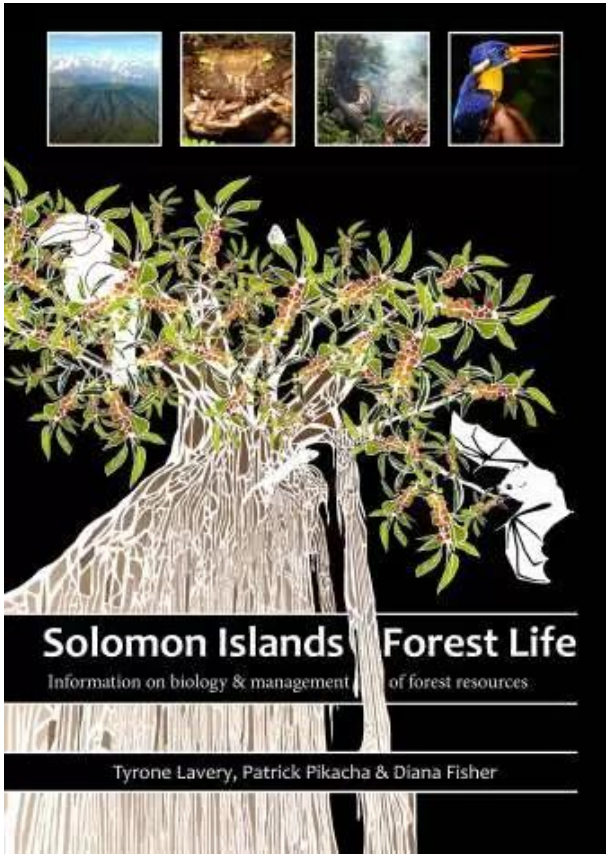
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Key activities of member organizations
July 2015 – July 2016



Generating knowledge
Objective 1, Target 1, 19

Regional awareness activities: e.g. Pacific Year of the Whale



Local and national awareness raising on biodiversity and threatened species in KBAs – e.g. Bat Conservation International in Bougainville, Oceanswatch in Temotu, Canal Studio in Vanuatu



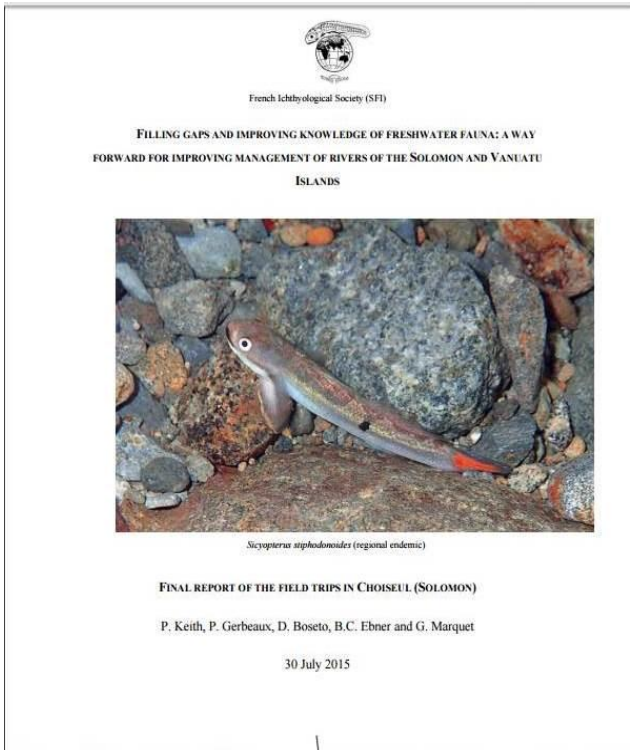
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Generating knowledge – baseline data



