TLTB – FIJI’S CUSTOMARY LAND CUSTODIAN: A CASE STUDY OF MANAGING NEARLY 90% OF THE COUNTRY’S LAND

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Where Fiji is & where we are in Fiji
Land Tenure

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<th>Ref</th>
<th>TYPE OF LAND</th>
<th>AREA in HA</th>
<th>% of Total</th>
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<td>iTaukei LAND</td>
<td>1,639,105.1</td>
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<td>Community owned land</td>
<td>1,450,543.9</td>
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<td>Schedule A</td>
<td>83,803</td>
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<td>35,720.5</td>
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<td>State Freehold proclaimed as</td>
<td>1,377.9</td>
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<td>native reserves</td>
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<td>State Land (CSR freehold land</td>
<td>67,659.8</td>
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<td>purchased by government)</td>
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<td>STATE LANDS</td>
<td>2,274.6</td>
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<td>PRIVATE FREEHOLD LANDS</td>
<td>141,872.9</td>
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<td>ROTUMA LANDS</td>
<td>4,478.1</td>
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<td>Total Land volume in Fiji &amp; ROTUMA</td>
<td>1,787,730</td>
<td>100%</td>
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Legal Framework

- iTaukei Land Trust Board was established in 1940 to administer and control all iTaukei (native) lands in Fiji.
- Under Section 4 (1) of the iTaukei Land Trust Act (Cap 134) to be the largest landlord with 90% of Fiji’s total landmass.
- The TLTB Board of Trustees under the statute has the **fiduciary role** to act in the best interest of all the iTaukei landowners.
- TLTB is under the Ministry of iTaukei Affairs
- Land Use Decree 2010, allows iTaukei land to be administered/managed by the Ministry of Lands
- iTaukei land cannot be sold or alienated except to government
- Maximum lease term, 99 years
Integration with global sustainable development frameworks, Fiji’s constitution & National Development Plans

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- 2030

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ITAUKEI LAND MANAGEMENT DOMAIN - TLMD

Core Outcomes

LANDSOFT
ArcGIS
NAVISION
Linksoft

Case Management
Lease creation & enforcement
Operation budget & expenditure
Human Capital

processing timelines
processing timelines

Infrastructure and development
Meeting land needs & empowerment
Data integrity
Land Use planning
Equal rent distribution
Assignments
Investments
Productivity
and Business excellence
initiatives

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**TLTB Integrated Geospatial Framework (Customising the UNGGIM IGF)**

### Vision
The efficient use of geospatial information by the Board and all stakeholders to effectively measure, monitor and achieve sustainable social, economic and environmental development.

### Mission
To promote and support innovation and provide the leadership, coordination and standards necessary to deliver integrated geospatial information that can be leveraged to find sustainable solutions for social, economic and environmental development.

### Strategic Drivers
- National Development Agenda
- Fiji Geospatial Council
- T1.TB Strategic Corporate Plan
- Pacific Geospatial and Surveying Council Community
- Technology Strategic Plan
- International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing
- United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change State
- Paris Agreement
- Small Island Developing States Accelerated Modalities of Action (SAMOA Pathway)

### Underpinning Principles
- Transparent
- Accountable
- Information Accessible and Useable
- Enablement
- Strategic
- Collaboration and Co-operation
- Integrative
- Solution
- Valued
- Sustainable
- Commitment
- Leadership and

### Goals
1. Effective Geospatial Information Management
2. Increased Capacity, Capability, and Knowledge Transfer
3. Integrated Geospatial Information Systems and Services
4. Enhanced Stakeholder Engagement and Communication
5. Sustainable
6. Economic Return on Investment
7. Enriched Societal Value and

### Strategic Pathways
- 1. Governance and Stewardship
- 2. Data and Policy
- 3. Financial
- 4. Innovation
- 5. Standards
- 6. Partnerships
- 7. Capacity and Education
- 8. Communication and Engagement

Knowledge | Decisions | Development | Society | Economy | Environment | Users | Citizens | Access | Technology | Applications | Value

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"Geospatial Information for a Smarter Life and Environmental Resilience"
Application of ArcGIS to cases
Creation of leases & managing lease using IT applications

- Landsoft
- Navision
- Esri ArcGIS – Qelemaroroi view
- GNSS Trimble Geo&X
- CMS
- ESS
- Land Development Approval
- Landowners' web portal
- Smart Apps Explorer Survey 123
Continuous improvements – in process

- Cloud based
- 3D modelling
- Data Warehousing
- Correction of data – Using Satellite imagery
Moving forward

- Cadastral titles
  - 50% deeds

- Master Land Use plan
  - Robust, inclusive and sustainable
  - Environment protection
  - Food security

- Climate change programs
  - Fiji playing a global roles for SIDs
  - Fijian Prime Minster as Chair of COP 23

- Support Sustainable economic growth for iTaukei landowners and ALL FIJIANS
Thank you and Vinaka Vakalevu!