

CEPF Final Completion and Impact Report

Organization's Legal Name:	Live & Learn Vanuatu
Project Title:	Promoting Ecotourism in the Santo Mountain Chain and Green Hill Key Biodiversity Areas of Vanuatu
Grant Number:	CEPF-109324
Hotspot:	East Melanesian Islands
Strategic Direction:	1 Empower local communities to protect and manage globally significant biodiversity at priority Key Biodiversity Areas under-served by current conservation efforts
Grant Amount:	\$171,873.68
Project Dates:	July 01, 2019 - June 30, 2021
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IMPLEMENTATION PARTNERS

Each partner has an important role to play on the project, defined by skillset and experience. Some were optimists, encouraging, innovative ideas and positivity, while the others were more pragmatic and encourage definable goals and structure. Overall, each partner has an important value during the implementation of the project.

1. Government Partners

*Department of Tourism-Issued the Permits for Nusumetu and Tabwemasana to operate as Ecotourism entities. Provide all necessary advice and documents to progress for each entity to fully meet the operations and marketing standards

*Sanma & Tafea Tourism Offices- Engagement in Ecotour Product Development for Nusumetu & Tabwemasana

*Vanuatu Tourism Office (VTO) Sanma & Tafea- Marketing of the Nusumetu and Tabwemasana Ecotours through VTO markets, Facebook and inflight magazines

*Department of Environment- provide advisory support during meetings and workshops ensuring the project fully achieve its outcomes

2. Private Consultants:

*Vanua Consultants: Delivered Tour guide handbook and trainings for Nusumetu and Tabwemasana Tour Guides- Total of 50+ personals were trained under this project

*Lonnoc Hospitality & Tourism School: Delivered the Tabwemasana Women Training on Bungalow Hosting, Customer Services (meet & greet) and Food Preparation

*Millennium Cave: Local Ecotourism Specialist who was involved at the beginning of the project to scope and develop the trekking of Nusumetu and Tabwemasana Ecotour through significant key cultural and biodiversity sites

*Fusion Productions/TJ Signs/SKYEYE Vanuatu: Promotional and Visibility for Nusumetu & Tabwemasana (Banners/Videos/Brochures)

3. Communities Engage:

*Kerepua Community & Green Hill Community: Engagement in workshops, trainings and trekking improvements to achieve project outcomes

4. NGO Partners

*NYBG: Restoration of Palm Trees in Nusumetu Site

*Santo Sunset Environment Network(SSEN): Negotiating possible expansion into other KBA sites of SSEN

CONSERVATION IMPACTS

Planned Long-Term Impacts: 3+ years (as stated in the approved proposal)

Impact Description	Impact Summary
<p>10% of ecotourism revenues are collected as levies and are provided to local management committees in Tabuemasana CCA (4,849 ha) and Nusumetu PA (500 ha) to conserve their territory and KBA trigger species such as the Bangulu palm (CR) and Santo Mountain Starling (CR)</p>	<p>The Ecotourism Business Plans defines the operational costs of the Business which Conservation Levy is also a part of the expense. The Business Plans clearly states that 10% of Fees collected from the customers, will be used by the Local Management Committees to increase management actions defined in the Tabuemasana CCA and Nusumetu PA Management Action Plans. During the Formulation Workshop, LLV delivered a Business Plan training for the Business Manager, Administration and Finance Officer and local management committees on revenues collected and distribution into the different bank accounts. The Business bank accounts have been opened to ensure proper financial management of conservation levies to expand restoration and protection of significant species such as the Bangulu Palm and Santo Mountain Starling. According to feedback from the Business Managers, Revenues collected have been paying employees and distributed accordingly to costs defined in the Business Plans. Currently, the Land Management Committees have an increased roles to manage the Ecotour treks and must submit a activity plan and budget to Finance Committee to access the conservation levy funds.</p>
<p>Dependence on natural resources is reduced by means of alternative livelihood opportunities provided to 30 community members in Tabuemasana and Nusumetu.</p>	<p>Over 30+ Men and Woman have been trained in Tour Guiding, Bungalow Hosting and Food Preparation in both Ecotourism sites. The outcomes of this trainings have opened up opportunities for men and woman to use Ecotourism as an alternative livelihood support. The Formulation training endorses that Tour Guides and woman hosting guest in the ecolodges to be paid upon offering of service, therefore most Tour Guides are being paid on their</p>

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	daily services at the completion of the Tour. Already this is an additional income to people reducing their dependence of natural resources. Additionally, In Tabuemasana Woman have taken up the initiatives to do back yard gardening and tilapia fishing to promote food security for their families and ecotourism guests. The Agritourism project for Nusumetu PA women will also provide an opportunity for women to be trained in food preparation increasing their chances to be used by the business during high business seasons.
50% of local community members can advocate on Vanuatu's vulnerable species, and have knowledge around business conservation models	Tour Guide and Women trainings have increase the skills and knowledge for men and woman in Environment, Tourism and Business. Through the duration of the project, resources were developed and distributed to more than 70% of people living in Tabuemasana and Nusumetu. The following resources were printed and distributed Conservation Stories which includes the culture and nature of both sites and the Business Plan which was developed in English and translated to Bislama. The Business Plans incorporated the specific vulnerable species of each site and included the Business background, operations and financial management which defines the business conservation model.

