



## About SCALE-NRM

SCALE-NRM stands for Strengthening Competitiveness, Agriculture, Livelihoods and Environment – Natural Resource Management. Implemented by Winrock International in the Solomon Islands, the five-year USAID-funded project facilitates improved governance and sustainable management of forests and natural resources. SCALE-NRM helps build mutually

accountable partnerships between government and communities to protect Malaita Province’s remaining forests.

SCALE-NRM forms part of the broader USAID-funded SCALE initiative to improve forest governance, strengthen agribusiness and trade, and enhance infrastructure. Other SCALE partners are DAI, Green Powered Technology, Nathan Associates, and Pacific American Fund.

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### FAST FACTS

**PROJECT NAME:** Strengthening Competitiveness, Agriculture, Livelihoods and Environment—Natural Resource Management

**PROJECT DURATION:** Oct 2020 – Sept 2025 (5 years)

**AID AGENCY:** United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

**BUDGET:** \$16.5 million

**IMPLEMENTING PARTNER:** Winrock International

**PARTNERS:** Malaita Provincial Government, Ministry of National Planning and Development Coordination, Ministry of Forestry and Research, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology, Malaita community-based organizations and communities

**FOCUS AREA:** Malaita Province

**CHIEF OF PARTY (CoP):** Mr. Michael McGrath

### Objectives

- **Empowering communities** to effectively participate in decisions about the exploitation of community-owned forests, and to design and implement initiatives to conserve and effectively manage these forests.
- Ensuring **increased community economic benefit** from the forests they own, through a combination of: (a) income-generating activities; and (b) conservation concessions
- **Strengthening the capacity of the Malaita Provincial Government** to effectively plan, manage and protect forests, building a network of “Natural Resource Champions” in the national and provincial governments, and sharing the experience of the project in Malaita to other provinces throughout the country.

## Implementation Principles

- Communities participate and are able to influence decisions regarding the management of forests in Malaita Province.
- Governments at both the provincial and national level are committed to community-based forest resource management and conservation, and have the policies, procedures, staff, and skills required to implement such policies.
- Women and youth participate in and lead Community-Based Natural Resource Management initiatives.
- A Natural Resource Management Champions Network improves vertical integration of government policies from local, provincial and national levels, as well as horizontal learning between jurisdictions.
- Conservation concession models are developed and implemented, which provide significant, sustainable benefits to communities and influence communities to support forest conservation.
- An effective forest monitoring mechanism is developed that incorporates ground level monitoring and remote data collection, and provides real-time forest information, which is accessible to the widest possible range of stakeholders.

✓ We are here to help communities to improve the management of forests and help find alternative sources of income that do not require destructive logging of forests.

✓ We support with technical training, advice, and help link communities and individuals to agricultural markets (national and international).

⊘ We will not provide cash or loans to individuals to establish or expand their businesses and/or farms.



Logging impact on roads  
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## Implementation of Activities

- Learning from the lessons of past projects and government initiatives;
- Building on successful ventures and taking advantage of market opportunities
- Working in partnership with communities, community-based organizations, and governments; and
- Giving priority to communities that want to protect their forests and have the passion and the enthusiasm to find and develop alternative sources of income.

SCALE-NRM IS A NATIONAL PROJECT, IMPLEMENTED BY WINROCK INTERNATIONAL. THE PROJECT WILL HELP DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT SUSTAINABLE MODELS FOR IMPROVED NATURAL RESOURCE GOVERNANCE IN MALAITA PROVINCE AND SHARING LESSONS LEARNT TO OTHER PROVINCES. IT IS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE GENEROUS SUPPORT OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

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