



REPUBLIC OF MARSHAL ISLANDS RIDGE TO REEF (R2R) STAR PROJECT

Reimaanlok-Looking to the Future: Strengthening Natural Resource Management in Atoll Communities in the Republic of Marshall Islands Employing Integrated Approach.

DEVELOPMENT CHALLENGES

- Coral atolls and low lying with fragile biodiversity;
- increasingly pressures of over fishing and poor fishing practices;
- Severe threats of climate change impacts;
- Loss of cultural traditions and social structures;
- Over-development and pollution;
- Lack of information on the ecosystem health of the outer islands;
- Insufficient human resources for PAN management and biodiversity conservation, and lack of community level capacity;
- Weak legislative framework and institutional arrangements for the PAN;
- Insufficient human resource capacity for sustaining effective PAN management;
- Traditional conservation and management practices are eroding, lack of awareness.

HOW: THEORY OF CHANGE

1. Integrated approaches to natural resource management developed;
2. Pragmatic lessons learned regarding implementation of Reimaanlok management plans are widely disseminated and published as field level guidelines;
3. Increase demand for sustainable ecosystem goods and services from outer islands;
4. RMI Protected Area Network (PAN) is adequate to safeguard key ecosystem functioning;
5. Financial Stability of the RMI PAN is established;
6. Political Leadership is committed to prioritize conservation issues, and this is reflected in enabling policies and legislations;
7. Enabling conditions in place to maintain innovative contributions to biodiversity conservation;
8. Stakeholder capacity is strengthened through institutional program.

WHAT THE PROJECT WILL DO

Output

Output 1:

- Marine , terrestrial and socio-economic survey
- Conservation areas delineated and declared
- Integrated management plans developed or updated
- Financing mechanisms to build costs for implementing National Conservation Area Plan

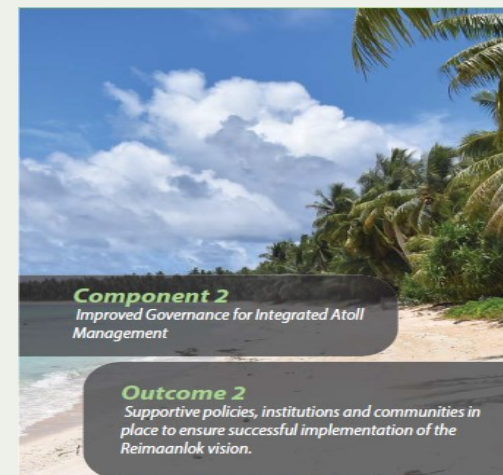
Output 2:

- Action Plan to develop PAN Regulations
- Operationalize the PAN Office
- Strengthen community based resource management
- Capacity building on integrated approach for conservation and livelihoods

Output 3:

1. GIS Management Information System Developed
2. Local and traditional knowledge documented
3. Support education and awareness at local level
4. Coordination with regional R2R program

Outcome



WHERE WE WANT TO BE

Project Objective

Sustain biodiversity and livelihoods by building community and ecosystem resilience to threats and degrading influences through integrated management of terrestrial and coastal resources

Project Goal

Maintain globally significant biodiversity and the ecosystem goods and services that it provides to the society of the Republic of Marshall Islands

