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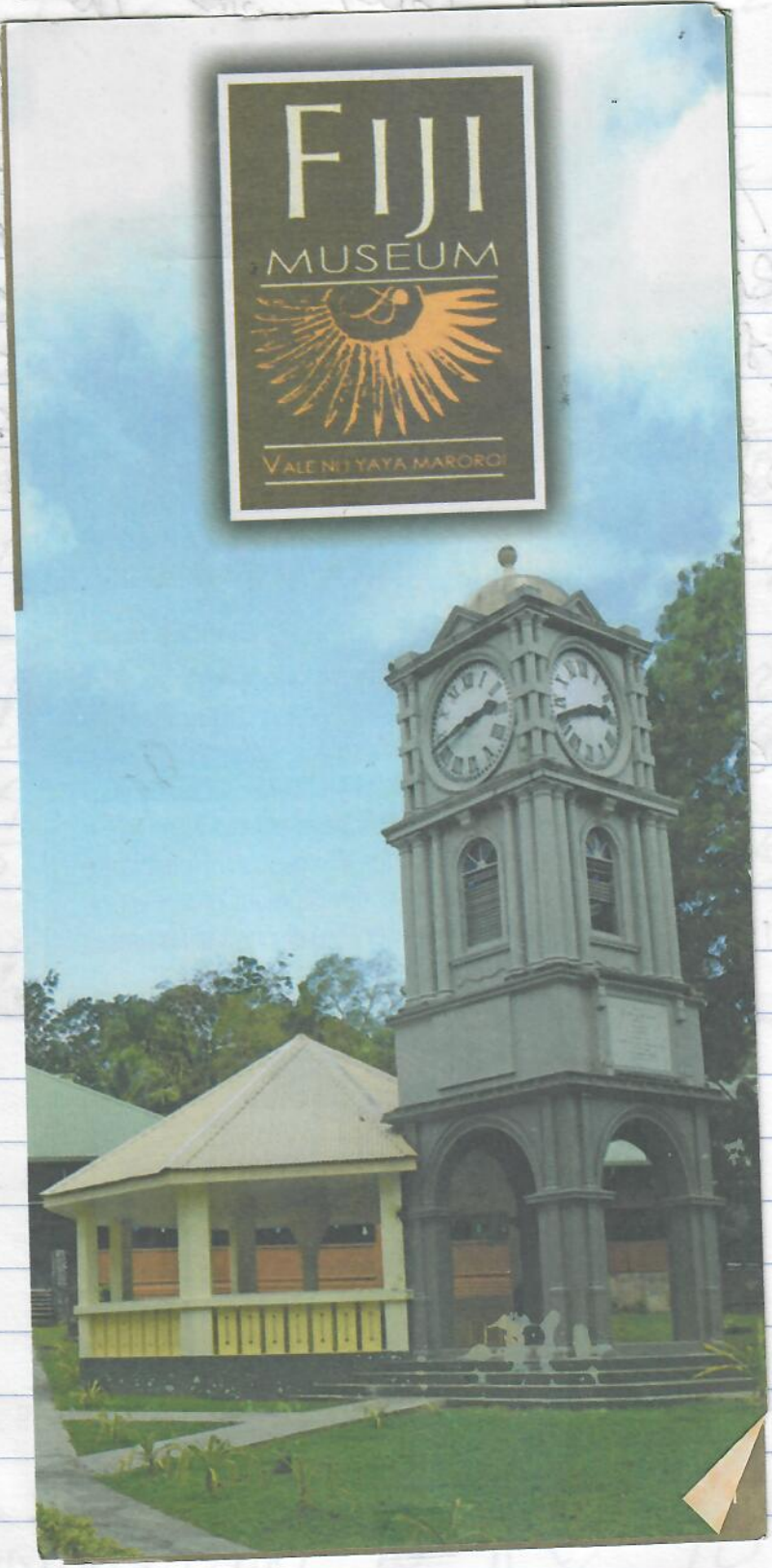
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Tracking Vonu Back Home to Fiji

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Trip report for IUCN MTSG Oceania Region Colleagues 15-24 May 2016

George Balazs, Thierry Work and his wife Allison Beale travelled to Fiji on a busman's holiday to check out sea turtle activities in Fiji. Prior to the trip, George had made valuable contacts at Treasure Island, Mamanuca Islands, Mamanuca Environmental Society, and Fiji Department of Fisheries to alert them of our arrival and our interest in learning about sea turtle activities in the region. What follows is a brief synopsis of highlights of our visit.

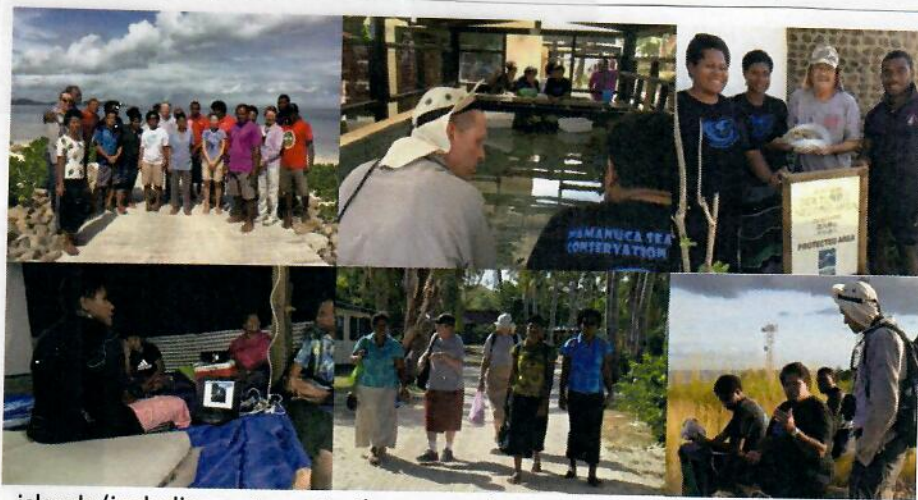


Locations referred to in narrative: A) Nadi, B) Treasure Island Resort, C) Mana Island resort, D) Suva, E) Leleuvia Island resort.



We flew into Nadi (A on map), and our first stop was Treasure Island Resort (B on map) where we met with Sophie Clay, Natural Resources Manager for the resort. The island has several nesting sites for hawksbill turtles, and we were able to visit with Sophie and see her pools where she holds rescued hatchling turtles that are being raised for release.

Photos (clockwise upper left): Thierry chatting with Sophie, Thierry & George disembarking on Treasure Island, an exhausted Thierry and Sophie holding court with George, captive hawksbill hatchlings at the resort.



Our next stop was Mana Island (C on map) in the Mamanuka group. There we met with Marica Vakacola, Ilisapei Sokidi, Kolinio Mataiyagoa, and Karalaini Rereavosa of the Mamanuka Environmental Society (MES), a Fijian group dedicated to outreach for conservation of natural resources in the

islands (including a strong turtle program). We also met with the environmental crew of the Mana Island Resort headed by Suka Blake. MES also has an effort to rescue hawksbill hatchling turtles from nests laid at the resort. Photos clockwise from upper left: Arrival at Mana Island, Thierry discussing captive turtles with Marica, George holding hawksbill eggs from excavated nest (flanked by MES members), Thierry and MES crew on lookout site of Mana Island, Marica, Ilisapei, Karalaini (MES), George, Thierry (both in Fijian traditional sulu) on their way to give a lecture to local school children, Kava ceremony with Suka Blake and MES crew.

From Mana, we returned to Nadi, and went on to Suva (D on map) by car on the Queen's Highway (southern route) with a visit to the Sigatoka Dunes National Reserve. In Suva, we met Aisake Batibasaga and Saras Sharma from the Fiji Department of Fisheries. From there, we took a boat to Leleuvia island resort (E on map) and were hosted by Colin Philp, Traditional canoe



voyager and Manager of the Leleuvia Resort. There, we met students from University of the South Pacific (USP). With Aisake and George's guidance, Saras and the students deployed a satellite tag on a hawksbill especially captured for the occasion. The tag was kindly supplied for cooperative

research and conservation education by Cecile Gaspar and Matthieu Petite of Te Mana O Te Moana in French Polynesia.

Clockwise left to right: Leleuvia crew with satellite tagged turtle, Saras Sharma holding turtle, turtle on its way to sea, checking the tag prior to release.

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After our sojourn to Leleuvia, we returned to Suva where George and I gave a seminar to USP students on Hawaiian green turtles and turtle tracking from Tahiti, Samoa and the Cook Islands to Fiji (Balazs) and wildlife health (Work). We also met with Susanna Piovanno, a faculty at USP mentoring several students on sea turtle projects. We then returned to Nadi via the King's road (northern route of Viti Levu) and flew back to Honolulu.

We will have fond memories of this trip. Our hosts in Fiji were most gracious, and we very much appreciated the opportunity to learn about Fiji, its culture, its wonderful people, and not least, their fascinating marine turtles.

INVITATION TO PUBLIC LECTURE

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PUBLIC LECTURE FROM GEORGE BALAZS AND THIERRY WORK,

co-Chairs of the Oceania Region of the IUCN Marine Turtle Specialists Group.

