

Project Code: 102	Country: Solomon Islands	Sector: Accommodation
<p>Objective: To involve the Roke Tribal group to participate in tourism development and contribute positively to the economic rehabilitation of Solomon Islands.</p>		
<p>ARANIMAMU TOURIST RESORT</p>		
<p>Brief Description: The Aranimamu project proposal was submitted to the government authorities in 1991 and resubmitted again in 1997. Due to financial difficulties the project failed to proceed. The group requested the Solomon Island Visitors Bureau to visit to the site in late 2002. The General Manager of the SIVB made a visit to Aranimamu April 2003. The land holding group arranged a meeting with the General Manager. In 2004 the tribal group has started collecting bush materials and has already started preparing the resort site and constructed the frames of three bungalows. The next stage of construction and completion of the tourist resort requires funding from funding sources. This project is a pilot project to the untouched and undeveloped southern region of Malaita Province.</p>		
<p>Economic impact: The project would provide employment, generate income for the rural people to enable them to meet family obligation and improve their standard of living. Provide training for tribal people to gain knowledge and skill of management, administration, business and other relevant field that encourages economic growth.</p>		
<p>Present Ownership: The Island of Aranimamu is owned by the Roke Tribe.</p>		
<p>Development Possibilities: The proposed Aranimamu tourist project will target two types of markets. The general holiday and diving markets. For the general holiday market, 2 family bungalow and 3 single bungalows will be build and accommodate 10 beds. Activities for the guests are, lagoon cruise, bush walking, water fall tours, sport fishing, village tours, cultural shows and picnics. A dive shop will be built on the resort site to accommodate diving equipments. A diver's bungalow will be build isolated from the premises from the general holidays. The diver bungalow shall be a Motel Type set up. The bungalow will accommodate six self-content units. The attractions for divers are, world war II relic, a fighter plane shot down during the second world war battle in the Solomon Island in 1942. One of the relic attraction is either a black birding or discoverers wreckage, located 50 meters away from the resort site. The remains that are still in place are the anchor chain of the vessel. The divers will also enjoy diving for fish. The proposed resort site is fully surrounded by coral reefs. The most beautiful virgin lagoon will provide, unfounded dive views that cannot be experienced in many parts of the world.</p>		
<p>Estimated Development costs: US\$:300,000 to US\$400,000.</p>		
<p>Financing framework: A feasibility study of the proposed Island resort has been carried out by the Solomon Islands Visitors Bureau and the Department or Tourism in the Ministry of Trade and commerce.</p>		
<p>Other notes: The project has started as a self-help project. The required bush materials for the bungalows has already been collected by the tribal members. Construction of the bungalows (main framework) has been constructed.</p>		
<p>Project Proponent</p> <p>No. of employees: N/A</p> <p>Annual turnover:N/A</p>	<p>Responsible Contact</p> <p>Name: Claudius Horiwapu. Position: Chairman Urban committee Venasio Huniehu, Secretary Rural committee. Address: C-SET Marketing & advertising Agency, P.O. Box 1952, Honiara, Solomon Islands. Email: sethori@solomon.com.sb Tel./Fax: 25221</p>	