

## The Project for Biodiversity Conservation through Implementation of the PNG Policy on Protected Areas

### Overview

PNG is one of the areas with the richest biodiversity in the world. The government of PNG (GoPNG) formulated the National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP) in 2007. However, the implementation of NBSAP has been hindered by lack of coordination among relevant government agencies and local residents and lack of proper funding and capacity of the government agencies.

The project aims to enhance a terrestrial Protected Area (PA) management, to establish a new marine PA, and to strengthen institutional capacity for PA management through enhancing national-level PA governance and sustainable use of natural resources with local communities in the model PA(s).

These activities contribute to effective PA Network management in PNG.

### Purpose

Institutional capacity of CEPA for PA management is strengthened through enhancing national-level PA governance and sustainable use of natural resources with local communities in the model PA(s) as per the provision of the PNG Policy on Protected Areas (PPA).

### Activities/Outputs

**National-level governance and management arrangement for Protected Area Network (i.e., PPA Action Plan, National Conservation Council (NCC)) is strengthened.**

**The Varirata National Park (VNP) is enhanced as a terrestrial PA management model in accordance with PPA.**

**A model of establishing a new marine PA is developed as per the provision of PPA and concerned laws.**

**Public relations/awareness for biodiversity conservation is improved by disseminating project related information.**



#### Project Site

Terrestrial : Varirata National Park, Koiari LLG, Central Province

Marine/Coastal : Bootless Bay and Motupore Island Areas, Hiri LLG, Central Province

#### Implementing Organization

Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA)

#### Duration

Jun. 2015—Jun. 2020