Surveys in Key Biodiversity Areas
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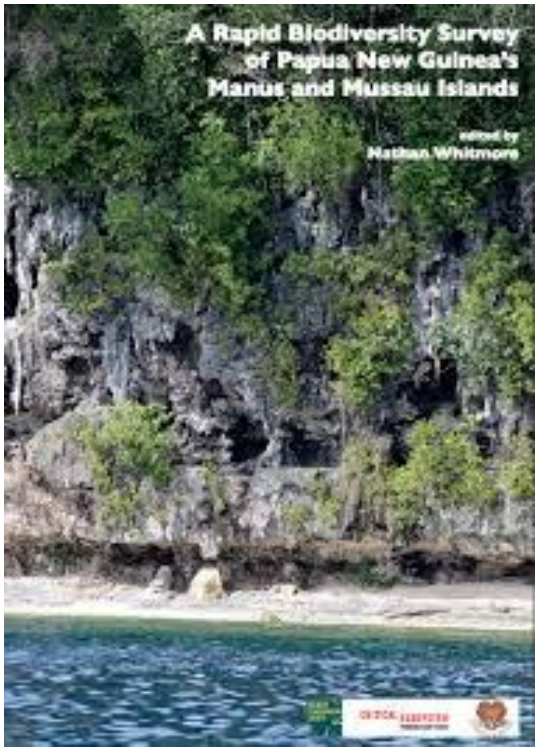
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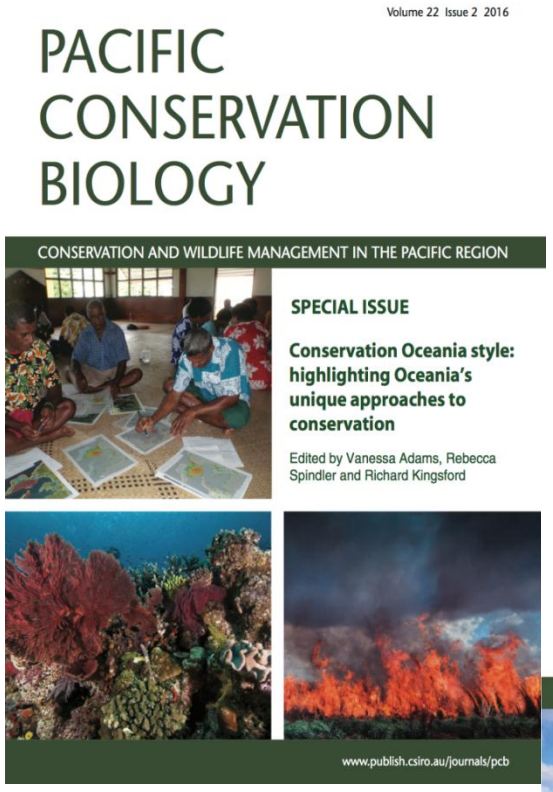
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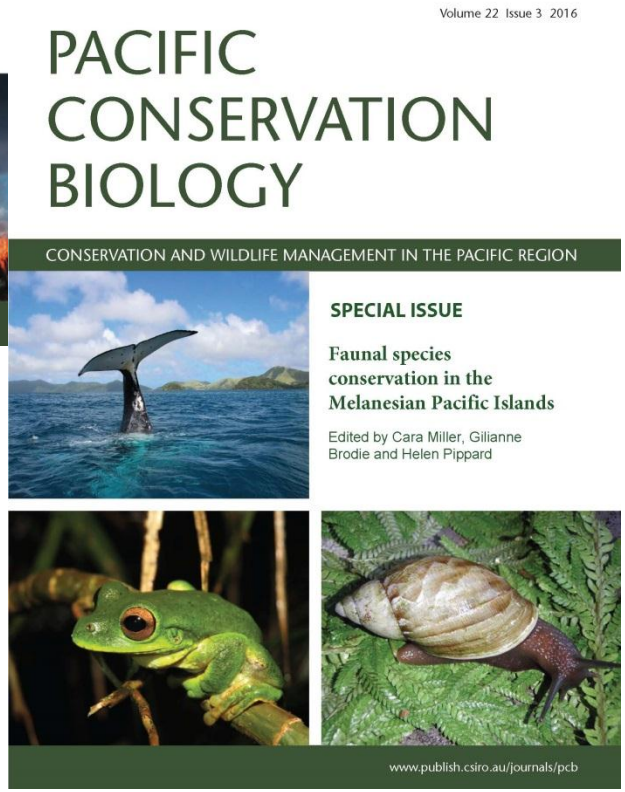
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Creating management plans, feeding into policies and legislation
e.g. working towards Objectives 3 and 5; Targets 4, 6, 7, 18

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Preparing and Implementing a **Management Plan** for Megapodes on Tongoa, Vanuatu



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Working with Fijian women fishers to **sustainably manage** and market mud crabs



Working with Pacific Island countries to **sustainably manage shark and ray populations** and improve their threat status

Providing **technical assistance to CITES Parties, CMS Parties** to promote **sustainable use**

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Action on the ground
Objective 4, Target 12



Tahiti, Fatuhiva and Rarotonga Monarchs are **continuing to recover**



Crested Iguana **re-introductions** (e.g. Monoriki) – National Trust of Fiji, NatureFiji, BirdLife International

Acmopyle management plan and now germinating with a view to **transplanting (action),** NatureFiji

Not eating, buying or selling kawakawa or donu (grouper) during spawning season, June to September, thereby promoting **sustainable use**

Challenges and opportunities

Lots of great work!

Management/species recovery exists….but moving from science to action remains a challenge

Difficult to get money just for species work

Coordination of activities difficult – lack of a funded position

Main activity bringing partners together is the Pacific Islands Species Forum



Pacific Islands Species Forum