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Preparing communities for IWRM in Vanuatu - Ingrid De Lacy

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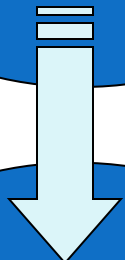
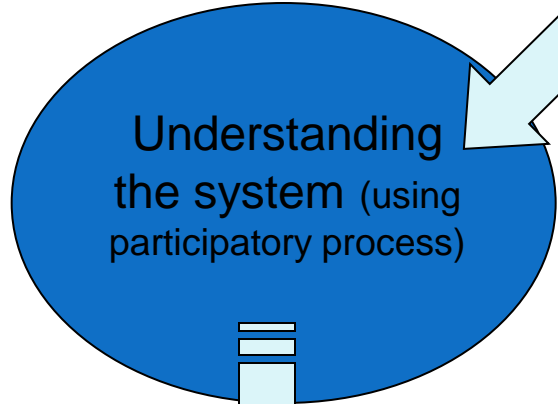
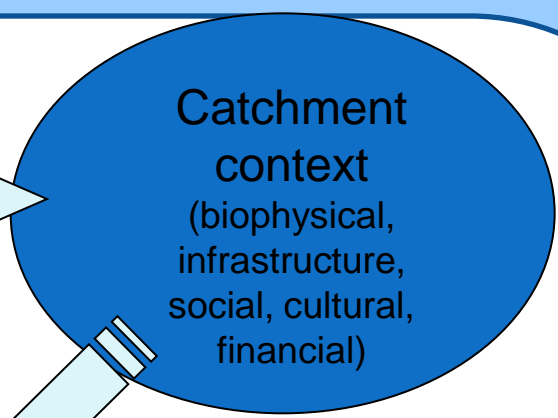
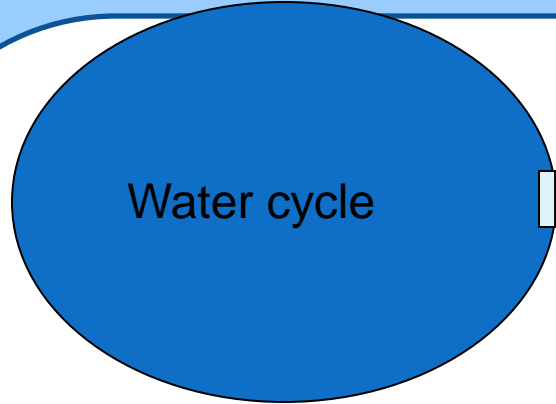
Participatory Catchment Risk Assessment

We used participatory and analytical processes to understand catchment systems holistically, identify risks, promote learning and stimulate improved management

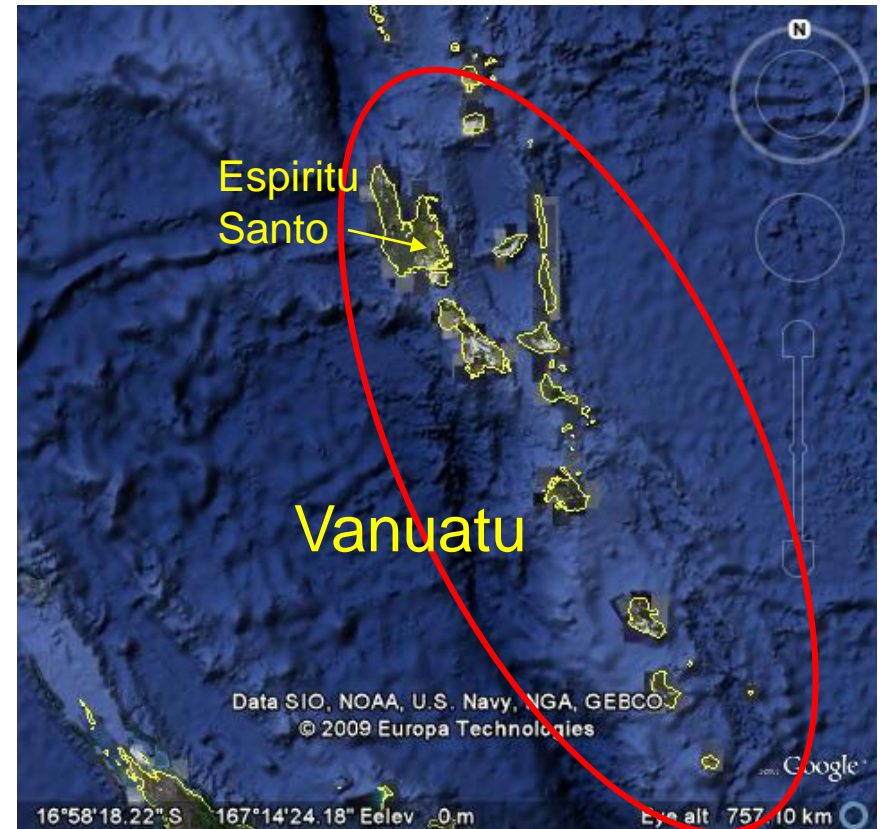
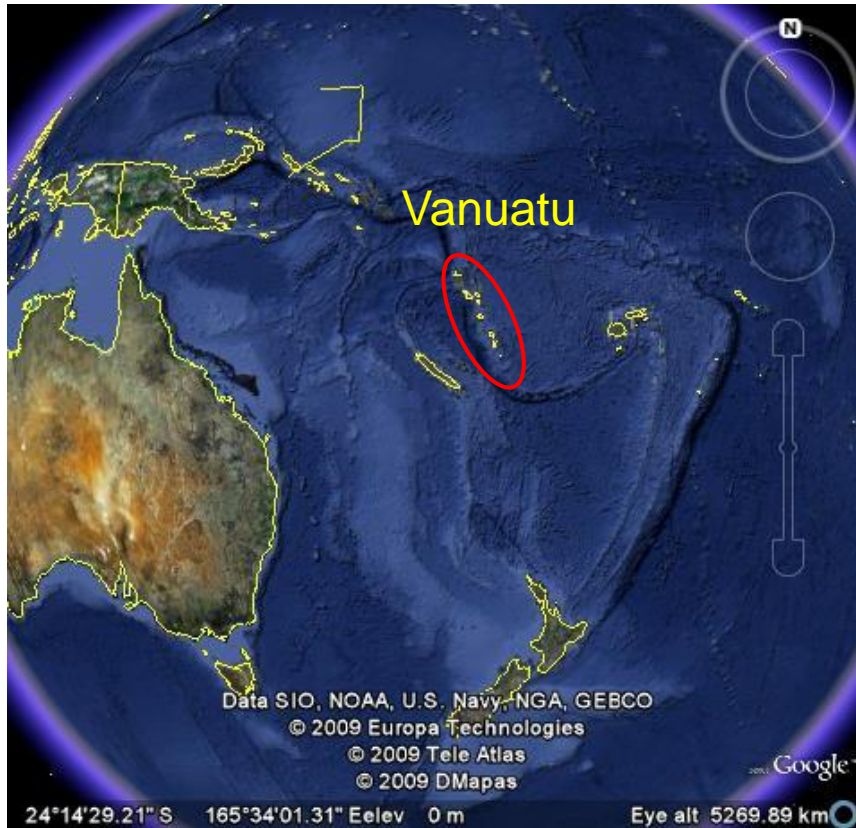
- First case study Kongulai Catchment, Solomon Islands
- Second case study Sarakata Catchment, Vanuatu



