

Record of meeting held at Eton Komiuniti Hol on 3rd may 2017. Meeting start time: 11.05 am , meeting close time: 12.05

Present;

1. Eddie Kalokul, Email: ekalokul@vanuatu.gov.vu, Mobile 7747401
2. Tony Harry Mob; 5643406
3. Kaltier Kaltong Mob: 5355320
4. Jackson Kalses Mob: 5473201
5. John Dean Mob: 5387894
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8. Sompert Gereva, Mob: 7748501 Email: sgereva@vanuatu.gov.vu
9. Rocky Kaku: Mob: 7785208 Email: rky.kaku@gmail.com
10. Satya Nandlal, Mob: 7365851 Email: s.nandlal@qut.edu.au

Introduction-

Sompert Gereva:

- Introduced the project activities.
- Requested for corporation, understanding and commitment for the communities towards the projects implementation. Land should not become an issue while rolling out the project activities.
- This project may attract funding from donors, if it was successfully implemented
- Encouraged communities to give more fish to children, since it helps develop their brain
- Assure communities that work will commence as around June

Eddie Kalokul:

- Thank you for the team to visit the community regarding the aquaculture project implementation.
- The Aquaculture project implemented in Eton will enable community to learn from, and further develop their own fish farm in the future.

Satya: thanks everyone and apologies for late commencement of project. Two items important: prayer meetings and keeping respect of the place and be mindful of ancestors and to always pay respects. Request for prayer meeting before commencement of meeting

Meeting discussions

Sompert Gereva:

- ☐ Why fish farming- to provide protein
- ☐ Saltwater fish-high in price
- ☐ Opportunity to see farmed fish
- ☐ Cyclone Pam impacts
- ☐ The ponds will serve as models for fish production for others
- ☐ Project undertaken in partnership with Eton village
- ☐ Lack of coastal fisheries
- ☐ Food security and income generation
- ☐ Rocky doing survey work, and now is part of this project

☒ Security and land issues: Eton to write letter to Fisheries department giving permission for use of space

☒ Pond inputs and outputs, money keeping storage issues

- Suggest that a committee should be set up for the project implementation.

Satya:

☒ Operations and functionality of Tagabe Hatchery and establishment of 3 demo farms – 2 major activities of project

- o Hatchery components almost nearing completion

- o Need now to go into development of demo farms

☒ pond dimensions: 10-15m width and length could be anything longer than 15m, approximately 150 sq.m that can be stocked with about 500 fingerlings giving close 135kg (average wt. anticipated 180g) harvest per cycle/pond

☒ Project partnership Fisheries Department, Climate change Office, QUT and Eton villages (*Etonians*): men, women, girls, boys, children

☒ Gender issues, involvement and participation of women and girls critical for success

☒ Gender study to commence at time of pond works and completion of project

☒ Sompert to lead for GoV, community communication led by Lency Dick, others: Rocky, Andrew, Roderick, Edwanti and Noel

☒ Request for women and girls (wives and daughter of members) to become integral part of project

☒ Important to have project boundaries identified

Eton Chief Beard

- Nine tribes involved in the project
- To form a committee to make decisions and attend meetings to keep in touch with
- Make a query regarding availability of future funding, if individual communities are interested
- He make a strong statement to the participants that, there are the committees that will be responsible to roll out the project activities, while others will join later.
- The project through the fisheries department will liaise with Kalokul for any progress of the project implementation

The Captain: Thank you to the Visiting team, he encourage communities engagement to the project, since it will help train them with new skills in fish farming.

Meeting conclusion

Visit to Site: pictures taken and other photos are given below.



Figure1: Photo taken from side of Main highway showing the site for ponds at Eton



Figure2: Photo showing Eton Creek-source of water for fish farm



Figure3: List of participants that attended the meeting at Eton Villa: 2nd –Mr Sompert Gereva, 4th Sompert’s Teacher, 6th Satya Nandlal, 9th Eddie Kalokul (navy Captain)



Figure 4; Aerial photo showing location of Eton creek, bridge and site of demo farm.