Planned Short-Term Impacts: 1 to 3 years (as stated in the approved proposal)

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30 communities members (of which 30% are women) from 2 sites are fully trained in running business operations and are fully capable to manage tours in compliance with standards outlined by the Department of Tourism	In order for the Ecotourism Business to comply with the Department of Tourism standards, the Business employees were trained in tour guiding, first aid, business training and took part in upgrading the trekking facilities. The Nusumetu Ecotourism Business achieved its Tourism Permit in September 2020 while the Tabwemasana Ecotourism Business receive its permit in April 2021. To successfully gain the Tourism permits, in both sites 30+ men and woman took part in Tour Guiding, Business Training and First Aid Training.
13 local management committees and 15-20 community members in each site have the basic required human capacities and promotional materials in order to launch a successful ecotourism enterprise, which seeks to support community livelihoods and biodiversity conservation	Over 30+ participants in Nusumetu PA and Tabuemasana CCA completed the Formulation, Governance and Tour Guide Training. The Formulation and governance was offered to the 13 local management committee members with presentations on the operational and financial procedures of the Ecotourism Business. The Operations included sections on Ecotourism product and types of services offered, markets and COVID-19 pricing, employment and community benefit sharing plan. In both communities, the formulation

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	<p>training resulted in the development of conservation stories and filming on environment and tourism and more importantly the employment of Business Managers, Tour Guides and women in housekeeping.</p> <p>Apart from the Training for Local Management Committee Members, 20+ participants also attended the Tour Guide trainings. The Tour Guide trainings offered 2 modules for certificate 1 in Tour Guiding. Module one(1) covered topics on health and safety and Module (2) covered trainings on communications. LLV Team offered the session on Conservation Stories highlighting the different key significant biodiversity and culture of the ecotourism site which will guide the Tour guides during each Tour.</p>
<p>Implementation of the marketing strategy for the 2 sites ensures coverage on Ni-Vanuatu and Melanesian media (including social media)</p>	<p>Promotional Brochures, sign boards and Videos was developed for Tabuemasana and Nusumetu Ecotourism Businesses. LLV worked with Vanuatu Tourism Office(VTO) towards the end of the project. VTO and Department of Tourism Provincial Managers assisted each Ecotourism Businesses to develop the marketing and pricing plans. In Nusumetu, a Facebook page was created and Nusumetu is featured in the Air Vanuatu inflight magazine as well as the lifestyle Magazine.</p> <p>In Tabuemasana, a Facebook page was also created and it is still progressing with its other marketing promotions such the filming. Even though the markets is still in progress for Tabuemasana, VTO also posted Tabuemasana on the VTO website which can be accessed by any visitors interested to do the Tabuemasana hike.</p>
<p>The 2 sites have established agreements with at least 1 tour operators to help market and organise future visitation</p>	<p>Several Tour operators participated in the pilot Tour and have established verbal agreements to support both sites with marketing. In Nusumetu, VTO and Millennium Cave Tours have established connections and agreements to market Nusumetu Ecotours with their products while in Tabuemasana, VTO, Millennium Cave, Wrecks to Rainforest and Turtle Bay Beach House have agreed to support marketing of Tabuemasana hikes. The partnerships were created during the development of the ecotourism businesses and pilot Tours in both sites.</p>
<p>By the end of the project, LLV secures one new donor to fund future projects for conservation of biodiversity in Vanuatu</p>	<p>During the implementation of this project, it was identified and observed that Tabuemasana Ecotourism Business had more constraints than Nusumetu PA. The Tabuemasana Ecotourism business costs involved high transportation cost limiting individual traveler and optimistic for people travelling by groups and able to share transports</p>

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	costings. Due to this constraints LLV applied with its partner countries to MFAT and secured an additional grant to pilot the Forest Carbon Project of Tabuemasana from January 2021- December 2024. In Nusumetu PA, LLV is working closely with the Department of Tourism to get the Agritourism grant for upgrading the Nusumetu Ecolodge and Trekking facilities.
Building community resilience through Food Security, Improve Water Supply and Shelter for 130+ people in Kerepua including 300+ people in the neighboring communities of Elia and Wusi in West Coast Santo.	During June and July 2020, LLV achieved more than 10+ park yard gardens for women in Kerepua, Elia and Wusi including procurement of three(3) 10.000L water Tanks to provide water during any disaster events. In addition, LLV also upgraded in Kerepua Community, the Bungalow, bathroom and Toilet facilities which can be used by the guests travelling to do the Tabuemasana hikes and also used as community shelter for any disaster events in the future. During the recent LLV visit to Kerepua in February 2021, it was observed that food security through park yard gardens have introduced more balanced diet and women have included tilapia into their park yard gardens.

Unexpected impacts (positive or negative)?

To create ecotours, you will need to learn about regions that are available to tourists and find out how and where they can find lodging that does not require new construction but can instead be at facilities indigenous to the land. Knowing local (licensed) guides, as well as all local rules and regulations regarding visitors is also important before launching any kind of Eco journeys. Also, like most of today's home-based travel agents, you are likely better off selling such tours through established host agencies and/or ecotravel associations.

Based on the above over the duration of the project empirical positive unexpected impacts were also observed through data and documentations;

*Marketing: It was anticipated at the start of the project to promote the Ecotours using inflight magazines and social media. During the completion of the Ecotour product, unexpectedly there was a boost in the marketing and visibility of both products. Apart from Vanuatu Tourism Office, Facebook pages were also created for the Ecotours, local magazines picked up the stories and promoted locally. The inflight Magazine of Air Vanuatu which is Vanuatu's national aircraft also featured the story of Nusumetu Ecotourism. Most of these promotional stories featured the serenity, culture and biodiversity of these KBA's which defines the true beauty of Vanuatu's nature, people and cultures. The Project designers also created short films for marketing hitting more than 50+ shares when it was shared on social media.

