

# ***Sustainable Development through Blue & Red Economy in PNG.***

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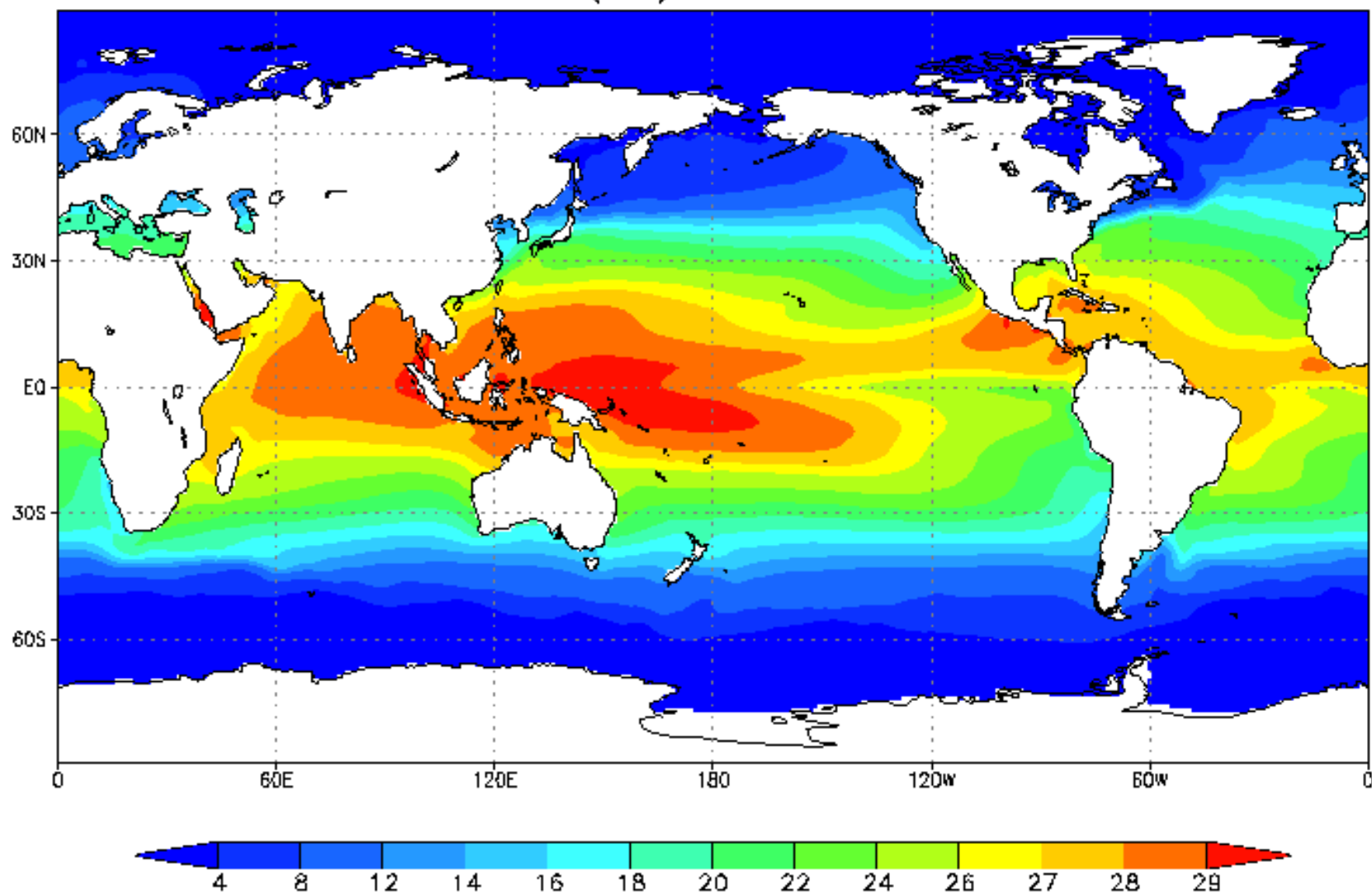
- 1. Introduction- Climate Change and Impacts*
- 2. BLUE & GREEN Economy*
- 3. Sustainable Development-Model*
- 4. Partnerships- UPNG, TEM and Manus Province*
- 5. Summary*



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Pentad mean SST ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ):

