



ACTION AGAINST DESERTIFICATION



FIJI

Deforestation, intensive sloping, flat farming and reclamation of mangrove swamps are the main drivers of land degradation in Fiji. The country is losing over 50 tons of soil per hectare each year through run-off, four times the average in tropical areas. Fiji's sustainable development is further threatened by the rising sea level, a result of climate change, for which it is paying a high social and economic price.

Action Against Desertification aims to build the resilience and increase the productivity of forest landscapes in Fiji, while improving the livelihoods of the local population through the restoration of degraded land and the sustainable management of natural resources. The project is working on the following activities:

→ LAND RESTORATION

for small-scale farming on 2 000 hectares of communal lands in 64 local communities. About 8 000 kg of seeds and over 1 000 000 seedlings of native species are being produced in village nurseries for direct sowing and planting to restore degraded forests and rehabilitate agro-forestry and agro-ecology farmland.

→ PROMOTION OF NON-TIMBER

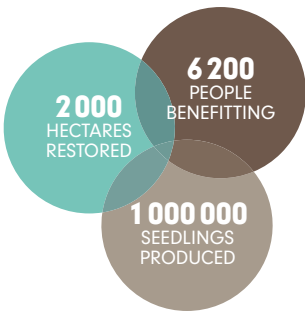
forest products to help 2 000 farmers, of whom half are women, increase their income. Activities include bee farming for honey production and crop pollination, sandalwood and wild ginger production, nutritional gardens, and the production and marketing of handicraft made of forest materials.

→ CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

of communities and village technicians involving around 240 farmers and 540 members of 64 communities. Subjects include forest seed collection and handling, nursery and restoration techniques, sustainable land and forest management practices and market analysis and development. Around 150 government staff are being trained in specialised fields, such as tree breeding, farm soil testing, land use planning and resource mapping, GIS and remote sensing.

- 1 Ba
- 2 Bua
- 3 Cakaudrove
- 4 Kadavu
- 5 Lau
- 6 Macuata
- 7 Ra
- 8 Tailevu





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is an initiative of the African, Caribbean and Pacific Group of States (ACP) in support of the Great Green Wall for the Sahara and the Sahel initiative and UNCCD national action programmes to combat desertification. It promotes sustainable land management and restoration of degraded land in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific. Action Against Desertification is implemented by FAO and partners with funding from the European Union in the framework of the 10th European Development Fund (EDF).

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The project is estimated to benefit some 6 200 people, more than half of them women. These include farmers, pastoralists, fishermen, sellers of forestry products and medicinal herbs, local craftsmen, and local authorities.

In close collaboration with:

- Ministry of Forests and Fisheries
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Economy – Climate Change Unit
- Ministry of iTaukei Affairs
- Vanua and provincial offices in Bua, Ra, Macuata, Cakaudrove, Tailevu, Kadavu, Lau
- NatureFiji-MareqetiViti
- Pacific Community (SPC)
- Conservation International
- Tei Tei Taveuni
- SeaWeb Pacific
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