



**Community-based Forest and Coastal Conservation and Resource Management in PNG
MEETING NOTES for GEF 4 PROJECT BOARD**

Project Board meeting # 001/2019

12 April 2019, 10-12noon at Grand Papua Hotel

BACKGROUND. This is the first board meeting for 2019 – which aims to provide progress of the project to the Board members.

Confirmed participation: All Project Board Members have confirmed their participation. Board members: **CEPA** - Kumaras Kalim as co-chair, James Sabi; **UNDP**- Ed Vrkic, **WNBPA** - Michael Kiangua Provincial Planner, Desmond Vaghelo Environment Officer, Dorcas Kubaki Talasea District Fisheries Officer; **ENBPA** – Deputy PA Levi Mano Socio-Economic Sector; **Private Sector** Dr. Ian Orrell, NBPOL; and **CSO representative** - Pamela Avusi from FORCERT.

PROVISIONAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Board members endorse previous meeting minutes to include discussion on matters arising
2. Presentation of updates on the Project progress
3. Discussion on sustainability of the project gains
4. AOB

Annex A

MATTERS ARISING

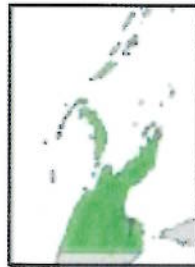
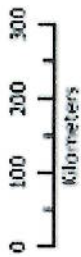
Item	Status	Way forward/Progress
Parallel contributions of provinces to the project to include travel allowances for their representative/s	<u>2019 commitments</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parallel contribution from WNBPA (K230,000) and ENBPA (K250,000) Cash contribution from Pomio DDA (K 200,000) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provinces to provide update CEPA follow-up approved K 2 million earmarked on Protected Areas and notify on allocated funds for GEF4
NBPOL expressed commitment to sign partnership agreement with the project	WNB coordinator Stephanie Tangole to provide update	
On Project Progress	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GoPNG and DFAT contribution to Owen Stanley Range/Kokoda Initiative Number of hectares established in Protected Area registry (see page 3 & 4 for map and summary) 	See Annex B for updated details
Progress on commitments		See Annex C for full details
On upcoming activities planned in Dec 2018 – March 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed mock sessions on Provincial Protected Area Roundtable held in Kimbe and Kokopo from 3-7 December 2018 Updated METT scorecards completed in February 2019 Recently completed construction of solar dryer as part of initiative to export organic cocoa to Japan Project partners intent to apply as Wildlife Management Areas or use the Organic Act for Provincial and LLGs hence cross visits was dropped. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> East New Britain aiming first PPART Working Group meeting on 22 April Consolidating METT scores to prepare for Terminal Evaluation in Aug/Sep 2019 On Cocoa initiative, first 10kg sample is being processed and will be shipped to Japan in April after Easter to finalize marketing deal. Project team following up with Pomio DDA for next K100,000 when released to support with implementing the cocoa action plan.

**Protected Areas Registry
for Papua New Guinea**

Data as displayed current
as of 1 July 2018

Legend: Protected Areas Registry
by STATUS attribute

- Designated
- Proposed
- Voluntary
- Area of interest
- Dispute
- unknown
- No longer active