*Number of People Trained: The Project targeted not more than 20 participants for the trainings however during the formulation and governance trainings, unexpected number of both men and woman participated in the trainings. Observed during the trainings in both sites, Tour Guide trainings and Women's Bungalow Hosting Training outnumbered the Business Planning session. Participants felt that this was an opportunity brought to their doorstep not to be missed but grasping all the skills and knowledge to promote the culture

and biodiversity of their places. Interestingly, there was also a high number of females who took part in the training in both sites of the project.

*Vanuatu National Week of Agriculture Event in Tanna: The 2021 National Week of Agriculture was held August in Tanna with a lot of engagement and participation from government and private stakeholders partnerships. The community of Nusumetu were also privileged to host Government Directors who were part of the week trialing the Tour as well as replanting the caroxylum and caryota palms.

*Agritourism Project: The Department of Tourism is currently implementing a follow up agritourism project with the community of Nusumetu to Improve Toilets and provide trainings for Food Preparation, Health & Hygiene as well as provide additional kitchen equipment's to upgrade the Nusumetu Ecotour kitchen facilities. This follow up project highlights the ownership and commitment for Nusumetu people to lead continue expanding their environment and Tourism Business to bring more income for community livelihood benefits and sustainable protection of resources.

PROJECT RESULTS/DELIVERABLES

Overall results of the project:

The Project intends to achieve two (2) ecotourism activities promoting the visibility of endemic and endangered plants within the KBA's of Tabwemasana and Nusumetu in Vanuatu. To verify the results of the project over the last 3 years it is evident that the Tabwemasana and Nusumetu people have gain both the knowledge for environment and tourism. Ecotourism in Vanuatu relates to tourism activities as a tool of bringing social and economic benefits to the local community as well as a tool for promoting conservation of biodiversity.

LLV and its partners offered in Nusumetu and Tabwemasana Community workshops and Trainings offering tailor-made services for community groupings (men, women, youths) in training, business planning, tour-guiding, bungalow hosting's, marketing and promotional services that continue conserving the natural areas from which they operate. The focus here is on community owned, managed or run tourism enterprises in the different KBA's of Tabwemasana and Green Hill in Vanuatu.

A chronology of the results of the project is highlighted below;

2019:

*Scoping of Nusumetu & Tabwemasana Trekking Sites: Identification of Biodiversity & cultural sites resulted in 12 Stops for Nusumetu and 5 Camping Sites to reach the top of MT Tabwemasana

2020:

- * Development of Nusumetu & Tabwemasana Business Plans and Conservation stories- Overall financial management procedures of the Ecotour Business
- * Tour Guiding, Business Planning & First Aid Training in Green Hill(Nusumetu)
- * Production of Promotional Video for Nusumetu-
- * Opening of Bank Accounts for Nusumetu

2021

*Tour Guiding, Business Planning & Bungalow Hosting Training in Kerepua(Tabwemasana)- LLV facilitates with its partners Vanua consultants, Sanma Tourism, Lonnoc School empowering 15(girls & boys) as Tour Guides, 20 Women skilled up to do Bungalow Hosting,

meet and greet and food preparation. The other 15+ which were mostly land owners discussed the business plan and approved a list of employees of the Tabwemasana Ecotourism Business.

*Production of Promotional Video and Brochures for Tabwemasana

*Final Ecotour Site Maps set up in both sites (Tabwemasana and Nusumetu)-Site Maps were developed presenting the different important biological and cultural sites within the Tour. Both Sites (Tabwemasana and Nusumetu have set up their site Maps for visitors to see at the start of the Tour.

*Employment of Business Manager and Employees of the Business- In Nusumetu, the Ecotours has employed a business manager and 20 Tour-guides on a monthly work schedule whereas in Tabwemasana, the Business employs a Business Manager, Finance officer, 15 Tour Guides and 10 Woman who take turns to work in the Bungalow. There is a schedule developed for employees to take turn in the Tour Guiding roles and each of them is only paid for work done.

*Pilot Tours for Tabwemasana and Nusumetu- Both sites completed by June 2021 and engage VTO and its partners. The outcome of this activity can be seen through the outstanding marketing opportunities through Facebook pages, VTO website as well as inflight magazines and local magazines around Port Vila.

*Business Permits & Licenses- Nusumetu and Tabwemasana are registered under the Vanuatu Laws(VFSC) and have given their Tourism Permits by the Vanuatu Department of Tourism(Renew annually)

*VTO Marketing of Tabwemasana and Nusumetu Ecotours-Supporting both Ecotours to establish FB Pages as well as current local markets providing high demand of local customers into Nusumetu and slowly increasing for Tabwemasana

For most of these eco-travelers the setting up of Nusumetu and Tabwemasana Eco- tour has been an educational learning on Vanuatu's hidden cultures and biodiversity's. The increasing interest for visitors to Nusumetu and Tabwemasana is bringing a lot of motivation and commitment to both conservation sites to operate the different aspects ecotourism activities which are Agritourism, Community development tourism, Eco trekking trips and Eco lodging whilst raising funds to increase conservation management actions.

