



### Main Activity

Initiated management planning activities across Bua Province (Wainunu, Nadi, Solevu districts) and Wailevu District, Cakaudrove Province

### Why Fiji

The diversity of freshwater and marine flora and fauna across the Fiji Islands is exceptional. Fiji's marine habitat consists of estuaries, mangrove communities, sea grass beds, macroalgal assemblages, and sand and mudflats.

An abundance of coral life has resulted in many reef forms: fringing, platform, patch, barrier, oceanic ribbon, and atolls (accounting for almost 4% of the world's total reef area). Ten per cent of the 476 indigenous Fijian plant species identified are endemic. Fiji also has a few rare reptiles and birds.

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## Statement from The Director of Melanesia Regional Program

“People should embrace their the local knowledge that people have in terms of their connection with their place, their home, the land and the sea that they call their own and look after.

We harness that and also introduced them to the consequences of a number of different impacts that different activities that people are doing in the land and the sea can have on the resources that people of Fiji care about for our cultural practice”



**Stacy Jupiter**

Director of Melanesia  
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## Background

Wildlife Conservation Society Fiji Program (WCS Fiji) is a non-governmental organisation working with communities and the Fiji Government, since 2001, to protect biodiversity and natural resources through sound management practices.



The Wildlife Conservation Society saves wildlife and wild lands through careful science, international conservation, education, and the management of the world's largest system of urban wildlife parks.

## Mission

The Wildlife Conservation Society saves wildlife and wild lands through careful science, international conservation, and education. These activities change attitudes toward nature and help people imagine wildlife and humans living in sustainable interaction on both a local and a global scale. WCS is committed to this work because we believe it is essential to the integrity of life on Earth

## Vision

Connected, resilient, ecoscapes that provide habitat for abundant and diverse species while sustaining natural resources, livelihoods and culture for Fijian communities.

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Through activities focuses on Science, Management and Communication, WCS Fiji has helped local communities and national government to integrate ecosystem-based management principles into planning for natural resource management and strategies for climate- change adaptation, design protected area networks that confer resilience to climate change disturbance and preserve ecosystem services; and strengthen local and national capacity for management planning and enforcement.

In our efforts to help strengthen natural resource management across Fiji, WCS Fiji has:

Co-facilitated a national workshop with provincial administrators to identify candidate priority sites for new management

Improved awareness and management capacity in Kubulau District through the Community Educators Network Training, in partnership with The Coral Reef Alliance and Seaweb.

