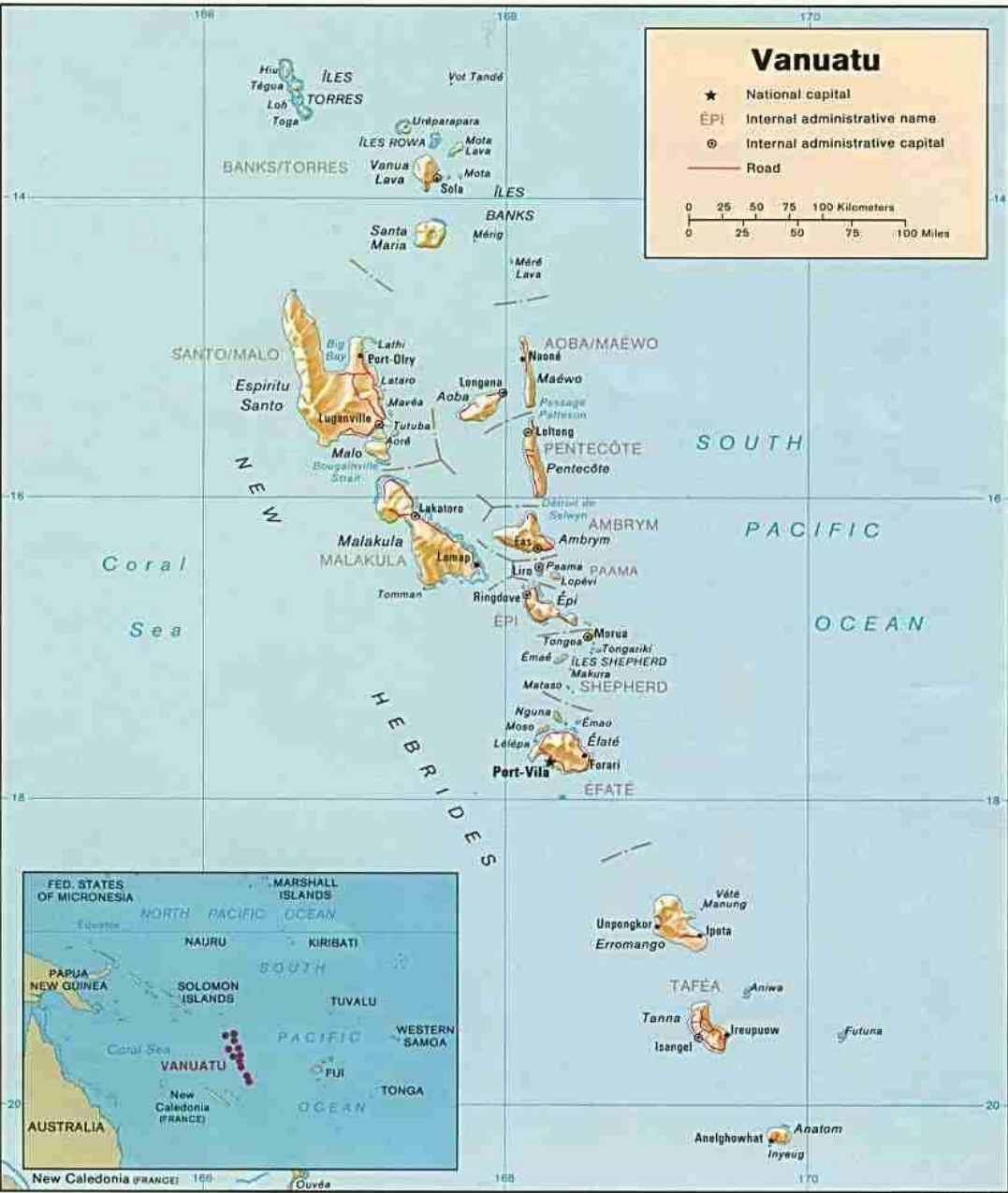


Status of REDD+ in Vanuatu

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REDD+ Steering Structure

- Vanuatu has a National Advisory Committee on Climate Change (NACCC) ;-
- REDD+ steering structure to be decided, designated coordinator is identified.

Vanuatu Carbon Credit Project

- 1st Forest Carbon Process in Vanuatu (2006-2008)
- Starting point for national involvement in REDD+
- 3 phases (planned):
 1. project design
 2. capacity building
 3. demonstration activities
- Phase 1 funded by UK and NZ
- Main output: R-PIN submission for World Bank FCPF

Forest Carbon Partnership Facility

- Funds of 200.000 USD granted in 2009
- Purpose: development of Readiness Preparation Proposal (R-PP)
 - policy and legal assessment
 - development of national REDD+ strategy and implementation framework
 - establishment of national multistakeholder REDD+ working group
 - REL methodology development
 - MRV methodology development
- Mission in August 2011
- After R-PP is accepted: 3.4 mio. USD funding for implementation

Challenges in FCPF process

Upfront: these challenges are a specific experience for Vanuatu. Not necessarily applying to other countries

- Hiring of a national REDD+ coordinator proved difficult
- Processing of the funding request through the internet
- Formulating ToR for consultancies (REDD+ Policy specialist and Environmental and Social Impact specialist)



Lack of capacities

SPC/GIZ REDD+ Project Support

- Potential priority activities (national level) and potential pilot sites were identified in initial planning meeting in June 2011
- Further refinement in joint mission SPC/GIZ/World Bank:
Division of tasks stated in Aide Memoire
World Bank: Policy Process through R-PP development
SPC/GIZ: REL and MRV approach development
- REL/MRV mission with consultant: mid-October
- Pilot site description by consultant until mid-November
- Presentation to NACCC in October

REDD+ Development Roadmap

- Vanuatu REDD+ process will be developed through a collaborative approach between FCPF & GIZ
 - FCPF – Policy and legislative framework,
 - GIZ – MRV (REL & Pilot sites),
 - To be completed by June 2012,
 - *Two areas for REDD+ - Conservation and reforestation*

Challenges (questions)

- Long and complicated process;
- Complicate forest management activities with financial expectations (additionality);
- Who will do the assessments and how will it pay off;
- Might be several years before REDD+ can work in Vanuatu;
- Who will get the carbon money, if any at all?
- Who will be the buyer of carbon?
- How do we include REDD+ in awareness activities – payment process yet to be determined.

Opportunities

- REDD+ could become an important SFM tool.
- Potential to generate income to forest owners.
- Better not to make unnecessary noise at this stage, but continue with usual work programs.
- Vanuatu could look at developing its own small market model



Thank you