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WWF - World Wide  
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**Facts and Figures**

- Duration: 2006-2010
- EC contribution: €1.8 million (78% of the total)



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## Bio-diversity

### Conservation of the Bismarck and Solomon Seas

Sustainable use of the marine and coastal biodiversity in  
Papua New Guinea

*"The microproject we started has made me understand how to design and manage a project. I have gained confidence and feel capable to run the community."*

Bonny Wadui, community facilitator for  
World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF)

**Context**

The reefs in the Bismarck and Solomon Seas region contain many endemic fishes, several globally endangered species, exceptionally high biodiversity in most marine biota, high coral cover and several sites of cultural significance. It is part of the Coral Triangle, a global hotspot of biodiversity. So far the coastal and marine resources contribute relatively little to the economy and livelihoods of coastal people. Biodiversity conservation cannot be envisaged without a sound involvement of the local communities.

**Objectives**

- To improve the livelihoods of coastal communities through improved management of coastal and marine resources.
- To support the development of policy and legislative frameworks for conservation and sustainable use of marine, coastal and fisheries resources.
- Establishment of new protected areas, participation of multiple stakeholders in the management and the generation of equitably distributed benefits for local communities.

**Impact**

- 21 micro environmental projects carried out in 6 villages in the Madang Lagoon area, directly involving 240 children aged 13-16.
- Research completed for a Madang State of the Lagoon report.
- Strengthening stronger relationships with the communities in the Madang Lagoon area.

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### Limui Misken works as a community facilitator in the project

*"When I joined World Wide Fund For Nature (WWF) I gained a lot of insight on what I can do to help my community. The trainings and workshops conducted by WWF broadened my knowledge on how to work in communities, approach people and talk to a large crowd.*

*"My community has learnt a lot from the results of the socio-economic household surveys we conducted. Many were not aware of the existing environmental and social problems, such as oil spillage from ships berthing in our lagoon that affects our marine resources, and land shortages caused by increasing population. Through feedback on the problems identified during the survey, people's minds have focused on thinking seriously about the future."*



Limui Misken (left) at a mangrove nursery site in Madang in Papua New Guinea.