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CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL

Conservation International (CI) is an international, non-profit organization based in Arlington, VA. CI's mission is to conserve the Earth's living natural heritage, our global biodiversity, and to demonstrate that human societies are able to live harmoniously with nature.

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CONSERVATION INTERNATIONAL - FIJI

The focus of CI – Fiji is to conserve larger landscapes of natural forest and wilderness that still exist in the country. Work mainly focuses on Viti Levu, the largest island of the Fiji Group specifically on the Sovi Basin Nature Reserve, the islands' most important land ecosystem and a cradle for much of Fiji's biodiversity and natural heritage. Sovi Basin is located in one of the seven high-priority Key Biodiversity Areas (KBA) and is also working closely with local communities, partners, in particular the National Trust to build capacity for and implement effective conservation action. To protect its marine resources Fiji has a flourishing network of Locally Managed Marine Areas (LMMAs) and CI - Fiji is supporting research to help to local communities improve their management of these areas.

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SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL HERBARIUM

The South Pacific Regional Herbarium (SPRH) is maintained and administered by the Institute of Applied

Sciences at the University of the South Pacific (USP). The SPRH serves the member countries of USP which consists of the Cook Islands, Fiji, Kiribati, Marshall Islands, Nauru, Niue, Solomon Islands, Samoa, Tonga, Tokelau, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. It currently houses more than 50,000 vascular plant specimens in the main collection and has a wet collection of plant parts, bryophytes and algae from the Pacific region. The SPRH serves as an important resource in matters pertaining to the taxonomy, conservation and ecology of plants, forestry, land use planning, economic plants and weed problems in the Pacific region. As a member of an international network of herbaria, the SPRH participates in programs to maintain collections of botanical plants specimens for study by both local and international botanists and scientists working in associated fields.

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BIOLOGY DIVISION, UNIVERSITY OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC

The Biology Division at USP is part of the Faculty of Science, Technology & Environment. The Division's primary task is undergraduate and postgraduate teaching with a biology focus. This includes undergraduate subjects in invertebrate biology, plant diversity and conservation biology plus a postgraduate course in biodiversity and conservation. USP provides opportunity for in-depth, first-hand studies of two of the most diverse, yet contrasting ecosystems in the world – tropical rainforests and coral reefs. Several advanced courses emphasize the ecology and conservation of these systems, which are important throughout the South Pacific region. The Division also plays an active role in the Faculty's Biodiversity

and Conservation Research Group and is perfectly placed for field studies in tropical terrestrial, freshwater, and marine ecosystems.

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NATUREFIJI-MAREQETIVITI

NatureFiji-MareqetiViti is the membership-based working arm of the Fiji Nature Conservation Trust. NatureFiji-MareqetiViti's mission is to enhance biodiversity and habitat conservation, endangered species protection and sustainable use of natural resources of the Fiji Islands through the promotion of collaborative conservation action, awareness raising, education, research and biodiversity information exchange.

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NATIONAL TRUST OF FIJI

The National Trust for Fiji is a statutory body created in 1970 for the protection of the country's national, cultural and natural heritage. The work of the organization is supported by the National Trust Act of 1978, the Government's National Heritage Policy of 1996 and the National Trust Amendment Act of 1998. The role of the organization extends beyond the management of individual properties it owns or leases to a vision that embraces heritage management in Fiji. Local communities are involved in programmes, partnerships established locally and internationally, and the organization adheres to regional and international agreements. The responsibility of the National Trust is to the people of Fiji and to the international community.

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FIJI DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS

The Department is committed to the development of forest resource management strategies and the enforcement of sustainable forest practices and aims to maximize the contribution of the Forestry sector of the country's economy.

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WETLANDS INTERNATIONAL - OCEANIA

Wetlands International – Oceania exists to sustain and restore wetlands, their resources and biodiversity for future generations through research, information exchange and conservation activities, particularly in the Pacific Islands region.

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FIJI MUSEUM

The Fiji Museum is a statutory body that is governed by the Fiji Museum Act and the Preservation of Objects of Archaeological and Palaeontological Interest Act. The Archaeology Department at the Fiji Museum utilizes the Acts in all its operations with the aim of identifying, protecting and conserving archaeological and cultural heritage for the current and future generations.

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SYSTEMATICS AND ECOLOGY LABORATORY, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

The Systematics and Ecology Laboratory conducts systematics and ecological research on a wide variety of

taxonomic groups. Much of the current taxonomic work focuses on systematic revisions of key groups of crabs and fishes and many projects are ongoing collaborative efforts with international crustacean and fish specialists from over a dozen countries.

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FRESHWATER ECOLOGY RESEARCH GROUP, UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY

The FERG is primarily field-based, and covers a broad array of applied and theoretical ecological topics including the natural history of New Zealand's freshwater biota, the influence of land-use change, acid mine drainage, ecosystem size and disturbance on stream communities, and biogeochemistry and nutrient cycling.

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