 20 |

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| | | | x13 Fijian conservation professionals received training in fundraising Mar 08 | | |
| 4A | 30x undergraduates receive training in monitoring/ indicators/ fundraising/ PA management planning Fijian or Pacific | | | 0 | 30 |
| 4C | 20 postgraduates receive training in monitoring/ indicators/ fundraising/ PA management planning Fijian or Pacific | 23 | x24 postgraduates USP students in BI442 lecture Oct 07 | 47 | 20 |
| 6A | 120 Community members receive training in monitoring/ indicators/ fundraising/ PA management planning Fijian | 77 | x6 community members received fundraising training June 07 | 83 | 120 |
| 14A | Conferences/ presentations to all stakeholders (incl. land-owners) x c18 | 6 | x1 FJ04 Community Presentation May 07 x1 Cakaudrove Provincial Council Mtng May 07 x1 FJ13 IBA Workshop June 07 x1 FJ13 District Council Mtng Aug 07 x1 FJ03 Committee Mtng Oct 07 x1 Cakaudrove Provincial Council Mtng Oct 07 x1 FJ03 Committee Mtng Dec 07 x1 FJ13 Community Presentation Mar 08 | 14 | 18 |
| 14B | Project results disseminated to all relevant gatherings x c12 | 8 | x1 Project results presented at BirdLife Pacific Partnership Mtng Palau May 07 x1 presentation to Pacific Invasives Initiative NZ July 07 x1 presentation to Acting Conservator of Forests July 07 x1 NBSAP Launch & Consultation Forum Sept 07 x1 Pacific Invasives Learning Network Mtng FP Sept 07 x1 presentation to Dept of Forestry, Labasa Oct 07 x1 Community conservation project presentation to ISLA Course Guam Feb 08 | 15 | 12 |
| 17A | Regional experts and institutions invited to contribute to project (PSG) and training syllabus disseminated | | Project Steering Committee 2 meetings held May 07 & Nov 07 | | - |
| 17B | National networking meetings (annual), regional training (minimum 1 meeting) results circulated | 2 | Participation in National Forest Inventory Consultation Sept 07 Presentation at National Resource Owners Workshop Nov 07 | 6 | 1 |

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| | | | Participation in Ozone Cartoon Book Consultation, Ministry of Environment Nov 07 Meeting with GEF (SGP) Dec 07 | | |
| Na | Enhancement of other similar networks (SPREP) x c12 Community groups MOA agreed and circulated | 3 | x1 Project results presented at SPREP Nature Conservation Conference PNG Oct 07 | 4 | 12 |
| 7 | Posters (x4) and leaflets (x4) aimed at communities in relevant themes and targeted to sites | 1 poster 1 leaflet | 1 poster & 2 leaflets Sept 2007 | 2P 3L | 4 posters 4 leaflets |
| 7 | Training manuals: fundraising handbook for professionals and communities (July 07) Management planning handbook (July 08) | | Fundraising Manual Mar 08 | | |
| na | Monitoring on ornithological methods (March 09) Fundraising strategies produced for each PA management plan x4 Funding proposals submitted x12 PA (resource management) plans published (x4) | | X4 PDCT, GEF SGP, ENTRP, Jensen Foundation (re-grant) | | 12 4 |
| Na | Central support group agreed and formalised (charter/MOAs) & progressively takes over active management | | | | |
| 2 | 2x Pacific students submit masters degrees on development of monitoring methodologies | | | | 2 |
| 7 | Training hand book on monitoring an ornithological methodologies | | | | |
| 11A/B | New methods and results published as reviewed papers x c3 | | | | 3 |
| 20 | Computers, office equipment and eqpt estimated at GBP 3, 675 | | Maintained | | |
| 23 | Total amount of co-finance raised for project est. at GBP 163, 317 | UKP 405K | | | |
| na | Total resources for project follow-ups – aiming for GBP 120, 000 | | | | |

In Table 2, provide full details of all publications and material produced over the last year that can be publicly accessed, eg title, name of publisher, contact details, cost. Mark (*) all publications and other material that you have included with this report.

