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USAIDPACAM GRANT

The project *“Youth as Agents of Change: Marine*

Environmental Awareness in Kimbe Bay”, undertaken by

Mahonia Na Dari thanks to the generosity of the

American People continues to progress and 9 of 11

Milestones have been

completed. The Pacific-

American Climate Fund

(PACAM) team completed

support visits in late May and

July. MND attended a mid-term review workshop in Port

Moresby 2-3 August with 3

other PNG project teams.

The USAID PACAM support

team have been marvelous

in their efforts to strengthen

MND through constructive

capacity-building analysis

and feedback. MND are very

grateful for their efforts.

Even falling through a rotten

floorboard did not daunt

Financial Advisor, Amin

Pakzad from his helpful visit.

William Jatulan braved the

seas to observe Kimbe

Secondary MEEP students

snorkeling activities and

Praveen Lata has worked

tirelessly capacity building

and revising the project

budget.

MILESTONES

1. Intensive MEEP have been completed for Kimbe Secondary (21 graduates), Kimbe International School (30 graduates) and Hoskins High (22 graduates).

2. A draft MEEP Primary Teachers Guide has been “tested” in 10 local schools. Thanks to; Gemma Galbraith of James Cook University and Boston University, researchers Tina Barbasch and Rebecca Branconi for their valued contributions to content verification, and artist Juliet Corley.

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**CALLING ALL MEEP
GRADUATES 1997 – 2013.**

**PLEASE CONTACT MND BY
EMAIL TO UPDATE YOUR
CONTACT DETAILS &
COMPLETE A SHORT
SURVEY (SEE 4. BELOW)**

3. Project Mid-term Review.

MND benefited from a mid-term project review with PACAM support visits in May and July then a 2-day capacity building workshop in Port Moresby in August.

4. MEEP Past-Graduates

1997 – 2013 MEEP alumni are asked to contact MND to update contact details and complete a short survey. The aims are to evaluate the long-term impact of MEEP on marine

environment conservation attitudes and re-establish contact with

PAST MEEP GRADUATES

please EMAIL:

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Photo: The adventurous William Jatulan of USAIDPACAM with 2018 Kimbe Secondary School MEEP graduates



Photo: The intrepid Praveen Lata and William Jatulan of USAIDPACAM with 2018 KIMSEC MEEP graduates



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Photo: KIMSEC MEEP 2018 graduates at reef investigation field trip on Restoff Island 09 June.

KIMSEC Grade 10 MEEP 2018 included mid-week presentations at the school allowing more time for Saturday sessions and field trips. The MEEP began 28 April and completed 09 June. James Cook Uni researchers Peter Doll and Amy Coppock assisted with the fish dissection activity in the laboratory. KIMSEC support teacher Ms Sauba graduated with 20 Grade 10 students who enjoyed 3 reef field trips, a shoreline survey & a mangrove planting field trip. Some saw a *pod of Orcas* up close. USAIDPACAM support staff Praveen Lata & William Jatulan met and talked with the KIMSEC graduates on 24 July.



Photo: KIMSEC MEEP 2018 students in the MND mangrove nursery during their 26 May mangrove rehabilitation project session as part of Climate Change adaptation hands-on learning experience.



Photo: MND Education Officer Elizabeth Marisa with the vehicle donated by China Navigation Company / Swire Shipping in June 2018.



CHINA NAVIGATION



In May 2018, **The China Navigation Company / Swire Shipping** granted a 3-year sponsorship for maintenance of infrastructure. MND has re-roofed 3 buildings thanks to this support. In June, Swire's National Commercial Manager PNG, Neil Carraher arranged donation of a 2007 Toyota Hilux to be used for MND projects. Country Manager, Alistair Skingley visited MND in late July to see the re-roofing work in progress. Alistair's son Frazer, a UK based oceanography student spent 3 weeks July-August as a volunteer at MND helping with MEEP activities, assisting researchers and representing Walindi Resort in night cricket. Clearly this is a sponsor which seriously intends to help.



Photo: HOSEC 2018 MEEP group reef snorkel field trip on 21 July. Volunteer Frazer Skingley is at rear far right.

Kimbe International School support for **JUNIOR MEEP** continued with 9 student excursion days in 2018. In June – July, Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8 visited and acknowledged World Environment Day with a dramatic presentation from MND titled **“Plastic Pollution”**. Each class did a litter identification survey on the grounds of Walindi Nature Centre / Mahonia Na Dari. The focus was on single-use plastic litter, the impacts on the marine environment and what can be done to address the problem. Students saw photos of a dead turtle recently killed by ingesting plastic bags near Patanga village, close to MND and Walindi Nature Centre.

