

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

Project ID:	9846
Project Name:	EREPA - Ensuring Resilient Ecosystems and Representative Protected Areas in the Solomon Islands
Countr(ies):	Solomon Islands
Implementing Agency:	IUCN

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I. Overview

A. Description

Project name

EREPA - Ensuring Resilient Ecosystems and Representative Protected Areas in the Solomon Islands

Country

Solomon Islands

GEF ID

9846

Implementing Agency

IUCN

Executing Entity

SPREP

Trust Fund

GET

Project Type

FSP

PIR Submission

9/15/2026

Fiscal Year , PIR Number

FY 2026 , 4th PIR

Objective

Effective ecosystem management for healthy, complementary networks of protected, productive and restored landscapes in Guadalcanal, Malaita, Rennell-Bellona and Temotu

B. Ratings and Disbursements

Implementation Progress

Moderately Satisfactory

Development Objective

Moderately Satisfactory

Overall risk

Substantial

Project Financing

5,361,017.00

Cumulative Disbursement

3,716,063.00

C. Key Dates

CEO Endorsement/Approval

5/22/2021

Agency Approval

8/26/2021

Implementation Start

6/2/2022

First Disbursement

10/16/2022

Expected MTR 5/31/2026	Actual MTR
Expected Completion 6/13/2027	Actual Completion

II. PROGRESS STATUS AND ISSUES

A. Progress: Information on progress and outcomes of project implementation activities

Progress has been made across all components with notable deficiencies, which can be improved during the MTR.

Component 1 is moving closer to meeting its objective with improved management of PAs with the development of 8 training models for PA Management Effectiveness Toolkit. Also noting the 18 EREPA scientists that work collaboratively with the project.

Component 2 noted the result of Learning Exchanges which saw provision of new PAs being declared.

Component 3 focussing on alternative livelihoods saw that sustainable development guidelines and application template was developed to respond to the Community Based Land Use Plan

B. Challenges: Information on challenges of project implementation activities

The project has encountered challenges since the commencement of the project, the agreement was signed in September 2021, but PMU was established in April 2022 due to the Covid -19 pandemic. The entire year of 2022 and beginning of 2023 was focusing on inception related activities culminating with inception workshops at National, provincial and community levels. In addition, there was a delay in the recruitment of provincial project coordinators. In addition, the project initiated recruited a CTA in 2023 who did not perform as expected leading to further delays in the implementation of activities. One of the ongoing and major challenges is clearly demonstrating and arguing the long-term benefits of conservation for rural people since they are dependent on natural resources for their livelihoods. The focus is on logging and other unsustainable harvesting of resources for quick cash to meet their immediate needs instead of focusing on the long -term impacts. This has resulted in only a few tribes from the project sites submitting Expression of Interest to participate in the Protected Area step by step process for declaration of protecting their resource under the Protected Area Act 2010. The land resources in Solomon Islands are mostly tribal owned which requires tribal consultation and agreement that causes challenges as it is difficult for certain tribes to achieve consensus among themselves.

- **Challenges encountered during this reporting period**

In the 4th year of implementation, the major delay is the 4th tranche transfer which took almost 6 months for the transfer to the project account. The financial reports were sent to IUCN ORO at 70%

expenditure rate and at that time the IUCN finance officer who reviewed the documents left without notifying PMU and proper handover with IUCN finance team. The activities were on hold since October 2025 which the remain balance is cater for PMU daily operations mainly on salary for staff. This delay for 6 months has impacted on delivering activities and recruitment of consultants. Hence, this reporting period not much of the activities has been implemented which will cause delay of delivering the activities within the timeframe the project is envisioning.

- ***The solutions applied to mitigate their impact***

- The PMU team reached out to IUCN finance team for their support in the absence of the financial officer who is responsible for providing finance support to the project.

- The recruitment of the Multi task GEF/GCF Manager has provided support on following up with IUCN finance team to fast track the process for funds to be made available.

- The long-term benefit of conservation and lengthy process of Protected Area concept has been addressed through ongoing engagement and support and continuous implementation of activities at the community level. Also, community-based land use maps and plans have been developed for each of the proposed PA groups to engage in whilst in the process of PA declaration. The livelihood activities have increased their interest in the project's objectives as they can now perceive tangible benefits and also willing partners for enhancing biodiversity conservation and improved natural resources management for addressing present and future societal benefits.

C. Stakeholder Engagement

This is one of the key early successes for the project, communities including tribal leaders and provincial governments have all been engaged in the project initiation and realized how the project should fill in the gaps in terms of natural resources management.

D. Gender Equality

There is no Gender Action Plan however this can be addressed during the development of the ESMP in collaboration with the MTR.

E. Knowledge Management

The project aligns its knowledge activities according to the MECDM communication strategy. Some good practices that can be learned from this year of EREPA project implementation includes, local approaches to consultations, such as:

1. Addressing grievances at community level/customary approaches.
2. Successful engagement processes

III: Minor Amendments

CONTEXT	
Result Framework	

Components and Cost	
Institutional And Implementation Arrangements	
Financial Management	
Implementation Schedule	
Executing Entity	
Executing Entity Category	
Minor Project Objective Change	
Safeguards	
Risk Analysis	
Increase of GEF Financing up to 5%	
Co-Financing	
Location of Project Activity	
others	

IV: Geographic Coordinates of Project Activities

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Tandai Ward	-9.4167	159.9167	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Aiaisi	-9.11637	161.12837	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
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Kwarekwareo

-9.12568

160.93516

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Nipua-Nopoli	-10.26863	166.33072	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Lipe-Temua	-10.27252	166.35281	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Manuopo	-10.28333	166.25	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Nenumpo	-10.30669	166.31625	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Nevenema	-10.77153	165.77357	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Luva Station	-10.73007	165.78969	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Graciosa Bay	-10.74119	165.86112	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Nea-Noole	-10.82371	165.79602	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
North East Santa Cruz	-10.68134	165.99	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Nanggu-Lord Howe	-10.75882	166.01537	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Duff Islands	-9.87819	167.17786	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Utupua	-11.26233	166.54582	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
Vanikoro	-11.65555	166.86871	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
East Te Nggano	-11.7893	160.51477	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

Location Name	Latitude	Longitude	GeoName ID
West Te Nggano	-11.70814	160.38869	

Location Description:

Activity Description:

V. ANNEX

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