Table 2 Publications

| Type * | Detail | Publishers | Available from | Cost FJD |
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| Article | *11 Bird species face extinction, June 2007 | Fiji Sun, Suva | | \$0.70 |
| Article | *BirdLife: Forest & Birds in Arbor Week, June 2007 | Fiji Times, Suva | http://www.fijitimes.com | \$0.70 |
| Article | * <i>Fiji Parrotfinch</i> , Kaila! Culture & Heritage Column, Apr 4-10 2007 | Fiji Times, Suva | http://www.fijitimes.com | \$0.50 |
| Article | * <i>Lesser Shrikebill</i> , Kaila! Culture & Heritage Column, Apr 18-24 2007 | Fiji Times, Suva | http://www.fijitimes.com | \$0.50 |
| Article | * <i>Fiji Bushwarbler</i> , Kaila! Culture & Heritage Column, Apr 25–May 1 2007 | Fiji Times, Suva | http://www.fijitimes.com | \$0.50 |
| Article | * <i>Silktail</i> , Kaila! Culture & Heritage Column, May 16-22 2007 | Fiji Times, Suva | http://www.fijitimes.com | \$0.50 |
| Article | Fundraising Workshop, <i>Na Mata</i> , Fijian vernacular publication, Qrtr II, 2007 | Ministry of Fijian Affairs, Suva | | |
| Article | *Mapping of BirdLife IBAs, GIS Newsletter, June 2007 | Pacific Islands Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) | | |
| Article | *Bird areas under threat, The Green Page, Sept 2007 | Fiji Sun, Suva | | \$0.70 |
| Article | *Birds are indicators of Environment, The Green Page, October 2007 | Fiji Sun, Suva | | \$0.70 |
| Article | *Fiji bird on USFWS endangered birds list, March 2008 | Fiji Times, Suva and US Embassy, Suva | http://www.fijitimes.com | \$0.70 |
| Article | Fiji bird on USFWS endangered birds list, <i>Nai Lalakai</i> , Fijian vernacular publication, March 2008 | Fiji Times, Suva | http://www.fijitimes.com | \$0.70 |

3.4 Progress towards the project purpose and outcomes

Management tools and capacity are enhanced to develop and sustainably manage protected areas on up to 4 priority terrestrial sites (IBAs) in Fiji

Management tools and capacity are, by and large, lacking in Fiji for the effective development and management of protected areas or PA networks. Significant inroads have been made in the development of capacity and skills in fundraising, community engagement, protected area options. A management planning tool kit will be an important addition during the next project year. The early development of a group promoting terrestrial PAs led by a statutory agency is significant and should be facilitated by the project.

Model community-managed protected areas are developed

Two SSGs are established with the purpose of protecting forest and potential exists to establish an additional conservation group on a third site. Two groups have declared PAs under the project to date. Management plans need to be developed with communities.

Management is enhanced on one existing statutory protected area

Management plan prepared but not promoted or adopted by DOF. Staff changes and project activities appear to have created a more enabling environment for this to be taken forwards

Baseline data and procedures are available for programme to monitor biodiversity change in 4 selected IBAs

The monitoring methodology has been prepared and draft plan produced and need to be peer reviewed and expert reviewed prior to adoption and promotion.

3.5 Progress towards impact on biodiversity, sustainable use or equitable sharing of biodiversity benefits

To date the project has achieved an impact against the Goal. Two areas of forest have been declared protected and accordingly the risk of logging on one site and the risk of agricultural encroachment on the second site are significantly reduced. These sites are of importance for a number of globally threatened species. Forest conservation on these sites is linked to water supply and quality, freshwater fisheries and forest products. Proposals being developed with communities are for small scale eco-tourism (Natewa) and sustainable agriculture (soil conservation) on Nabukulevu.

4. Monitoring, evaluation and lessons

Monitoring of activities and progress towards objectives continues to be undertaken through regular work planning meetings and 1:1 staff meetings. However, the main method of monitoring project progress is through the 6-monthly project steering group meetings. Financial management is undertaken by the Office Finance Manager and all transactions are signed off by the Regional Director (or a delegated manager in his absence)

Lessons learned:

- The project is complicated and challenging, working on a number of fronts and with communities, government agencies and NGOs and training in quite wide themes. To date the approach of giving hands on training and then applying it to practical situations appears to be working. For example the fundraising skills learned in a workshop experience have been used by local conservationists and mentored to produce real proposals.