Results for each deliverable:

Component		Deliverable		
#	Description	#	Description	Results for Deliverable
1.0	Improved financial mechanisms for KBAs by designing ecotourism business plans and strengthening of local governance	1.1	By April 2020 Ecotourism Business Plan produced for Tabuemasana CCA and Nusumetu PA, outlining business, marketing, financial and management descriptions. MV: Reports and copy of Business Plans	By end of Project, both entities have achieved their Business Plans registered with the Vanuatu Financial Services and issued Vanuatu Tourism Permits to operate under the Vanuatu Tourism Certification Standards. MV: Reports and Copy Tabuemasana and Nusumetu Ecotourism Business Plans.
2.0	Improved capacities of communities in running business operations. MV: Licences to operate ecotourism in both sites by Department of Tourism, training attendance sheets, reports and photos	2.1	By May 2020, Tabuemasana CCA and Nusumetu PA meet Minimum Standards and have a license to operate MV: Copy of Licenses, attendance Sheets, reports and photos	By April 2021, both entities receive Tourism Permits to operate Ecotourism Activities within its conservation site. The Nusumetu Tourism Permit was issued in September 2020 while the Tabuemasana Tourism Permit was issued in April 2021. The Governance and Formulation Training included the final steps of certification by Department of Tourism(DoT). The delivery of Governance and Formulation Training also engage the DoT Provincial Managers to certify the product and have final DoT Certification paper signed off by the Ecotourism Business Manager. MV: Formulation and Training Report; Attendance Sheet and Copy of Tourism Permits
3.0	Increased marketing and visibility of the two project sites	3.1	By September 2020 components of the marketing plan and service/product development plans are implemented in-order to support the two	By April 2021, LLV with Support from Vanuatu Tourism Office published 2 Facebook pages for Nusumetu and Tabuemasana including Nusumetu Published in the Air Vanuatu Inflight Magazine and the Vanuatu Lifestyle local Magazine. Visibility signboards have also

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			new tourism businesses in Tabuemasana CCA and Nusumetu PA. MV:at least 5 published articles, copies of posters & guidebooks	been set up in each site including conservation stories and marketing brochures. In each of the Ecotourism facebook pages, more than 5 stories were published to promote marketing of products, however a marketing plan is also inserted in both Business Plans. MV: Conservation Stories & Collage of published articles
3.0	Increased marketing and visibility of the two project sites	3.2	By September 2020 pilot tours of the upgraded treks are carried out for each project site and news are shared on principal national and regional media MV: media release, photos, at least both Tour promoted on 2 main Tourism websites	By April 2020, Both Ecotourism Business delivered Pilot Tours with at least 5 Tour Operators engaged and participated in the Tour. Included in the Tour is the Vanuatu Tourism Office(VTO) which currently works closely with all the Local Tour Operators during this COVID-19 Pandemic. Apart from VTO promoting these Ecotour products, LLV also acknowledge the partnerships of Turtle Beach House, Millennium Cave and Wrecks to Rain Forest for promoting Tabuemasana Ecotourism activities. MV: Collage of Websites Promoting Tabuemasana and Nusumetu Ecotours.
4.0	Live & Learn Vanuatu capacity strengthening and Fundraising strategy	4.1	By June 2020, LLV capacities in project management are strengthened to ensure ongoing efforts towards conservation in Vanuatu MV:Certification of Completion, 1 Successful project proposal,Reports for	By June 2021, LLV's Team Leader Completed CEP51 and CEPF52 Courses of USP Project Management Level; LLV's Administration and Finance Officer also completed in-house financial and MYOB Training. MV: Collage of Project Management successfully Completed and MYOB Trainings undertaken.

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			in-house financial and MYOB Training	
4.0	Live & Learn Vanuatu capacity strengthening and Fundraising strategy	4.2	Development of a multi-years capacity-strengthening and fundraising strategy MV: A copy of Live & Learn Fundraising Strategy	By April 2020, LLV's Board Member Jim Woodford stepped in to the support to develop LLV's fundraising Strategy. A working document has been developed which is still in progress due to COVID-19 Jim has to return overseas. Activities that progress for the LLV Fundraising strategy included in-house staff workshop and development of PPT presentations and the development of the draft LLV Fundraising Strategy document. MV: Draft Fundraising Document & PPT Presentation
5.0	CEPF project management and monitoring for compliance with project results, indicators, programmed activities and safeguard policies	5.1	Institutional Capacity of Live & Learn Vanuatu evaluated through the Civil Society Tracking Tool and the Gender Tracking Tool	Achieved; LLV's institutional capacity is measured through the civil society tracking tool and gender tracking tool and submitted through the CEPF reporting mechanism.
5.0	CEPF project management and monitoring for compliance with project results, indicators, programmed activities and safeguard policies	5.2	Complaints system developed, disseminated and monitored with beneficiaries and project partners	During the Project Consultation stages, a complaints mechanism system was developed for the project and used in all project delivered activities. MV: Complains Mechanism Paper
5.0	CEPF project management and monitoring for compliance with project results, indicators,	5.3	CEPF financial reports submitted on time and accurately	LLV Finance Manager submits Financial reports accordingly on due dates. Although, there are some constraints limiting some of the reports to be submitted on time, all reports have been submitted online.