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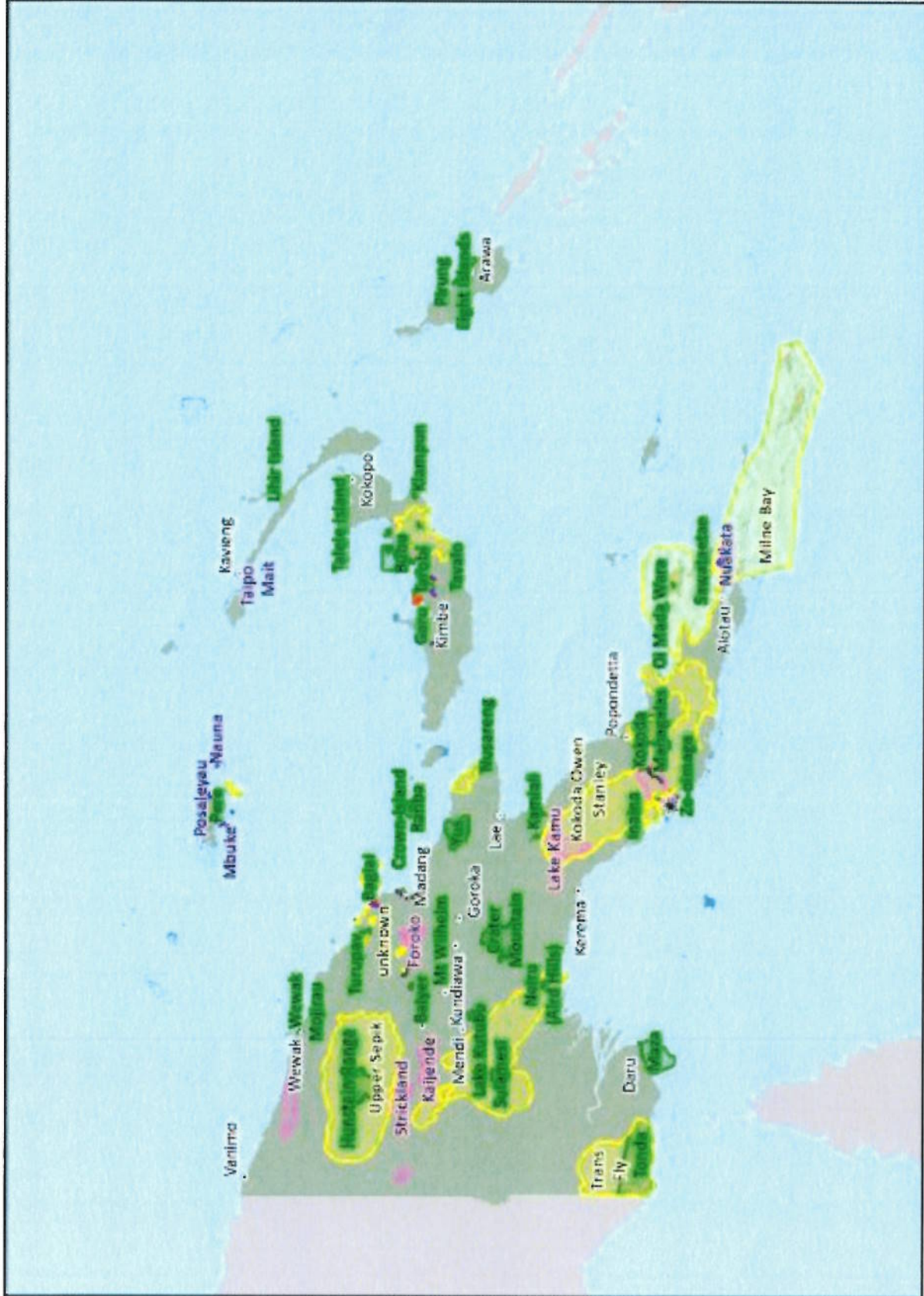


Figure 1: Protected Areas Map - National scale

Table 4: Hectares per Designation value for protected areas, summarized by STATUS attribute

Designation	Designated	Proposed	Voluntary	Area of interest	Dispute	unknown	No longer active	Grand Total
Community Conservation Area		4,533						4,533
Conservation Area	376,781	368,791	1,186					746,758
District Park	3							3
Industry HCV Sites			3,533					3,533
Land Use Management Plan (LUMP)	21,192			1,299				22,491
LMMA	160,192		24,604		17,226	224		202,246
Memorial Park	2							2
National Park	8,145						75	8,220
National Park - Scenic Reserve							19,656	19,656
Natural Reserve	118							118
Natural Reserve - National Park	31							31
Private Arrangements								
Protected Area	20,464							20,464
Provincial Park	198							198
Reserve						126		126
Tentative WHA		41,585		16,288,101				16,329,686
unknown		382,718	168	131,523		5,631		520,040
Wildlife Area			421					421
Wildlife Sanctuary	31,579							31,579
WMA	1,705,779	68,603						1,774,382
World Heritage Area		298						298
(blank)		148,924						148,924
Grand Total	2,324,485	1,015,452	29,912	16,420,923	17,226	6,903	19,730	19,834,631