- The revised logframe has eased project management, particularly work-planning and reporting substantially and there is not a perceived need to modify it extensively at this point in time
- Engendering the support of Government agencies is critical to the success and sustainability of the project results. However, the increasing interest in developing a technical group and the increased participation of government representatives of an appropriate seniority is a positive indication that a groundswell of support may be generated through positive engagement.
- Options should be examined to support and promote the technical group including undertaking a CBD Programme of Works on Protected Areas Gap Analysis and applying for GEF - POWPA grants.
- There could be benefits from the three Darwin projects being implemented in Fiji working more synergistically, if that is expected to enhance delivery of the outputs. Focal point(s) for both projects are members of the Project Steering Group but the projects to-date have not worked particularly closely. Options could include exchanges of staff, and closer links with the PICCC course, the training and exploration of invertebrates as indicator species in parallel to bird indicators, staff exchanges and shared information dissemination.

5. Actions taken in response to previous reviews (if applicable)

Four recommendations or queries were made, all were pertinent and useful

- 1) The review identified the need to revise the project logframe and work plan. This was undertaken with an extensive review of the Logframe, a reduction to four result areas and clarification of activities. The work plan was revised accordingly and this has eased management.
- 2) The budget was revised and proved to be more workable.
- 3) The importance of engaging National Government Agencies is critical for the impact of the results, this has in some areas (DOF) proven difficult. However, measurable advances have been made with DoE and NTF and ultimately DoF.
- 4) The list of partners has been revised and clarified, and key partners have been identified and worked with more closely

6. Other comments on progress not covered elsewhere

One potentially exciting development is the launch of local biodiversity conservation NGO – NatureFiji-MareketiViti. Launched in mid 2007 by a small group of Fijian Nationals (including two PSG members) the NGO has engendered good support especially with Fijian youth and with assistance from BirdLife developed a small portfolio of projects. This includes one small project from the Jensen Foundation (c.20,000UKP) to establish a SSG at Tomanivi IBA with a Forest and Nature Reserve (both reserves do not have management plans). There are obvious synergies where this project can have impact on an additional site.

7. Sustainability

The sustainability of the project output is unlikely to be reliant on organisation or process. Opportunities that exist at the present include 1) the successful development of a PA Technical Group to work at a policy level 2) continued/enhanced involvement of the NTF, DOF and DoE as competent authorities responsible for PAs and their management and supporting them to meet statutory obligations and 3) NatureFiji as a locally managed civil society representative with potential to support community groups in the longer term, disseminate results and co-ordinate monitoring.

8. Dissemination

This project is essentially an information dissemination theme. One of the gaps that the project has identified was the lack of communication over protected areas in Fiji and is increasingly seeking to address this. The project has operated at a number of levels.

- Information has been disseminated to communities over the relevance of forest conservation initially over biodiversity values and forest conservation, becoming more technically orientated towards Protected Areas, sustainable use and potential for micro-businesses.
- Information is disseminated to conservation practitioners particularly young conservationists who can act as multipliers.
- The project has facilitated the sharing of information between key stakeholders including government and Civil society organisations
- The project has disseminated to the wider public through media releases and radio interviews.

9. Project Expenditure

Table 3 Project expenditure during the reporting period (Defra Financial Year 01 April to 31 March)

| Item | Budget (revised 07/08 submitted May 07) | Expenditure | Balance |
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| Staff costs | | | |
| Rent, rates, heating, lighting, cleaning | | | |
| Postage, telephone, stationery | | | |
| Travel and subsistence | | | |
| Printing | | | |
| Conferences, seminars etc | | | |
| Capital items | | | |
| Others :Training courses (professional) | | | |
| Community meetings/ training | | | |
| Awareness materials | | | |
| Annual financial audit | | | |
| TOTAL | | | |

Highlight any agreed changes to the budget and explain any variation in expenditure where this is +/- 10% of the budget.

Rents rates and heating: we were able to share these office costs between other project budgets and use funds more productively

Printing costs were higher than expected because a New Zealand publisher has been used after poor quality and performance of local publishers

Training course costs included a number of additional costs including supporting community members to attend.

