

FELA LAW AND POLICY UPDATE FORUM SEMINAR 2018
SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF MARINE RESOURCES THROUGH LAW
What is at stake for Fiji and what are the latest law and policy developments?
25 and 26 January 2018

25th January 2018	DAY 1 PROGRAMME	
8:45 to 9:15	Registration of Guests and Participants	FELA
9:15 to 9:30	Welcome and Introductions	FELA
9:30 to 9:40	Chief Guest' Key note Address	The importance of sustainable management marine resources in Fiji
9: 40 to 10:00	Ministry of Fisheries: latest development regarding inshore fisheries management.	Ministry of Fisheries
MORNING TEA		
10:30 to 11:00	Presentation and overview of FELA and EDONSW's Policy and Law Discussion Paper - Regulating Fiji's Coastal Fisheries.	FELA/EDONSW
11:00 to 11:20	Plenary	Q & A - Plenary discussions
11:20 to 11:40	Marine Protected Areas - What are they and do they work?	FELA/EDONSW
11:40 to 12:10	Presentation of FELA and EDONSW's Policy and Law Discussion Paper - Towards an Effective Legal Framework for Marine Protected Areas in Fiji:	FELA/EDONSW
12: 10 to 12:40	Customary law and marine resources management.	FLMMA
12:40 to 1: 00	Plenary	Q & A - Plenary discussions
LUNCH		
2:00 to 2:20	Should Fiji consider an integrated oceans management and how will this impact on marine conservation and protection - Case Study Great Sea Reef.	WWF Pacific - Francis Areki
2:20 to 2 :50	Presentation and overview of FELA/EDONSW's Policy and Law Scoping Paper - Towards an Integrated Oceans	FELA/EDONSW

	Policy for Fiji.	
2:50 to 3:30	Plenary	Q & A – Plenary discussions
3:30 to 4:00	Wrap up of the day and Field trip briefing	FELA and FL MMA
AFTERNOON TEA		

26th January 2018	DAY 2 PROGRAMME	
9 :00	Meet up at Holiday Inn	
9:15 to 10:15	Commute to Kumi Village, Tailevu	
SEVUSEVU AND MORNING TEA		
11:00 to 11:15	Overview of the Day Programme	
11:15 to 1:00	(Case Study) LMMA presentation, Q&A and site visit	FLMMA CFROs
LUNCH		
2:00 to 3:30	Eco-tourism and the Shark Marine Reserve and Eco-tourism – Case Study	Fiji Shark Dive/Fisheries Officer/Fish Warden
AFTERNOON TEA		
FAREWELL		
RETURN TO SUVA		

BACKGROUND:

In 2017 Fiji has been at the centre-stage of international environmental law and policy developments, co-presiding the first UN Ocean Conference in New York in June, and presiding over the 23rd Conference of the Parties to the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC COP23) that was held in Bonn in November.

The last two years have also seen the initiation of significant domestic environmental and natural resources policy and law developments, in particular in relation to the management of Fiji's marine resources that are so important to food security, social and cultural identity and economic development.

OVERVIEW

FELA's Marine Law and Policy Forum and Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Seminar 2018 offers a 2-day programme that combines a policy and law interactive forum (on the first day), and a field trip on the second day providing the opportunity to witness and understand marine resources management on the ground.

The first day will start with highlighting why the shift to sustainable marine resources management is so crucial for Fiji, and how law and policy can and should support it. It will feature the presentation of FELA's latest publications on coastal fisheries management, marine protected areas and integrated oceans management; a presentation from the Ministry of Fisheries on the latest policy and legal developments including the establishment of the new Inshore Fisheries Department; and presentations from leading non-governmental organizations on the initiatives around Fiji supporting sustainable marine resources management.¹

On the second day, a site visit of a locally managed marine area (LMMA) and of a formally established marine reserve in Serua will set the scene for discussions with local communities, fisheries officers and fish wardens, NGOs and the private sector.

OBJECTIVES

By the end of the programme participants are expected to:

- Understand what is sustainable marine resources management and why it is important for Fiji
- Have knowledge of the current status and policy and law developments relating to coastal fisheries, ocean management and marine protected areas
- Explain the difference between regulated and customary marine protected areas
- Understand the role of government, non-government sector, communities and private sector in marine resources management, and current initiatives in this field.

WHO WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS PROGRAM:

- Legal Practitioners
 - Government officers and decision makers
 - Anyone having a professional, academic or personal interest in environmental, marine and/or natural resources management law and policy
 - Anyone having a professional, academic or personal interest in environmental, marine and/or natural resources management science.
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