

# LESSONS for COMMUNITY RESOURCE MANAGEMENT



If your community wants to benefit from marine resource management, there are a few things we can learn from the experience of others who have already tried in Solomon Islands, like the communities looking after the Arnavon Community Marine Park.

## 1 COMMUNICATION

Resource management needs open, clear communication with the whole community involved. Trust must be built and this can take time.



## 2 PATIENCE



It is important not to raise expectations that cannot be met. Resource management takes time. There may not be immediate cash benefits. But the alternative is no resources.

## 3 TRANSPARENCY

All decisions about finances and staff hiring must be transparent so that distrust and misunderstanding do not rise.



## 4 COMMUNICATE THE SCIENCE



Community members need to understand the science of marine resource management - how long it takes and how it works.

## 5 COMPLIANCE



Having rangers or other ways to ensure compliance is important. Without compliance, management cannot work.

## 6 SEEING IS BELIEVING



If people can see for themselves the increased populations of fish and other marine resources, they will be inspired to use the same methods.

## 7 GENDER BALANCE

It is important for women to be involved in management programs from the start



## 8 SPREAD THE WORD

Invite other communities to visit and see the results for themselves.



## 9 REGULAR MONITORING OF FISH STOCK

Keep records of numbers and sizes of fish and other resources in your reserve. If community members are involved in monitoring, management is more likely to succeed.

