



# The Pacific Nature Conservation Roundtable

*Implementing the Action Strategy  
for Nature Conservation*

*2008-2012*

# Challenge from the PNG Nature Conservation Congress 2007



1. Emphasis on Communities
2. Focus on countries
  - Aligning activities with national priorities
  - Enabling NBSAP implementation
3. Accountability



# What is the Roundtable?

- Management “Committee” between Congresses
- Membership based network of donors, NGOs and regional agencies
- RT Membership Charter
- Purpose is to serve as a mechanism to facilitate and monitor progress of the Action Strategy for NC
- Aims to be a forum for accountability, transparency and coordination amongst conservation organizations and donors

***Ethics...Effectiveness...Engagement***



# Who can be a Member?

- Organisations that are implementing, funding or coordinating one or more objectives of the Action Strategy; in two or more countries in the Pacific islands region



# What have members committed to doing?

- Being bound by the Action Strategy Principles of Implementation
- Signing MOUs, agreements or work programmes with national governments in each country of our operation and being led by national conservation priorities in that country
- Transparency through reporting on activities, projects and programmes relevant to the Action Strategy
- Contributing to the work programme of the Roundtable itself through active participation in one of the working groups and committing to the mandate of the Roundtable
- Supporting efforts (improved processes) towards the implementation of the Action Strategy for Nature Conservation 2008-2012



# Who are the current members?

- SPREP
- IUCN
- WWF
- TNC
- SOPAC
- CI
- LMMA
- RARE
- WCS



# What does this mean at National Level?

- Support for NBSAPS
  - implementation
  - monitoring and evaluation
- Coordination
  - active NGOs, donors, regional agencies
- Capacity
  - Community rights, Financial sustainability, Good governance
  - Work with national legislation, policies, programmes and priorities



# The RT Working Groups

- Working groups are voluntary groups established to help the RT achieve its aims
- Working groups consist of experts and practitioners from the RT membership as well as individuals from other organisations which are not yet members
- Each WG is developing guidelines to clarify its purpose and mode of action



# Current RT working groups

- Monitoring (PBIF)
- Threatened Species (SPREP/IUCN)
- Invasive Species (SPREP)
- Coral Triangle Initiative (WWF)
- Community Based Management (FSPI)
- Country Support and Capacity Building (USP)
- Economics and Sustainable Resource Use (US Embassy Suva)
- Oceanic Fisheries Management (IUCN)



# What the RT can do for you

- Network of expertise / technical assistance for implementing NBSAPs / PoWPA
- Support NBSAP process
- Assist with CBD reporting and assessments
- Assist with developing monitoring frameworks for Conservation



# Working with Countries

- [Proposed] National level Roundtable – (NBSAP steering committees, RT members, working group experts) to :
  - Work with Government & Partners on 3-4 year NBSAP implementation goals
  - Identifying how RT can support Governments with capacity to coordinate
  - Ensure Partners are accountable to delivery of “commitments”



# What Next

- PNG, Solomons - national discussions
- Fiji – strategic involvement