## Implementation of adaptation actions and tools for decision making to enhance development plans



# Strengthening Adaptive Capacity in Choiseul, Solomon Islands



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Community Based Adaptation: The case of Choiseul



Choiseul : large island administered by provincial authority

- -customary land ownership
- -traditional institutions vital in governance of natural and cultural resources

2008: Collected Chiefs of Lauru (Choiseul) (LLCTC) declared "reefs to ridges " network of protected areas across the island



2011: LLCTC with TNC and partners undertook participatory activities in Boe Boe Community help implement commitment in context of climate change

#### Participatory tools to understand vulnerability and strengthen adaptation in Boe Boe, Choiseul Province (Lauru)

- Participatory video
- Interviews/household surveys
- Shoreline walks

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• Participatory 3D Modelling

## Living Landscapes: Participatory 3 Dimensional Modeling

Combines local spatial knowledge, mind maps and scientific GIS

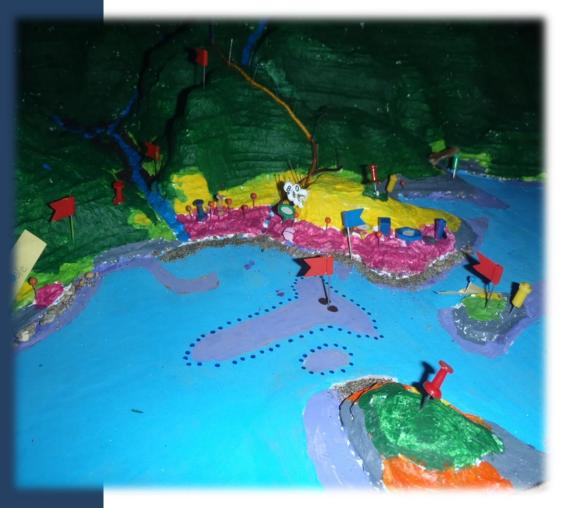
<u>Turns flat contour map</u> into physical handson <u>relief model</u> that everyone can connect with

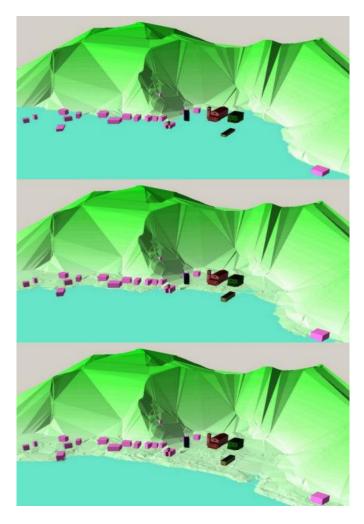
Forum for discussion on current and potential impacts





## Linking science and community knowledge





#### Digital Elevation Model (DEM)



Simultaneously, experts in GIS worked together to: Ground truth key features Display possible levels of inundation

## Strengths/lessons

- Led by community leaders
- Owned by the community
- Enables all members of the community to be involved in land use planning
- Helps visualize abstract concepts
- Puts Climate change in context of other issues
- Share across communities/regions
- Links science, local knowledge





## Next steps

#### **Solomon Islands**

- Cultural Heritage mapping (Arnavons)
- Participatory video (Choiseul)
- More 3D mapping
  PNG/Marshall Islands

Provincial level vulnerability/economic assessments using the tools Disseminating lessons/policy influence

Across the region: integrating the results into local, provincial and regional scale policy and planning





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Or visit our learning site for all the materials including video links to P3D Modelling:

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