PUBLIC LECTURE FROM GEORGE BALAZS AND THIERRY WORK

Monday 23rd May, 2016, 1-2pm

Marine Studies Lecture Theatre, USP lower campus

Programme:

1.00- 1.25pm	<p>"Fall and Rise of the Hawaiian Honu: 50 Year of Cultural and Conservation Change" George Balazs IUCN/SSC Marine Turtle Specialist Group, Oceania Region, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA; itsahonuworldinhawaii@hotmail.com</p> <p><i>Abstract: Seven species of ocean turtles exist globally as descendants of ancient reptilian lineages that have adapted and survived for millions of years. Over the course of human history an array of relationships have developed with turtles, and especially marine turtles amongst coastal and island peoples such as in the Hawaiian Islands. Turtles are woven deeply into the cultural, traditional, and contemporary fabric of humanity with uses ranging from food to fortune telling, pets to funerary. In 2012 Hawaii's green turtles or honu (Chelonia mydas) were downlisted from Endangered to the category of Least Concern following a comprehensive assessment by the IUCN Marine Turtle Specialist Group (see http://www.iucnredlist.org/details/16285718/0). Over the past 50 years Hawaii's honu have exhibited new behaviors and adaptations along with an increasing population and expansion into new habitats. These favorable changes have ranged from increases in terrestrial basking to feeding on new types of vegetation, to name a few as witnessed first-hand by the authors. Even more beneficial changes and acclimations can be expected in the future, including shifts in nesting to adapt to climate change, as sea turtles have successfully done with resiliency for millennia. In light of their rise to abundance, green turtles in the Hawai'i constitute a unique experimental model to comprehensively understand the restoration dynamics of an increasing sea turtle population. Conservation practices in Hawai'i can serve as a real-life learning ground for people in other regions striving to save and sustainably utilize their own charismatic and culturally important sea turtle resources.</i></p>
1.25- 1.35pm	<p>"Tracking Vonu Back Home to Fiji" George Balazs, IUCN/SSC Marine Turtle Specialist Group, Oceania Region, Honolulu, Hawaii USA; itsahonuworldinhawaii@hotmail.com</p> <p><i>Abstract: A photographic overview with brief descriptions will be given of all known sea turtle satellite trackings linked to or originating from the Fiji Islands.</i></p>
1.35- 2.00pm	<p>"Monitoring wildlife health in the Pacific" Thierry Work, IUCN/SSC Marine Turtle Specialist Group, Oceania Region, Honolulu, Hawaii, USA; IUCN Wildlife Health Specialist Group</p> <p><i>Abstract: Terrestrial and marine ecosystems in the Pacific Islands are under increasing strains ranging from human encroachment to climate change. Unusual instances of wildlife mortalities and diseases are signals that something might be awry in the environment. Unfortunately, most such events are not investigated for various reasons ranging from lack of interest to lack of expertise. However, knowing what kills wildlife can have beneficial management outcomes for wildlife conservation, particular for endangered and threatened species, a phenomenon all too common in island ecosystems with their unique flora and fauna. Wildlife mortalities may, in some cases, also have important human health ramifications as a form of early detection of pathogen spillover from wildlife to humans. Examples of this in Hawaii are presented some of which might apply to Fiji.</i></p>

Fiji murder case twist as tourist finds human head

WELLINGTON, AFP

A New Zealand holidaymaker told Tuesday how he stumbled across a human head on a Fiji tourist beach — the latest apparent twist in the gory case of a Russian couple murdered and dismembered in the tropical paradise.

Kiwi businessman Graeme Bickley and his wife Jan were walking along popular Natadola beach on Monday when they spotted a "bundle" wrapped in green cloth submerged about knee-deep in the clear Pacific waters.

Bickley said the couple's suspicions were immediately aroused because a host of body parts, beginning with two pairs of feet, havé washed up on the beach over the past fortnight.

"We said, just jokingly, that it was more body parts," he told AFP in a phone interview as he prepared to return home from Fiji.

"Then when I waded in to grab it, it became apparent how heavy it was, it almost pulled me over."

"It was weighed down with rocks, you could hear them clinking when I dumped it on the beach and we started to get a feeling there was more to it than what it appeared."

Bickley said he "wasn't game" to open the round bundle, which was tied with nylon rope, but authorities who interviewed him confirmed it contained a head.

He said they did not give further details about the victim.

Fiji police this week said DNA tests showed the body parts belonged to Russian couple Yuri and Natalia Shipulin, who went missing on June 16.

Police believe the Russians, who had reportedly been in Fiji since 2011, were murdered and dismembered.

Local media reported this week that detectives had information a chainsaw was missing from a farm the couple were running on the main island of Viti Levu.

The Fiji Times said they were leasing the property and operating a photography business, with one friend describing them as "soul mates."

However, their business partner Andrew Luzanenko told the Fiji Sun they had financial difficulties after the

farm was devastated by Super Cyclone Winston this year.

Bickley said the murder mystery had gripped the island nation during his one-week stay and he and his wife still found it hard to believe they had become involved.

"We were discussing amongst ourselves what sort of person has done this," he said.

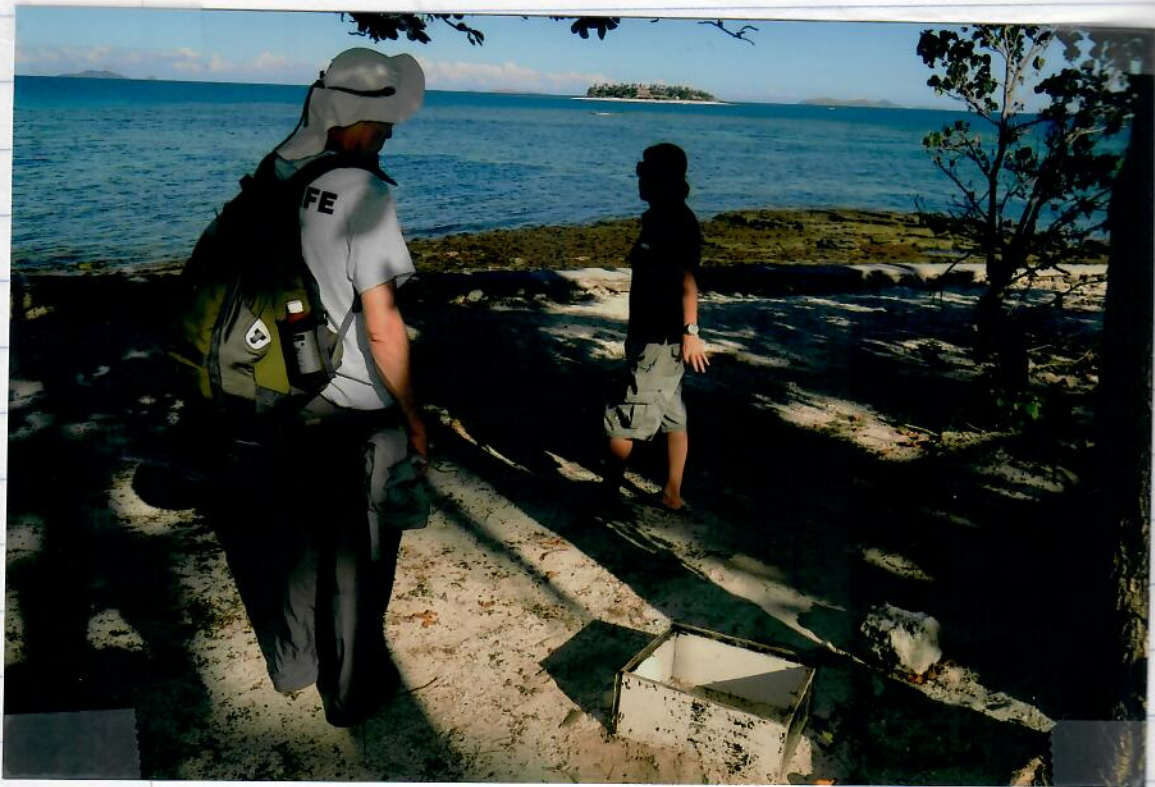
"Someone has very callously cut them up, then spent a lot of time weighting them down with rocks and neatly knotting them up."

"They obviously didn't expect it to come back to shore."

Navy divers were expected to resume a search Tuesday for more body parts off Natadola beach.

