

# STRENGTHENING CONSERVATION CAPACITY WITHIN PAPUA NEW GUINEA



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## (d) Biodiversity Conservation Theories applicable to PNG:

- Biodiversity and Conservation - theory and practice for PNG
- Value of biodiversity
- Evolution and status of biodiversity
- Threats to biodiversity
- Traditional conservation
- Conservation biology
- Conservation governance
- Conservation Planning and Management
- Linking biodiversity to local development
- Biodiversity conservation strategies

The main outputs under this approach will be a series of lessons learned documents and the development of training modules.



## How can you get involved?

- This project needs **your participation** by:
- Sharing information
  - Sharing your experiences
  - Contributing any useful workshop report, training manual or any electronic or published documents
  - Disseminating information on your project, what your group does.
  - Help produce the training materials.
  - Contributing towards the creation of our

- NGO database and website
- Provide link/access to field projects for learning and application
- Participating in ICAD summits, workshops and trainings activities
- Help run training on any subject in conservation where your group has a positive contribution.
- Any others contribution that may be of importance and can enhance biodiversity conservation capacity building in PNG

## Please contact us

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## Mission Statement

To empower and strengthen conservation capacity through networking and training.

## Introduction

More effective approaches to conservation in PNG have emerged in the past decade. These approaches have the potential to greatly increase biodiversity conservation and protected area coverage whilst ensuring that our resources are used and managed sustainably. There is an urgent need to train more people, to broaden the skills of existing practitioners and to foster a new generation of conservation professionals.

## The Need

The long-term conservation of biodiversity requires

- strengthening of in-country capacity in conservation management
- improved integration of conservation management components within the local organizations.

This project was initiated to analyse the existing needs and focus on bridging the gaps in capacity building and training at individual and institutional levels from a community level up to the local, provincial, regional, national and international level.

## The Overall Objective

The "Strengthening Conservation Capacity in PNG Project" effects its mission through the following objectives:

1. *To provide an avenue for all the stakeholders to collaborate, network, share knowledge and experience in strengthening capacity in conservation management.*
2. *Through collection, assessment and evaluation of information and the production of training materials, to train individuals and groups or organisations and by running training programs.*

The project builds on current initiatives, draws on the strengths of different players and proposes a partnership mechanism to try and link the various elements of capacity building presently existing / being undertaken in the country.

## Collaborating and Networking to Empower Conservation Strengthening

Vast amounts of potentially useful information are being generated by conservation programmes. This programme aims to:

1. Capture "lessons learnt"
2. Develop a website and database containing training materials and organisations involved in conservation.
3. Use in training and dissemination of these materials to other groups.

This will be done through reviews of lessons in ICAD management, using these in educational materials and in training and assisting conservation NGOs to develop a coordinated and agreed conservation strategy for the country.

## Training Programmes

The approach to training will be through certificate short courses targeted at NGOs, CBOs, government persons and as diploma courses for those interested in conservation and development issues. We shall adopt more indepth trainings in 'train the trainer approach'. The training is designed so that it is innovative, experiential, participatory and field based.



The programme aims to develop and institutionalise innovative training programs on prioritized themes, as below:

### (a) Participatory Planning Process focuses on topics such as:

- Conducting effective situation analyses
- Stakeholder and gender analysis
- Building consensus and partnerships
- Setting and analyzing objectives
- Identifying and strengthening internal and external assumptions
- Designing effective intervention strategies
- Developing work plans and budgets
- Planning for sustainability
- Developing monitoring and evaluation frameworks and adaptive management

### (b) Information collection and analysis focuses on topics such as:

- Community entry process
- Community development need assessment
- Community marine & land use planning
- Community - based management of conservation areas
- Management of land & marine resources
- Resources rights and advocacy
- Institutional development and functioning

### (c) Organizational strengthening by training NGO staff on issues such as:

- NGO structure and management
- Strategic and financial planning
- Fundraising
- Self-assessment
- Project cycle, implementation and evaluation
- Teambuilding and leadership
- Network and collaboration