GEF R2R STAR Projects

GEF - Global Environment Facility
STAR - System for Transparent Allocation of Resources (a GEF initiative for distribution of funds and resources)

These projects address national priorities and development needs while delivering global environmental benefits in line with the abovementioned GEF focal area strategies.

They are UNDP, UNEP and FAO implemented projects, which are executed nationally in partnership with the local stakeholders. To ensure cohesion, complementarity and efficiency of GEF investments under the R2R programme, each GEF R2R STAR project has been provided US$175,000 of International Waters (IW) funding in addition to their national STAR allocations.

Fiji's national R2R STAR project:

Implementing a "Ridge to Reef" approach to Preserve Ecosystem Services, Sequester Carbon, Improve Climate Resilience and Sustain Livelihoods in Fiji	
To preserve biodiversity, ecosystem services, sequester carbon, improve climate resilience and sustain livelihoods through a ridge-to-reef management of priority watersheds in Fiji.	
Component 1: Conservation of Terrestrial and Marine Biodiversity	
Outcome 1.1	Improved management effectiveness of existing and new protected areas
Outcome 1.2	Improved financial sustainability for terrestrial and marine protected area systems
Component 2: Conservation, Restoration and Enhancement of Carbon Stocks through Sustainable Forestry	
Outcome 2.1	Carbon stocks restored and enhanced in priority catchments
Outcome 2.2	Increase in contribution and support from tourism entrepreneurs reported by CCAs in and around CCAs for biodiversity conservation (tracked by their resource investment / contribution in relevant actions)
Component 3: Integrated Natural Resources Management	
Outcome 3.1	Integrated catchment management plans integrating conservation of biodiversity, forests, land and water formulated and implemented in priority sites
Outcome 3.2	Strengthened governance for integrated natural resources (land, water, biodiversity, forests) management
Component 4: Knowledge Management	
Outcome 4.1	Improved data and information systems on biodiversity, forests and climate change, land and coastal and marine management and good practices

The IW funding increment is to enable effective linkages with the GEF International Waters R2R project, the adoption of integrated approaches aimed at addressing critical water-related issues, and intra-regional capacity building and knowledge sharing.

GEF International Waters R2R Project

The International Waters R2R project supports the operation of the R2R programme in areas of science-based planning, human capital development, policy and strategic planning, results-based management, and knowledge sharing, and is executed regionally by the Pacific Community. R2R pilot projects, to be implemented through the R2R IW project, are designed to strengthen R2R integration by establishing synergies among the work of the various sector agencies and the GEF R2R STAR Projects, between governments and communities, and civil society and the private sector.

Component 1: National Demonstrations to Support R2R ICM/IWRM Approaches for Island Resilience and Sustainability
• Successful pilot projects testing innovative solutions involving linking ICM, IWRM and climate change adaptation • National diagnostic analyses for ICM conducted for prioritizing and scaling-up key ICM/IWRM reforms and investments • Community leader roundtable networks established for strengthened 'community to cabinet' ICM/IWRM
Component 2: Island-based Investments in Human Capital and Knowledge to Strengthen National and Local Capacities for R2R ICM/IWRM approaches
• National and local capacity for ICM and IWRM implementation built to enable best practice in integrated land, water, forest and coastal management and CC adaptation • PIC knowledge on climate variability, coastal area planning in DRM, integrating 'blue forest' and coastal livelihoods consolidated and shared to support evidence-based coastal and marine spatial planning • Incentive structures for retention of local 'Ridge to Reef' expertise and inter-governmental dialogue on human resource needs for ICM/IWRM initiated
Component 3: Mainstreaming of R2R ICM/IWRM Approaches into National Development Planning
• National and regional strategic action frameworks for ICM/IWRM endorsed nationally and regionally • Coordinated approaches for R2R integrated land, water, forest and coastal management and CC adaptation achieved in 14 PICs • Physical, natural, human and social capital built to strengthen island resilience to current and emerging anthropogenic threats and climate extremes
Component 4: Regional and National 'Ridge to Reef' Indicators for Reporting, Monitoring, Adaptive Management and Knowledge Management
• National and regional formulation and adoption of integrated and simplified results frameworks for integrated multi-focal area projects • National and regional platforms for managing information and sharing of best practices and lessons learned in R2R established
Component 5 - Ridge-to-Reef Regional and National Coordination
• 5.1 Effective program coordination of national and regional R2R projects

For a deeper look at the R2R programme and a chance to understand more of what is meant by 'Ridge to Reef' and 'Community to Cabinet' along with some of the results of the R2R programme and the lessons learnt from it - click on this pdf (pdf of R2R programme)