7/6/2016 THE CHINA POST





TURTLE TAGGING INCIDENT REPORT 2014

Leleuvia Island Resort

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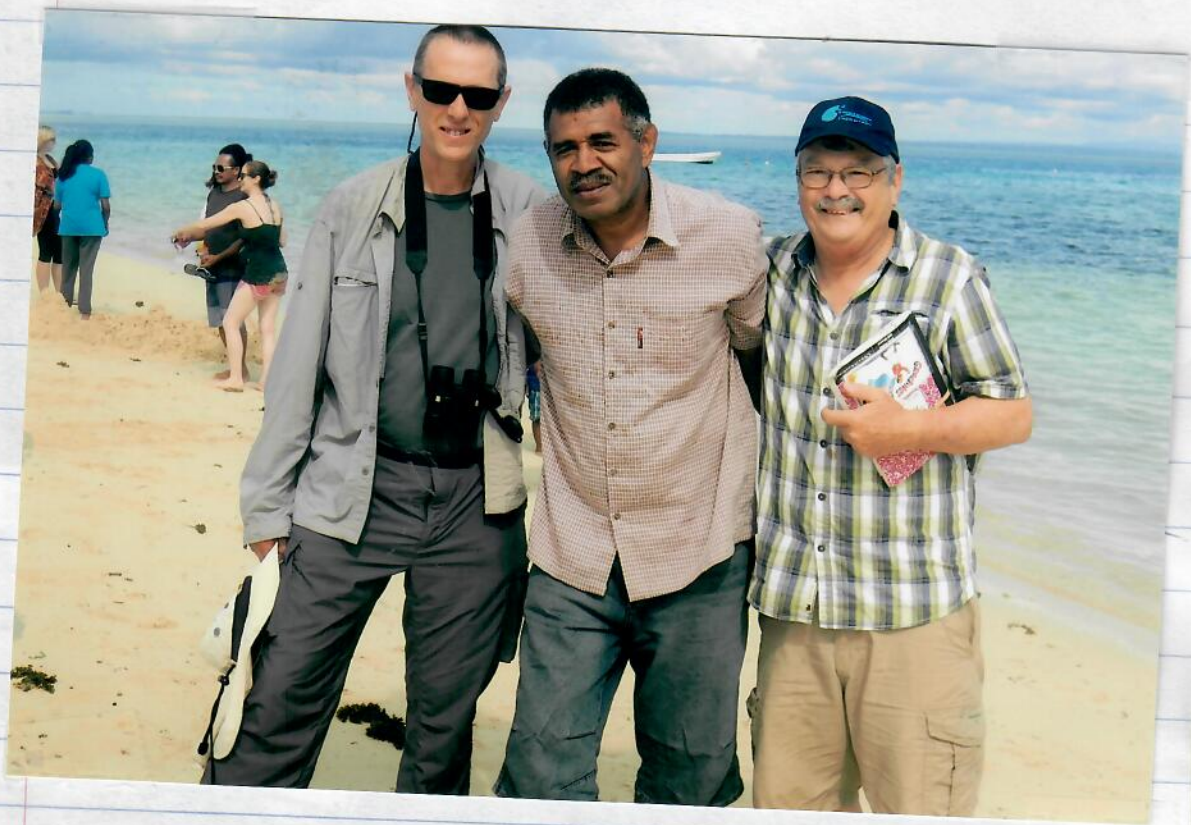
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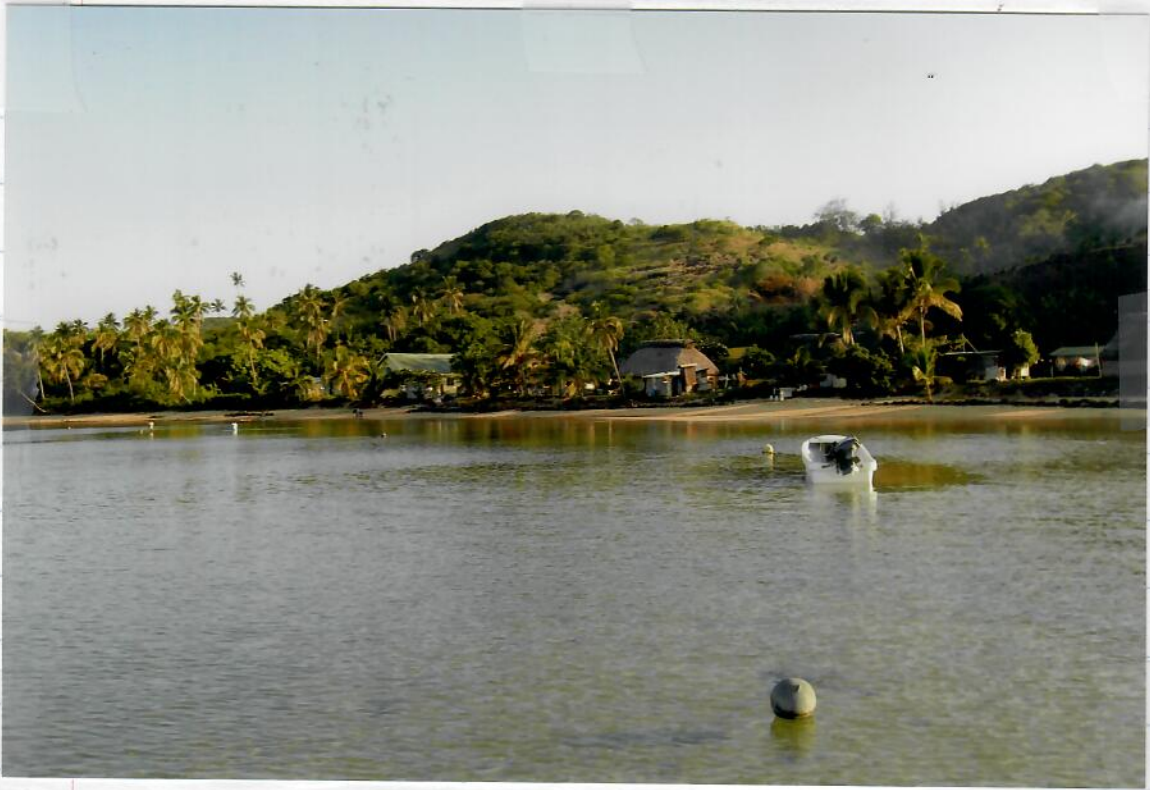


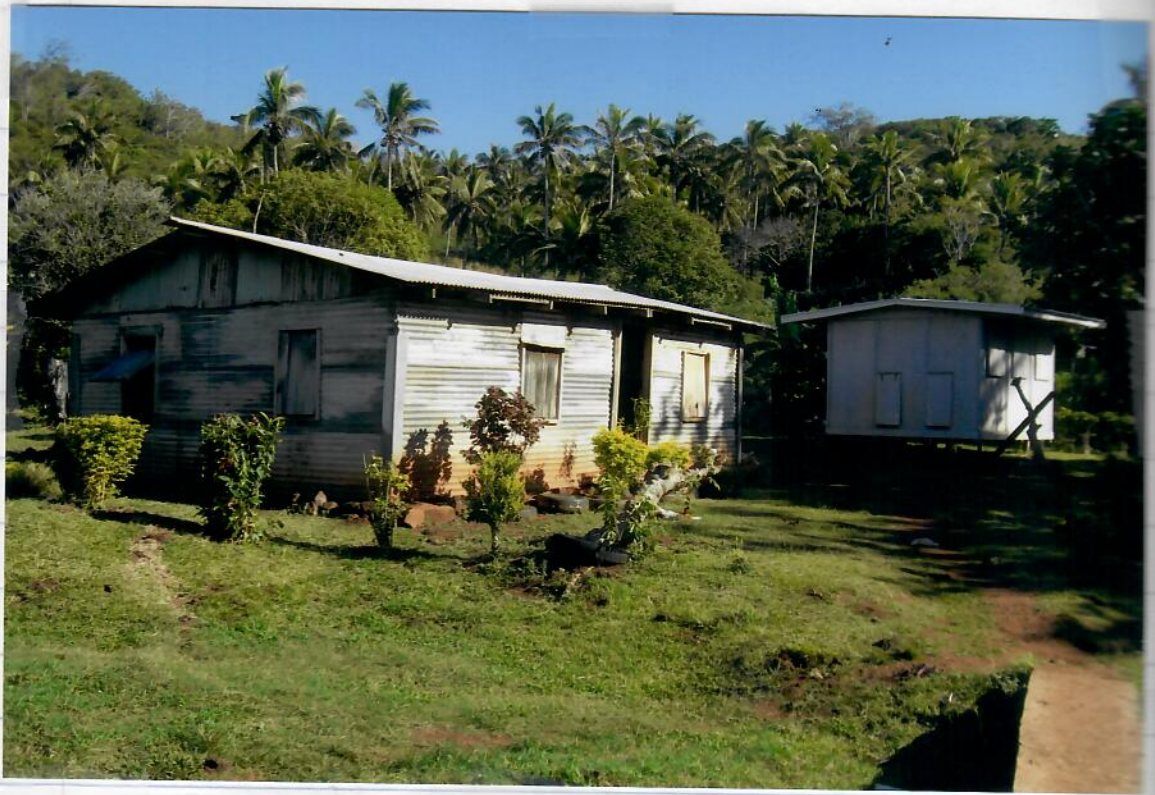


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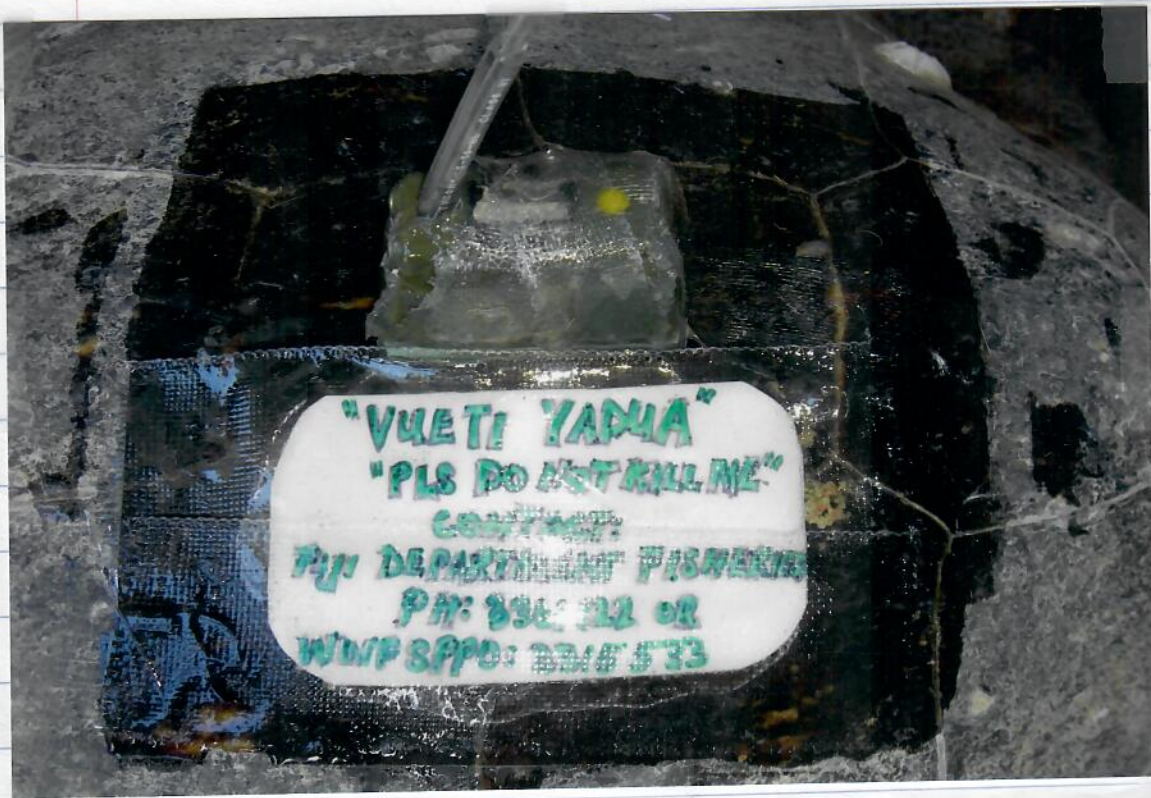








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Organisation pleads for return of tags

Theresa Ralogaivau
Saturday, July 24, 2010



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Yadua villagers with the turtle they tagged and named Adi Laveti Yadua.

