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## Participatory Land Use Planning (PLUP)

PLUP has been completed in Fahisoi (Liquidoe) and Fahisoi (Remexio) in Noru Watershed, Fatisi and Bocololo (both in Laulara) in Bemos Watershed. The Village Regulations, including Future Land Use Plan, were finalised and formalised through Tarabandu Ceremony. The ceremonies were conducted in all these four villages during Aug 2017 attended by dignitaries from Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF), MAF Aileu Municipality and Post Administrative, etc. The Chief Representative of JICA Timor Leste Office attended Tarabandu Ceremony in Fatisi and addressed the communities to strengthen their efforts for CBNRM. PLUP is now in progress in Cotolau (Laulara), Maumeta (Remexio) and Manucasa (Liquidoe).

## On-the-Job Training (OJT) on PLUP

Eight persons successfully completed OJT on PLUP and certificates were issued to them. The second batch OJT started in the beginning of June 2017 and 12 participants from different NGOs and DPs are attending it. A mid-term performance assessment of the OJT trainees was conducted through a) facilitation skill check, b) comprehension test and c) report writing skill check.

### Persons who have completed the OJT on PLUP

- Mr. Augusto Tavares (from USAID-Avansa)
- Mr. Edmundo Martins (from Camoes-GCCA)
- Mr. Estanislau Claudio Ximenes (from Permatil)
- Mr. Inacio Seguiria (from AHCAE)
- Mr. Joao da Costa (from FRATERNA)
- Mr. Juvencio Lopes (from USAID-Avansa)
- Mr. Moises de Jesus Cruz (from Camoes-GCCA)
- Ms. Veronica Guterres (from Camoes-GCCA)

**Congratulation!**



## Tarabandu Ceremonies

- Fahisoi (Liquidoe) – Aug 10, 2017
- Fatisi (Laulara) – Aug 11, 2017
- Fahisoi (Remexio) – Aug 18, 2017
- Bocololo (Laulara) – Aug 18, 2017



### Institutions participating in 2nd Batch OJT - PLUP Noru Watershed

- Organizasaun Haburas Moris (OHM), Bobonaro
- Fundasaun Hader, Liquica
- PROSPEK, Lautem
- USAID-Avansa
- Fundasaun Mahar, Ainaro

### Bemos Watershed

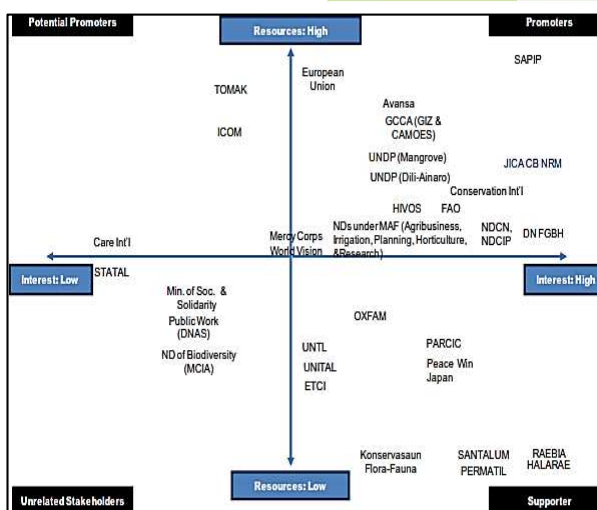
- Fundasaun Malaedoi, Liquica
- Instituto Mata Dalam Integrado (IMI), Ermera
- Centro Informacao de Agricultura e Cantina do Suco (CIACS), Viqueque
- Conservation International, Dili
- Timor Aid, Dili



