

2008 2012 ACTION STRATEGY FOR NATURE CONSERVATION IN THE PACIFIC GOALS FOR NATURE CONSERVATION

These Principles define critical components in delivering nature conservation in the Pacific islands region, and were derived through lessons learned from past Action Strategies. The scope of the Principles reflects the outcomes of the 2007 Alotau conference. Because of their importance in the implementation of this Strategy, the Principles have the status of a 'Code of Conduct' for all conservation partners.

As a Code of Conduct they must be recognised, respected, supported and applied by all agencies, partners and organisations working in nature conservation in the Pacific to fully achieve the Objectives of the Action Strategy. The Code of Conduct is applicable to all projects and programmes.

1 Community rights
Most natural resources in the Pacific are owned and used by indigenous and local communities

2 Conservation from a Pacific perspective
Natural resources are often the most important source of wealth and development opportunities for Pacific communities. Therefore the practice of Conservation principles in Pacific communities will influence the economic, social and cultural affairs of those communities

3 Ownership of conservation programmes
Lasting conservation in the Pacific can only be achieved if national partners (including communities) take responsibility for and leadership of the design, implementation and evaluation of all conservation programmes in their respective areas

4 Financial sustainability
Conservation initiatives must be adequately resourced over time

5 Good governance
Effective conservation programmes are participatory, accountable and transparent

6 Co-ordination
Conservation is more effective when partners coordinate and work within a strategic framework

7 Capacity development
Community and national capacity to design, prioritise, direct, manage, implement, monitor and evaluate conservation programmes must be put in place so that lasting conservation objectives can be achieved.

8 Accountability
International and national partners are accountable to the communities and countries they work in for their investment and engagement in conservation programmes

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