10. **OPTIONAL: Outstanding achievements of your project during the reporting period (300-400 words maximum). This section may be used for publicity purposes**

I agree for ECTF and the Darwin Secretariat to publish the content of this section (please leave this line in to indicate your agreement to use any material you provide here)

Annex 1 Report of progress and achievements against Logical Framework for Financial Year: 2007/08

| Project summary | Measurable Indicators | Progress and Achievements April 2007 - March 2008 | Actions required/planned for next period |
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| <p>Goal: <i>To draw on expertise relevant to biodiversity from within the United Kingdom to work with local partners in countries rich in biodiversity but constrained in resources to achieve</i></p> <p><i>The conservation of biological diversity,</i></p> <p><i>The sustainable use of its components, and</i></p> <p><i>The fair and equitable sharing of the benefits arising out of the utilisation of genetic resources</i></p> | | <p>Communities have been engaged in three sites and substantial moves towards long term protection from logging made. Progress has been made in the development of individual skills for site based conservation and the development of a constituency supporting PAs</p> | <p><i>(do not fill not applicable)</i></p> |
| <p>Purpose Management tools and capacity are enhanced to develop and sustainably manage protected areas on up to 4 priority terrestrial sites (IBAs) in Fiji</p> | <p>Model community-managed protected areas are developed</p> <p>Management is enhanced on one existing statutory protected area</p> <p>Baseline data and procedures are available for programme to monitor biodiversity change in 4 selected IBAs</p> | <p>Two SSGs are established with the purpose of protecting forest and potential to establish a third conservation group. Two groups have declared PAs</p> <p>Management plan prepared but not promoted or adopted by DOF. Staff changes and project activities have created a more enabling environment</p> <p>Monitoring methodology prepared and draft plan produced</p> | <p>1) Seek formalisation of SSGs; 2) produce an adopt community management plans 3) take legal protection options to communities and develop; 4) support resourcing of management plans</p> <p>Promote management plan to DoF and undertake workshop to refine</p> <p>1) Refine monitoring methodologies and monitoring report 2) develop indicator-monitoring</p> |
| <p>Output 1. 1. Models of community based terrestrial protected areas</p> | <p>1.1 Community managed protected areas developed for at least two sites by end of project</p> | <p>1.1 Progress has been made on 3 sites towards the development of community managed PAs. Communities on two sites FJ12 Nabukelevu and Natewa have declared “forest protected”. Progress has been slower on East Kadavu, however, a programme of meetings has solicited interest from one community. Local government support from the Kadavu Provincial office to move towards protecting forests has been very positive.</p> <p>1.2 Progress has been made through the development of PA legal options –</p> | |

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| | 1.2 A roadmap for developing protected areas available for stakeholders by end of project | a document that assess legal options to “protect land” under existing Fijian law. Significant progress has been made from the community engagement side with communities ‘declaring” PAs. The key over the next year will be to move community declarations towards more sustainable ways of protecting land. |
| Activity 1.1 Engagement meetings at priority sites with key land owning communities and other stakeholders | | <p>Successful meetings with communities held at all four project sites. Two meetings were held with representatives of the five land owning clans in Vosasivo village, FJ03 Natewa and the purpose of the meetings was to discuss resource-raising for community-managed projects and capacity building for the land owning communities. Other outcomes from the meetings held include the naming of the SSG to <i>Sisi Initiative</i>, and the resolution to have BLFP assist in developing community-based projects for sustainable resource use and management within the IBA.</p> <p>Two meetings were held at FJ13 East Kadavu in June and August respectively, and BLFP presented at both meetings. The presentation was an informative one on the Kadavu IBAs and the need to progress towards Protected Areas.</p> <p>Engagement with the respective <i>Roko Tuis</i> (elected Provincial Council Headperson) at Provincial offices at both Kadavu (FJ12 & FJ13) & Cakaudrove (FJ03 & FJ04) has achieved support for forest conservation. Meeting reports held at village & district levels have been made available to the respective Provincial offices.</p> |
| Activity 1.2 PLAs are undertaken with priority landowning communities | | A PLA is being planned with the Institute of Applied Sciences, to be held on FJ12 & FJ13, Kadavu in May 08. PLAs have been undertaken on the other project sites in 2006. |
| Activity 1.3 Community groups are formed and objectives agreed | | <p>A Site Support Group has been established at FJ12 Nabukelevu, Kadavu in December 07 (second for the project). The SSG was formed following a community workshop, and representatives in the SSG were chosen by community members themselves.</p> <p>The SSG for the Natewa Peninsular has remained committed to conserving forest within the IBA; this includes the refusal of financial returns offered by a logging company, for logging within the agreed protected forest.</p> |
| Activity 1.4 Options for PA models are assessed and agreed | | Work was undertaken in partnership with IUCN to undertake a review of PA options in Fiji – and this was taken forwards to a meeting of key stakeholders |

