



Enhancing economic opportunities offered by community and smallholder forestry in Solomon Islands



Key details

Location

Solomon Islands

Duration

Start Jan 2013

End Dec 2017

Budget

AUD 1,440,001

Commissioned organisation

Griffith University

Partners

Department of Agriculture; Forestry and Fisheries; Kolombangara Forest Products Ltd; Ministry of Forest and Research; N&S Consulting; University of Queensland; University of the South Pacific

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in the Solomon Islands more profitable through wider application of high value agroforestry and improved management of secondary forests.

Community and smallholder forestry could make many rural communities in the Solomon Islands economically secure, but 8-10,000 hectares of smallholder plantations need thinning to the final stocking rate to produce high value timber, and infrastructure is often inadequate to get the timber to market.

The research activities seek to promote wider adoption of the locally adapted agroforestry system, in which teak is planted at the final stocking rate and inter-planted with *Flueggea flexuosa*, an indigenous, locally useful species that is progressively thinned for use or sale.



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Overview

The project aimed to make community and smallholder forestry