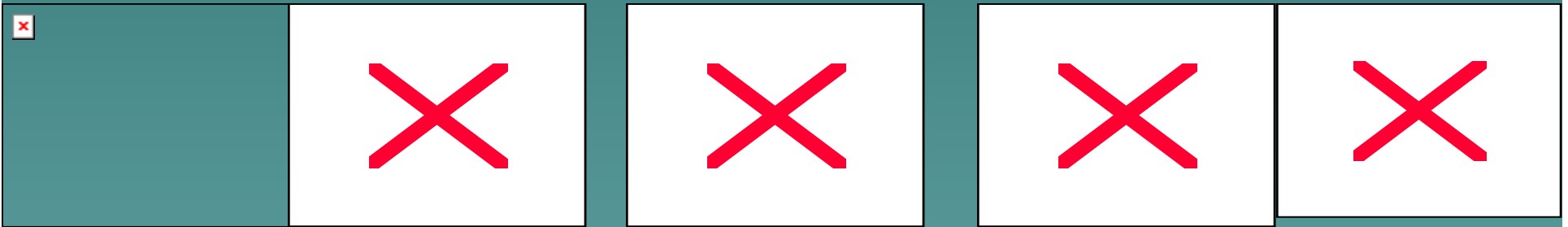


National Biodiversity Strategy & Action Plan (NBSAP) for Niue Island.



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Introduction

- ◆ Acceded to the UNCBD: 28/02/1996
- ◆ Completed the NBSAP in 2001
- ◆ NBSAP contains a vision, six goals and actions grouped under seven themes.

Outline and Main Features.

- ◆ *Vision* for Niue is to be a environmentally friendly nation that supports conservation and sustainable management of biodiversity to support a living community.
- ◆ *Six goals include:*
 - Retaining and enhancing existing biodiversity
 - Integrating biodiversity into government development policies and plans
 - Improving local community understanding about biodiversity and mobilizing their participation in biodiversity conservation, sustainable use and benefit-sharing
 - Improving capacities for sustainable management of natural resources
 - Developing financial mechanisms at various levels for conservation and sustainable management
 - Strengthening environmental education and awareness and improving information sharing.

Outline and Main Features. (cont)

- ◆ **Seven themes cover terrestrial habitats, terrestrial species, marine biodiversity, governance, waste management and water resources, alien invasive species and public awareness & education**
- ◆ **Priority actions identified previously:**
 - Protection of traditional knowledge
 - In-situ and ex-situ conservation
 - Protection of threatened species
 - Establishing a database of biodiversity.

Summary Developments.

- ◆ NBSAP developed on the basis of two legislations: the Environment Bill (Environment Act 2003) and the Integrated Environment Planning and Management Bill.
- ◆ The Agriculture & Quarantine Act and associated regulations
- ◆ Biosafety Framework.
- ◆ Development and implementation of Sustainable Forestry Management Plan
- ◆ Implementing forestry management activities.
- ◆ Implementing invasive species activities.
- ◆ National Waste Management Policy

Developments (cont)

- ◆ Promotion of Organic farming practices
- ◆ Completion of the National Capacity Self-Assessment (NCSA) on environmental management on Niue.
- ◆ Huvalu Conservation Area (Terrestrial) & Anono marine Reserve (Marine) established with more marine reserves being proposed.
- ◆ Draft National Integrated Strategic Plan (NISP 2009-2012). Multi-sector approach and stakeholder contributions.
- ◆ Etc...

Inter-linkages

- ◆ Draft National Integrated Strategic Plan (NISP 2009-2012) Multi-sector approach and stakeholder contributions.
 - Overlapping issues with other projects, agencies and sectors.
 - NISP, MDGs, etc
 - Need for more implementation than more planning.
 - Hands-on approach for a more consistent standard of work.

Biodiversity & Climate Change

- ◆ Climate change, mitigation and adaptation activities in the NBSAP were due to Biodiversity related activities and outcomes of consultation and not necessarily due to Climate Change.
- ◆ Inclusive approach to the Draft National Integrated Strategic Plan (NISP 2009-2012). Multi-sector approach and stakeholder contributions.
- ◆ Involvement of not only the three key agencies of Environment, DAFF and Department of Justice Lands & Surveying but also External Affairs, Economic Planning, Tourism, Treasury Department, Public Works Department etc

Information & Communication

- ◆ Stakeholder workshops, meetings and information over the local news.
- ◆ Consultants/Officials from regional/international Organisations appearing over the local news.
- ◆ Page adverts in the local paper.
- ◆ Website Development & implementation.
- ◆ Singing competitions
- ◆ Radio show fortnightly.
- ◆ Sponsorship for Village Activities.
- ◆ Sporting Activities!!!

Opportunities

- ◆ Combining major projects i.e. Climate Change, Desertification and Biodiversity to utilise resources efficiently and avoid duplication of activities.
- ◆ Capacity Building? Who?
- ◆ More proactive approach in getting involved in the development of the Draft Niue Island Strategic Plan (2009-2012) consultations.
- ◆ Update & review the NBSAP.

Challenges

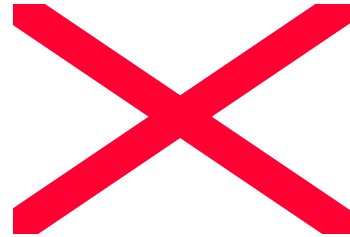
- ◆ Establishment of the National Committee on Environmental/Sustainable Development as proposed under the Environment Act 2003 and details associated.
- ◆ Population decline?? Capacity Building???
- ◆ Maintaining the momentum with many different projects active and limited technical capacities.
- ◆ Communication with national planners for processes and development initiatives for National Strategic Plans.
- ◆ Communications with officials of Regional/International Organisations.
- ◆ Cyclone Heta 2004.

What could be done differently?

- ◆ All of Government approach to avoid “grey” areas between agencies, projects and activities.
- ◆ Information overloading on NGO’s and the general public. Technical and language barriers to scientific explanation and terms used.
- ◆ Continuity of certain activities beyond projects.

Next steps...

- ◆ Follow-up on all that has been mentioned above!!!



Thank-you.

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