

GEF/Nagoya Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing (ABS) Projects



Funding

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Partners

- Government of Fiji and its line of ministries of , Ministry of Environment
- Ministry of i-Taukei Affairs
- Georgia Tech Research Corporation (GTRC)
- Scripps Institution of Oceanography

Highlights / Outputs

The objective for each of the lead agencies under the project are:

1. IAS - Discovering active compounds for pharmaceutical and agrochemical uses from organisms within the ecosystems of Fiji.
2. MOE - Operationalization of ABS Agreements and Benefit Sharing
3. MTA - Increased national capacity to operationalize Nagoya Protocol.

Outputs

- Launching of the Pacific Bioprospecting Samples Database
- Free Prior and Informed Consent (FPIC) awareness workshop with government stakeholders held in the Tikina of Ono, Kadavu in February 2018
- 2 Free Prior Informed Consent Consultation visits to Nacula Island, Yasawa Islands and Beqa Island in 2017
- Collection of samples in Kadavu, Yaswa and Beqa
- Contribution to ABS National Consultation Workshop held in April at the Pearl Resort
- Collections of samples at Suva Seashore (74 Micro and 3 Macro samples), Nacula Island (114 micro and 31 macro samples) in 2017
- 835 Marine microbial isolates, 472 marine microbial extracts
- Overarching MOU between USP and Fiji Government ministries on bioprospecting is in progress
- MOU between GIFU and USP signed
- Purchase of major equipment, apparatuses and solvents for the PNPRC Laboratory.