




Capacity-building in the South Pacific: the EDO International Program

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- Historically, customary law regulated activities affecting the environment
- Most legislation for environmental protection introduced in last 10-15 years



Capacity for the implementation of environmental law is limited

- Few environmental lawyers
- Limited resources for monitoring and enforcement
- Political instability corruption may exacerbate capacity problems



EDO International Program

- Began with work in the Solomon Islands in 1991
- Funded by MacArthur Foundation since 1999
- Nature and location of work has broadened as EDO has grown
 - PNG, Solomon Islands, Fiji, Samoa, Vanuatu
 - Forestry, climate change, coastal and marine law



Legal advice and assistance



Multi-disciplinary support

Source: Allan Travel



Training and lawyer exchanges



Volunteer placements



Capacity is increasing

- PNG Environmental Law Centre, Centre for Environmental Law and Community Rights, Eco-Forestry Forum
- Fiji Environmental Law Association
- Solomon Islands Landowners Advocacy and Legal Support Unit, Environmental Law Association
- SPREP, USP, IUCN Oceania
- Also human rights and environmental organisations