VANUATU CLIMATE CHANGE (NAB) PORTAL
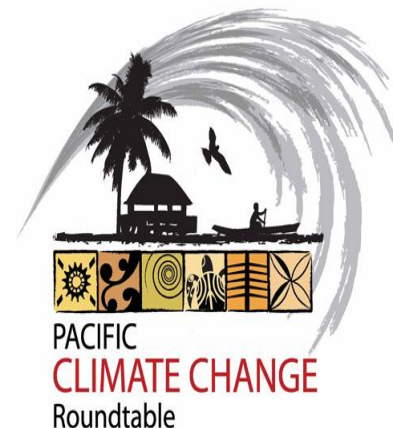
Pacific Climate Change Roundtable

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Apia, Samoa

Presentation Outline

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    - Resource database
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Brief Overview of the Portal

- www.nab.vu
- http://192.168.60.36/node
- Launched in August 2012 by Vanuatu Government to improve IKM round CC & DRR
- The "NAB Portal" is a Vanuatu website - CORDINATION TOOLS, CONTACT LISTS and a RESOURCE DATABASE.
- The NAB Portal is unique - <u>user-owned, decentralized</u>
- CC/DRR sectors and agency focal points invited to access the website and update <u>their own</u> information.

Portal Home Page

National Calendar Of CC/DRR Events

-workshops
-trainings
-lectures
-consultant visits
-meetings

For government, development partners, private sector, NGOs etc

GIS Project Database

Project Search

Shows the geographical location of CC/DRR initiatives, interventions and projects

Resource Database
(Policies, brochures, reports, publications etc)

Resource Search

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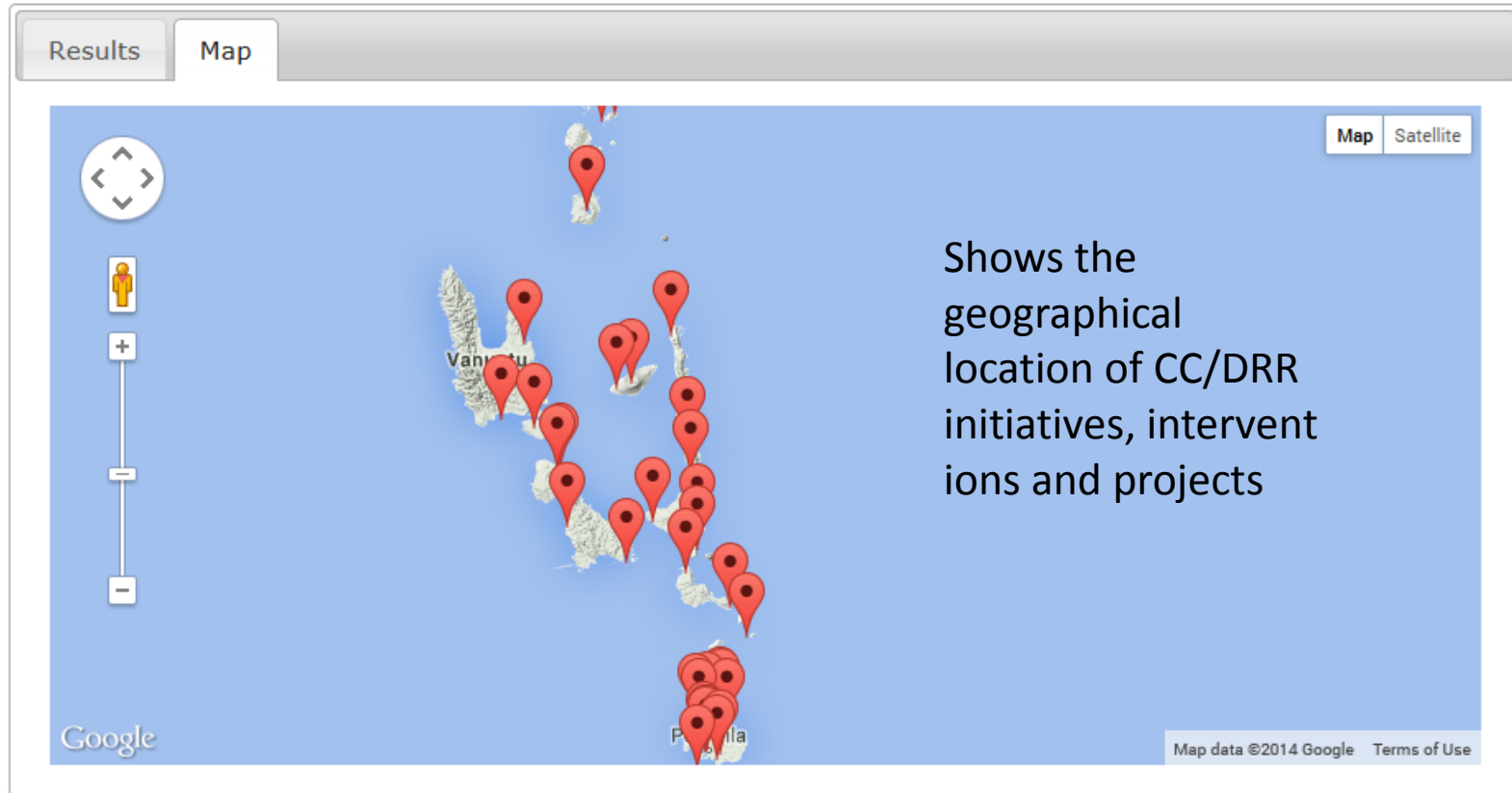| Updated Date ▾	Title	Document Type	Sectors and Themes	Author(s)	Syllabus Subject Strand
28/08/2014	COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS FOR NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT IN THE PACIFIC	Research Report / Scientific Publication	Natural resources	SPREP/ SPC/ PIFS/ Landcare Research and GIZ (2013)	
26/08/2014	New Vulnerability Sourcebook: hands-on-guidance for climate adaptation experts	Research Report / Scientific Publication	Vulnerability Assessment		
21/08/2014	Assessing the vulnerability of rural livelihoods in the Pacific to climate change	Community Profile/Vulnerability Assessment	Climate Change		
20/08/2014	PACIFIC REGIONAL HYDROGRAPHY PROGRAMME - HYDROGRAPHIC RISK ASSESSMENT - VANUATU	Research Report / Scientific Publication	Vulnerability Assessment	John Riding/Ian Webb/Andrew Rawson/Harkesh Grover	
14/08/2014	Post 2015 Localisation Consultation: Vanuatu FINAL Report	Research Report / Scientific Publication			