Annex B PROJECT PROGRESS as of Nov 2018

Objective: Develop effective natural resource management and financing systems for community conservation areas

Description of Indicator	Baseline Level	End of project target level	Cumulative progress since project start as of 26 November, 2018	Update as of 31 March 2019
1 - National policy and regulatory framework providing comprehensive and consistent support for CCAs	No specific legislative framework for CCAs. Protected Areas are being established under a range of secondary legislation with limited and inconsistent governmental support	(1) A comprehensive and integrated policy and regulatory framework for CCAs is enacted by end of year 2, (2) supported by a coordinated whole-of-Government decision-making mechanism operational by year 3	With the Protected Area Policy endorsed by the National Executive Council (NEC) in 2014. Project supported CEPA to carry out NEC directives: formulate a PA Bill and develop an implementation plan to roll out the implementation of the new Policy with budget implications. <u>Update:</u> Minister expected to present PA Bill to NEC in March 2019; PAP Implementation Plan (PAPIP) officially endorsed by National Planning for 20 million kina to be included in 2019 national budget. CIP approved one million kina for PA from national budget.	Minister to present PA Bill to NEC in May 2019. K 2 million earmarked from 2019 National Budget. CEPA with support from GEF 4 & 5 to prepare CIP submission by June 2019 to access remaining K18 million.
2 - Area protected under Community Conservation Areas	1.7 million hectares under various protection scheme for land and sea	500,000 hectares protected by end of project	540,000 ha directly supported in New Britain and Owen Stanley Range (238,071 ha gazetted through a Ministerial approval among the Ministers on Conservation and Environment, Forestry and Mining). <u>Update:</u> ENBPA commits to facilitate PEC declaration of 10 CCAs in the province; WNBPA to follow suit. Cross visit in Madang set in Feb 2019 to learn functional conservation deed established in communities supported by Binatang Research Center and Bismark Ramu Group.	672,187 hectares directly supported. Network of protected areas in New Britain Island totaling 434,115 ha covered with draft gazettal application. 238,071 ha gazetted for Owen Stanley Range.
3 - Quality of biodiversity management of CCAs as measured by METT	To be assessed for individual CCAs upon establishment	CCAs show sustained improvement in METT scores over the duration of the project, beginning from respective year of CCA establishment.	Updated METT score in September 2017 for New Britain Island at 47 out of 102 (46%) and Owen Stanley Range at 75 out of 102 (75%) <u>Update:</u> METT in-depth training set in Jan-Feb 2019 to update METT scores.	Updated METT completed in February 2019 for New Britain Island: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline of 15 out of 102 (14%) • Midstream (2017) at 47 (46%) • In 2019 at 51 (50%) OSR score to be undertaken in June 2019.

