

Terminal Evaluation of the Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Project, Vanuatu								
Name of legal entity	Country	Overall project value (EUR)	Proportion carried out by candidate (%)	No of staff provided	Name of client	Origin of funding	Dates (start/end)	Name of partners if any
Sustainable Seas Ltd	Vanuatu	25,000	100%	1	UNDP Fiji	GEF	May to June 2012	N/A
Detailed description of project					Type of services provided			
<p>Despite the growing official recognition of the problem of land degradation in Vanuatu, SLM objectives have not been adequately mainstreamed into policies, regulations, strategies, plans and educational systems. There is a lack of understanding of on the part of decision makers that land degradation is significant barrier to sustainable development. Although integrated farming systems are a way of life for local communities, the planning of local resource utilization is mostly guided by more specific sectoral objectives and policies. This suggests a strong need to create awareness and build capacity for integrative dialogue and land use planning among all stakeholders.</p> <p>The capacity gaps in land degradation include: i) individual level –lack of technical capacity (district level and community level for implementation); ii) institutional level – financial and human resources, monitoring capacity for enforcement of its rules and regulations); iii) lack of baseline data state and national level); iv) systematic level – there is a lack of common understanding and mechanisms to coordinate and address common land management issues.</p> <p>The overall objective of this TE was to review progress towards the project's objectives and outcomes, assess the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of how the project has moved towards its objectives and outcomes, identify strengths and weaknesses in project design and implementation, and provide recommendations on design modifications that could have increased the likelihood of success, and on specific actions that might be taken into consideration in designing future projects of a related nature.</p>					<p>The evaluation methodology was clearly documented in the final evaluation report including comprehensive details of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- documents reviewed</li> <li>- interviews conducted</li> <li>- consultations held with all stakeholders</li> <li>- project sites visited</li> <li>- techniques and approaches used for data gathering, verification and analysis</li> </ul> <p>Jonathan McCue visited the project site to ensure adequate consultation with all key stakeholders. Towards the end of the field evaluation, a presentation was made to all key stakeholders in Vanuatu.</p>			