KIS Grade 9 MEEP 2018 started 18 April concluded 19 June and coincided with the KIMSEC MEEP. Popular JCU researchers Gemma Galbraith and Ben Cresswell assisted with the laboratory fish dissection session on May 30th. Several theory sessions were held at the school mid-week in the science room to shorten the duration of the course. Some of the KIS group were late for the back to school bus after they diverted to enjoy a special *sperm whales* encounter on the way back from the Restoff Island field trip on 06 June. The ever-reliable KIS support teacher Mr Kanawi Chamilou helped 30 students to graduate. During the course students chose a specific marine environment conservation research topic for peer group discussions and used these in presentations at their school assembly. MND remains grateful to the school for the support of MEEP and their assistance with transportation of this large group. Reef trips were supported by boats from Walindi Dive Resort.



Photo left: JC researcher Ben Cresswell at KIS MEEP fish dissection session MND laboratory 30 May, 2018



Photo below: KIS MEEP mangrove rehabilitation project field trip- who forgot the bucket?



Photo: KIS MEEP 2018 Grade 9's ready for first reef snorkel trip. Support teacher Mr Kanawi Chamilou far right

PAST MEEP GRADUATE ???? – PLEASE CONTACT MND – COMPLETE A QUICK SURVEY AND RE-ESTABLISH CONTACT

MND STAFF NEWS

GONE: Education Officer Mr Geoffrey Bai joined MND in October 2017 and contributed to delivery of MEEP Outreach and Intensive MEEP activities until July 2018 when he resigned for personal reasons. Mr Bai compiled the first draft of the Primary Teachers MEEP Guide a key USAID project objective and activity.

GONE: USAID Project Manager, Ms Martina Lokes joined MND in January 2018 and left abruptly on 22 July for reasons unknown.

GONE: Finance & Administration Manager, Mr Charles Filaukep joined MND in December, 2016 and resigned 25 July, 2018 to take up a position with Live & Learn Environmental Education.

VOLUNTEER: VSA NZ accountant volunteer Mr Bruce McPherson has regularly provided support and mentoring for the financial side of MND since 2013. "Kiwi" as he is known helped MND during June and July. Bruce also attended the USAIDPACAM capacity building workshop in Port Moresby 2-3 August. MND owes much to this selfless volunteer and appreciates his extraordinary efforts.

IN: Education Officer, Ms Elizabeth Marisa is a UPNG Marine Science graduate with experience as duty manager of a large aquatic sports centre who joined MND in July, 2018. After initially demonstrating a talent for teaching and organizing MEEP activities, Elizabeth recently accepted a temporary role as Finance & Administration Manager. MND welcomes Elizabeth to the team.



Photo: MND House #11 re-roof project to replace saksak with metal roof - left 15 June and right 26 June- thanks to generous sponsorship of The China Navigation Company / Swire Shipping



Photo: MND House #7 (left) and Big Haus Kitchen (right) re-roof projects completed July-August- thanks to generous sponsorship of The China Navigation Company / Swire Shipping



Photo: Education Officer Somei Jonda with Hosec MEEP students at Fish Dissection session in MND laboratory 11 August

HOSEC Grade 12 MEEP 2018

began 14 July and finished 25 August utilizing mid-week sessions at the school and Saturdays at MND.

The successful MEEP saw 22 students and a volunteer support teacher graduate. The enthusiastic group investigated Gava Gava Reef, Limiku Reef and made a valuable planting contribution to the mangrove rehabilitation project at Numundo shoreline sponsored by NBPOL. Most of this group circumnavigated Restoff Island on their final reef investigation snorkel trip on 25 August. Walindi Dive Resort provided boat support for this MEEP.



Photo: Happy Hosec MEEP 2018 group at Restoff Island on 25 August displaying the USAID project banner. Volunteer support teacher, Mr Hattori Kohei is far left.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE: The current USAIDPACAM grant funding concludes in February, 2019. Honorary MND Board member and former long-term Chairperson, Mrs Cecilie Benjamin continues her tireless efforts on behalf of MND by preparing grant application submissions. The future for Mahonia Na Dari is bleak unless further funding /sponsorship sources are identified for on-going education programs and other projects.

Research: In 2018, MND will host marine researchers from James Cook University Qld, Boston University USA, Woolongong University NSW and University of Singapore.