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<p>4 - Landowner commitment to CCAs</p>	<p>Landowner commitment to existing forms of PAs (e.g. WMAs) is often limited, as demonstrated by level of contribution to WMA management.</p>	<p>Landowner commitment sufficient to ensure effective management and conservation of CCAs as measured at end-project.</p>	<p>Letter of consent from customary landowners and communities have been obtained for most of project sites, with the exception of Galuwe and Manginun where the Local Level Government President still needs to sign off; and Mu and Western Whiteman Range to revalidate results from FPIC process.</p> <p><u>Update:</u> Project funds directly managed by 3 communities (Klampun, Toimtop and Tavolo in East New Britain); 3 communities through WNBPA and the rest of 12 communities continues to be supported by partner CSOs.</p>	<p>Hectares of protected areas in New Britain Island almost doubled from 233,172 ha (2016) to now 434,115 ha (2019). See areas included in the Protected Area Network for NBI on page 12.</p>
<p>5- Funding for conservation and management of CCAs is sufficient to underwrite core activities, and is sustainable over time</p>	<p>To be established for each CCA during planning, using the PA Financing Scorecard</p>	<p>By end-project each established CCA has demonstrated access to all funding required for core management and conservation activities for at least two consecutive years.</p>	<p>Due to fiscal deficit in the country, both national government and ENB/WNB provincial administrations have strongly indicated their contribution will be made available in 2019. Signed MOU between these provinces and CEPA, provinces committed to co-finance project activities with K730,000 or equivalent to US\$ 229,920 annually (<i>K500,000 East New Britain and K230,000 West New Britain</i>).</p> <p>CEPA is currently preparing Capital Investment Program submission for K20 million to support the implementation of the PA Policy to be earmarked in the 2019 national budget.</p> <p><u>Update:</u> Pomio_DDA signed MOU with UNDP to provide cash contribution of K200,000 (est. US\$ 61,400) to support cocoa startup initiative in the District. Both provinces also provided parallel cash contribution to support the implementation of project activities (K 250,000 ENBPA; K 230,000 WNBPA) as reflected in the 2019 AWP. New Britain Palm Oil and Hargy Palm Oil are keen to partner with the Project and provide direct support to pilot communities.</p>	<p>Financial score for New Britain Island increased by 20% - from 10 or 4% (2017) to 54 or 24% (2019) out of 220 points.</p> <p>CEPA with support from GEF 4 & 5 to program K 2 million earmarked on Protected Area from 2019 National Budget. Project to also assist CEPA with CIP submission by June 2019 for remaining K18 million.</p> <p>Next K100,000 from Pomio DDA expected in May 2019. Pomio DDA expressed commitment to further add resources.</p> <p>Additional resources for CCAs are facilitated through application from GEF Small Grants Programme and IUCN Critical Ecosystem Partnership Facility (Klampun, Toimtop, Manginun, ARM, Tavolo).</p>

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OUTCOME 1: National enabling environment for a community-based sustainable national system of protected areas (PAs) containing globally and nationally significant biodiversity				
7 - Evidence or degree of mainstreaming of protected areas within different national policies and development strategies	Develop and support the implementation of the Protected Area Policy Implementation Plan (PAPIP)	By year 4, PNGs PAPIP as a sectoral plan is mainstreamed in related planning documents	Govt's Medium-term Development Plan 3 commits to invest in protected areas in the medium term. PAPIP is aligned with national commitment and MTDP 3 target of adding 1 million hectares under protection scheme.	PAP Implementation Plan (PAPIP) officially endorsed by National Planning. CIP submission to follow in June 2019.
8- National policy framework explicitly and comprehensively addresses key conservation policy requirements.	Comprehensive policy frameworks not yet established for EIAs, sustainable agriculture or protected area financing.	By end of the project, policy framework on Biodiversity Offset Mechanism have been developed and endorsed by CEPA	Biodiversity Offset Mechanism for PNG developed and accepted by CEPA. Policy development on Offset is directly supported by GEF5 project. Project supported with the formulation of GEF6 on Sustainable Financing for PNG's Protected Area Network. Work on sustainable palm oil is taken up by WB/UNDP Forest Carbon Partnership Facility. Update: UNDP Biodiversity Finance Initiative to provide support for PNG and/or link up with other similar biodiversity finance relevant alternatives in the region. BioFin mission currently in-country.	Biodiversity Offset Mechanism for PNG developed and endorsed by CEPA in 2017.
9- Integration of the three existing Protected Areas into a single legal framework for protected area establishment and management under the new CEPA Act	Fragmented legislation with low power for PA management and no capacity to manage benefit sharing arrangements	A single integrated legislation with increased scope for PA management including benefit sharing arrangements	Minister of Conservation, Environment and Climate Change to present the Protected Area Bill to NEC in March 2019. Technical support by UNDP PNG made to finalize NEC submission. The Project currently supports the development of a BSA model on water use in the Warangoi Hydro.	PA Bill to be presented by Minister in May 2019.

