

# INTERNATIONAL TROPICAL TIMBER ORGANIZATION

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### PROJECT DOCUMENT

TITLE	COMMUNITY BASED RESTORATION AND SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF VULNERABLE FORESTS OF THE REWA DELTA, VITI LEVU, FIJI
SERIAL NUMBER	PD 696/13 Rev.2 (F)
COMMITTEE	REFORESTATION AND FOREST MANAGEMENT
SUBMITTED BY	GOVERNMENT OF FIJI
ORIGINAL LANGUAGE	ENGLISH

#### SUMMARY

The coastal and mangrove wetlands generally referred to as the Rewa Delta (35,238ha) is undoubtedly a source of useful sustainable resources for human communities in the area for both marine and terrestrial resources but more importantly, safeguards the entire coastal ecosystem that supports riparian flat lands. This project seeks to address the problem associated with overpopulation and pressure on resource exploitation through the establishment of demonstration sites for rehabilitation and sustainable management of coastal and mangrove wetlands. The target community lies within the Province of Rewa and the Province of Tailevu. Specific target communities include the villages of Natila, Waicoka, Nasilai and Muanaira; representing densely populated area in the Rewa Delta. Expected outputs include community empowerment to undertake sustainable management at the community level; improvement of the quality of existing ecosystem; strengthening the up-keep of traditional knowledge and skilling among community members to support sustainable resource use. In addition, it is expected that communities will adopt alternative livelihoods that will reduce pressure from overutilization of coastal and mangrove wetland resources; and by the end of the project at least 100ha of the degraded area in the selected demonstration site would be rehabilitated with appropriate coastal tree species to support ecosystem services and human wellbeing in the long term. At the national scale the project will demonstrate sustainable policy programs and activities that can be amplified in other river systems and communities that live in coastal wetland and mangrove area in Fiji and the Pacific Region.

EXECUTING AGENCY DEPARTMENT OF FOREST, MINISTRY OF FISHERIES AND FOREST, REPUBLIC OF FIJI

COOPERATING GOVERNMENTS

DURATION 36 MONTHS

APPROXIMATE STARTING DATE TO BE DETERMINED

BUDGET AND PROPOSED SOURCES OF FINANCE	Source	Contribution in US\$	Local Currency Equivalent
	<b>ITTO</b>	<b>310,576</b>	
	GOV'T OF FIJI	76,935	
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>387,511</b>	