

# Varirata Park to be restored

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PNG's first national park will soon return to its former glory days.

In the 90s, The Varirata National Park generated K10,000 monthly when throngs of city residents travel up to enjoy its scenic biodiversity, the Lakoki River and barbecue and picnic facilities.

Today, local residents are not keen to visit as all the facilities are run down

and security is an issue.

However, the Park's future is expected to be brighter following a five year partnership between the Conservation and Environment Protection Authority (CEPA) and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

A workshop on the CEPA- JICA biodiversity project was held recently for Koiari landowners to understand how the reviving of the park through sustainable means could benefit them.