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## Action Plan towards Developing Sustainable Livelihoods in the East Rennell World Heritage Site

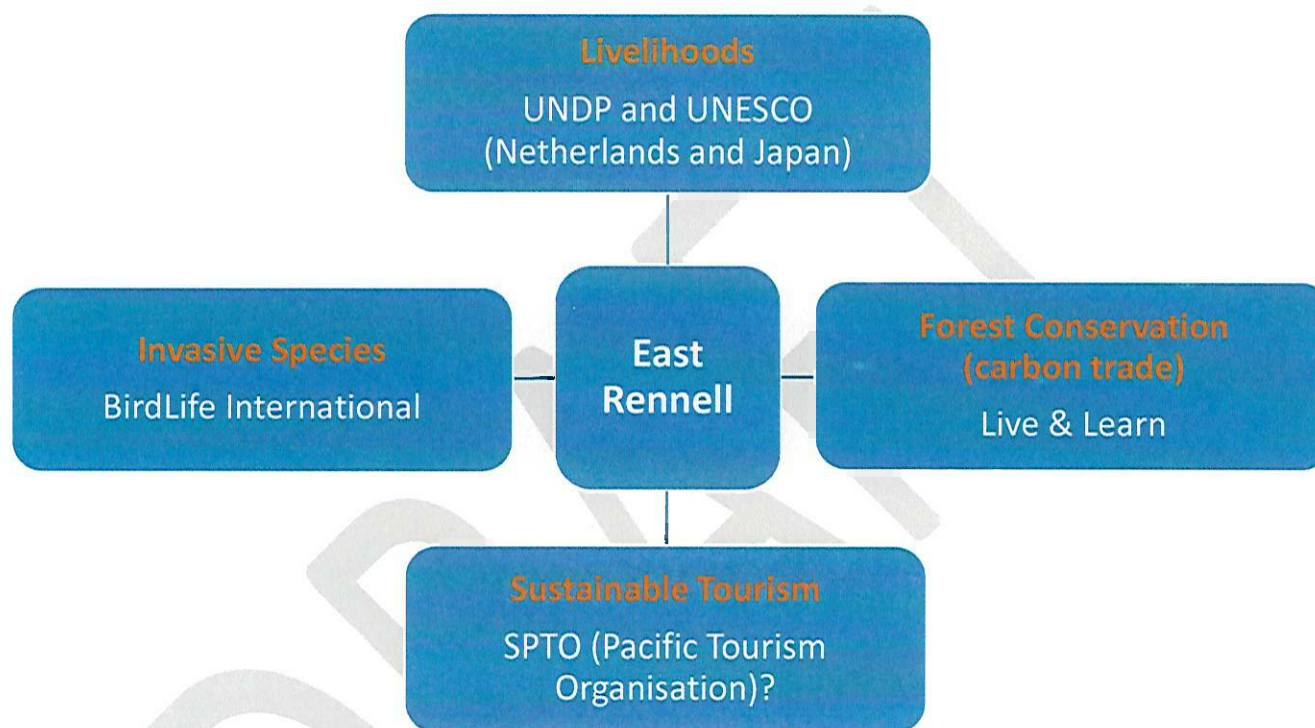
(based on the discussions at the Stakeholder Consultation Meeting on 31 May 2022)

Priority Actions	Approach/Activities	Key Actors/Partners	Funding	Timeline (TBD)
<b>Management and governance</b>				
1. Promote a better understanding of the <b>Protected Areas Act 2010</b>	<b>1.1</b> By organizing community dialogues on the PA Act 2010;	Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology (MECDM), LTWHSA	SIG UNESCO (International Assistance etc.)	By the end of 2022
2. Finalize the <b>Management Plan for the East Rennell World Heritage Site (ERWHS)</b> , with realistic timeline that is workable and practical with community efforts	<b>2.1</b> By clarifying the boundary of ERWHS  <b>2.2</b> By clarifying the process of removing ERWHS from the List of World Heritage in Danger  <b>2.3</b> By organizing community meetings to finalize the Management Plan (including drafting sessions with help of experts)  <b>2.4</b> By learning from other Protected Areas in Solomon Islands and abroad (e.g. twinning programme)	MECDM LTWHSA UNESCO	SIG UNESCO (International Assistance etc.)	By the end of 2023
3. Resolve internal issues to ensure cohesive management of ERWHS		East Rennell communities		