## Roadmap on CBNRM

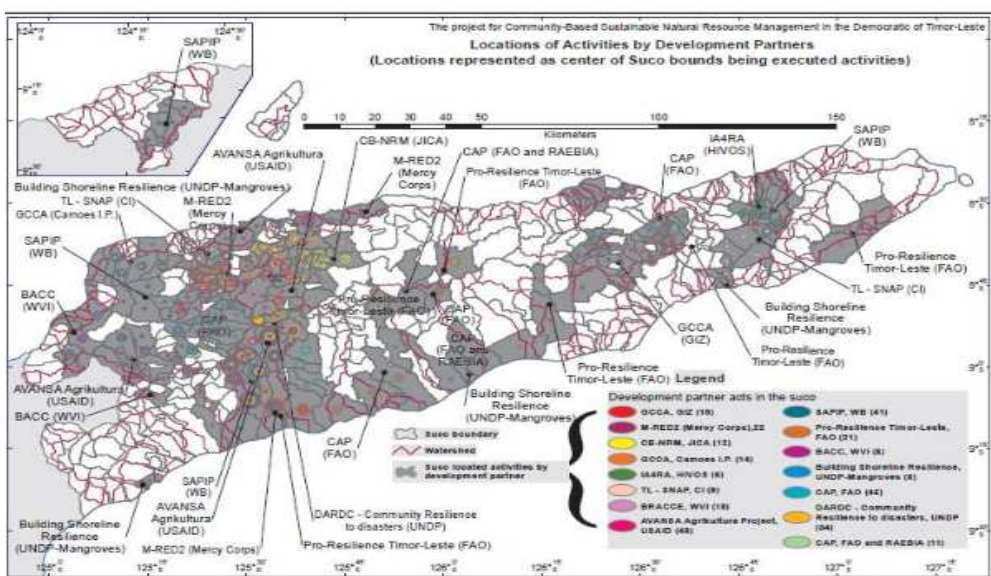
Development of the roadmap for expansion of the CB-NRM is one of the key outputs of the Project, which will be an official document of the MAF. The General Director of Forestry, Coffee, and Industrial Plants (GDFCIP) of MAF officially constituted a taskforce/working team composed of the national directors and heads of the departments of the national directorates under GDFCIP in May 2017 to prepare the roadmap.

Organisations/ Institutions identified by the Participants	
Type of Organisation	Important Stakeholders
MAF	ND of Agriculture and Horticulture, ND of Irrigation, ND of Policy and Planning, ND of Agribusiness
MAF Development Partners - Projects	UNDP Dili-Ainaro Corridor Project, UNDP Mangrove Project, SAPIP, FAO, USAID (AVANSA), JICA CBNRM Project, GCCA (CAMOES), GCCA (GIZ)
International NGOs	Hivos, Conservation International, Mercy Corps, Care International, OXFARM, PARCIC, Peace Wind Japan
National NGOs	SANTALUM, HALRARAE, RAEBIA, Hastil, Haburas, Konservasaun Flora Fauna, PERMATIL
Other Government Agencies	ND of Environment (MCIA), ND of Biodiversity Conservation, ESTATAL, ND of Natural Disaster Management (MSS), SAS (MPW)
Others	UNITAL, UNTL, UNPAZ



Four meetings of the taskforce have been organised so far to discuss the methods and processes of the roadmap formulation. The fourth meeting was organised on July 27, 2017 in Dili to undertake the stakeholders' analysis. Efforts were made in the meeting to identify institutions which would have influence on the expansion of the CBNRM mechanism in the country; analyse their current and upcoming interventions on CB-NRM and watershed management; and, based on their interventions, categorize them as "promoters", "supporters" and

"potential promoters" for implementation of the roadmap. Discussions were also held on the geographical distribution of the project targets by different development partners (DPs) (see the map below). It was found that the supports by DPs tend to focus on the central and western parts of the country while less concentrated on the eastern and south-western part. As written in the next page, the Project is also prioritizing watersheds in the country. In the future, this map of the project targets will be contrasted with the locations of the prioritized watersheds in the country, so as to identify "important areas" overlooked by DPs and MAF.





## Prioritization of watersheds

The Project made the assessment of the existing watersheds to identify the priority ones to be included in the roadmap on CBNRM. Six criteria were followed for prioritization, namely a) size of the watershed, b) importance of the watershed from the viewpoints of water supply capacities to urban and paddy fields, c) high risks of slope failures/soil erosion, d) watershed with substantial protected areas, e) watershed with substantial dense forest areas, and f) need and urgency of treatment / conservation of watersheds. In total, 191 watersheds were identified in the country and assessed with those criteria. And finally, 29 watersheds, which is equivalent to 11,158 sq. km, were prioritized as high priority (14), medium priority (7) and priority (8) watersheds.

## Watershed Management Councils

Noru Watershed Management Council was established during the phase I of the Project and the Council meets once in every three months. One meeting was held on September 06, 2017 to review the activities of the Council and share the results of monitoring by each village on the incidence of forest fires and illegal cutting. In this meeting, in addition to the Council members, the Administrator of Post Administrative, Laulara, the village leaders of Bemos Watershed and representative from HALARAE participated in order to understand the functions of Noru Watershed Management Council, which would help them to establish Bemos Watershed Management Council near future.