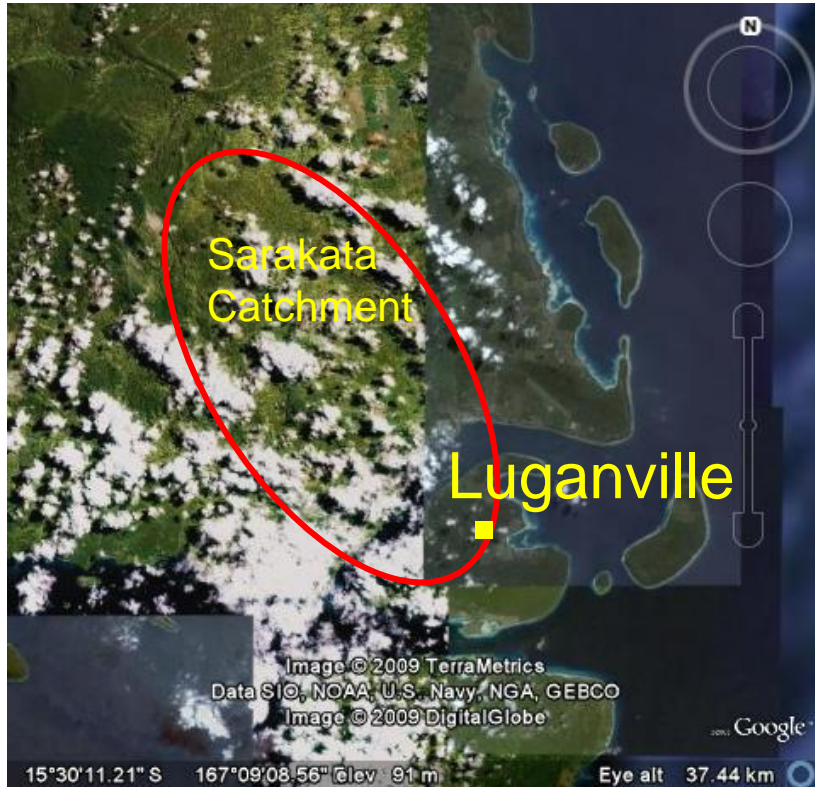
**Initial
framework**



Espiritu Santo Island, Vanuatu



Sarakata Catchment, Espiritu Santo



Building on partnerships

Community partnerships:

- Live and Learn Environmental Education (Australian-based, Pacific-focused NGO) and
- Sarakata Catchment Group – importance of trust

Other synergies:

- Pilot of Vanuatu's new national IWRM water policy
- GEF-PAS (SOPAC/EU) IWRM demonstration project

Issues affecting Sarakata catchment



Collaboration and Participation

Worked closely with SCG and L&L in participatory process to elicit catchment understandings:

1. Built physical catchment elevation model
2. Created a conceptual diagram of risks in catchment
3. Used risk ranking exercises in communities for data collection
4. Trained community group members to use participatory methods for data collection



Participatory methods used with Sarakata Catchment Group and communities



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Bringing stakeholders together

Conducted workshops with other stakeholders to demonstrate community consultation/ data collection process

Stakeholders included:

National govt

Provincial govt

NGOs

CBOs



Potential role of SCG in IWRM roll-out was explored e.g. monitoring, community mobilisation and awareness-raising

Outcomes: Preparing communities for IWRM

Beginning: IWRM policy approved but not understood, stakeholders unconnected and unprepared.

By completion of visit 3:

- National Water Division taking very strong leadership and about to start formal implementation including involvement of SCG
- All parties but one (Municipal government) ready to participate and far better connected
- SCG group consolidated, interested, informed and better skilled
- SCG engaging its constituent communities
- SCG defining a role within IWRM, supported by government



Thank you!

