

Name	Promotion of Healthy Ecosystems in the Solomon Islands
Capability Area: Impacts/Adaptations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding Climate Impacts and Informing Adaptation - Climate Adaptation - Training and Capacity Building, Education, Outreach - Best Practices/Guidance - Policies and Legislation - Assessment and Evaluation
Sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community Planning and Development - Ecosystems
Status	- Ongoing
Focus Area	- Marine and Terrestrial Ecosystems
Regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - South Pacific - Solomon Islands
Description	<p>Together with SPREP, USAID seeks to promote healthy ecosystems in the Solomon Islands. Healthy ecosystems, such as mangroves, coral reefs, and wetlands, can form natural barriers against extreme weather events, such as storm surges, and reduce vulnerability to rising sea levels and changing rainfall patterns. As natural buffers, ecosystems can be less expensive to maintain than man-made infrastructure, such as dykes, levees, and concrete walls. Healthy ecosystems can also provide important livelihood benefits to local populations, including firewood, clean water, and food. The program will contribute to a broader effort in the region to implement ecosystem-based adaptation.</p>
Objectives/Outcomes	<p>Main elements of the strategy include: 1) Developing resources and tools that integrate ecosystem-based adaptation into existing guidelines for community-based adaptation; 2) Training government officials, community leaders and stakeholder groups, on ecosystem-based adaptation and the identification and prioritization of strategies and activities; 3) Gathering information, via surveys, rapid participatory appraisal techniques, and focus group discussions, on vulnerability to climate change impacts; and 4) Identifying and assessing potential ecosystem-based adaptation measures.</p>
Lead Agencies	USAID, SPREP
Partnering Agencies	Government agencies and community organizations in the Solomon Islands
Required Resources	1.15 million USD
Projected Timelines	2 years

