

# Fiji's Marine Ecosystem Services

in 2014 were worth

## FJ\$ 2.5b

which is more than the country's total exports

Marine and coastal ecosystems provide benefits for all people in Fiji. Yet, these ecosystem services often remain invisible. Truly recognizing the value of such resources can help to highlight their importance and prevent their unnecessary loss.

The results presented here summarise a report on the economic values of Fiji's marine ecosystem services. The results are based on data from national agencies, if not otherwise indicated in the report. Because methods vary, values may not be directly comparable across different ecosystem service valuations. This summary is a 2014 snapshot using the best data available. The analysis and results can be improved as more comprehensive data on marine values are collected.

Once values are more visible, governments and stakeholders can plan and manage resources more sustainably, and maintain economic and social benefits of marine and coastal biodiversity in the long term.

Full report: [www.macbio.pacific.info/resources](http://www.macbio.pacific.info/resources)



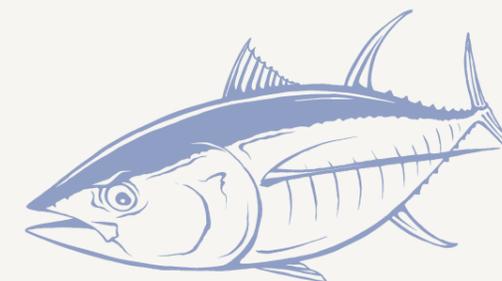
Marine tourism brings in  
**\$1.15b**  
in gross revenue



The gross value of Fiji's tuna is

## \$55m

per year



while the net value retained in Fiji's economy is FJ\$ 20m

More than

## half

of rural Fijians rely on subsistence fishing



More than

## \$128m

in GDP is from fishing and aquaculture



MANGROVES are being lost at

## 1-3% per yr

By 2050 we may lose

## \$213m

in ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

CORAL REEFS are being lost at

## >2% per yr

By 2050 we may lose

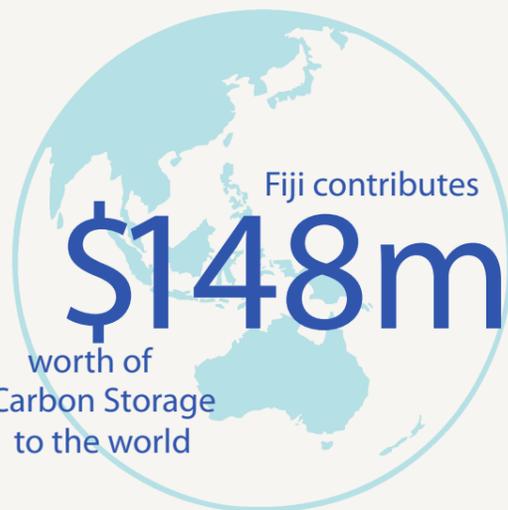
## \$2.4b

in ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

Subsistence Fishing is worth at least

## up to \$59m

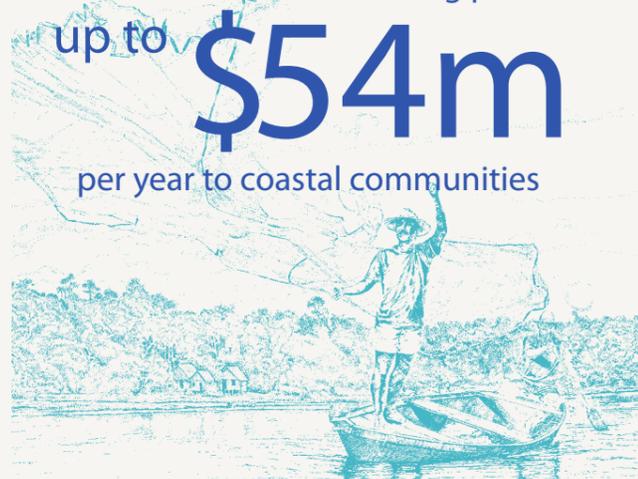
per year to coastal communities



Artisanal commercial fishing provides

## up to \$54m

per year to coastal communities



All figures represent yearly values in 2014 FJ \$

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Coral reefs and mangroves provide more than

## \$21.2m

in coastal protection value

