



Youths as Agents of Change: Marine Environmental Awareness in Kimbe Bay



Description

Objectives

To support the protection of Kimbe Bay's abundant biodiversity from the effects of **climate change** and human threats by raising awareness about the marine **environment** and impacts of **climate change** and loss of biodiversity.

Project Summary

Kimbe Bay, which hosts over half the world's species of hard corals (413) and over 900 species of fish, is considered a Key Biodiversity Area¹. Almost half of the globally threatened species in the East Melanesian Islands Hotspot are reef-building corals. Threats to reefs are well known and include everything from **climate change** (especially **ocean acidification**) to local human impacts.

In Kimbe Bay, high population growth has put pressure on the marine **environment**. Communities use marine resources for food (fish, invertebrates), a phenomenon which has intensified with a growing population. Additionally, the **water** quality in Kimbe Bay has been deteriorating due to runoff from lands cleared for homesteads or **agriculture**. There is a need for **youth** to understand the pressing issues of overfishing, **food security** and **health** so they will understand the consequences of marine biodiversity loss.

See factsheet for full details.

Project Status

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Duration	21 months
Project Type	Field Implementation
Total Funding	174,785
Donor Currency	USD
Project Scope	Community

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