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11 - Level of Government funding available for PA establishment and management.	Annual funding averages less than USD1 million at start of project.	By end-project, available funding meets minimum requirement for gazetted CAs, as measured by the PA Financing Scorecard	Government has a firm commitment totaling to K 21.66 million or equivalent to USD 6.8 million (CEPA: K 20 million or \$ 6.289 million. New Britain provincial administrations: K 1.46 million or almost \$460,000; and Pomio District Development Authority: K200,000 or \$ 62,890).	Financial score for New Britain Island increased by 20% - from 10 or 4% (2017) to 54 or 24% (2019) out of 220 points.
12 - Level of institutional and technical capacity in CEPA (once established) and other relevant Government agencies as measured using a Capacity Scorecard or similar approach	To be established upon finalization of the Government restructuring [updated CD score for CEPA: 38%]	By end-project, CEPA institutional and technical capacity scores are rated as "Sufficient" or "Adequate" across all key competencies. Institutional scores for other relevant agencies (including local governments) show increases on average between project mid-term and end-project assessments	Completed CD score in July 2017 with CEPA at 38%. Update: 8% increase with CD Assessment of CEPA at 46% completed in March 2018 through cost share with GEF5.	CD assessments for CEPA is planned for 16 April, and for East and West New Britain on 31 May 2019.
13 - Legal status of CCAs and legal tools being applied to provide protection of CCAs	Existing PAs (e.g. WMAs) regularly suffering negative impact from agricultural conversion, mining impacts, etc.	All CCAs are established and legally gazetted	Legal status of 18 CCAs pending upon enactment of the Protected Area Bill. Update: ENBPA commits to facilitate PEC declaration of CCAs in the province; WNBPA to follow suit. Toimtop Village and Lake Lamo Auro have submitted their gazettal application to CEPA. A cross-visit in Madang with a functional conservation deed is schedule in Feb 2019.	10 sites progressing with gazettal application as Wildlife Management Areas and 4 as community conservation areas through LLG recognition using the Organic Act for Provincial and LLGs.
OUTCOME 2: Community-managed Conservation Areas identified and established in the Owen Stanley Range and New Britain				
14 - Hectares of new Protected Areas established under the new	1.7 million hectares gazetted terrestrial and marine areas under protection and/or mgt.	By year 5 at least 500,000 hectares added in pilot sites	Exceeded target with 540,000 ha directly supported in New Britain and Owen Stanley Range.	672,187 hectares total directly supported - 434,115 ha covered through the Protected Area Network in New Britain


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community conservation area framework	Under different national legislations, various conservation areas have been established as provided under the National Parks Act, Fauna (Protection and Control) Act and the Organic Law on Provincial and Local Level Governments.		<p><u>Update:</u> 2 new communities recently submitted their gazettal application to CEPA. Both are part of the 18 sites directly supported by the Project – Toimtop Wildlife Management Area and Lake Lamu Auro proposed Community Conservation Area.</p> <p>Based on the Protected Area registry developed through the Project, noted increase of 2.125 million ha.</p>	Island and 238,071 ha gazetted for Owen Stanley Range.
OUTCOME 3: Conservation Area Management Planning and Partnership Agreements with Communities				
15- Increase in METT scores for each established CA.	Individual METT scores to be calculated during establishment of the CAs	By end-project, METT scores for each CA increase by at least 20% over initial baseline	<p>METT score was completed for New Britain (47) and Owen Stanley Range (75) in September 2017.</p> <p><u>Update:</u> In preparation for project closure, METT in-depth training to be carried out for all CCAs in Feb-March 2019.</p>	Exceeded target METT score for sites by 36% based on baseline and towards the end of the project – with baseline of 15 out of 102 (14%); midstream (2017) at 47 (46%); and towards end point (2019) at 51 (50%) OSR scoring to be undertaken in June 2019.
16- Partnership agreements (bilateral, tripartite or more) that are intended to support, in a demonstrable way	Agreements to be established during creation of CAs [updated: One agreement in place: Signed MOU between NBPOL and Mahonia Na Dari to support Pokili and Garu WMA]	(a) Up to eight signed agreements; (b) Demonstrated expenditure leading to measurable outcomes.	<p>There are 7 signed agreements in place: CEPA with ENBPA, CEPA with WNBPA, UNDP with Pomio DDA, Mahonia Na Dari with NBPOL, UNDP with Klampun WMA, UNDP with Toimtop Conservation Association, and UNDP with Tavolo WMA.</p> <p><u>Update:</u> Hargy Oil Palm keen to partner with the Project and directly support conservation actions to protect the caldera of Lake Lamu Auro. NBPOL expressed commitment to continue its support to Pokili and Garu WMAs. CELCOR facilitating discussion on the tripartite agreement to be signed on the benefit sharing arrangement on the water use of Warangoi River.</p>	Partnership agreements being pursued by CEPA and GEF4.