For the establishment of Bemos Watershed Management Council, a series of meetings was organised to educate the Suco leaders on the need for watershed management and the structure and functions of a watershed management council. A workshop was organised on July 11, 2017 in Post Administrative Laulara with the participations of the Administrator of PA, Chief of Department of Watershed Management, MAF, Staff of MAF Aileu Municipality, HALARAE and Suco Chiefs from 5 villages, where a work plan was developed for the formation of the council. As a part of the process, it was decided to send the Suco Chiefs and Administrator PA, Laulara to Noru Watershed Management Council meeting for interaction with the members. Efforts are now being made to determine the memberships of the council, while establishing coordination with PA, Vera Cruze, Dili to include them in the council members.







## DGFCIP and Development Partners (DPs) coordination

The then National Director of NDFWM, who is now the General Director, DGFCIP initiated a process for coordination among the development partners (DPs) working for forest and watershed management for harmonizing the efforts of both DPs and DGFCIP. The first meeting was organised in February 2017 and the second one was on June 22, 2017, followed by the third one on September 26, 2017. These meetings helped the DGFCIP and DPs to share their interventions and identify possible ways for coordination and collaboration. The DPs shared their guidelines/manuals and reports developed as well as information on nurseries and reforestation activities undertaken so far. Among the DPs, a small team was formed with GIZ, UNDP, HIVOS and JICA-CBNRM to find out the methods and processes to prepare a common watershed management guideline in collaboration with the current national director of NDFWM. Also, coordination is being made for designing some pilot interventions for sustainable fuel wood management to make communities enjoy forest resources to make a life .



## Capacity Development of Counterparts

One of the objectives of the Project is to develop capacity of key stakeholders for the promotion and expansion of the CBNRM mechanism. A training need assessment workshop was organised at Dili for the staff of the NDFWM, MAF Aileu Municipality, and partner NGOs. Based on the assessment, a draft capacity development plan has been formulated.

The GIS expert of the Project conducted an orientation on July 25, 2017 for those counterparts on the basics of GIS. This orientation demonstrated how to apply GIS to CBNRM business e.g. monitoring of changes in forest cover in the country and mapping of DPs working in forestry and watershed management etc.

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### Key areas identified for capacity building

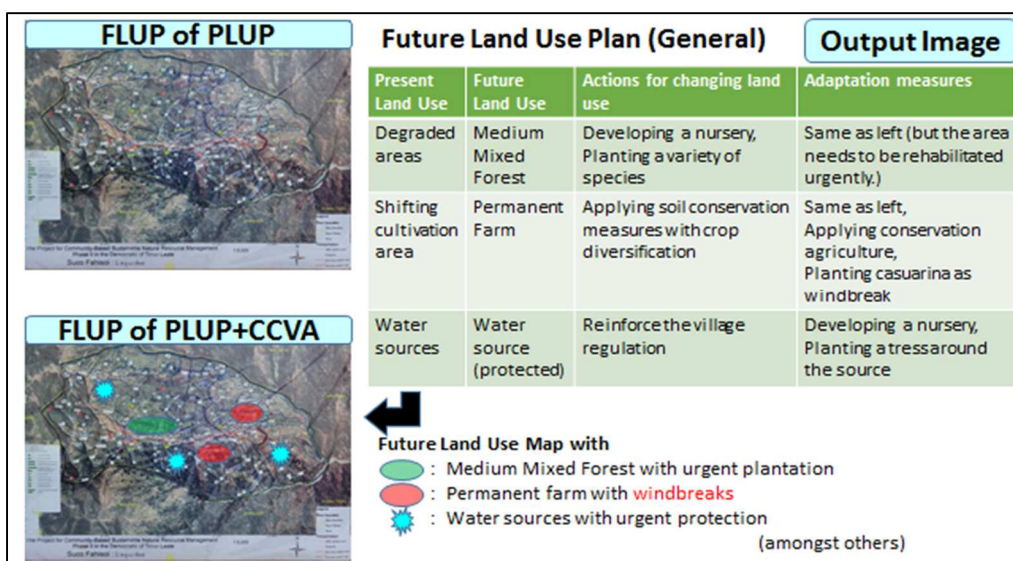
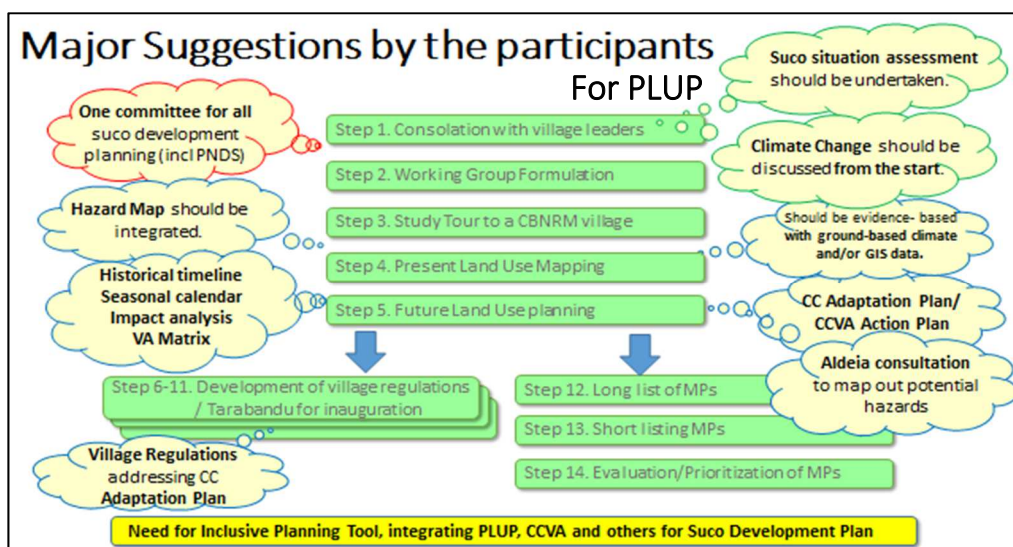
1. Project management skills - planning, monitoring, evaluation and reporting
2. GIS for CBNRM expansion and watershed management
3. Policies and Laws in forestry and NRM sector
4. Guidance on preparation of roadmap on CBNRM/ watershed management
5. Methods and processes for establishing CBNRM mechanism
6. Skills for multi-stakeholders' coordination especially at Municipality level
7. Guidance on establishment and strengthening of Watershed Management Councils
8. Agriculture and forestry extension services within the context of CBNRM – nursery management, seedlings production, reforestation, tree planting and management





