



Sustainable Development Management Solutions

PROJECT CONCEPT

Green Taxation for Reforestation

PROJECT GOALS:

1. To establish a sustainable financing mechanism through the use of green taxation that enables the restoration of forests in the **Solomon Islands**.
2. To establish an implementation plan and process for reforestation activities with the participation of communities, government institutions, civil society and the private sector.

THE PROBLEM

Since 1990, the Solomon Islands has lost more than 20% of its forest cover. This has impacted local communities through loss of soil and non-timber products and an important aspect of their identity.

THE PROJECT

Emulating the success of a similar scheme in Costa Rica, the project will put in place all the elements needed to adopt a new taxation scheme that taxes petroleum products and other harmful substances and directs the funds to an afforestation initiative. This would have dual benefits in motivating cleaner choices by people and industry, as well as expanding forest cover in the country and providing green jobs in rural areas and outer islands.

The project will be implemented through three phases with the following activities:

Phase 1 (2 years): Establish nurseries in three separate localities of the Solomon Islands; Establish an appropriate taxation system with the Government of Solomon Island; Deliver advocacy to government, local communities and other relevant stakeholders; Provide training to relevant personnel.

Phase 2 (2 years): Afforestation efforts are expanded around the country.

Phase 3 (1 year): Build a robust and appropriate governance structure for the scheme; Transfer the scheme's management to the appropriate local authorities; Provide the appropriate training to ensure the scheme's future sustainability; Produce a comprehensive lessons learned report.

INDICATIVE FUNDING: USD 1 million is being sought to finance the first phase of the project.

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