THE World Wide Fund for Nature has pleaded with communities to return tags pinned on turtles that have been killed for their meat.

Tagged turtles provide critical turtle migratory patterns that influence decisions on conservation strategies as the world is faced with dwindling numbers of the marine reptile.

Marine species officer Merewalesi Laveti addressed the issue with turtle monitors at their recent meeting on Kia Island in Macuata province.

She said in some cases fishermen were reporting they had killed a turtle but fail to return the tag.

"The flipper tags that we use were given out to monitors for them to do tagging," she said.

"All tag numbers, where the tagging took place and other details are all entered into a database.

Different experience for Yadua islanders

Theresa Ralogaivau
Saturday, July 24, 2010

FIJI TIMES ON-LINE

AN island came together in a conservation experience to tag Adi Laveti Yadua, the first loggerhead turtle to be tagged in the country.

By the time Yadua islanders in Bua released Adi Laveti, a female, into the sea, the significance of tagging turtles had taken on more importance.

Two other turtles - Tunimata, an adult male loggerhead and Vuetiyadua, a sub-adult female loggerhead - were also tagged.

It was the first time the community tagged turtles since turtle monitors were appointed six months previously in a program facilitated by the World Wide Fund for Nature.

WWF marine species officer Merewalesi Laveti said getting the community to take ownership of the turtle conservation program was finally on a roll.

"Turtle monitors went out and looked for it and tagged it in partnership with the WWF, National Trust of Fiji, Department of Fisheries and South Pacific Regional Environmental Program along with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration," she said.

"The main things we are doing are for communities to initiate conservation works and take part in research to see changes and at the same time they are well informed rather than just making decisions based on hypothesis.

"Tagging provides us with critical information about their migratory patterns. And it motivates them to save more turtles."

Monitors present report

Theresa Ralogaivau
Saturday, July 24, 2010

NINE turtles have been tagged six months after the country's first-ever turtle monitors were appointed.

And a growing abstinence from turtle meat was also being observed among fishing communities, according to reports presented by turtle monitors at their recent meeting on Kia Island in Macuata province.

The turtle monitors project involved the appointment of 25 turtle monitors from communities near nesting sites along the Great Sea Reef.

Pita Qarau, of Yadua Island said since the project's launch, six turtles had been tagged by the turtle monitors, who also raised awareness over the importance of turtle conservation. Malakai Tuionu, a turtle monitor from Nakalou Village, reported five hawk'sbill and a green turtles were tagged.

At Yaqaga Island in Bua, two green turtles and a hawk'sbill were tagged.

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Turtle killing still on

Theresa Ralogaivau
Saturday, July 24, 2010

TURTLE killings continue but overnight change isn't to be expected, says the World Wide Fund for Nature.

This as the turtle monitor from Mali Island, Saiasi Mataitoga, reported to the turtle monitors meeting on Kia Island that turtles continued to be harvested.

"We have carried out the awareness in the village meeting and the vanua that turtle harvest is illegal unless (you have) a special permit," he said.

"But it continues so we have warned villagers those that are caught harvesting turtles will be reported to the authorities and be dealt with by the law."

WWF marine species officer Merewalesi Laveti told monitors that change was a gradual process and wasn't to be expected overnight. Other areas like Yadua, Yaqaga and Nakalou reported turtle harvesting had ceased since the turtle monitors pilot project was implemented.

"The overall report from monitors is that killing turtles aren't happening for the past six months since awareness started happening," she said.

"As they have mentioned they have informed bose vakoroko, talked about it in informal gatherings, at the bose ni yasana, bose ni tikina and the success here is that people are finally talking about it and slowly their attitudes towards conserving turtles are making a change for the positive.

"Change shouldn't be expected overnight ù we're still emphasising and reminding monitors that its important that we keep on informing people and the very important thing is the monitors themselves

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Fiji Sun

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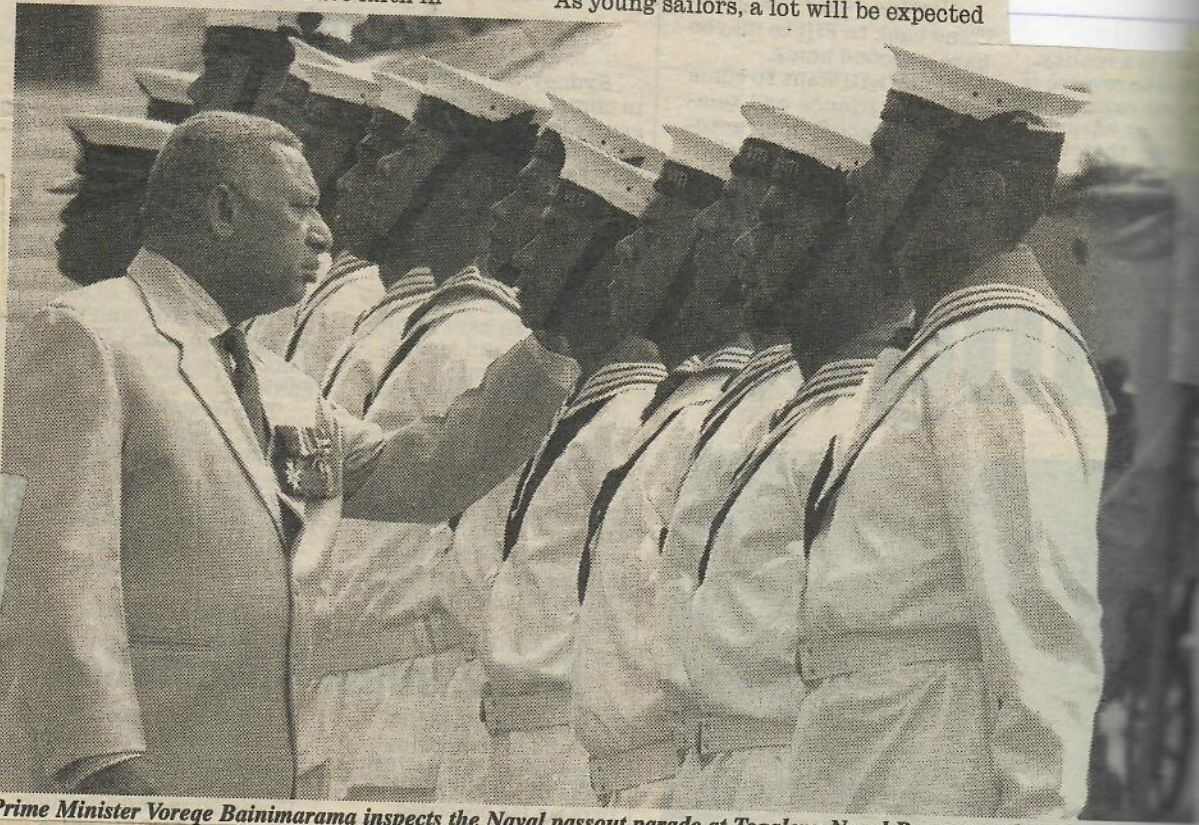
"The RFMF will continue to remain a stabilising force within our society and will remain a cohesive unit that portrays unity in successfully implementing our agenda for the nation.

"We are in challenging times as we pave the way ahead for our nation, but I am here to tell you that I have faith in

you," he said.

Commodore Bainimarama also reminded the recruits that the dedication and professionalism of the Fiji Navy were pivotal in making Fiji's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) one of the safest routes and destinations in the world.

"As young sailors, a lot will be expected



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama inspects the Naval passout parade at Togalevu Naval Base yesterday. Photo: RAMU

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the Force

from you. You will always be in the spotlight with regards to your loyalty, respect, integrity and selfless commitment to perform to the required standard of the Fiji Navy and the RFMF," he added.

A total of 63 young sailors passed out yesterday in front of hundreds of their families, friends and senior military offi-

cers.

Commodore Bainimarama said that the nation looks to them with pride and hope that they will not only excel in their career but also understand and uphold the importance of their civic duty.

Climate Change

Fiji Sun
Apenisa Naigulevu
Tamavua

7/18/10

I read an amazing report (NY Times 14/07) that scientists in Australia are fiddling with bovine stomachs, i.e. cattle etc, so that they can pass less gas, which is allegedly heating our planet.

Apparently scientists are trying to reconstitute a cow's digestive system, so that it will emit less methane gas and act like a kangaroo that has the same digestive system but emits harmless gas.

After munching and regurgitating grass, tens of millions of Australian cattle and sheep are belching methane gases nonstop into the air. Methane is 21 times more potent than carbon dioxide in allegedly warming the atmosphere. A \$24m campaign is underway (at what opportunity cost?) to reduce cattle burping.

It is suggested that we solve this problem (sic) by eating kangaroo meat; one problem though - 10 kangaroos are needed to supply the equivalent amount of meat that one steer supplies; and do kangaroos supply milk?

Who knows this might lead to the outright eradication of cattle and sheep worldwide because they are purportedly dangerous to global warming. Kangaroos will surely end up an endangered species thereafter.

In my view it is utter madness to want to save earth that does not need saving, whilst annihilating earthlings who are already dying (children mostly) of hunger and poverty at the rate of 25,000 per day (UN report).

Goodness gracious me!

Marine Turtle Satellite Tagging Training, Nadi, Fiji, 2-3 February, 2010

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Winds batter Yadua

HERESA RALOGAIVAU
Sunday, March 14, 2010



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Mere Waga of Bouma, Taveuni evacuates as Hurricane Tomas approaches

Update: 10:01PM DEVASTATING winds are battering Yadua Island in Bua with many families now sheltering at the island school and nursing station.