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| | | in March 08 |
| Activity 1.5 Protected area models are developed on priority sites | | This is an activity planned for Year 3 of the project. |
| Output 2. Management plans for priority IBAs | 2.1 Management plans produced for one statutory reserve agreed by stakeholders end of Year 2 2.2 Management plans for two community managed reserves produced by end of project | 2.1. A draft management plan was produced in the first project-year by Dick Watling for F04 Taveuni Forest Reserve with the endorsement of the Department of Forestry. However, this has not yet been formally been presented to DOF. 2.2 This is an activity planned for Year 3, and the lessons learned in management planning will be developed to support communities develop protected area / resource management plans. |
| Activity 2.1. Consultation undertaken with key stakeholders in government including Dept of Environment and Dept of Forestry | | Meetings were held in Oct 07 with Forestry officials in the Northern Division, where two of the project sites are located, FJ03 & FJ04. This was a wider information and engagement meeting to complement an initial engagement meeting held in the southern division in the previous year. Both received positive feed back. However, further engagement of forestry staff at higher levels has proven difficult and for example Forestry staffs have not attended Project steering group meetings. Towards the end of the period the New Conservator of Forests has engaged and expressed for PAs and management planning processes. Engagement with the DoF to adopt and as required to seek resources is a priority activity for 08/09 Department of Environment continues to support the project and has invited BirdLife is a member of the National Environment Council, and DoE is an active member of BirdLife's Project Steering Committee. BirdLife has been invited on numerous occasions by the Dept of Environment to attend consultation forums; one in particular was a presentation at the launching of |

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| | | the Fiji Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan in September '07. |
| Activity 2.2 Communities engaged and informed over management planning | | <p>Meetings held in Vosasivo village, FJ03 Natewa involved discussions on how communities could progress further with protected areas and the use and management of resources within the protected area.</p> <p>A meeting with some clan representatives of FJ04 Taveuni IBA took place in Lavena village in May 07. The meeting was called to discuss issues about unmonitored entry into the reserves, thus reiterating the need for an effective management plan to be implemented.</p> <p>The taking forwards of management planning principals to develop community owned PA / resource management plans are key activities for 80/09</p> |
| Activity 2.3 Expert advice used to develop management plan priorities and format | | A UK expert (John Parr) has been contracted to visit Fiji in April 08 to undertake training and develop a management planning template suitable for the local context. |
| Activity 2.4 Management plans are drafted and agreed by key stakeholders | | Management plans for the Statutory Nature and Forest reserves in FJ04, Taveuni have not yet been agreed by key stakeholders since there has not been a response from the leading authorities at the Department of Forestry. |
| Activity 2.5 Plans are resourced and implemented | | Communities have been supported and assisted in the development of projects to support protected area initiatives. 1) A proposal for <i>Silktail Tourism: supporting the development of new protected areas in Fiji</i> was submitted to the Pacific Development & Conservation Trust (PDCT) in New Zealand in March 08 2) project 'Conserving Mount Nabukelevu' was submitted to GEF-Small Grants for FJ12 3) Community members from the SSG are developing a GEF SGP proposal for Natewa Communities. |
| Output 3. Information on Biodiversity change and threats is available to key stakeholders to inform decision making | 3.1 Monitoring framework and baseline in place by end of Year 2 3.2 Baseline monitoring data | 3.1 The draft of the monitoring framework has been circulated to the Project Steering Committee members for comments and the baseline IBA report has been drafted. Both will be finalised following expert review. 3.2 Monitoring will be conducted following the completion of research to |