NAB Portal Statistics (Jul 1, 2014 – Apr 29, 2015)

Month of Year	Users	Users
	22,757 % of Total: 100.00% (22,757)	22,757 % of Total: 100.00% (22,757)
1. ■ 201504	10,823	46.61%
2. ■ 201503	7,423	31.97%
3. ■ 201501	1,486	6.40%
4. ■ 201407	1,071	4.61%
5. ■ 201409	1,020	4.39%
6. ■ 201408	724	3.12%
7. ■ 201502	598	2.58%
8. ■ 201412	60	0.26%
9. ■ 201411	14	0.06%
10. ■ 201410	3	0.01%

Users – 10,000 April & 7,000 March 2015
Over 23,000 users since July 2014

New visitors -   Returning visitors -

6.4%

46.6%

32%
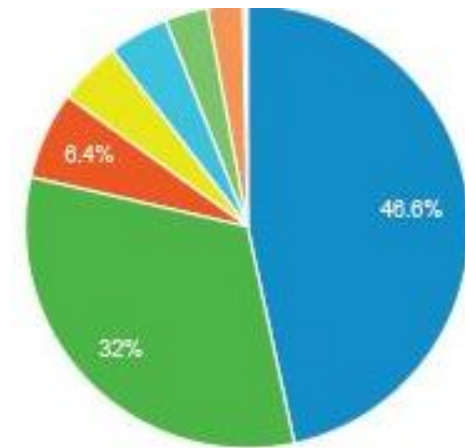
Average of 70 users per day

Outputs Achieved

- Centralized storage database of important CC/DRR policies, plans, reports and strategic documents
- Mechanism via shared online calendar for event coordination
- Centralized list of national CC/DRR contacts and focal points & NAB Members.
- Regular news and current affairs updates for program information sharing
- Contacts referral tool for students/researchers/project developers

Outcomes Achieved

- More people (domestic and international) are aware of CC/DRR initiatives in Vanuatu
- Improved coordination and communication between government and non-government stakeholders
- Reduced duplication of CC/DRR efforts geographically and thematically
- Increased financial flows due to improved accessibility of donors to local priorities
- Greater participation of civil society in strategic meetings and events (public calendar of events)
- More transparency in CC/DRR decision-making (project documents and reports available online)
- Strengthening networks and partnerships of CC/DRR stakeholders

Lessons Learned

- User-driven administration forces project managers to reference SRDP objectives/indicators when they upload projects/reports to portal
- Users require incentives to utilize portal (e.g. publicity, mandatory project endorsement requirement etc)
- There is a need for regular capacity building/training for key Gov and civil society stakeholders on portal content management (due to constant CCDRR staff turnover)
- NAB Portal backup systems are essential, yet often expensive not considered until a crash
- GIS integration into qualitative data structures
- Portals realistically available within Port Vila and Luganville (Urban centers) with good internet access
- The portal is the working hub and public interface for DD/DRR information management

Challenges

- Integration of the NAB portal with Pacific portal
- Technical engineering of the portal (shortage of staff at ICT division)
- Connection issues; regular internet outages
- Finding the balance between decentralized and centralized content management
- Time constraints for users to upload their own content
- Space and environmental constraints to server management

Recommendations

- Government and development partners to allocate additional dedicated financial and HR resources to support the Portals
- Links between the NAB portal with the PCCP needs to be developed further – to ensure full and automated connectivity (e.g. seamlessly capturing regional and national projects)
- Functionality of portal to be expanded from "who does what where" to interactive and high level data management and analysis.
- Expand Vanuatu's NAB Portal model to other Pacific Island Countries