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**To:** George Balazs <itsahonuworldinhawaii@hotmail.com>  
**Subject:** Re: Fw: [IUCN-MTSG] "Faith in the Turtles Resiliency"- Balazs

Bula saka, Ratu George.

Aloha, my very good friend, and it's good to hear from you, and your proposed plan to visit.

You have the same first name for the Vunivalu of Bau ( Ratu George Cakobau) , who was the father of the current High Chief of Bau ( the one you sent the photo of his marriage, whose name is Ratu Epenisa Cakobau).

Vinaka saka vakalevu, my very good friend and " Father of Sea Turtles ".

May the Good Lord continue to bless you and family, today and always. 🙏

On Mon, 27 Jan 2025, 9:35 am George Balazs, <[itsahonuworldinhawaii@hotmail.com](mailto:itsahonuworldinhawaii@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Bula & Aloha, Dear Friend Aisake. I have been looking at my calendar to see if I can schedule a short trip to Fiji. I will let you know of possible dates.

I was wondering- the Honor you have given me of Ratu Gorge, is it associated with a particular area or town/village of Fiji? I am curious. Vinaka Always, George

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**From:** Aisake Batibasaga <[abatibasaga@gmail.com](mailto:abatibasaga@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** Re: [IUCN-MTSG] "Faith in the Turtles Resiliency"- Balazs

Yes, and Amen. Vinaka saka vakalevu,Ratu George.

Thank you once again my very good friend and coach/mentor. For me, I always look up to you as a very close friend, a brother, and a teacher- especially in the field of sea turtle research, applied science, and their conservation and management ( and lately supporting sustainable cultural use).

yes- I agree 100% that as long as we live and breathe- we will continue to work to conserve and manage, and even protect sea turtles....

My very best wishes to you, family, and our sea turtle champions across the Pacific, the US and the globe....Vinaka saka vakalevu.

Moce mada vakalailai- and looking forward to seeing you again from next year in Fiji.

Blessed day, and Aloha, my Good Brother, Friend, and now, Ratu (Local Chief).

Vinaka.

Aisake (Bati).

On Mon, Nov 18, 2024 at 5:52 PM George Balazs <[itsahonuworldinhawaii@hotmail.com](mailto:itsahonuworldinhawaii@hotmail.com)> wrote:

Esteemed Brother, Friend, and Vonu Colleague Bati, I am so Deeply Honored and Humbled by Your Words of Blessing and Bestowing of Title. I have delayed writing back thanking and acknowledging your message until after the Sabbath Fiji Date. God has been good to the two of us for many decades now. And we have done what we can to promote conservation for the turtles of Fiji and all Oceania- as a traditional and customary sea animal of island peoples. And we will continue to do this work, from the heart and from wisdom, as long as God keeps us here in healthy body and mind, and good intentions.

I have received several awards throughout my long life. But none matches what you have done and said in your message below. Looking forward to visiting with you sometime during 2025- in fact, I pray I can make it a priority.

God's Blessing to you and your family near and far.  
Respectfully With Love, Vinaka, George

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**From:** Aisake Batibasaga <[abatibasaga@gmail.com](mailto:abatibasaga@gmail.com)>  
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Bula & Aloha from Fiji!

Ni sa bula vinaka saka, Ratu Gorge ( I am giving you a traditional Fijian Chief Title, today- as we celebrate our common interest on Saving Sea turtles across the World, from the French Frigate Shoals to Across the Indo-Pacific, and down to SW Pacific,, and down to Fiji.

Vinaka saka vakalevu.

Loloma levu vei kemudou kece, Turaga kei na Marama.

Moce mada vakalailai, Ratu George!!

God bless you today, family and all our Sea turtle Champions across the Globe.

Vinaka, and Aloha!

Aisake (Bati).

From Suva-Fiji Islands.

On Fri, Nov 15, 2024 at 7:35 AM George Balazs <[itsahonuworldinhawaii@hotmail.com](mailto:itsahonuworldinhawaii@hotmail.com)> wrote:

"...seeing the lost island's reemergence offers a bright spot in an often bleak world"- Author Nathan Eagle

Good Morning from Hawaii, MTSG Globally- Please enjoy this article (click below) and please continue to place ample trust in the survival abilities of our ancient and ecologically (and culturally) important ocean turtle friends. gb

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