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| | available for three sites by EOP | identify potential indicator species. |
| Activity 3.1 Monitoring framework developed for IBAs in Fiji based on global IBA framework | | A draft monitoring framework for IBAs in Fiji based on the BirdLife global IBA Monitoring Framework has been produced. The framework contains the standardised way to assess and assign scores for; the status and trends of biodiversity in IBAs ('state'), the threats occurring in the site ('pressure') and the conservation actions that have been implemented ('responses'). The document will be further refined with support from UK based staff and circulated for adoption. |
| Activity 3.2 Data sources accessed and information analysed for baseline | | A preliminary baseline inventory of the status of all 14 IBAs in Fiji has been compiled and will be refined and disseminated in parallel with the Monitoring Framework |
| Activity 3.3 Students undertake research on species richness and forest management and inform indicator based monitoring | | Two Darwin-sponsored MSc students have completed their field work and analysis of data. First drafts of their theses are with their internal supervisors, Progress reports were submitted in March 08. Both Students are scheduled to complete by June 08 |
| Activity 3.4 Methodology for detailed indicator based monitoring produced | | The use of indicator based monitoring will be based on the findings of the Students research projects and will be investigated in year 3 |
| Output 4. Enhanced capacity of government and civil society to implement effective PA management | 4.1 Fifteen trained conservation practitioners using skills for protected area development / management at the end of the project 4.2 Twenty community members deploying skills in resource management gained from trained Fijian conservationists by end of project 4.3 NGO staff, government | 4.1 Good progress has been made in training conservation professionals in key areas with participation by Fijian Conservation professionals in two workshops on fundraising. These skills have been used to develop project proposals. Training in other key areas, IBA monitoring, database management (WBDB), GIS, project management, project reporting have all been deployed. 4.2 Local staffs who have received training in proposal writing and fundraising are assisting community groups in FJ03 & FJ12 develop specific community-based projects with activities leading to sustainable use and management of resources. 4.3 Stakeholders central to the development of an effective PA network (particularly National Trust) have initiated the establishment of a government |

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| | officials and community members report enhanced capacity to develop and manage PA by end of project | led advisory committee essential for the effective delivery and sustainability PA management actions . |
| Activity 4.1 | Steering committee convened and meets on regular basis: training needs and orientation agreed | Two Project Steering Committee meetings convened. Participating members include: Dr Dick Watling (Birdlife Affiliate), Dr Bill Aarbersberg (Director IAS), Dr Linton Winder USP, Manasa Sovaki (DOE), Robin Yarrow (NTF – Director) and Elizabeth Erasito (NTF CEO). DOF sent a Consultant to one meeting. Linton Winder stepped down and the PSG will co-opt a replacement |
| Activity 4.2 | Project implementation team developed to implement project | The Project Implementation Team (PIT) established in year-1; consists 3 staff, a Senior Conservation Officer. Conservation Officer and a Conservation Assistant. All staff are managed by the Senior Technical Advisor. The PIT works closely with 3 staff working on island restoration projects. All staff undergo an annual performance appraisal and risk assessment (Jan 08) |
| Activity 4.3 | Hands on training of implementing team by Technical Advisor | Specific areas of practical training provided by the Technical Advisor include project management, fundraising, project proposal writing & reporting. Five staffs have received in-house training in accessing the World Bird Database (WBDB) and more opportunities are being sought to enhance skills in the BirdLife Fiji office. |
| Activity 4.4 | Training programme for communities designed and implemented | A community conservation booklet has been drafted in the Fijian vernacular. This, alongside other training tools for conservation will be incorporated into a training programme for communities at the project sites. The training programme will be designed and produced in Year 3 of project. |
| Activity 4.5 | Two students recruited and trained | Two Darwin-funded students received ongoing training A third Masters student from the USP has also received sought technical assistance from the BirdLife Fiji Programme for a project examining divergence in forest birds. All three have received training from the Fiji staff in bird identification and mist netting and progress of their work is continuously being monitored through regular updates to BirdLife and the Project Steering |

