Integrated Agroecology and Sustainable Rural Livelihoods Framework (ASRLF) for the Pacific Islands

**AIM** To demonstrate an interdisciplinary framework that integrates Agroecology and Sustainable Livelihoods principles for traditional smallholder-focused research and development in the Pacific Islands.

**MAJOR FINDINGS**

The traditional economy (also known as subsistence economy) is an alternative to unsustainable orthodox monoculture strategies for growth and development.

The traditional economy supports sustainable economic activity at the individual and household level while operating within reciprocal networks of exchange and obligation at the community level.

The primary contact point for ASRLF interdisciplinary research is at the community level to ensure research is culturally sensitive and safeguards culturally-based social protection systems.

**DEVELOPMENT OF LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES**

Development of multifunctional goals such as subsistence farming, sustainable farming, conservation, PES, carbon sequestration, ecosystem maintenance and preservation.

**VULNERABILITY/SUSTAINABILITY CONTEXT**

- Political-economic
- Agroecological-technical
- Socio-economic
- Socio-cultural

**ANALYSIS OF INFLUENCING STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES**

Recognises societal norms, gender roles and relations, internal and external factors, institutions and traditional policies and provides strategies to strengthen network linkages.

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- Strengthening of traditional economies
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- Sustainable traditional rural economic framework
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**LIVELIHOOD ASSET ANALYSIS**

Analysis of livelihood assets with Agroecology-based assessment of smallholders to identify their key ecological processes, problems, and methods for potential solutions.

**AGROECOLOGICAL & SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES**

- Agroecological multifunctionality
- Untapped off-farm domestic economy (subsistence)

**VULNERABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY CONTEXT ANALYSIS**

- Macro, meso and micro political ecological analysis of the links between agroecology and smallholders and the wider social, economic and biophysical environment.