

## **Project Update: March 2014**

This report represents field activities covered for February 2014. It focuses on community engagement meetings to explain the project objectives and to establish rapport with communities. The outcome of the meetings is briefly discussed, followed by synopsis of the few photos attached.

The GPS coordinate of the project areas is also included as this was required.

### **Community meeting**

The meeting was held in three separate locations, one in the district headquarter town (Garpue Town) of the two project communities and the other two in Pohoe and Zanway towns respectively. It brought together 54 participants including elders, local leadership, youths and women representatives.

The idea of conserving critically endangered species, particularly *Cassia fikifiki* was warmly welcomed and the two communities expressed their willingness to support the project to the fullest; noting that the beekeeping component would make the project more viable since it will serve as a source of income.

### **Photos**

Three photos are attached, one showing a community member asking question during meeting; the other showing an old lady standing by a young *Cassia fikifiki* tree in her back yard. The last shows the base of *Cassia* in a secondary forest.



### **Next activities**

Training on beekeeping, beehives construction and installation; second week in March 2014.