

Organizational Profiles

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