

Submission to the Cabinet Development Committee

1. **Project Name:** GDP 435947: Improved Management of Samoa's First Ramsar Site Lake Lanoto'o"
2. **Purpose of Submission:**
 - 2.1. This is the second report to update the CDC on the current status of the is project.
3. **Executing Agency:** Ministry of Finance
4. **Implementing Agency:** Ministry of Natural Resources & Environment
5. **Project Objective(s):**
 - 5.1. Complete a detailed site an ecological survey, species and resources use inventory of the Ramsar site to inform planning, identify areas of degradation that require attention, and confirm the distribution and status of biodiversity in the area;
 - 5.2. Promote wise uses of the resources within the Ramsar site, as well as target necessary rehabilitation work;
 - 5.3. Develop a wise use management framework through consultations with the customary owners of the land and other government agencies as necessary;
 - 5.4. Raise awareness among stakeholders of the importance of protecting Lake Lanoto'o';
 - 5.5. Develop, promote and implemented alternative income generating activities for the local people in order that unsustainable landuse practices are discontinued; and
 - 5.6. Establish appropriate monitoring to ensure the ecological character of the site is retained and any threats to this can be detected as early as possible.
6. **Project Funding (Aid & Local Budget):**
 - 6.1. Original Cost 62,000 CHF (Swiss Francs)
 - 6.1.1. External Funding – Ramsar SGP 40,000 CHF (Swiss Francs); WWF 9,000 CHF; Main Stream Environmental Consulting 3,000 CHF
 - 6.1.2. Local Funding – MNRE & MOF 10,000 CHF: For salaries of staff that manage the funds, organize and implement the project activities and all transportation, communication, and office operational costs.
 - 6.1.3. Amount of External Funding Received:
 - 6.1.3.1. Ramsar SGP 32,000 CHF (\$66,225.17)
 - 6.1.3.2. WWF 4,500 EU (\$14,502.09 SAT)
 - 6.1.3.3. TOTAL RECEIVED: \$80,727.26 SAT
 - 6.1.4. Remaining Balance of External Funding Received: \$25,256.00 SAT
7. **Duration**
 - 7.1. The project has been requested to extend to end of 2007 (31 December 2007).
8. **Current Implementation:**
 - 8.1. Project coordination has been shifted from the Division of Environment & Conservation to the Division of Forestry of MNRE.
9. **Outstanding Issues:**
 - 9.1. The remaining outcomes are:
 - 9.1.1. Strategy for stakeholder management plan formulation & stakeholder consultations
 - 9.1.2. National stakeholder consultations
 - 9.1.3. Draft Lake Lanoto'o Management Plan
 - 9.1.4. Freshwater ecology baseline survey
10. **Project Implication for Samoa**
 - 10.1. The project contributes to the formulation of an effective long-term management plan for Samoa's second National Park 'The Lake Lanoto'o National Park' which is also Samoa's first Ramsar site.

11. Signed by:



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12. Date: 04 May 2007