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| | Committee. |
| <p>Activity 4.6</p> <p>Fundraising training workshop undertaken and fundraising manual produced</p> | <p>A 4-day fundraising workshop was held in June 07 and was facilitated by Caroline Pridham Programme Development Officer from the BirdLife Global Secretariat in the UK. Two concept papers were developed at the workshop for the GEF Small Grants Programme.</p> <p>A follow-up fundraising workshop was held in March 08 facilitated by the STA and new Development Manager</p> <p>A fundraising manual was drafted after the first workshop and was reviewed during the second workshop. This is currently in press.</p> <p>Materials from both the workshops, including a CD have been disseminated.</p> |
| <p>Activity 4.7</p> <p>Protected area management workshop and manual produced</p> | <p>A workshop has been scheduled for April 08 and will be reported against in Year 3 of project.</p> |
| <p>Activity 4.8</p> <p>IBA monitoring workshop and manual produced</p> | <p>This is an activity planned for Year 3 of the project.</p> |
| <p>Activity 4.9</p> <p>Advocacy materials produced</p> | <p>Two leaflets produced: on FJ03 Natewa & FJ04 Taveuni IBAs (Fijian language) and globally threatened birds the English. The Fiji Programme also produced a poster to inform communities of the critically endangered Red throated lorikeet. Materials have been disseminated extensively throughout priority sites and to concerned stakeholders.</p> <p>Leaflet on Kadavu forest to be produced and wider dissemination to schools and to use the materials for educational programs.</p> |
| <p>Activity 4.10</p> <p>Media profile maintained</p> | <p>The Fiji Programme has maintained its success in raising its media profile with a total of 12 press releases over the last year.</p> <p>The Senior Conservation Officer has twice been interviewed live on radio, for the protection of biodiversity through eradication of invasive species and for the enlisting of Fiji's endemic Long legged warbler to the United States Fish &</p> |

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| | Wildlife Service as an endangered bird facing extinction. |
| Activity 4.11 National secondment opportunities identified and secondments developed between NGOs and government | A Forest Ranger from Colo-I-Suva Park spent several weeks supporting the Darwin sponsored students in their field-work. Opportunities for productive staff secondments will be examined during year 3. |
| Activity 4.12 Regional and international network meetings attended | The Senior Conservation Officer attended Birdlife International Pacific Partnership Meeting in Palau in May 07 and the Pacific Invasives Learning Network in French Polynesia in Sept 07 and presented on the Forest Conservation Project and the Senior Technical Advisor attended and presented at the Nature Conservation Conference in PNG, Oct 07. |
| Activity 4.13 International and regional exchanges/ training visits undertaken | <p>A staff member from the <i>Société Calédonienne d'Ornithologie</i> (SCO) of New Caledonia accompanied the BirdLife Fiji Team on a field visit in Aug 07. Two staff from the Fiji Programme attended a 2-week 'Island Species Led Action' course in Guam, USA in Feb 08.</p> <p>Milly Vukunisiga has won a follow-up grant to disseminate lessons learnt and give an introduction to Community PA development during a 10-day mission to New Caledonia in 2008.</p> <p>Tuverea Tuamotu (Conservation Assistant) has applied for a Darwin Scholarship to FSC and will also undertake training in ornithological methods, IBA monitoring and data management and reserve management in the UK</p> |

Annex 2 Project's full current logframe

| Project summary | Measurable Indicators | Means of Verification | Important Assumptions |
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Goal: *To draw on expertise relevant to biodiversity from within the United Kingdom to work with local partners in countries rich in biodiversity but constrained in resources to achieve*

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| <p>Purpose Management tools and capacity are enhanced to develop and sustainably manage protected areas on up to 4 priority terrestrial sites (IBAS) in Fiji</p> | <p>Model community-managed protected areas are developed</p> <p>Management is enhanced on one existing statutory protected area</p> <p>Baseline data and procedures are available for programme to monitor biodiversity change in 4 selected IBAs</p> | <p>CBD reports</p> <p>IBA monitoring report</p> | <p>Government provides an enabling environment for the development of protected areas</p> |
| <p>Output 1. Models of community based terrestrial protected areas</p> | <p>1.1 Community managed protected areas developed for at least two sites by end of project</p> <p>1.2 A roadmap for developing protected areas available for stakeholders by end of project</p> | <p>1.1 Records of community group constitutions</p> <p>1.2 Community group declarations of PA status</p> | <p>1.1 Communities continue to support sustainable management of natural resources</p> <p>1.2 Logging activities do not degrade sites prior to intervention</p> <p>1.3 An organisation takes over the role of a central support co-ordinator for community PAs within two years of the end of the project</p> |
| <p>Output 2. Management plans for priority IBAs</p> | <p>2.1 Management plans produced for one statutory reserve agreed by stakeholders end of year 2</p> <p>2.2 Management plans for two</p> | <p>2.1 Management plan</p> <p>2.2 Management plan</p> | <p>2.1 Government departments support the implementation of protected area management plans</p> <p>2.2 Competent authorities have</p> |

