

Project Code: 86	Country: Solomon Islands	Sector: Attraction
Objective: To build a bird sanctuary facilities at a cost of 1.5 million Euro		
TROPICAL BIRD SANCTUARY		
<p>Brief Description: The proposed bird sanctuary will be developed and established at various Solomon Islands provinces. All tour arrangements will be coordinated from Eden Bay, West Honiara, a 45 minutes driver from the airport and 15 minutes ride from Central Honiara. Activities include bird watching, sound recordings, photography and listing of various tropical birds in each province. Provincial tours will also include trekking and bird watching. The main bird sanctuary will be supervised by the applicant, as an expert in wildlife. This project is supported by the Ministry of Conservation. All travelling to and from the airport will be provided by the Tropical Bird Sanctuary vehicles.</p> <p>Economic impact: The Bird sanctuary will employ 30 local specialists and five in each provincial branches. Captured tropical birds will be purchased and kept in the bird sanctuary for breeding and export purposes.</p> <p>Present Ownership: The six-hectare coastal site at Eden Bay is owned by the developer, who is based on Solomon Islands. Title is by customary ownership and acquisition. Development of accommodation and other facilities is planned. Amenities will be solar powered.</p> <p>Development Possibilities: The proposed coordinating centre is currently visited by the Honiara public for picnics and swimming, sun bathing and other activities during weekends. The development of the bird sanctuary will be the first in Solomon islands and the site in Honiara will be developed first before other centres in the provinces.</p> <p>Estimated Development costs: Transports, accommodation, offices, pathways, public avenues, bird viewing facilities. Honiara centre will be one million and the province, 500-thousand Euro for infrastructure.</p> <p>Financing framework: Land Commercial Value €2.5m, proposed shares €380k, Commercial financing €500k.</p> <p>Other notes: The Tropical Bird sanctuary is the first in the Pacific region. It will be self sustaining. It will create job employment, environment awareness, education, training and a tourist attraction. The establishment of the Sanctuary will succeed in preservation and breeding unique and endemic bird species that are nearing extinction.</p>		
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