

# Conservation Officers



An initiative of the iTaukei Affairs Board



## The Backdrop

- Rich culture
- Abundance of natural resources
- Extensive development
- Exploitation of natural resources
- Climate change
- Custodians of natural resources
- ConservationOfficers





iTaukei Affairs Board

- Vision: effective and efficient participation of the iTaukei in the nation's peace, progress and prosperity
- Mission to promote effective and efficient participation of the iTaukei in the nation's peace, progress and prosperity



## How regulations are made

#### Stage 1

Consult with community and identify need

#### Stage 2

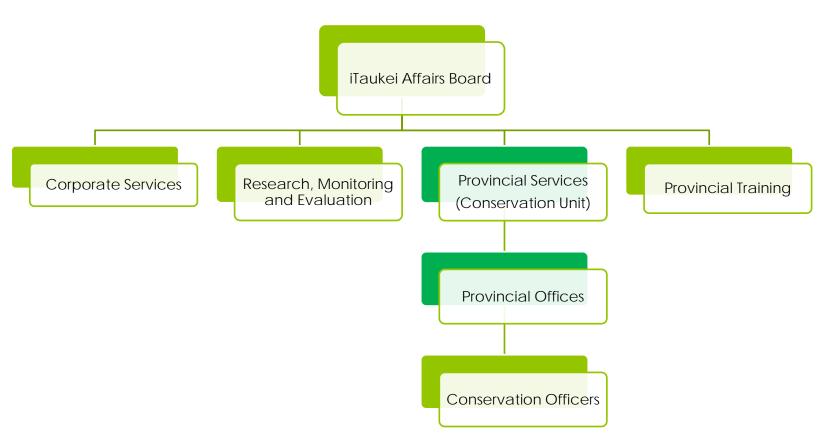
Drafting report, recommendations and regulation

#### Stage 3

- Discussion at Provincial Level
- If approved, taken to Board
- If Minister approves, regulation gazzetted



### **Provincial Administration Structure**



### **Conservation Unit Goals**

- Represents iTaukei
   communities nationally
- Provide Fijian communities with the education, tools and necessary support
- Work within a ridge-to-reef framework

#### **Conservation Officers**

- February 2011: Roko Tuis become Environment Desk Officers
- 2013: Conservation Officer position created
- Coordinated by the Conservation Unit at TAB headquarters
- Live in Province they work in



#### **Conservation Officer Priorities**

- Major Issues
- YMST Support
- EIA Projects
- Community Awareness
- Climate Preparedness



#### As the sun sets

- New approach for Fiji
- Providing support on conservation issues
- Responsibilities are first to the villages and communities
- Stakeholders as partners is critical
- Require support and cooperation

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