## Integration of PLUP and CCVA

JICA CBNRM Project has been emphasizing PLUP as an important tool for establishment of the CBNRM mechanism at suco level. There have been suggestions from GCCA – GIZ, GCCA – Camoes and UNDP – DARDC to incorporate Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment (CCVA) into PLUP. Considering the suggestions, the JICA Project Team in collaboration with GIZ organized a workshop in GIZ Office, Dili on May 26, 2017 to review the methodologies involved in PLUP as well as CCVA and find out tools for the integration. The workshop was attended by representatives from GCCA-GIZ, Camoes I.P., FAO, USAID-Avansa, Hivos, RAEBIA, HALARAE, PROSPEK, UNDP – DARDC, and UNDP-Mangroves. Based on the recommendations of the workshop, a draft methodology was worked out by the project teams of JICA CBNRM and GCCA-GIZ, and the methodology was discussed in the last DP coordination meeting. The Project employed the draft methodology in PLUP for Suco Moumeta, Manucasa and Cotelau, while GIZ has been using the draft methodology in Suco Makalaco of Baucau. Based on the experience in these villages, a further modification of methodology is being planned.





## Micro Programmes / On-farm training

During last 3 months the Project has been organising a series of on-farm training at Aldeia levels in Fatisi and Bocololo (Laulara) for Bemos Watershed; and Fahisoi (Liquidoe) and Fahisoi (Remexio) for Noru Watershed. The focus of the training was on building capacity of the farmers to adopt compost making and application of soil conservation measures, including the preparation of a A-frame and how to use A-frame to delineate contour line and make contour terraces, contour composts etc.



## Livelihood improvement activities

The women groups of Suco Fadabloco and Hahutoho continued to produce Cassava chips and Canna chips, and their chips are being sold in supermarkets in Dili (Khmanek, Jaco, Lita Store etc.).

Follow up of mushroom training was organised in Dili for the counterparts for multiplication of mother spawn and mushroom composts.

## Upcoming Events

- Starting regular monitoring on the incidence of forest fires, illegal cutting and animal crop damage based on the village regulations at the 1<sup>st</sup> batch villages (Suco Fahisoi-R, Fahisoi-L, Fatisi and Bocololo)
- Land preparation with application of composts at the 1<sup>st</sup> batch villages
- Development of Village Regulations at the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch villages (Suco Maumeta, Manucasa and Cotolau)
- Discussion on memberships and vision/mission for the Bemos Watershed Management Council
- Training on the secretary roles for DP coordination
- Training on mushroom cultivation
- Training on book keeping and fund management for women's groups

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