Village headman, Josaia Sukaloa, said strong winds had battered the island since late afternoon.

He said more than 200 villagers had left Benimanu village located beachside to escape the big waves pounding the shore.

There has been no rain just the wind which seems to be gaining a lot of strength, he said.

Yadua village school is located 10 meters inland from the village and the nursing station is adjacent to it.

Winds batter Yadua - Fiji Times Online

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Earlier today, Government officials and police evacuated villagers in the Tunuloa District. Similar precautions have been taken in Labasa with troops and police officers moving residents in low-lying areas to the civic centre.

Meanwhile, Hurricane Tomas is still expected to make landfall over Vanua Levu late tomorrow. We have bure in the village and some of the homes are really not strong so it is safer to move.

Fijian community cheers turtle tagging

7 Feb 2008

By Jone Niukula of The National Trust of Fiji and Sainivalati Navuku, WWF Fiji Country Program

Attempts over the past two years to locate and tag a nesting turtle in Fiji bore fruit last month.

The collaborative effort of the National Trust of Fiji, the community of Yadua, SPREP (Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program), NOAA (National Ocean & Atmospheric Administration) and WWF has been the climax of on-going efforts over past years to protect an endangered cultural icon.

Yadua community celebrates turtle tagging

North-east of Yadua Tabua Island (in Bua province and a famous iguana sanctuary) on a secluded beach locally known as Talice, a nesting Hawksbill turtle was located.

The turtle was spotted by National Trust officer Jone Niukula and other members of the team as they made their way to an adjacent beach to await nesting turtles and carry out research work.

This was the final attempt during this nesting season, to locate and tag a Hawksbill nester, a first for Fiji.

The sight of the turtle tracks on the beach triggered excitement among the research team.

Pita Biciloa, the park ranger on Yadua manoeuvred his boat in an attempt to channel through a small passage to get to Talice. Against all odds, the team managed to secure the boat ashore, their excitement and enthusiasm fuelled even more, as they approached the turtle tracks on the beach and heard loud "swooshes" the sound of sand being scattered as the Hawksbill started to dig in on the beach.

The sound of waves crashing on the beach, as if to applaud and cheer the turtle and lighting flashes on the horizon as darkness began to swallow the earth was the most majestic greeting to this ancient sea reptile as it crawled up to land to nest after decades of navigating the seas.

This (nesting) is the only time that turtles are found on land. It is highly possible that the 88.8cm Hawksbill is a hatchling of Yadua returning after more than 25 years to the beach of her birth to transfer her genetic code into the future.

The Hawksbill was named Marama ni Yadua by the villagers, who expressed great emotion at seeing the turtle lay its eggs and with the attachment of the satellite tag, said this would be an unforgettable experience for them. A small church service was conducted before the turtle was released into the sea with the hope to see it return to Yadua in years to come.

Fiji's first satellite tagged turtle

The excitement generated out of locating the nesting turtle on Yadua stems from the fact that this is Fiji's first satellite-tagged turtle.

It has become increasingly difficult to find nesting turtles in Fiji, hence the team reacted promptly and set off to Yadua with the satellite tag donated by SPREP.

Turtles are known to nest (lay eggs) from November through to March. Thus, over the holiday period, several other teams were conducting nesting beach work around Fiji including the Mamanuca group, Koro Island and Yadua.

The surveys are part of Fiji's Sea Turtle Recovery Plan a document developed by various stakeholders to address key threats that are contributing to the decline of the turtle population in Fiji.

Implementing these activities has been greatly assisted by funds that were raised through the 2007 Inaugural Turtle Ball.

Marama ni Yadua has been transmitting signals since the satellite tag attachment and the team expects to receive a plotted map this month. Around the region, satellite telemetry work has enabled several Pacific Island countries and territories (PICTs) such as Samoa, the Cook Islands, the Solomon Islands, Papua New Guinea and New Caledonia to track the migration of turtles that nested on their beach. Several of the telemetry results illustrate a westward trend of migration, with turtles tagged in three of the countries/territories listed above migrating to Fiji.

Fiji's healthy seagrass meadows and coral reefs are hot spots for turtles to feed.

One famous illustration of this type of work was the migration of Lady Vini a female Hawksbill tagged in Samoa in March 2006 and then moved through the Exclusive Economic Zones of 6 PICTs before entering Fiji in October 2006, where the signal died.

For several years now, turtle migration has been tracked through various tagging methods including titanium flipper, passive internal transponder (PIT) or satellite tags.

Titanium flipper tags are the more commonly employed method as it is relatively inexpensive. However, data retrieval is entirely dependent on the serial numbers being reported to the relevant authorities by those who come across turtles carrying the flipper tags.

[diver, Fiji, shark attack, sucuwalu, yadua island](#)

FATAL — 15 February 2010 ?? — Yadua Island, Fiji — diver attacked

In [Pacific](#) on April 13, 2010 at 4:25 pm

A diver went missing after being attacked and dragged under the water by what witnesses think was a shark. From the report it is unclear when exactly attack happened. The report is dated Thursday 18 Feb 2010. It noted police on Yadua island, Fiji were told of the attack on Monday afternoon, which would have been the 15th of Feb.

According to the report:

Captain Kaukau Corrie said they watched helplessly as fellow diver, Henry Usimewa, 19, struggled and fought off an unseen creature before he was dragged beneath the waves.

Corrie said when they rushed to his aid less than half a minute later, Usimewa was nowhere to be seen.

"He was gone and all that was left behind was his diving gear," he said.

"The boys dived in to look for him."

Usimewa, of Tabwewa Village in Rabi, was part of a group of seven divers working for High San Trading aboard the Grace Three. They dived for sucuwalu or beach-de-mer near Nara Reef, which is an hour's boat ride from Yadua Island.

Four divers including the deceased were in the sea at the time of the attack.

"Around 9.30am we spotted him surface about 15 metres from the boat," said Capt Corrie. "I can still hear his screams as he fought off something that pulled him under. It was terrifying.

"He was wearing his diving jacket but was pulled clean from it.

"We looked whole day and whole of Tuesday but we couldn't find him except for his diving gear and sack of sucuwalu.

"We saw that his regulator hose had been bitten off. We are horrified and scared to dive in this area."

No other details were reported.

Sources: [CDNN](#)

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YADUA ISLAND'S REMOTE YADUA ISLAND

SUVA, Fiji (AP) — Yadua Island in Bucaan may be termed one of the world's most beautiful scenery.

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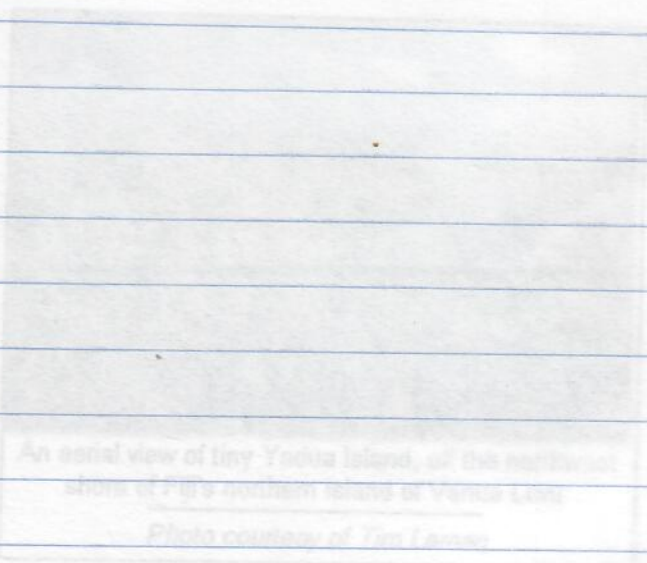
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The assistant turaga ni koro, Pita Qarui, says it is a problem they have been trying to tackle but everything depends on faith.



An aerial view of tiny Yadua Island, off the northwest coast of Fiji's Yasawa Levu Island.

Photo courtesy of Tim Lense.

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LIFE A CHALLENGE ON FIJI'S REMOTE YADUA ISLAND

SUVA, Fiji (Fiji Times, Jan. 17) – Yadua Island in Buacan may be termed one of the wonders of Fiji for its beautiful scenery.

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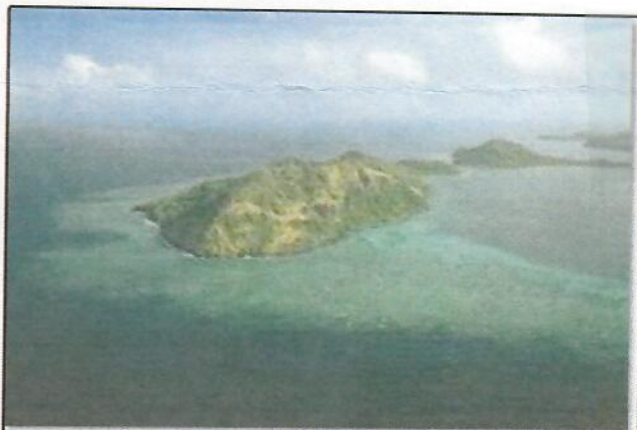
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An aerial view of tiny Yadua Island, off the northwest shore of Fiji's northern island of Vanua Levu.

Photo courtesy of Tim Laman

"It's about hard work and determination and I guess that is the only thing that is keeping the villagers of Yadua going," said Pita.

The 42-year-old farmer has been trying to establish a pathway for farmers on the island so they can have food security.

"I have been holding meetings with youths and able-bodied men about farming methods."

At the moment, farmers have been engaged in root crop farming and because of the hilly terrain, it has been difficult to grow root crops well.

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Subject: Fiji contact

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--> George here is the link and contact for the folks at Moody's Namena

The owners are Tom and Joan Moody, originally from Pittsburg. They have owned the island for about 30 years. It is about 110 acres and 1/2 native forest and one side has decent nesting beach. Tom has indicated to me that over the years he can expect to see about 40-50 hawkbill nests each year. When we snorkel there we see plenty of smaller (platter-sized) turtles. I believe he told me that nesting happens in Nov-Jan. The waters and reef around the island are a community recognized reserve (for at least the last 8 years) and there is no harvest (commercial or subsistence) from the immediate waters.

