

# HOW VALUABLE IS OUR OCEAN?

VANUATU'S NATIONAL BUDGET (2014)\*

VUV **16<sup>B</sup>**



VANUATU'S MARINE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

AT LEAST  
VUV **5.8<sup>B</sup>**



\*World Bank (2014)

<http://data.worldbank.org/country/vanuatu>

The size of the bubbles proportionally represents the respective net value per annum, based on 2014 data (upper value used in case of range of values).

The goods and services provided by Vanuatu's **marine ecosystems** are **huge**. They are comparable to the country's **total budget**.

# VANUATU'S MARINE

## OFFSHORE FISHERIES

VUV 208M



## INSHORE FISHERIES

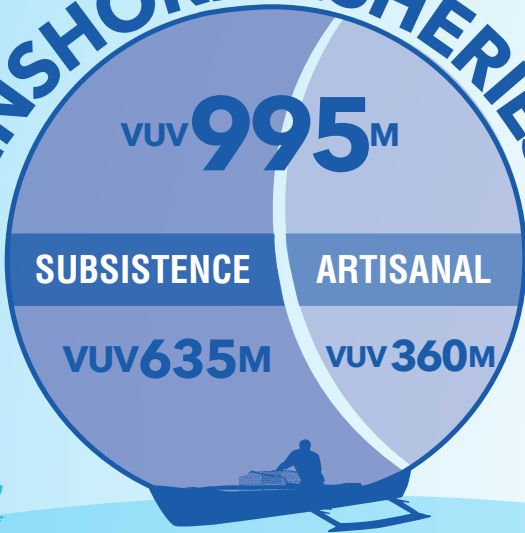
VUV 995M

SUBSISTENCE

ARTISANAL

VUV 635M

VUV 360M



## MARINE TOURISM

VUV 1.1B



Vanuatu's **marine ecosystem services** are **valuable** and **diverse**, yet often **hidden**.

# ECOSYSTEM SERVICES

COASTAL PROTECTION

VUV 2<sup>B</sup>

CARBON STORAGE

VUV 760M

C<sup>6</sup>  
Carbon

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Vanuatu's **marine ecosystem services** need to be fully recognized and sustainably managed or they **may be lost forever.**

# WHAT ARE MARINE ECOSYSTEM SERVICES?



The living resources of the Pacific Ocean are part of the region's rich natural capital. Marine and coastal ecosystems provide benefits for all people in and beyond the region. These benefits are called ecosystem services and include a broad range of values linking the environment with development and human well-being.

Yet, the natural capital of the ocean often remains invisible. Truly recognizing the value of such resources can help to highlight their importance and prevent their unnecessary loss. The MACBIO project provides technical support to the governments of Fiji, Kiribati, Solomon Islands, Tonga and Vanuatu in identifying and highlighting the values of marine and coastal resources and their ecosystem services.

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 medium and long term.

The MACBIO Project has undertaken economic assessments of Fiji's marine and coastal ecosystem services, and supports the integration of results into national policies and development planning.

This brochure provides a summary of the results of this assessment. For a copy of the full report please visit our website [www.macbio-pacific.info](http://www.macbio-pacific.info).

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## MARINE ECOSYSTEM SERVICE VALUATION



## MARINE SPATIAL PLANNING



## EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT



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