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| | community managed reserves produced by end of project | implementation reports | sufficient resources to implement management plans 2.3 Arising conflicts between traditional owners and government |
| Output 3. Information on Biodiversity change and threats is available to key stakeholders to inform decision making | 3.1 Monitoring framework and baseline in place by end of Year 2. 3.2 Baseline monitoring data available for three sites by EOP | 3.1 Monitoring framework 3.2 National monitoring report 3.3 Global IBA status reports | 3.1 Responsibility for co-ordination of monitoring activities held by an agreed organization by end of project 3.2 Decision makers accept and use monitoring results 3.3 An organization has sufficient resources and agrees to undertake monitoring |
| Output 4. Enhanced capacity of government and civil society to implement effective PA management | 4.1 Fifteen trained conservation practitioners using skills for protected area development / management at the end of the project 4.2 Twenty community members deploying skills in resource management gained from trained Fijian conservationists by end of project 4.3 NGO staff, government officials and community members report enhanced capacity to develop and manage PA by end of the project | 4.1 CBD reports 4.2 Organizational annual reports 4.3 Community assessment reports | 4.1 Government departments have resources / policy framework to deploy skills. 4.2 Trained stakeholders have the opportunities to apply their skills after EOP. |
| Activity | | Activity Milestones | |
| 1.1 Engagement meetings at priority sites with key land owning communities and other stakeholders 1.2 PLAs are undertaken with priority landowning communities | | 1.1 Engagement meetings held and reported 1.2 PLAs submitted | |

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| <p>1.3 Community groups are formed and objectives agreed 1.4 Options for PA models are assessed and agreed 1.5 Protected area models are developed on priority sites</p> | <p>1.3 Community group constitutions drawn up 1.4 Options documented and appraised 1.5 Protected areas agreed according to preferred model</p> |
| <p>2.1 Consultation undertaken with key stakeholders in government including Dept of Environment and Dept of Forestry 2.2 Communities engaged and informed over management planning 2.3 Expert advice used to develop management plan priorities and format 2.4 Management plans are drafted and agreed by key stakeholders 2.5 Plans are resourced and implemented</p> | <p>2.1 Consultation and liaison and meetings held and reported 2.2 Community engagement meetings reported 2.3 Management plan model developed and disseminated 2.4 Management plan agreed 2.5 Management plans implementation framework in place</p> |
| <p>3.1 Monitoring framework developed for IBAs in Fiji based on global IBA framework 3.2 Data sources accessed and information analysed for baseline 3.3 Students undertake research on species richness and forest management and inform indicator based monitoring 3.4 Methodology for detailed indicator based monitoring produced</p> | <p>3.1 Monitoring of framework disseminated to key stakeholders 3.2 Baseline IBA status report disseminated 3.3 Research results available for monitoring methodology 3.4 Indicator based monitoring methodology disseminated</p> |
| <p>4.1 Steering committee convened and meets on regular basis; training needs and orientation agreed 4.2 Project implementation team developed to implement project 4.3 Hands on training of implementing team by Technical Advisor 4.4 Training programme for communities designed and implemented 4.5 Two students recruited and trained 4.6 Fundraising training workshop undertaken and fundraising manual produced 4.7 Protected area management workshop and manual produced 4.8 IBA monitoring workshop and manual produced 4.9 Advocacy materials produced 4.10 Media profile maintained 4.11 National secondment opportunities identified and secondments developed between NGOs and government 4.12 Regional and International network meetings attended 4.13 International and regional exchanges/ training visits undertaken</p> | <p>4.1 6-monthly Steering committee meetings minuted 4.2 Implementing team restructured and staff recruited 4.3 Training reports, report on team capacity 4.4 Training visits undertaken and reported 4.5 Two Masters theses submitted 4.6 Fundraising Workshop held and materials disseminated, FR Manual 4.7 PA Management workshop held Month 18; PA Manual produced 4.8 IBA/ PA monitoring workshop held, Manual produced 4.9 Leaflets and posters produced 4.10 Media releases 4.11 Secondment/ exchange opportunities undertaken 4.12 Regional and international meetings attended 4.13 Regional exchanges undertaken</p> |

Annex 3 onwards – supplementary material (optional)

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