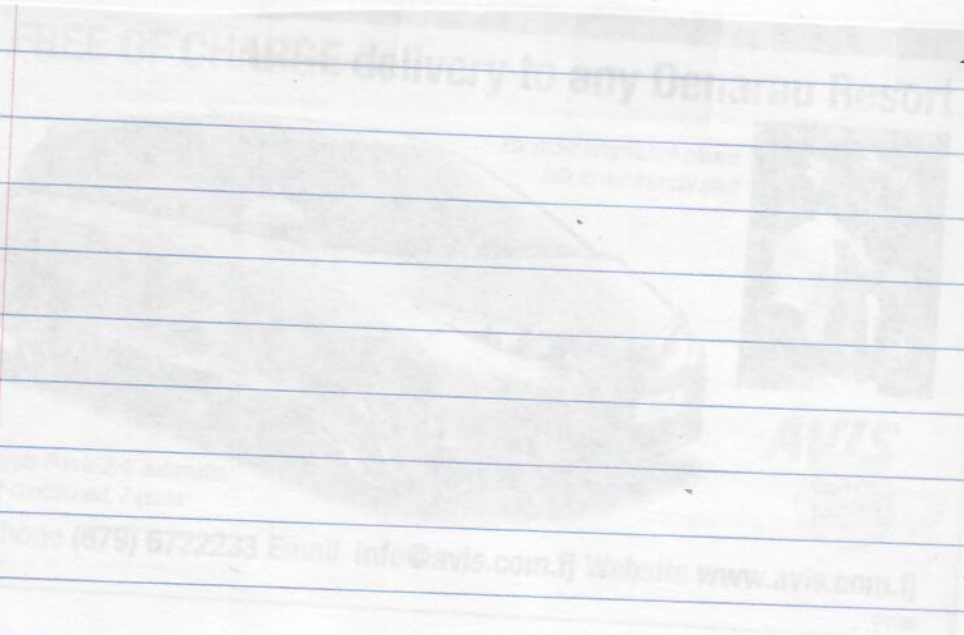
the website

<http://www.moodyynamenafiji.com/> ↙

Tom & Joan contact - moodyynamena@connect.com.fj - Phone: (679) 881-3764

NOTE
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Have a great trip, is anyone from Tonga (Vavau) joining you out there?



Isa Lei

English is the official language in Fiji, but the national farewell song 'Isa Lei' is sung in Fijian.

Fijian Verse

Isa Isa vulagi lasa dina
Nomu lako au na rarawa kina
Cava beka ko a mai cakava,
Nomu lako au na sega ni lasa

Isa Lei, na noqu rarawa,
Ni ko sa na vodo e na mataka
Bau nanuma, na nodatou lasa,
Mai Suva nanuma tiko ga.

Vanua rogo na nomuni vanua,
Kena ca ni levu tu na ua,
Lomaqu voli me'u bau butuka
Tovolea ke balavu na bula.

Isa Lei, na noqu rarawa,
Ni ko sa na vodo e na mataka
Bau nanuma, na nodatou lasa,
Mai Suva nanuma tiko ga.

Domoni dina na nomu yanuyanu,
Kena kau wale na salusalu,
Mocelolo, bua, na kukuwalu,
Lagakali, maba na rosi damu.

Isa Lei, na noqu rarawa,
Ni ko sa na vodo e na mataka
Bau nanuma, na nodatou lasa,
Mai Suva nanuma tiko ga.

English Version

Isa, Isa you are my only treasure;
Must you leave me, so lonely and forsaken?
As the roses will miss the sun at dawning,
Every moment my heart for you is yearning.

Isa Lei, the purple shadow falling,
Sad the morrow will dawn upon my sorrow;
O, forget not, when you're far away,
Precious moments beside dear Suva.

Isa, Isa, my heart was filled with pleasure,
From the moment I heard your tender greeting;
Mid the sunshine, we spent the hours together,
Now so swiftly those happy hours are fleeting.

Isa Lei, the purple shadow falling,
Sad the morrow will dawn upon my sorrow;
O, forget not, when you're far away,
Precious moments beside dear Suva.

O'er the ocean your island home is calling,
Happy country where roses bloom in splendour;
O, if I could but journey there beside you,
Then forever my heart would sing in rapture.

Isa Lei, the purple shadow falling,
Sad the morrow will dawn upon my sorrow;
O, forget not, when you're far away,
Precious moments beside dear Suva.





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Jet Set Environment Quiz

No. 3

Mangrove

Q: The trees and shrubs that grow both in fresh water and seawater are collectively called mangrove. Why can mangrove live in salt water?

- 1) It can absorb only fresh water
- 2) It can release salt from the leaves
- 3) It can convert salt to nutrients

Mangroves grow at river banks or coastlines in tropical or sub-tropical areas like Fiji. They can release salt of seawater from their leaves to be able to grow in the sea as well.



Mangroves have a lot of roles in nature and in our life. They can be a seawall to protect land from tsunami and gale along coastline. They bring the diversity of ecosystem because leaves and seeds of mangroves are food for small microorganisms and animals. The ecosystem also leads to purify water and protect corals. Mangrove's high ability to absorb CO₂ and stabilize carbon helps to prevent global warming. What's more, people living around mangrove forests use them as fuel, building materials, dye and medicine.

We can protect our land and life by protecting mangrove forests around us.

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Lautoka turtles galore

It's the turtle season again and people shopping at Lautoka market have found some fine shells there.

One of the first to get to the market was a large 473 lb male (above right) caught by Semesi Tui of Yasawa-I-Ra.

Semesi, 62, caught the turtle while spear fishing off the Yasawa-I-Ra reef about 80 kilometres from Lautoka.

Helped by his son Mosese, the two fought with the turtle for half an hour before they landed it.

The meat of the turtle is a delicacy and the shell is used for decoration.

After the meat is taken from the turtle, its shell is treated and polished for sale in the market.

Lautoka Market vendor Melaia (above) shows off two big turtle shells she brought from Sigatoka. She was selling the shells at \$50 each.

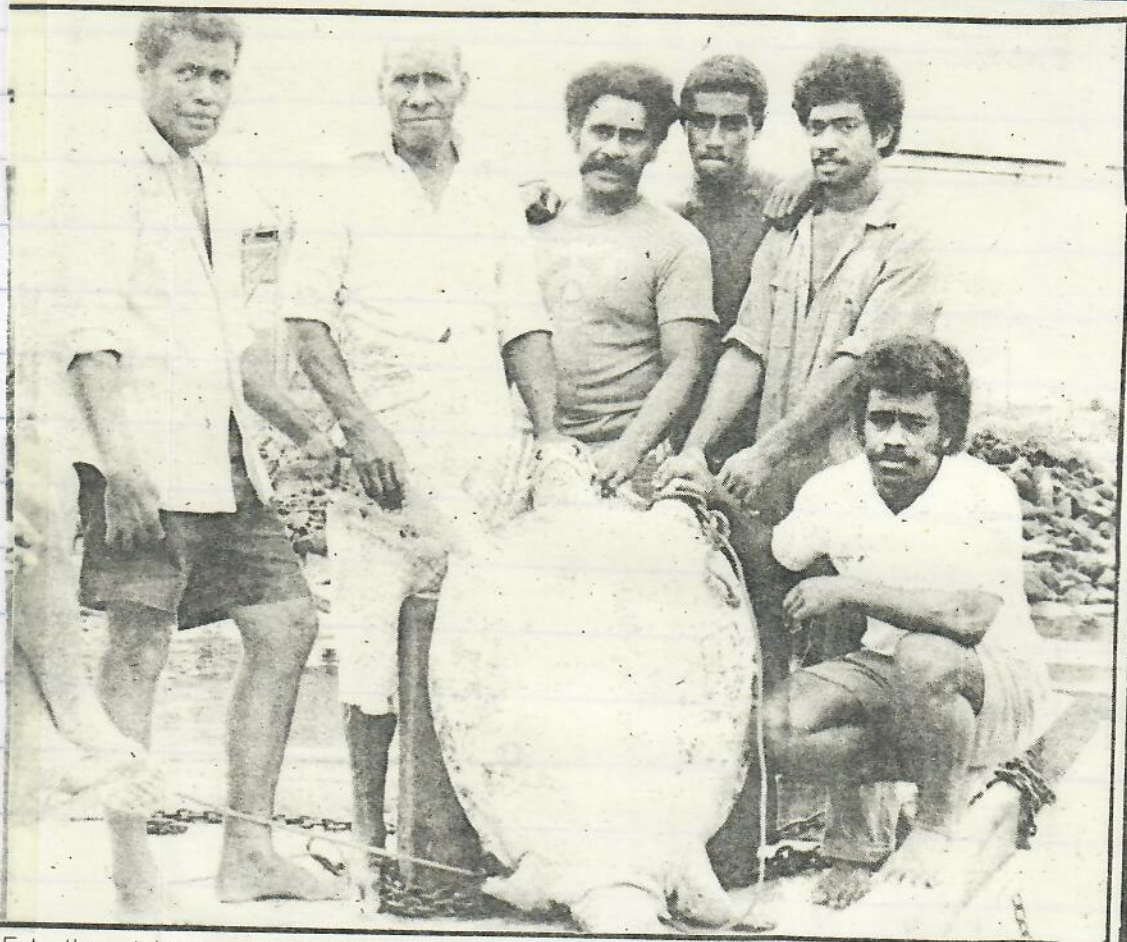
The shells weighed about 12 kilograms each.

Turtles are protected in November, December, January and February.

