

Memorandum of Agreement

Promoting the welfare of the people of Wakunai through sustainable ecotourism and the conservation of the environment and the bat community

Wakunai is an area of attractive natural wonders with historical sites of great interest are found along the Numa Numa trail and the Rotokas track. There are many wondrous plants and animals, including the rare Bougainville monkey-faced bat and the New Guinea monkey-faced bat.

- The Wakunai people are stewards of the environment and seek to live in harmony with the environment to maintain their way of life and ensure future generations can experience the wonders of the Rotokas area.
- The Rotokas Ecotourism Group was formed by local people to unite people and create a sustainable tourism and trekking industry.
- Bat Conservation International is an international non-governmental organization (NGO) based in the United States and is dedicated to working with people around the world to protect bats and promote healthy environments, including the bats of Wakunai area and all of Bougainville.

The Terra Council of Elders, Wakunai District, and individuals and representatives of the clans and organizations that have signed below recognize that human communities living in harmony with the environment provides the opportunity for a healthy environment that provides for the needs of the people of Wakunai, protects bats and the habitats upon which they depend, and is the foundation for a sustainable ecotourism operation.

The undersigned agree to work together on mutually agreed upon initiatives:

Bat Conservation International:

- Conduct trainings with the people of Wakunai and Rotokas Ecotourism Group on the conservation of bats in Bougainville.
- Develop and share educational materials with the people of Wakunai and Rotokas Ecotourism Group that can be used for ecotourism and in schools.
- Consult with the people of Wakunai and Rotokas Ecotourism Group to understand issues where bats may be a problem and develop solutions.
- Coordinate with the people of Wakunai and Rotokas Ecotourism Group regarding potential plans for bat conservation expeditions in the area.
- Include the people of Wakunai and Rotokas Ecotourism Group on bat conservation expeditions in the area.
- Provide data and reports to the people of Wakunai and Rotokas Ecotourism Group resulting from any bat conservation expedition in the area.













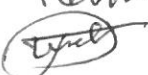
The People of Wakunai:




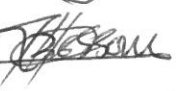





- Commit to collaborate with Bat Conservation International on agreed upon bat education, training, and conservation initiatives.

Rotokas Ecotourism Group:

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Disputes or concerns that may arise with the people of Wakunai, Rotokas Ecotourism Group, or Bat Conservation International shall be brought to the attention of the parties involved and resolved through traditional means with the clan leaders and, as needed with the guidance of the Council of Elders.

Name & Title	Signature & Date	Clan/Organization
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