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	programmed activities and safeguard policies			
5.0	CEPF project management and monitoring for compliance with project results, indicators, programmed activities and safeguard policies	5.4	CEPF programmatic reports submitted on time and accurately	LLV Team Leader submits programmatic reports on due dates. Although, there are some constraints limiting some of the reports to be submitted on time, all reports have been submitted online.
5.0	CEPF project management and monitoring for compliance with project results, indicators, programmed activities and safeguard policies	5.5	Final impact monitoring report completed at project close.	Submitted by Team Leader Live and Learn Vanuatu early October 2021.
5.0	CEPF project management and monitoring for compliance with project results, indicators, programmed activities and safeguard policies	5.6	Baseline and final METT for Tabuemasana CCA prepared and sent to CEPF	Submitted by Team Leader Live and Learn Vanuatu October 2021.
5.0	CEPF project management and monitoring for compliance with project results, indicators, programmed activities and safeguard policies	5.7	Safeguard Policies for Indigenous Peoples are effectively evaluated, implemented, and follow-up reports are prepared every six months to CEPF	Submitted by Team Leader Live and Learn Vanuatu, six monthly to CEPF
5.0	CEPF project management and monitoring for compliance with project results, indicators,	5.8	Support CEPF for public outreach efforts throughout the duration of the project by providing photos, descriptions and articles	Live and Learn Vanuatu's CEPF Project Staff, Jessie Kampai submitted to Regional CEPF Partners, Helen Pippard and Vatu Molisa a number of articles through the duration of the Project.

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6.0	Cyclone response	6.1	Report on cyclone response describing delivery and near-term impact of assistance from materials and supplies, including a list of villages/places/ organizations/individual recipients of assistance, with details including name and gender as available	LLV's Community Development Engagement Experts have developed a report with list of Villages, Households and Individuals benefitting from this Project. MV: LLV TC Harold Recovery & Response Report

Tools, products or methodologies that resulted from the project or contributed to the results:

The development of this project was to test the visibility of Ecotourism to Promote KBA's in Vanuatu. LLV's outstanding performance in this project proves the option of Ecotourism as a viable option to promoting the significant species within this KBA's. Through the timeframe of the project, several approaches were piloted and tested including development of tools and resources achieve the Ecotours of Nusumetu and Tabwemasana.

1. Product Development(Creating the Tour)- The development of the Tour involves LLV's engagement for a lead ecotourism specialist then travelling to each location identifying the significant biodiversity and cultural sites to be mapped out for the Tour. During this activity, local indigenous people are engaged in a discussions about the site in the community followed by a site assessment in the next day. During the site assessment, people had the opportunity to point out the actual biodiversity and cultural sites including its conservation stories. The successful outcome of ecotourism products for KBA's in Vanuatu depend on the engagement of locals, Department of tourism, LLV and its local ecotourism expert.

2. Business Plan-The Development Plan is created once the scope of the Product is defined. The Business Plan of this project is developed in English and translated to Bislama enabling Business managers and finance officers to lead the activities of the Ecotour. The sections of the Business Plan also states the different ecotour activities, business name & logo, business employees and TOR's as well business fees and bank accounts which includes a community benefit account that supports community livelihood projects and needs.

3. Tour Guide Modules- Both Project sites were fortunate to have their community members trained in certificate 1 for Tour Guiding. The modules provided under this program are; GSBC0112 Apply basic communication skills and GSHS0112 Follow workplace, health, safety and security procedures. Participants are also fortunate to receive certificates of participation at the end of the trainings.

4. Government Permits(Permits/Licenses)-The operations of Ecotourism business activities in Vanuatu depends verily on reaching the Tourism certification standards. This process involves filling in the required forms for Department of Tourism as well as upgrading the trekking infrastructures to wildlife and park standards. LLV worked closely with the Department of Tourism offices at the provincial level to achieve the Tourism Permits including registration of business at the Vanuatu Financial Services Commission.

PORTFOLIO INDICATORS

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1.4	Conservation incentives (ecotourism, payments for ecosystem services, conservation agreements, etc.) demonstrated for at least 5 priority sites.			2	Two(2) entities have been set up under this project which is the Nusumetu Ecotours and Tabuemasana Ecotours.
1.5	Number of communities targeted by site-based projects that show tangible well-being benefits.			2	Communities of Kerepua in Santo Mountain Chain and Nusumetu in Green Hill in Tanna have defined Community Priority needs which is clearly stated in the Ecotourism Business plans. Both entities have also set up the community benefit account to manage

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					community well-being needs.
2	At least 100,000 hectares within production landscapes are managed for biodiversity conservation or sustainable use.			550	Tabuemasana CCA(500ha) and Nusumetu PA(50ha)
3	At least 5 local land-use or development plans influenced to accommodate biodiversity.			4	Two(2) ecotourism Business Plans and Two(2) Conservation stories books developed for both entities incorporated into the current management actions plans to account for increase biodiversity actions in both KBA's.
1.2	Awareness of the values of biodiversity and the nature of threats and drivers raised among local communities within at least 10 priority sites.			11	Both locations have neighboring communities participated in the scoping, trainings and workshops that were delivered throughout the project. In Nusumetu, Eight(8) neighboring communities were engaged whereas in Tabuemasana there are only three(3) neighboring communities involved.
1.3	Threat levels to at least 15 priority sites reduced through locally			1	Both sites have taken immediate actions for protection, management and restoration. In