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OUTCOME 4: Capacity development and support for implementation of CA Management Plans				
17 - Institutional and individual/ technical capacities of Provincial and local level governments to ensure effective delivery of key project outputs.	Preliminary capacity assessment during PPG indicates institutional and individual/ technical capacities are low or extremely low, at 24.4% and 33.3% respectively. Detailed capacity assessments for each participating Provincial/ local government entity to be conducted during establishment of CAs	Provincial and local level government (LLG) institutional and technical capacities to support establishment and management of CAs increases by at least 20% two years after establishment of each CA. Overall institutional capacity increases to at least 56.4%, and individual capacity increases to 50%.	A 20% increase in CD scores for NBI provinces from the baseline of 24.4% to West New Britain at 44% and East New Britain at 46% in July 2017 Update: Partners to participate in series of training on PA planning and management in 2019 through GEF5.	CD assessment for New Britain set 31 May 2019. Provincial focal points to participate PA management training in POM, 20-22 May 2019; and second phase on drone training in POM, 23-25 May 2019.
18 - Capacity of landowners to manage conservation areas and associated livelihoods/ service delivery activities	Preliminary overall assessment during PPG indicated non-existent to low capacities. Specific capacity baselines to be established for each CA.	Landowner groups through their Local Level Governments and other partners are accessing resources to implement livelihood and/or service delivery activities	All 18 CCAs are supported through partnership agreements with CSOs (12 sites), WNBPA (3 sites) and directly with communities (3 sites). Supportive of the national initiative of DAL/District Cocoa Nursery Project, the Project partners with Pomio DDA for all CCA in the District to benefit from this agreement (Arabam, Raigel, Maranagi, Klampun, Toimtop, Tavolo, Manginun, Galuwe, and Kavakuna, Klampun, Toimtop traditionally grows cocoa).	ENBPA complementing cocoa initiative with Pomio DDA.


Protected Area Network in New Britain Island

Names of Protected Areas		Est. Area (2016)	Confirmed (2019)	Increase in Ha
East New Britain				
1	Tavolo WMA	2,000.0	32,000.0	30,000.0
2	Kavakuna WMA	20.0	3,219.7	3,199.7
3	Pakia WMA (new)	0	35,000.0	35,000.0
4	Muruk (proposed)	50.0	15,000.0	14,950.0
5	Manginuna/ Totolorainia (new)	0	50,000.0	50,000.0
6	Toimtop (proposed)	2,007.0	2,800.0	793.0
7	Klampun WMA	5,200.0	11,900.0	6,700.0
8	Arabam (proposed)	53,495.0	55,510.0	2,015.0
9	Raigel (proposed)			
10	Maranagi (proposed)			
West New Britain				
11	Via River Catchment (proposed)	150,000.0	206,800.0	56,800.0
12	Pokili WMA	9,840.0	9,840.0	0
13	Garu WMA	8,700.0	7,515.0	(1,185.0)
14	Lake Lamo Auru (new)	1,860.0	4,532.0	2,672.0
	Total	233,172.0	434,116.7	200,944.7

ENDORSEMENT or CLEARANCE FOR THE MEETING MINUTES

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