



## Restore and document the ancient voyaging practices in the Veakau, Santa Cruz, and Solomon Islands

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REGIONAL HUB:	Pacific
CULTURAL SECTOR(S):	Fashion, design, crafts, cultural heritage
BENEFICIARY (IES):	Vaka Taumako Project Solomon Islands and Vaka Valo Association Inc.
COUNTRIES COVERED BY THE ACTION:	Solomon Islands
PROJECT DURATION:	07/2023-04/2024 (10 months)
BUDGET: E	UR 69 899 – EU FUNDING: EUR 69 899 (100 %)
WEBSITE:	N/A

**'Restore and document the ancient voyaging practices in the Veakau, Santa Cruz, and Solomon Islands'** aims to revive commerce and networks between the islands, strengthen knowledge sharing, promote eco-cultural tourism, and generate socio-economic benefits for the communities in this region.

In this context, youths from Veakau and Taumako have been trained in ancient navigation techniques and traditional voyage canoe construction, ensuring the preservation and transmission of this invaluable cultural heritage to future generations.

Furthermore, the project aimed to foster a sense of pride and unity within local communities by involving them in the revival of traditional canoe (vaka) construction and navigation. This notably involved engaging people of all genders and age groups in various project activities.

Income and employment opportunities were generated for youths and the entire community, thereby contributing to the economic development of the region. Finally, emphasis was placed on the sustainable use of local materials for canoe construction and navigation, as well as the promotion of environmentally friendly transportation methods that reduce dependence on fossil fuels.



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