

Regenerative Agritourism Vanuatu



Key details

Location

Vanuatu

Duration

Start Nov 2024

End Apr 2026

Budget

AUD 500,000

Commissioned organisation

University of Sunshine Coast

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Program

Social Systems

Project code

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Research need

This small research activity aims to conduct critical participatory action research in Vanuatu to develop the training and application tools needed for custom owners and communities to measure progress against standards established by the Regenerative Agritourism Pathway Recognition Program.

The 2050 Strategy for Pacific Agriculture and Forestry: a Healthy, Regenerative, and Secure Pacific states. In 2050, the Pacific Islands will stand as a beacon for regenerative agriculture, agroecology and biodiversity fostering prosperous and thriving communities through resilience, corporation and shared opportunities.

The Regenerative Agritourism Pathway Recognition Program developed by Regenerative Vanua supports a transition to regenerative agriculture based on the principles of agroecology and enhancing biodiversity and it is the only standard globally for regenerative agritourism and gastronomy. The program has been designed to ensure Vanuas throughout the Pacific are resilient and self-reliant in the face of the poly-crises, and to protect and promote Indigenous Knowledge Systems.

The development of training content, measuring tools, and KPIs will provide the first steps for appropriate community and stakeholder planning to develop a suitable application and indicators for collecting data to measure progress against the standards within the pathway recognition program.

Expected outcomes

This project will support custom owners and communities to access finance to support the transition to regenerative agriculture and regenerative agritourism. It will also support climate adaptation and mitigation and meet biodiversity, health, socio-cultural and economic objectives set out in the National Sustainable Development Plan (2016–2030) and the United Nations 2030 Agenda Sustainable Development Goals.