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	relevant conservation actions implemented by local communities.				Nusumetu high demands for Agriculture development is a threat to biodiversity whereas in Tabuemasana the species have been rare for quiet sometime.
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1.5	Number of communities targeted by site-based projects that show tangible well-being benefits.			2	Communities of Kerepua in Santo Mountain Chain and Nusumetu in Green Hill in Tanna have defined Community Priority needs which is clearly stated in the Ecotourism Business plans. Both entities have also set up the community benefit account to manage community well-being needs.
2.4	Number of CEPF priority sites where biodiversity and ecosystem service values are integrated into land-use and/or			2	Nusumetu PA and Tabuemasana CCA upgraded their plans to establish the set up of Ecotourism entities in both locations. Both Ecotourism entities have clear Business Plans to guide the

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	development plans and policies.				operations and governance on the entity.
5.3	Number of civil society organizations supported by CEPF that secure follow-up funding from conservation trust funds and/or the GEF Small Grants Programme.			1	LLV will continue to work with Tabuemasana CCA under its MFAT grant(2021-2024)
1	Hectares in a key biodiversity area (KBA) with new or strengthened protection and management.			5,000	Tabuemasana CCA(4849ha) and Nusumetu PA(151ha)
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4	48 globally threatened species have improved conservation status and/or available information on status and distribution.			2	Santo Mountain Starling and Santa Cruz Dove
5	At least 10 partnerships and networks formed among civil society, government and communities to leverage complementary capacities and maximize impact in support of the ecosystem profile.			13	Santo Mountain Chain: Kerepua Community Green Hill: Nusumetu Community Government: Department Of Tourism, Tafea and Sanma Provincial Tourism Offices, Department of Environment, Vanuatu Tourism Office Civil Society: Millennium Cave, Lonnoc, TJ Signs, Vanua Tourism Consultants, Exodus Films and Sky eye
1.1	Baseline surveys completed for at least 10 priority sites.			2	Scoping exercises were done during the initial stages of this project to define biodiversity and wellbeing needs in order to create the ecotourism entities for Tabuemasana CCA and Nusumetu PA
1.2	Awareness of the values of			11	Both locations have neighboring communities

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	biodiversity and the nature of threats and drivers raised among local communities within at least 10 priority sites.				participated in the scoping, trainings and workshops that were delivered throughout the project. In Nusumetu, Eight(8) neighboring communities were engaged whereas in Tabuemasana there are only three(3) neighboring communities involved.
1.3	Threat levels to at least 15 priority sites reduced through locally relevant conservation actions implemented by local communities.			2	Both sites have taken immediate actions for protection, management and restoration. In Nusumetu high demands for Agriculture development is a threat to biodiversity whereas in Tabuemasana the species have been rare for quiet sometime.
1.4	Conservation incentives (ecotourism, payments for ecosystem services, conservation agreements, etc.) demonstrated for at least 5 priority sites.			2	Two(2) entities have been set up under this project which is the Nusumetu Ecotours and Tabuemasana Ecotours
1.5	Number of communities targeted by site-based projects that show tangible well-being benefits.			2	Communities of Kerepua in Santo Mountain Chain and Nusumetu in Green Hill in Tanna have defined Community Priority needs which is clearly stated in

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					the Ecotourism Business plans. Both entities have also set up the community benefit account to manage community well-being needs.
2.1	Number of CEPF priority sites where ownership and tenure rights within customary lands have been mapped			2	Both Nusumetu PA and Tabuemasana CCA have a clear map that identifies areas under protection.
2.2	Number of communities affected by incompatible development projects provided with legal training and support			0	The Proposal states the Financial Trainings under this project. LLV did not offer any specific legal training but educated the community on the rules and by-laws of the community management action plans.
2.3	Number of partnerships catalyzed between civil society organizations and natural resource companies to promote sustainable development through better environmental and social practices.			6	LLV engaged six(6) partners to deliver different roles through the duration of the Project. 1. Millennium Cave: Local Ecotourism Expert 2. Vanuatu Tourism Consultants: Tour Guide Trainers 3. Lonnoc Tourism & Hospitality School: House Keeping & Bungalow Host Trainings

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					4. Exodus Films: Marketing & Visibility Promotions of Nusumetu PA 5. TJ Signs: Visibility Sign Board for Tabuemasana and Nusumetu 6. Sky Eye: Promotional Filming for Tabuemasana Ecotour
2.4	Number of CEPF priority sites where biodiversity and ecosystem service values are integrated into land-use and/or development plans and policies.			2	Nusumetu PA and Tabuemasana CCA upgraded their plans to establish the set up of Ecotourism entities in both locations. Both Ecotourism entities have clear Business Plans to guide the operations and governance on the entity.
3.1	Number of CEPF priority species with improved knowledge of their status and distribution.			4	As above, targeted species promoted throughout the project timeframe is the following four(4) targeted species in this project which are; Carpoxyllum Palm, Caryota mitis, Santa Cruz Dove and Santo Mountain Starling
3.2	Number of priority species with recovery plans developed, implemented and monitored.			4	Targeted species in Nusumetu PA are the Carpoxyllum Palm and Caryota Mitis while in Tabuemasana CCA it is the Santa Cruz Dove and Santo Mountain Starling.

