



A review of the use of portable sawmills in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands



Key details

Location

Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands

Duration

Start Apr 2005

End Aug 2008

Budget

AUD 149,989

Commissioned organisation

Australian National University

Partners

Australian National University; University of Melbourne; Secretariat of the Pacific Community; Papua New Guinea Forest Authority; Papua New Guinea Ecoforestry Forum; University of Technology; Ministry of Forestry, Environment and Conservation; Solomon Islands Development Trust

Project Leader

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Program

Forestry

Project code

FST/2003/049

Overview

This project aimed to evaluate causal factors, based on a detailed study of a range of portable sawmilling operations, and to design strategies for the more effective use of sawmills.

Project outcomes

- Evaluated the social, economic and environmental outcomes, and relevant policies and regulations relating to the purchase and use of portable sawmills.
- Identified and evaluated the critical factors leading to the greatest performance of portable sawmills in a range of contexts.
- Devised strategies on how to increase the beneficial outcomes of portable sawmills in the region.



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