<p>4. Strengthen coordination among LTWHSA, SIG and other stakeholders to ensure good communication and implementation of programmes/projects</p>	<p><b>4.1</b> By establishing a proper coordination mechanism among key stakeholders</p> <p><b>4.2</b> By allocating a full-time officer</p> <p><b>4.3</b> By establishing an office on site</p>	<p>Ministry of Education and Human Resources Development (MEHRD) and MECDM LTWHSA</p>	<p>SIG Donors</p>	<p>By the end of 2022 (By the end of 2025 for the allocation of the full-time officer and on-site office)</p>
<p>5. Promote a better recognition of cultural values of ERWHS along with natural values</p>	<p><b>5.1</b> By recording and mapping local culture, traditional and living knowledge of the East Rennell communities</p> <p><b>5.2</b> By assisting communities and the SIG for potential re-nomination of ERWHS as a cultural landscape and/or mixed site</p> <p><b>5.3</b> By increasing capacity in inventorying of Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) through the Training of Trainers (ToT) workshop for ICH Facilitators</p>	<p>LTWHSA MEHRD UNESCO CRIHAP</p>	<p>SIG UNESCO CRIHAP</p>	<p>By the end of 2024</p>
<p><b>Capacity building and training (Human resources)</b></p>				
<p>6. Strengthen capacity of East Rennell communities to manage ERWHS and to improve livelihoods</p>	<p><b>6.1</b> By identifying focal points for capacity-building activities (at communities' and government's levels)</p> <p><b>6.2</b> By providing capacity-building activities/training to LTWHSA Committee/officers and other community members including youth on project management</p> <p><b>6.3</b> By sensitizing communities to raise awareness on the impacts of climate change and food security on</p>	<p>MEHRD and MECDM LTWHSA UNESCO NGOs</p>	<p>SIG UNESCO (International Assistance etc.) Donors</p>	<p>By the end of 2024</p>

	<p>the ground</p> <p><b>6.4</b> By providing long-term interventions on the ground to support livelihoods of East Rennell</p> <p><b>6.5</b> By providing funding to develop and implement community-based livelihoods projects (e.g. fisheries project as identified by the community dialogues in April-May 2022) and to address climate change</p> <p><b>6.6</b> By providing scholarship to East Rennell students through SITESA</p>			
<b>Funding (Financial resources)</b>				
7. Develop innovative and sustainable funding mechanisms for ERWHS	<p><b>7.1</b> By establishing a legal framework (e.g. through adopting a new Cabinet Paper) to ensure long-term sustainable funding dedicated for ERWHS</p> <p><b>7.2</b> By improving direct access to funding by communities to spend maximum amount for actual project implementation</p>	Line ministries NGOs	SIG NGOs Donors	By the end of 2023
<b>Enabling environment for sustainable livelihoods</b>				
8. Improve access to basic community services and facilities	<p><b>8.1</b> By improving infrastructure including road conditions in East Rennell (subject to Environmental Impact Assessments)</p> <p><b>8.2</b> By supporting market access and labour mobility as part of income generating activities for East Rennell</p> <p><b>8.3</b> By assessing the conditions required to develop sustainable tourism practices</p>	Ministry of Infrastructure and Development, MECDM and other line ministries Provincial government SPTO	SIG UNESCO SPTO	By the end of 2025

An overview of ongoing and potential projects in East Rennell (as of July 2022)



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