

Global Significance: This discovery highlights Lau as a haven for unique species, some of which are not found anywhere else in the world.

Navitilevu Bay's Mangrove Success:

Our project in Navitilevu Bay stands out for bringing back life to its waters. Through dedicated mangrove restoration, we've seen:

Biodiversity Boost: The comeback of fish and notably bigger crabs has been very impactful for the bay, revitalizing local fisheries and securing food and jobs for the community.

Community Power: The heart of this success lies in the community's involvement, especially the leadership roles taken by women. This team effort has not only healed the environment but also strengthened communal ties to nature.

This effort showcases the incredible impact of uniting conservation work with community action, highlighting a path forward for sustainable environmental stewardship.



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Introduction

Home to more than 850,000 people, Fiji is one of the most populated islands in the South Pacific. Its forests, mountains, and coral reefs, spread across 300 islands, contain a wealth of biodiversity.

But as the effects of climate change intensify, Fiji's natural resources are at risk. Swift action is needed to protect them so they can support the island's rapidly growing population.

Mission

Building upon a strong foundation of science, partnership and field demonstration, Conservation International empowers societies to responsibly and sustainably care for nature, our global biodiversity, for the well-being of humanity.

Vision

We imagine a healthy, prosperous world in which societies are forever committed to caring for and valuing nature, for the long-term benefit of people and all life on Earth.



Main Focus Areas

Lau Seascape Sustainable Management: Strengthening management efforts, leveraging sustainable financing for sustainable ocean management and to foster policies, enable public-private partnerships, and promote community-led co-management.

Fisheries Improvement: Enhancing the sustainability of pelagic and coastal fisheries through market-driven and policy interventions, aimed at securing sustainable fishing certifications.

Preservation of Traditional Values: Promoting cultural heritage and traditional ecological knowledge through ongoing community capacity building in natural resource management.



Key initiatives include:

- Coral Restoration
- Sustainable Ocean Management
- Community Engagement

Navitilevu Bay: In response to the devastating loss of mangrove forests, our focused approach includes:

- Mangrove Restoration
- Community Collaboration

Outstanding Achievement

Significant find in Lau Seascape: Our discovery of the largest known roost of Pacific Sheath-tailed Bats in the Lau Seascape brings to light a species currently listed as endangered on the IUCN's Red List for globally threatened species.

Conservation Priority: The endangered status of these bats emphasizes the critical need for immediate conservation actions to protect them and their habitat.