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THE turtle catchers... standing left to right are: Suliasi Ravai, Semesi Tui (owner of MV. Tutu Boto), Mosese Tui (skipper), Mosese Mouyawa, Peniasi Rasuaki, and Vereniki Loba. (Picture by JOHNNY SINGH.)

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THE end product ... Lautoka market vendor Melaia shows two big turtle shells she's selling at \$50 each.

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SEA TURTLE TAGGING FORM

DATE FORM FILLED OUT / /

CAPTURE DATE, LOCATION AND METHOD:

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PERSON RECORDING DATA:

TUMOR SCORE

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MT#

OLD TAGS:

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NEW TAGS:

RHF

LHF

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STRAIGHT CARAPACE - LENGTH:

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NOTCH LENGTH:

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CURVED CARAPACE LENGTH:

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HEAD WIDTH:

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LATERAL1:

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LATERAL2:

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PPS: YES OR NO OR NE

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LATERAL3:

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SEX: Male, Female^J
or Undetermined

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PLASTRON LENGTH:

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WEIGHT:

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DESCRIPTIVE REMARKS:

Date: Tue, 20 Jul 2010 12:38:16 -1100
From: Catherine Siota <catherines@sprep.org>
To: George H. Balazs <gbalazs@honlab.nmfs.hawaii.edu>
Cc: Lui Bell <LuiB@sprep.org>
Subject: RE: First maps for 3 satellite-tagged loggerheads captured off-shore of
Yadua Island, Fiji, and released on July 14, 2010 (fwd)

Talofa George,

Thanks for keeping us updated on the status of the Yaduan loggerheads, below are the tag numbers for the 3 turtles:

- 1) Vueti Yadua:Titanium Tag #s Left flipper:R34836 and Right flipper:R34837 and Sat tag:50136
- 2) Adi Laveti Yadua:Titanium tag #s Left flipper:R34838 and Right flipper: R34839 and Sat tag:52702
- 3) Tuni Mata Yadua Bua:Titanium tag #s Left flipper:R34834 and right flipper:R34835 and sat tag:53755.

Cheers
Cathy

DEPLOYED CARETTA July 14, 2010

	TAM 2619	<u>CCL</u>	<u>ARGOS ID</u>	<u>Tag</u>
MALE	6/48	103.1	53755	623440
Female	10/38	90.5	52702	623410
Subadult	6/24	82.5cm	50136	623407

3 TAM 2619 left with
PITA QUARAU AT YABUA IS.

ARGOS

ID 58846

40473

40702

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YADUA

SEA TURTLE TAGGING FORM

DATE FORM PRINTED OUT: / /

CAPTURE DATE, LOCATION AND METHOD:

7-14-2010 Wednesday FIJI Loggerhead
night hand snorkeled

IN FRONT OF VILLAGE

PERSON RECORDING DATA:

TUMOR SCORE

0

NEW TAGS:

ORAL TMRs EXT:
YES OR NO

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EMACIATION CODE

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new

SPREP
TITANIUM

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MT#

AAGPS ID - 6/24

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623407#

(TAM 2619)

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VB:

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CURVED CARAPACE LENGTH:

82.5 cm

WIDTH:

76.5 cm

HEAD WIDTH:

— cm

LATERAL1:

— cm

LATERAL2:

— cm

PPS: YES OR NO OR NE

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LATERAL3:

— cm

SEX: Male, Female or Undetermined

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Subadult

TAIL LENGTH: T

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SAMPLES COLLECTED:

RIGHT FRONT FLIPPER WIDTH:

— cm

PLASTRON LENGTH:

— cm

WEIGHT:

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by NEMA NANO

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Reef turtles

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on ^{TAB} ADI LAVETI YADUA - A Female

on ^{card} TUNI MATA - YADUA BUA
A Male

~~(TUI-NI-MATA, YADUA BUA - front)~~

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FIJI

SEA TURTLE TAGGING FORM

YADUA VILLAGE

DATE FORM FILLED OUT / /

CAPTURE DATE, LOCATION AND METHOD:

NIGHT

Hand Snorkel

7-14-2010

10/38 off

Duty cycle

PERSON RECORDING DATA:

TUMOR SCORE

0

new TAGS:

SPREP TITANIUM

ORAL TMRS EXT: YES OR NO

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EMACIATION CODE

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MT#

new TAGS:

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ID 62310

TAM 2619

STRAIGHT CARAPACE - LENGTH:

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— cm

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— cm

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VB:

— L.O.

CURVED CARAPACE LENGTH:

90.5 cm

WIDTH:

88.5 cm

HEAD WIDTH:

— cm

LATERAL1:

— cm

LATERAL2:

— cm

PPS: YES OR NO OR NE

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LATERAL3:

— cm

SEX: Male, Female or Undetermined

Female
Prolapse
Claw

TAIL LENGTH: T

— cm

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— cm

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

RIGHT FRONT FLIPPER WIDTH:

— cm

PLASTRON LENGTH:

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WEIGHT:

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DESCRIPTIVE REMARKS:

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LOGGERHEAD

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SEA TURTLE TAGGING FORM

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CAPTURE DATE, LOCATION AND METHOD:

7/14/2010 YADUA ~~WAKAWAKA~~ IN FRONT OF YADUA VILLAGE
 NIGHT HAND SNORKEL
 PERSON RECORDING DATA: Fiji 6/48

TUMOR SCORE 0 ~~SPREP~~ TAGS: ~~SPREP~~ =
 ORAL TMRS EXT. YES OR NO ~~TITANIUM~~
 EMACIATION CODE 0 ~~TITANIUM~~ =
 MT#
 NEW TAGS: TAM 2619
 ARGOS ID 33755
 LHF TELONICS # 623440

STRAIGHT CARAPACE - LENGTH: ~~102.3~~ cm
 CCL: 102.3 cm
 NOTCH LENGTH: cm
 DB: 4 L.O. VB: L.O.
 CURVED CARAPACE LENGTH: 103.1 cm
 WIDTH: 93.6 cm
 HEAD WIDTH: cm
 LATERAL1: cm
 LATERAL2: cm
 PPS: YES OR NO OR NE LATERAL3: cm
 SEX: Male, Female or Undetermined MALE
 TAIL LENGTH: T cm C cm
 RIGHT FRONT FLIPPER WIDTH: cm
 PLASTRON LENGTH: cm
 WEIGHT: #

DESCRIPTIVE REMARKS:

SAMPLES COLLECTED:
 HAND Flipper
 RNA SKIN for
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Man questioned over fake notes



Seventeen hundred dollars worth of fake notes were found in the West earlier this week. Photo: Ronald Kumar

A man is being questioned at the Nadi Police Station for his alleged involvement in the printing of fake notes that have recently been discovered in the Western Division.

Chief of Intelligence and Investigations Assistant Commissioner of Police Luke Navela said a team of crime officers consisting of personnel from CID headquarters in Suva and Lautoka are working on the case. Investigations continue.

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NG FORM

NEW TAGS:

RHF

LHF

WIDTH: cm

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LATERAL2: cm

HEAD WIDTH: cm

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PPS: YES OR NO OR NE

LATERAL3: cm

SEX: Male, Female
or Undetermined

TAIL LENGTH: T cm

C cm

SAMPLES COLLECTED:

RIGHT FRONT FLIPPER WIDTH: cm

PLASTRON LENGTH: cm

WEIGHT: #

DESCRIPTIVE REMARKS:

Military commander takes control of Fiji

The prime minister is isolated after his pleas for help from foreign nations were rejected

Associated Press

SUVA, Fiji >> The military seized control of Fiji today after weeks of threats, locking down the capital with armed troops and isolating at home the elected leader whose last-minute pleas for help from foreign forces were rejected.

The coup was the fourth armed takeover in the South Pacific country in 19 years, and had its roots in the same ethnic divide that produced the previous three.

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He said he had assumed some powers of the president and was using them to dismiss Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase, elected in May.

He named Dr. Jona Senilagakali, a military medic with no political experience, as caretaker prime minister and said a full interim government would be appointed next week to see the country through to elections that would restore democracy sometime in the future.

The move was denounced by

lieved to have children living in New Zealand.

"This is an outrage what is happening in Fiji," Prime Minister Helen Clark told reporters in Wellington.

Britain also announced it was suspending military aid to Fiji, and Don McKinnon, the secretary general of 53-member Commonwealth of Britain and its former colonies, said Fiji was likely to be suspended from the group later this week.

Australia said it would impose similar measures soon.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard revealed that Qarase had asked him early today to send troops to Fiji to try to stop the coup. Howard refused.

"I did not think it was in Australia's national interest to become involved. The possibility of Australian and Fijian troops firing on each other in the streets of Suva was not a prospect that I for a moment

thought desirable," Howard told reporters in Canberra.

As tensions built in recent weeks, Australia sent three navy ships to waters off Fiji that Canberra said would be used only to evacuate Australian citizens in the event of a coup.

Last week, Bainimarama accused Australia of planning an invasion, and had troops fire mortar flares over the harbor and set up security checkpoints around government buildings in a show of force.

Fiji is among the richest and most developed nations in the South Pacific, attracting up to 400,000 tourists a year to resorts built on idyllic beaches. It also exports sugar and gold.

But it has lurched from one political crisis to the next since the military twice grabbed power in 1987 to ensure political supremacy for the 51 percent majority indigenous Fijians, cutting out the 44 percent ethnic Indian minority.

Coup leader declares state

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SUVA, Fiji — Fiji's military commander declared a state of emergency and installed a new prime minister and police chief today, a day after he overthrew the elected government and brought international sanctions and censure that began to isolate the South Pacific country.

It was the nation's fourth coup in 19 years. The radio network Legend quoted a military statement saying that armed forces would set up a cordon of checkpoints around the capital, Suva, as part of the state of emergency.

"As of 6 o'clock this evening, the military has taken over the government, has executive authority and the running of this country," Commodore Frank Bainimarama, the armed forces chief credited with resolving Fiji's last coup, said yesterday in a nationally broadcast statement.

Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase, who insists he is still Fiji's legitimate leader, flew today from the capital to his home village on the remote northeastern Lau group of islands, said Pene Nonu, his private secretary.

Bainimarama today dismissed criticism of the coup.

"For those who do not agree with what we are doing, we respect your opinion, but do not interfere with the process that is currently under way," he said in an address broadcast nationally. "There is no point in debating the legality or otherwise of our actions. Qarase and his cronies are not coming back."

The takeover, like the previous three coups, has its roots in the ethnic divide between the descendants of ancient Melanesian warrior tribes and those of Indian laborers brought by former colonial power Britain to work in sugar plantations.

In his declaration, Bainimarama justified seizing power to prevent legislation that favored indigenous Fijians, contending the measures "would undermine the constitution and deny many citizens their rights." Bainimarama and Qarase are both ethnic Fijians but Bainimarama considers



Bainimarama

himself as a protector of the rights of all Fijians, including ethnic Indians.

The nation's previous coup, in 2000, was led by indigenous nationalists who overthrew the country's first ethnic Indian prime minister. Bainimarama was seen as a national hero after he stepped in, brokered a resolution without bloodshed and restored democracy, picking Qarase, a former banker, to lead an interim government.

He also promised amnesty to coup participants but later reneged,

and the ringleaders were arrested, tried and imprisoned for treason.

Bainimarama today swore in Dr. Jona Senilagakali, a military medic with no political experience, as caretaker prime minister and said a full interim government would be appointed next week to see the country through elections that would restore democracy sometime in the future.

Police chief Moses Driver was forced out of his post today after openly opposing Bainimarama, ordering his officers to disregard any orders from the military, whose actions he said were "treasonous."

"The regime that they have put in place is illegal," Driver said.

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Bainimarama is believed to have children living in New Zealand. "This is an outrage what is happening in Fiji," Prime Minister Helen Clark said yesterday in Wellington, New Zealand's capital. Britain also announced it was suspending military aid to Fiji, and Don McKinnon, the secretary-general of 53-member Commonwealth of Britain and its former colonies, said Fiji was likely to be suspended from the group. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan demanded the immediate restoration of the country's elected government.

went outside the law. "The government they want to set up will be totally illegal," Qarase said yesterday at his house in Suva, where he said he was under effective house arrest. "What the military commander has done has raped our constitution."

"The Fiji Police will not now, or ever, have any part of it." Qarase's leadership has gained the legitimacy of two general elections, but Bainimarama grew increasingly frustrated with his nationalist leanings, in particular legislation that offered pardons to the 2000 coup plotters and handed coastal land rights — lucrative to the tourist industry — to indigenous Fijians.

Bainimarama demanded the government kill the legislation or be forced out. Qarase offered to suspend the bills but said he could not agree to demands that

The United States suspended \$2.5 million in assistance to Fiji, most of it for financing of military sales to Fiji and the training of service personnel. New Zealand said it was suspending defense ties with the country and would ban its military officers from traveling to Fiji.

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Chaudhry recounts 'sad memories'

By LOSALINI BOLATAGICI

FORMER prime minister Mahendra Chaudhry says he will never forget the events of today, 16 years ago, when he was taken hostage in Parliament with his Cabinet in the 2000 coup led by George Speight.

On the eve of the 16th anniversary of the coup,

Mr Chaudhry said it brought back sad memories of when they were held captive for 56 days.

He said if Fiji had not had the coups in 1987 and 2000, the country would have been far ahead today economically and socially.

Mr Chaudhry said, unfortunately, some people still had not learnt the

lessons from this tragic past.

Dr Tupeni Baba, who was deputy prime minister in the then-Labour government, said the day reminded him of the lost opportunity they had when Fiji was going to hold the signing of the Suva Agree-

of 2000 coup

ment, how his colleague Mr Chaudhry was badly beaten up in Parliament and the difficulty the women captives faced because they refused to leave.

"Those are some of the things that come to mind straightaway and I only hope that I will not see the day that

anything like that will happen," Dr Baba said.

"I remember thinking that it was going to be the last coup that we came across, but 2006 came again."

Mr Chaudhry became prime minister on May 19, 1999, but exactly one year later, he and most of his Cabinet were taken hostage and kept for 56 days.

CLIMATE ADAPTATION

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Fiji, UNESCAP hold talks



Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama with UNESCAP Executive Secretary, Dr Shamshad Akhtar. Photo: DEPTFO News

Bainimarama discusses establishment of a climate change centre in Fiji with executive secretary Dr Akhtar.

Prime Minister Voreqe Bainimarama updated the executive secretary for the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Dr Shamshad Akhtar, on the economic impact of Cyclone *Winston* and on Fiji's recovery and rehabilitation efforts in the aftermath of the cyclone.

He also called for greater collaboration with UNESCAP in the areas

of disaster risk reduction, building economic resilience and obtaining detailed data and statistics to measure the progress of climate adaptation measures.

In their very warm and cordial discussions, the PM also reiterated the Fijian Government's initiative on the establishment of a climate change centre in Fiji to provide practical training and capacity building for small and vulnerable states. He said Fiji looked forward to working together with UNESCAP towards the establishment of such a centre for which Fiji will provide resources.

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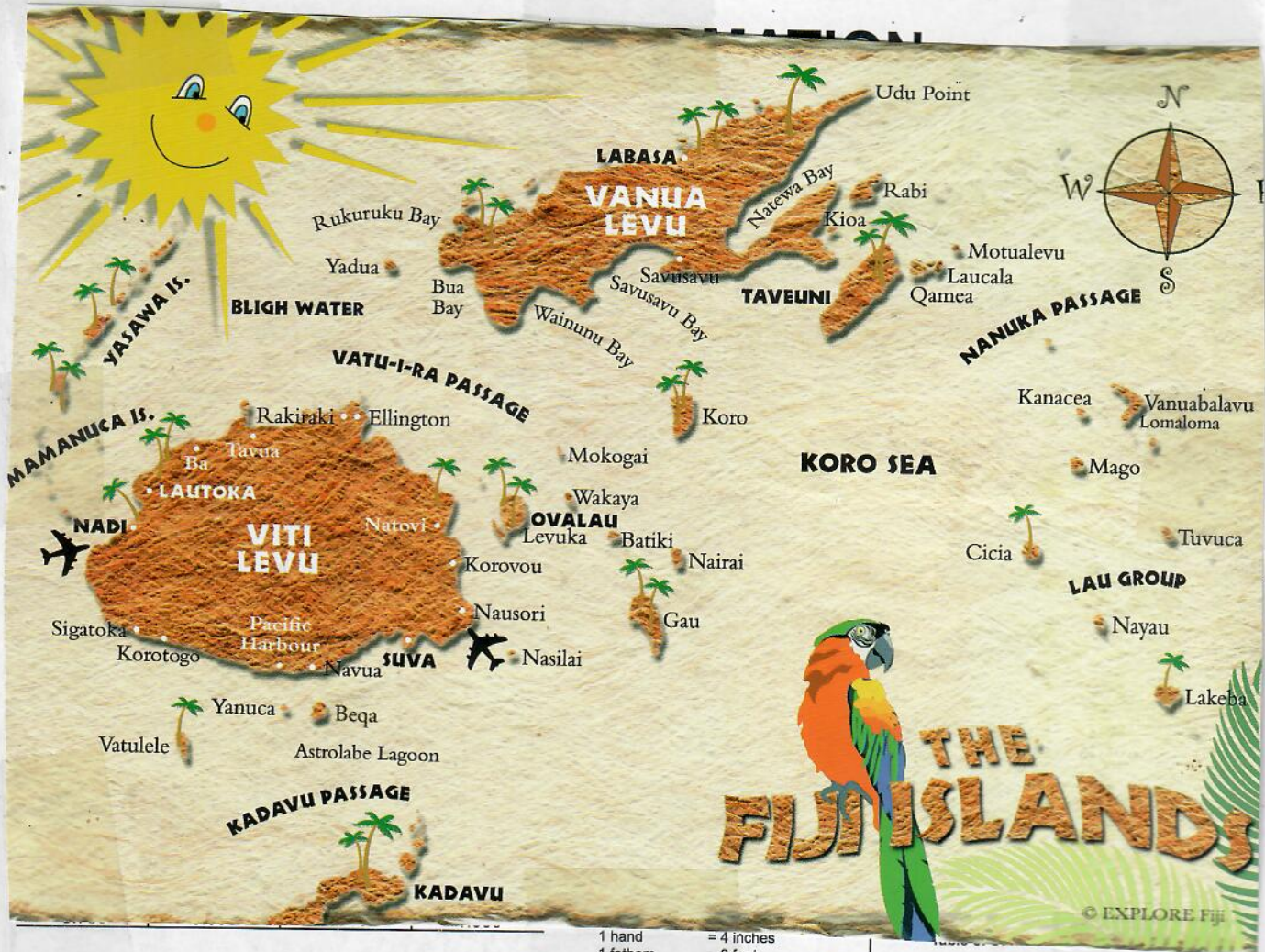
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- 1 hand = 4 inches
- 1 fathom = 6 feet
- 1 knot = 6076 feet
- 3 knots = 1 league
- 1 bu. potatoes = 60 lbs.
- 1 barrel flour = 196 lbs.
- 1 cu. ft. of water = 7.48 liquid gals. and weighs 62.425 lbs.
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- Atmospheric pressure is 14.7 lbs. per sq. in. at sea level
- 13-1/2 cu. ft. of air weighs 1 lb.

- 144 sq. in. = 1 sq. ft.
- 9 sq. ft. = 1 sq. yd.
- 30-1/4 sq. yds. = 1 sq. rod
- 160 sq. rods = 1 acre
- 640 acres = 1 sq. mile

An acre measures 208.71 ft. on each side.
 A section of land is 1 sq. mile.
 A quarter section is 160 acres.
 A township is 36sq. miles.

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