

# PAPUA NEW GUINEA

## Strengthening non-state actor involvement in forest governance



### CAPACITY BUILDING



In December 2020, UPNG provided training on GIS/Remote Sensing, Spatial Analysis and Physical Planning to 11 participants from both government and non-state actor organisations, out of which three were TCA staff.

### INCREASED TRANSPARENCY & ACCESS TO INFO



Rangers and TCA staff continue to carry out community-based forest monitoring. Data from the Lukim Gather app and camera trappings were collated by volunteers for analysis.

### SUSTAINABLE & INFORMED NETWORKS



UPNG revised and updated the PNG Guidelines for PFPs in the country which was approved early last year (2020). A draft PFP was also submitted for one of the three REDD+ Pilot Provinces in the country to the PNGFA in December, 2020.

### INFORMED & EFFECTIVE PARTICIPATION



In July 2020, the Torricelli Mountain Range Conservation Area (TMRCA) Management Plan was completed with a total of 43 villages' boundary mapping and land use plans incorporated in the Plan.

Tenkile Conservation Alliance (TCA) and the University of Papua New Guinea (UPNG) continued to work collaboratively with communities of the Torricelli Mountain Range on forest governance issues. Key activities included:

- In July 2020, the Torricelli Mountain Range Conservation Area (TMRCA) Management Plan was completed. A total of 43 villages have completed boundary mapping and land use plans as part of establishing the TMRCA. However, TCA had to remove seven villages from the program due to logging and other conflicts. Therefore, the size of the TMRCA has been adjusted in the plan and re-submitted to the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) in November 2020.
- TCA continues to work with CEPA who have completed their communications with the Local Level Governments and Provincial Governments regarding the TMRCA. Recent disruptions within the PNG Government in late 2020 has meant all parliamentary sittings, meetings and approvals will not take place until at least April 2021.
- UPNG continues to advocate for forest governance at the national and provincial levels. Dr Gowae was the Team Leader of the National Technical Team that revised and updated the PNG Guidelines for Provincial Forest Plans (PFPs) in the country, which was approved in early 2020. Under these revised guidelines, Dr Gowae, as a Team Leader, submitted a draft PFP for one of the three REDD+ Pilot Provinces in the country to the PNG National Forest Authority (PNFGA) in December, 2020.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES

- Dr Gowae led one of the main site events for the 10th Pacific Islands Conference (PIC) on Nature and Conservation with the theme “Conservation Stories from PNG” held from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 27<sup>th</sup> of November 2020.
- TCA Chief Operating Officer (COO) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) also presented and attended at the PIC. New REDD+ networks were established during this conference.
- The CEO also participated in high level sustainable financing workshops online with the UNDP. Outcomes of these workshops inform the PNG Government on how to build sustainable financing for Protected Areas in PNG.
- While TCA staff and volunteer rangers have continued to carry out community-based forest monitoring in the TCA project area, TCA has established a contact in December 2020 to help develop an online platform for all of TCA’s data including: Biodiversity, Camera trapping, Distance Sampling, Socio-economic, TMRCA boundaries, Village boundaries, Clan boundaries, Land-use plans and Carbon.
- TCA has also become a member of the International Rangers Association – the first group to do so in PNG.
- TCA has continued to improve its own institutional capacity by developing two new policy and procedure documents, which were approved by the TCA administration staff and TCA Board Members. That is a total of 28 new policy documents produced in 2020.
- In addition, the UNDP Global Environment Facility grant, which has co-financed the project came to a close in 2020 and TCA worked with independent reviewers and consultant to successfully close the project and wrote a lessons learned document as a result. TCA has also looked into further funding opportunities as part of its sustainability strategy – it has been able to successfully win new bids including grants with the Segre Foundation, grants for a solar project, which will provide funding for wages for an Accountant and Human Resources manager, staff wages, village visits and data collection. TCA has also been granted funds by the Biodiversity and Protected Areas Management Programme (Biopama), which will support the purchase of new technology for forest monitoring and mapping work. This will also provide support for capacity building for GIS mapping and SMART.



## Proposed Torricelli Mountain Range Conservation Area (TMRCA) Management Plan completed

## VISIBILITY & PUBLICATIONS

- TCA has written a ‘Lesson Learned 2001-2020’ document.
- TCA has produced ‘A History of the Tree Kangaroos of the TMRCA’ report.
- Land Use Planning Template revised and completed
- Carbon Assessment Training manual almost complete

## UPCOMING EVENTS 2021

- UPNG will carry out a REDD+, Land Use Planning and Terrestrial Carbon Assessment Training for TCA staff and stakeholders in early 2021.
- GIS remote sensing data will be provided for the TMRCA area.
- Socio-economic survey data and land use plans provided to UPNG for analysis.

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