

Project Code: 55	Country: Solomon Islands	Sector: Accommodation
<p>Objective: To promote tourism through tour packaging, 24x6 room eco-lodges and a cruise boat at a cost of US\$1.2m by August 2006</p>		
<p>SOLOMON WEALTH DISCOVERY TOURS</p>		
<p>Brief Description: Solomon Wealth Discovery Tours intends to identify, develop and promote tour packages, concentrating on natural flora and fauna, mountains, rain forests and the cultural background of the islands. The initial project will be developed at Choiseul Province.</p>		
<p>Economic impact: General stimulation at destinations of the tour itineraries. Indirect economic contribution through payroll. Rural people will have the opportunity to sell their garden produce, handcrafts, carvings and local food. Living standard in rural areas will be improved.</p>		
<p>Present Ownership: This is an existing business that wishes to expand by partnership agreement.</p>		
<p>Development Possibilities: Expanding the tours to many different destinations in the Solomon Is. and develop different components of tours. A cruise boat will be introduced at Phase 2.</p>		
<p>Estimated Development costs: 24 x 6 Room Eco-lodges US\$600,000, Identification and protection of Attraction Sites, US\$15,000, Sites Development US\$145,000, Cruise Boat US\$300,000, Equipment US\$50,000, Kayak Canoes US\$25,000, Establishment Costs US\$65,000.</p>		
<p>Financing framework: Equity (Land, Material, Labour) US\$300,000, Proposed share subscription US\$50,000, Commercial Financing US\$850,000.</p>		
<p>Other notes: Resource owners who own attractive sites will be assisted to erect eco-lodges to provide access and accommodation to visitors. These will be satellite eco-lodges to be built at strategic locations. A joint venture partnership is needed.</p>		
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