



Indigenous Fishing User [Tenure] Rights and Traditional Marine Management: Namena Marine Reserve

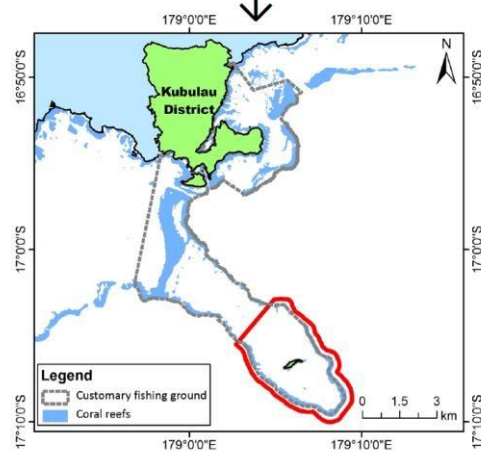
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Outline

- **Namena Barrier Reef**
 - **Customary Ownership and Use**
 - **Becoming a Reserve**
 - **The Dive Tag Program**
 - **Management of the Reserve**
 - **The Fisheries Legal Framework**
 - **Lessons Learnt**
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The Namena Barrier Reef



Source: CORAL and WCS, Fiji



Customary Ownership and Use

Indigenous Rights; the shift

**Dependence on
marine resources**

Livelihoods



Becoming Namena Marine Reserve;

The threat of commercial Fishing;

The response by community leaders; and

Capitalizing on tourism revenue



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The Dive Tag Program

Implementing process;

**Multi-stakeholder
partnerships; and**

**The resulting
management**



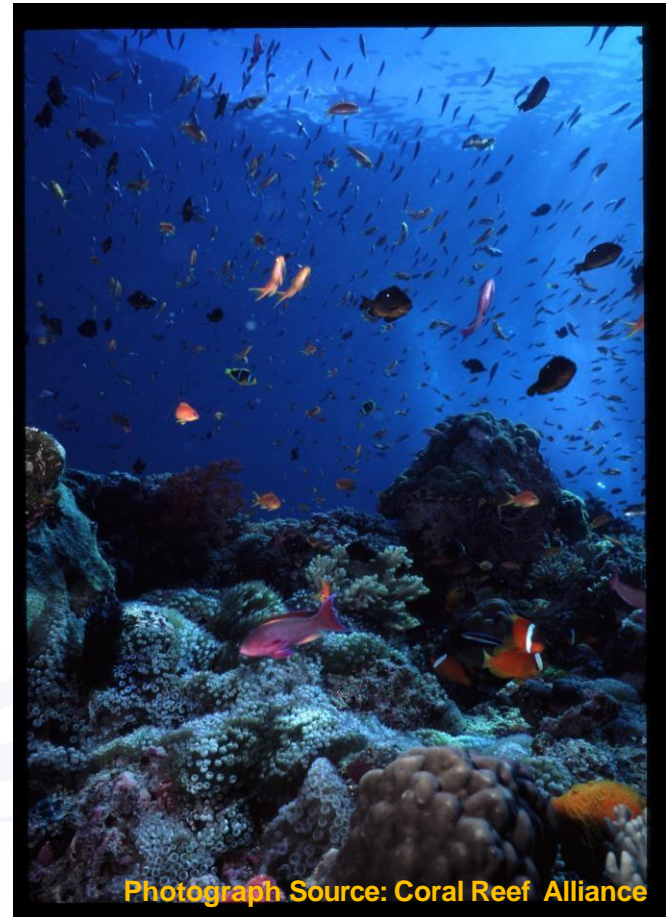
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Management of the Reserve

**The Kubulau Resource
Management Committee;**

**How it works, traditional
governance; and**

Navigating challenges



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The Legal Framework

Customary Law and Western Law;

Regulatory guidelines; and

Complex National Laws



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Lessons learned

Community led and driven initiatives create more sustainable management; &

CORALs model of work, which is explicitly designed to allow for a reduction in external involvement over time and allows resource users to move towards independent management is working



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