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Navotua women part taking in a traditonal storage method

### NAVOTUA WOMEN UPSKILLED IN FOOD PRESERVATION AND STORAGE CAPACITY

Strengthening women's participation in disaster risk management was the focus of a one week food preservation training for women of Navotua in the Yasawas.

The training was aimed at building capacity on food preservation techniques and on better storage methods in the event of a disaster.

Food preservation consultant, Api Cegumalua added the training was a necessity for Navotua.

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WWF-Pacific Representative Kesaia Tabunakawai speaks on the importance of Fiji's Great Sea Reef.

### WWF-PACIFIC RAISES AWARENESS ON FIJI'S GREAT SEA REEF

In supporting, the United Nations Oceans conference in New York, WWF-Pacific is carrying out a week long stakeholder consultation in the three divisions of the country, highlighting its work on the importance of ocean conservation in Fiji and the Pacific.

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ERT workshop upskills organization in disaster response

### ERT WORKSHOP UPSKILLS ORGANIZATION IN DISASTER RESPONSE

With the aim of better assisting its project communities directly after a natural or man-made disaster, staff of WWF-Pacific under-went a three day workshop on 'Emergency Response Training (ERT)'.

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Tarusila Veibi at the United Nations Oceans conference in New York.

### MOVING MOUNTAINS FOR FIJI'S FISHER WOMEN

Fiji's very own Tarusila Veibi has every reason to smile. At 55 years of age, her commitment and drive to support conservation efforts at community level has taken a giant leap through her very first international participation at the United Nations Oceans conference.

"I never dreamt that I, a community representative would be chosen to represent Fiji at the United Nations Oceans conference in New York." she said.

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## FROM THE FIELD

### CLIMATE CHANGE, POOR WASTE DISPOSAL MAJOR FACTORS TO DISAPPEARING FRESH WATER MUSSEL FISHING GROUNDS

Healthy rivers are vital to Healthy Oceans, this was the underlying theme for a one day kai workshop organized by WWF-Pacific in Ba. With Climate change, unsustainable agricultural practices and improper waste disposal becoming major threats to the survival of natural marine resources, villages and settlements of the Nailaga district gathered to actively participate in discussions aimed at raising awareness on the sustainable protection and conservation of Ba's river delicacy.



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Groups identifying 'kai' fishing spots along the Ba River

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## OTHER NEWS

### NAVOTUA WOMEN BUILD ON VALUE ADDING CAPACITY

Women of Navotua in the Yasa-was can now earn extra income to help support their families after being up-skilled in making scented coconut oil, soaps and assorted chips from breadfruit and banana.

Organized by WWF-Pacific, the weeklong workshop on food preservation brought together 14 women to actively participate through hands on experience and most importantly value adding products for the first time.

"The workshop sponsored by USAID through WWF-Pacific was a great initiative as we now know how to make not only virgin coconut oil but other products such as soap, breadfruit, banana chips to even jam," said Ms. Losena Qova a participant.

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### RINDAH MELSEN: PUSHING BOUNDARIES FOR WOMEN IN CONSERVATIONWIN

"I am very proud, I never thought that I would be going to New York to represent my people at the United Nations Oceans conference and talk about the work we do in protecting our marine resources."

These are the words of 49 year old Rindah Melsen of Nusatuva island of the Western Province of the Solomon Islands.

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