



The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of the Parties (COP16, Cancun 2010) decision encourages developing country Parties to contribute to reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions in the forest sector by undertaking REDD+ activities.

Fiji recognised REDD+ as an opportunity to contribute to global efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, strengthen the socio-economic status of its forest resource owners and protect its forest ecosystems.

REDD+ provides carbon & non-carbon benefits. In Fiji, land belonging to the Mataqali Emalu in Draubuta village, Navosa is the pilot site for the Fiji National REDD+ Programme. The land has an area of 7,347 hectares covered predominantly by primary pristine forest.

Progress so far...

- Extensive baseline surveys have been carried out on the Emalu pilot from 2012-2013 including the socio-economic survey, cultural mapping, carbon stock measurements, biodiversity and archeological surveys and land use mapping.
- The development and implementation of a Draubuta land use plan serves to guide reforestation of grassland and degraded areas. This will also inform the development of the National grassland reforestation guidelines.
- Emalu pilot site representatives have participated in national and international level forums relating to REDD+, climate change and indigenous peoples.
- The alternative livelihood income generating trainings has enabled the Draubuta community to sell honey, handicrafts, poultry products, tree seedlings.
- The Draubuta community nursery was established in 2013 to contribute towards reforestation and afforestation activities which are ongoing.
- REDD+ Emalu lease developed since 2015 and is the first REDD+ lease for Fiji.
- Establishment of the Draubuta agroforestry demonstration farm that promotes sustainable land management practices has up-skilled farmers to adopt alternative farming practices that enhances their resilience to the changing climactic conditions.
- The Fiji National REDD+ Programme has made significant contributions towards community development efforts in Draubuta village with the construction of their village hall, health & sanitation project.



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