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3.3	Number of priority species with science-based harvest management plans that are introduced for local food security.			2	<p>Proposal emphasized on Carpoxlym Palm which is endemic to Vanuatu but not an edible Palm. The caryota mitis is also an endemic palm that is edible during disasters and promoted after cyclones for Food Security. Currently, the Community of Nusumetu is undertaking some replanting of caryota mitis and carpoxyllum palm in partnership with New York Botanical Gardens.</p> <p>Santa Cruz dove is currently rare within the KBA of Santo Mountain Chain in Vanuatu. Though it is edible , the Tabuemasana Management action plan states the prohibition of this bird which is completely protected by the by-laws of Tabuemasana CCA.</p>
4.1	Number of civil society networks that enable collective responses to priority and emerging threats			1	Tabuemasana Ecotourism is also part of the Santo Sunset Environment Network which enables collective responses to priority and emerging threats in MT Tabuemasana KBA.

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4.2	Number of local civil society organizations that demonstrate improvements in organizational capacity.			2	This can be observed through the two(2) entities established with the skills and abilities to be able to manage their own entity with advisory and management support from Live and Learn Vanuatu. Also, employment of locals into the entity with required trainings and resources demonstrates the improvements to the management and operations of the Ecotourism entities.
4.3	Number of civil society organizations that emerge as national conservation leaders in each hotspot country.			1	Increased skills and knowledge for LLV to lead other Ecotourism activities in Vanuatu defined KBA's.
4.4	Number of conservationists that demonstrate strengthened capacity in conservation management, science and leadership.			26	13 was targeted for each site so total of 26 altogether for both sites.

GLOBAL INDICATORS

Protected Areas

Protected areas that have been created and/or expanded as a result of the project. Protected areas may include private or community reserves, municipal or provincial parks, or other designations where biodiversity conservation is an official management goal.

Name of Protected Area	WDPA ID*	Latitude	Longitude	Country	Original Total Size (Hectares) **	New Protected Hectares ***	Year of Legal Declaration or Expansion
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*World Database of Protected Areas

**If this is a new protected area, 0 should appear in this column

*** This column excludes the original total size of the protected area.

Key Biodiversity Area Management

Key Biodiversity Areas (KBAs) under improved management—where tangible results have been achieved to support conservation—as a result of the project.

KBA Name	KBA Code	Size of KBA	Number of Hectares with Improved Management
Santo Mountain Chain	VUT19		1,500
Green Hill	VUT8		1

Production Landscapes

Production landscapes with strengthened management of biodiversity as a result of the project.

A production landscape is defined as a site outside a protected area where commercial agriculture, forestry or natural product exploitation occurs.

Name of Production Landscape	Latitude	Longitude	Hectares Strengthened	Intervention
Tabwemasana Trek Improvements	15.2	166.44	1,500	Improvement of Treks to accommodate different camping sites and promote the Biodiversity and culture of Tabuemasana ecotours.
Nusumetu Ecotour	-19.37692	169.29638	1	Improvements to accommodate the Ecotourism Business of Nusumetu PA which covers

Benefits to Individuals

- **Structured Training:**

Number of Men Trained	Number of Women Trained	Topics of Training
58	59	1. Scoping & Product Development Workshop 2. Governance and Formulation workshop 3. Tour Guide Training 4. Bungalow hosting & Food Preparation Training 5. First Aid Training

- **Cash Benefits:**

Number of Men – Cash Benefits	Number of Women – Cash Benefits	Description of Benefits
36	10	Tour guides employed by both entities of Tabuemasana and Nusumetu.

Benefits to Communities

View the characteristics column below with the following corresponding codes:	View the benefits column below with the following corresponding codes:
1- Small Landowners	a. Increased Access to Clean Water
2- Subsistence Economy	b. Increased Food Security
3- Indigenous/ Ethnic Peoples	c. Increased Access to Energy
4- Pastoralists / Nomadic Peoples	d. Increased Access to Public Services
5- Recent Migrants	e. Increased Resilience to Climate Change
6- Urban Communities	f. Improved Land Tenure
7- Other	g. Improved Use of Traditional Knowledge
	h. Improved Decision-Making
	i. Improved Access to Ecosystem Services

Community Name	Community Characteristics							Type of Benefit									Country	Number of Males Benefitting	Number of Females Benefitting
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i			
Kerepua Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Vanuatu	100	120				

Characteristics of "Other" Communities:

Policies, Laws and Regulations

View the topics column below with the following corresponding codes:			
A- Agriculture	E- Energy	I- Planning/Zoning	M- Tourism
B- Climate	F- Fisheries	J- Pollution	N- Transportation
C- Ecosystem Management	G- Forestry	K- Protected Areas	O- Wildlife Trade
D- Education	H- Mining and Quarrying	L- Species Protection	P- Other

No.	Name of Law	Scope	Topics															
			A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P

“Other” Topics Addressed by the Policy, Law or Regulation:

No.	Country/ Countries	Date Enacted/ Amended	Expected impact	Action Performed to Achieve the Enactment/ Amendment

Companies Adopting Biodiversity-friendly Practices

A company is defined as a for-profit business entity. A biodiversity-friendly practice is one that conserves or uses natural resources in a sustainable manner.

