

Integrated Agroecology and Sustainable Rural Livelihoods Framework (ASRLF) for the Pacific Islands

AIM To demonstrate an interdisciplinary framework that integrates Agroecology and Sustainable Livelihoods principles for traditional small holder focussed research and development in the Pacific Islands.

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MAJOR FINDINGS

The 'traditional economy' (also known as subsistence economy, custom economy) is an alternative to unsustainable or orthodox macro-economic strategies for growth and development.

The traditional economy encourages sustainable economic activity at the individual and household level while operating within reciprocal networks of exchange and obligation at the community level.

The primary contact point for ASRL interdisciplinary research is at the community level to ensure research is culturally sensitive and safeguards culturally based social protection systems.



1. LIVELIHOOD ASSET ANALYSIS
Analysis of livelihood assets with Agroecology based assessment of smallholders to identify their key ecological processes, problems, and methods for potential solution.

2. DEVELOPMENT OF LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES
Development of multifunctional goals such as subsistence farming, speciality farming, conservation, PES, carbon storage, tourism, regeneration, cultural preservation.

AGROECOLOGICAL & SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD ACTIVITIES

- Agroecological multifunctionality
- Diversified off and non-farm income
- Traditional economy (subsistence)

VULNERABILITY/ SUSTAINABILITY CONTEXT

- Political-economic
- Agroecological (technical)
- Socio-economic
- Socio-cultural

3. VULNERABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY CONTEXT ANALYSIS
Macro, meso and micro political ecology analysis of the links between agroecology based smallholders and the wider social, economic and biophysical environment.

4. ANALYSIS OF INFLUENCING STRUCTURES AND PROCESSES
Recognises societal norms, gender roles and relations, informal and formal institutions, organisations and traditional policies and provides strategies to strengthen network linkages.

INSTITUTIONAL PROCESSES AND ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURES

- Land tenure
- Public/private sector
- Governance

AGROECOLOGICAL & SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD OUTCOMES

- Strengthening of Traditional Economy
- Resilience
- Sustainability (social, cultural, economic & environmental)
- Equity
- Empowerment

5. ENABLE AGROECOLOGICAL AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOOD OUTCOMES
Provides opportunities for agroecology smallholders to participate in both the traditional and market economy while encouraging resilience and maintenance of healthy ecosystems.

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