Name of Company	Description of Biodiversity-Friendly Practice	Country/Countries where Practice was Adopted
Tabwemasana Ecotours	Kerepua Community has agreed to set up the first ever Ecotours in the Tabuemasana CCA. The establishment of Tabuemasana Ecotours is a sustainable entity that is registered under the Vanuatu laws, issued Vanuatu Tourism Permit and promotes the environment and tourism of Tabuemasana CCA.	Vanuatu
Nusumetu Ecotours	The establishment of Nusumetu Ecotours is a sustainable entity that is registered under the Vanuatu laws, issued Vanuatu Tourism Permit and promotes the environment and tourism of Green Hill KBA in Tanna Vanuatu.	Vanuatu

Networks and Partnerships

Networks/partnerships should have some lasting benefit beyond immediate project implementation. Informal networks/partnerships are acceptable.

Name of Network/Partnership	Year Established	Country/Countries	Established by Project?	Purpose
Local Ecotourism Experts	2019	Vanuatu	Yes	The partnership of Local Ecotourism experts is a network established by Live and Learn Vanuatu with its partners in Tourism and Environment. This network involves local ecotourism expert, Tour Operators and Certified Tourism Trainers which LLV will use to set up more Ecotours around Vanuatu CCA's. The following private/stakeholder partnerships have agreed to work with Live and Learn Vanuatu in its future potential ecotourism projects; Millennium Cave Tours, Vanua Consultants and the Lonnoc Tourism School.

Sustainable Financing

Sustainable financing mechanisms generate funding for the long-term (generally five or more years). These include, but are not limited to, conservation trust funds, debt-for-nature swaps, payment for ecosystem services (PES) schemes, and other revenue, fee or tax schemes that generate long-term funding for conservation.

Name of Mechanism	Purpose	Date Established	Description	Country/Countries	Project Intervention	Delivery of Funds?
Conservation Levy	10% of revenue collected within the Ecotours is allocated to the Local	2021	The Conservation Levy is a PES scheme, collecting revenues from the Ecotour customers and allocating the funds towards the work of Rangers and Local	Vanuatu	Created a mechanism	The Ecotour entities is a sustainable financing mechanism which begun during the

Name of Mechanism	Purpose	Date Established	Description	Country/ Countries	Project Intervention	Delivery of Funds?
	Management Committees of Nusumetu PA and Tabuemasana CCA to increase actions within the Conservations sites, specifically targeting specified actions within the Management Action Plans of Tabuemasana and Nusumetu.		Management Committees in the allocated sites of the project, Tabuemasana and Nusumetu.			project with revenues collected for the use of ecolodges by the LLV and its consultants. Towards the end of the project both ecotourism entities have been set up with Managers and finance officers trained to collect and distribute revenues for Business Operations which includes collection of Conservation Levy's.

Globally Threatened Species

Globally threatened species (CR, EN, VU) on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, benefitting from the project.

Genus	Species	Common Name (English)	Status	Intervention	Population Trend at Site
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LESSONS LEARNED

1. Trainings & Workshops- This needs to be delivered in different timings. Bringing this set of skills and learnings to the door step is an opportunity to expand rural communities into development goals therefore people request that these trainings be offered in different timings instead of back-to-back sessions.
2. Formulation and Governance- Structures should be in place at the very beginning so that revenues created through the project is able to create revenues at the very beginning of the project
3. Seed Funds- Provides more hands-on experience for Business Manager and Finance Officer to learn the different bank accounts and distribution of funds
4. Infrastructure- The infrastructures that is needed for an ecotourism entity therefore all ecotour projects must at least include some infrastructure components
5. Traditional Knowledge- make a significant contribution to sustainable tourism. Furthermore as on-site communities with extensive knowledge of local environments, indigenous and local communities are most directly involved with conservation and sustainable use.

SUSTAINABILITY/REPLICATION

The sustainability of the Project is based on the interest and needs of people. Both Nusumetu and Tabuemasana communities have lived and benefitted off their natural resources for quiet some years due to their conservation efforts and commitments. Ecotourism entities is an added value to the sustainability of their conservation efforts and ensuring that extra revenues are collected to meet the needs of their people.

Successful completion of the ecotourism businesses depends on the significant environment and cultural diversity of its people and places.

Both Ecotours has significant sites and conservation stories that were used and promoted to meet the different Tourism and Environment standards in order to fully operate as an ecotourism business.

LLV is confident to expand and increase similar ecotourism projects in the Vanuatu KBA's. In-house the organization has built staff capacities and developed resources that can be fully utilized in any interest communities in the future. Partnerships have also been created to successfully complete all the requirements and processes for Tourism and Vanuatu laws.

Current Project constraints are funds to improve treks and built ecolodges equip with facilities that fully meets customer requirements and needs. For educational purposes LLV and the Government will work together to ensure that all sites are equipped with sign boards that specifically defines the species within the area.

ENVIRONMENTAL AND SOCIAL SAFEGUARDS/STANDARDS

Ecotourism helps community development by providing the alternate source of livelihood to both community which is more sustainable. It aims to conserve resources, especially biological diversity, and maintain sustainable use of resources, which can bring ecological experience to travelers, conserve the ecological environment and gain economic benefit.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS

The Project has also contributed to achieving the Environment and Economic Pillar of the Vanuatu Peoples Plan and also the National Biodiversity Strategy Action Plan which falls under the Vanuatu Governments Department of Environment Protection and Conservation.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Total Amount of Additional Funding Actually Secured (USD)	\$0.00
Breakdown of Additional Funding	The In-kind contributions were provided by the Government partners and communities but not monetized.

INFORMATION SHARING AND CEPF POLICY

CEPF is committed to transparent operations and to helping civil society groups share experiences, lessons learned and results. For more information about this project, you may contact the organization and/or individual listed below.

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