Annual mean

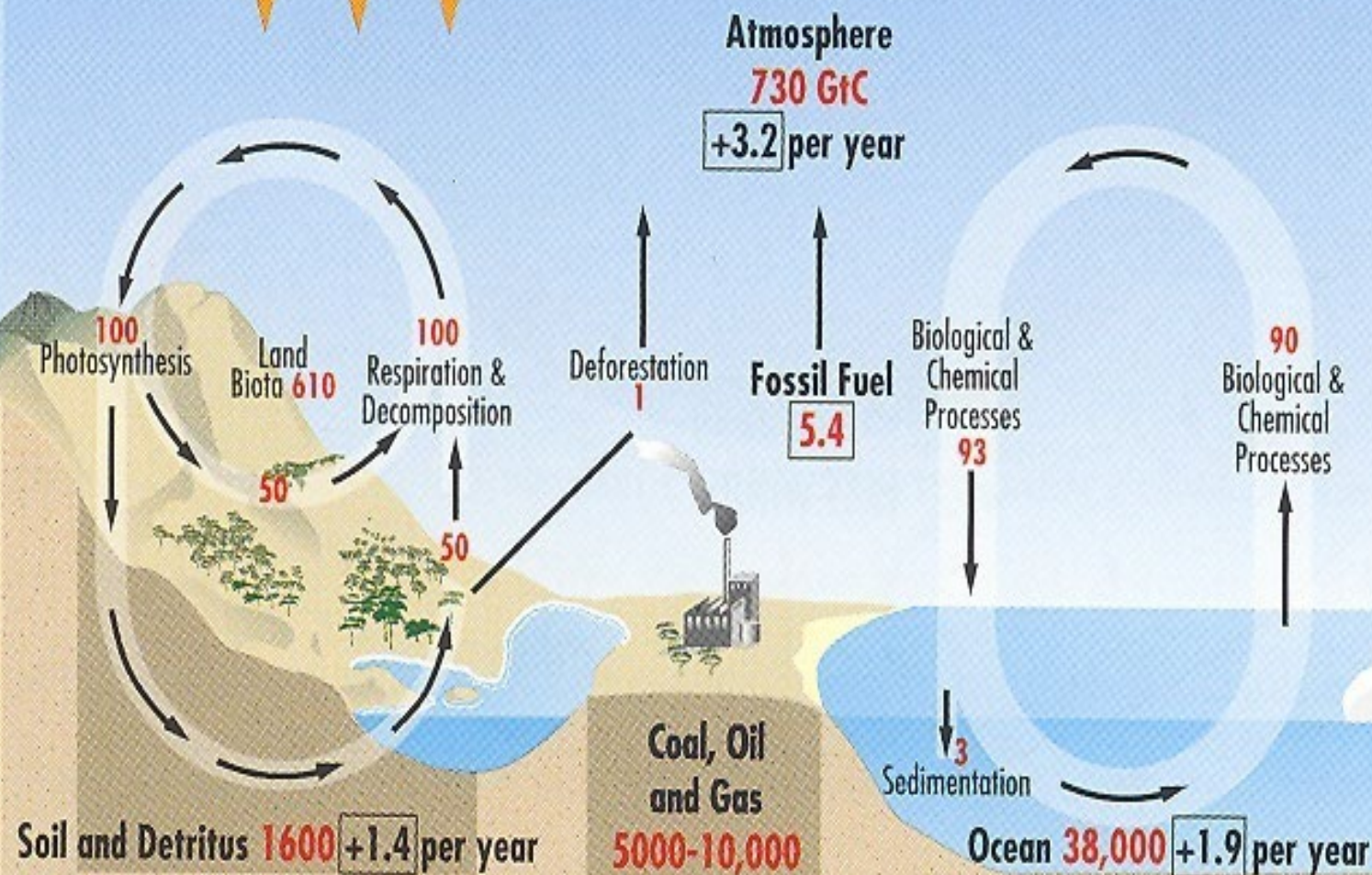


Space

# GLOBAL CARBON CYCLE

Atmosphere

Geosphere

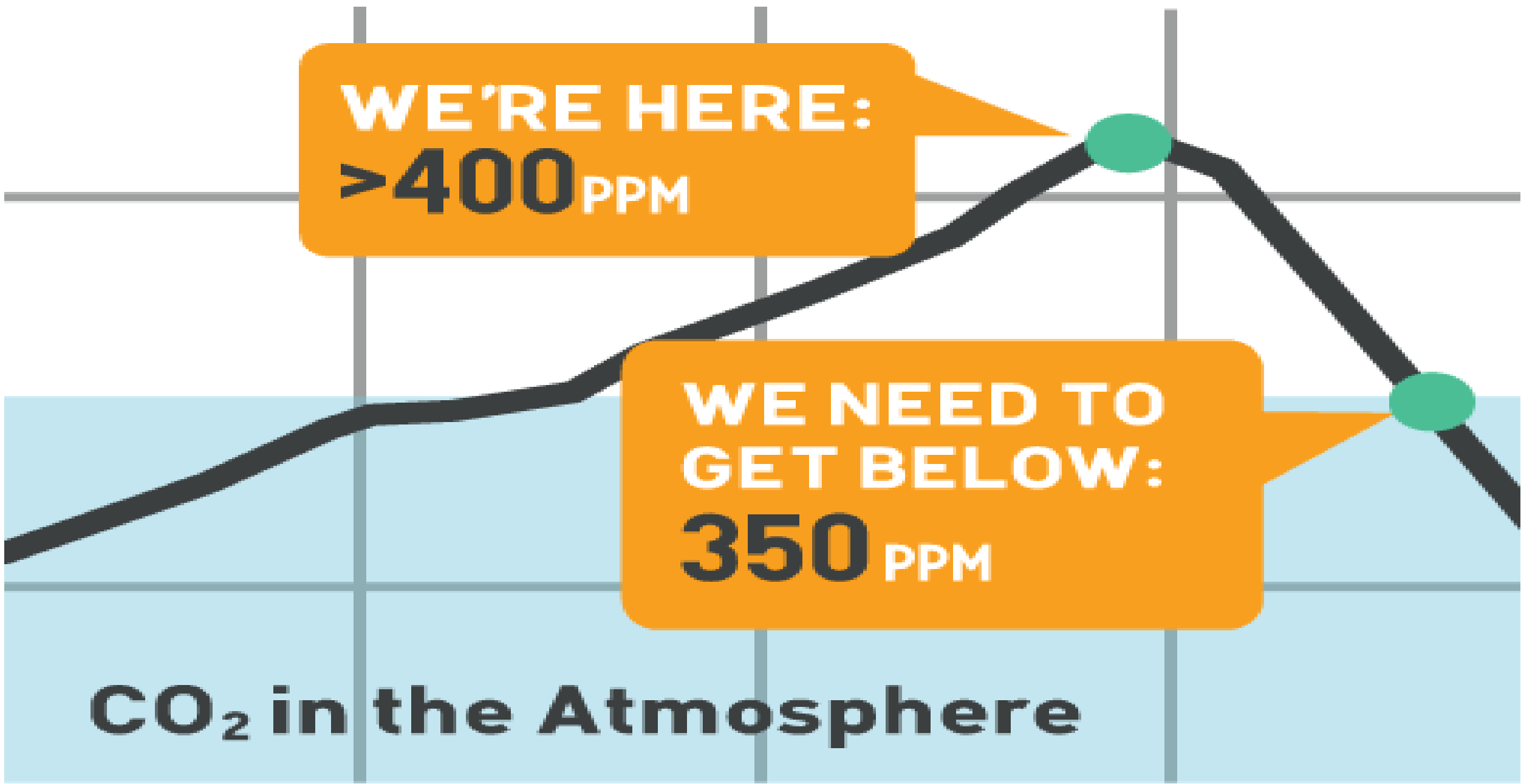


*COP 26*

**WE'RE HERE:**  
**>400**PPM

**WE NEED TO  
GET BELOW:**  
**350**PPM

**CO<sub>2</sub> in the Atmosphere**



# ***PARIS AGREEMENT 2015***

## **BRIEF**

Over the 2015 in Paris, two weeks of negotiations culminated in the adoption by parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change of a conference decision and Paris Agreement to address climate change. The combined Paris Outcome commits parties to limit global temperature rise to ‘well below 2 °C’ with an aspirational target of a 1.5 °C limit.



# *How does it affect you?*

The Paris Agreement commits parties to hold the increase in global average temperature to 'well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels'.

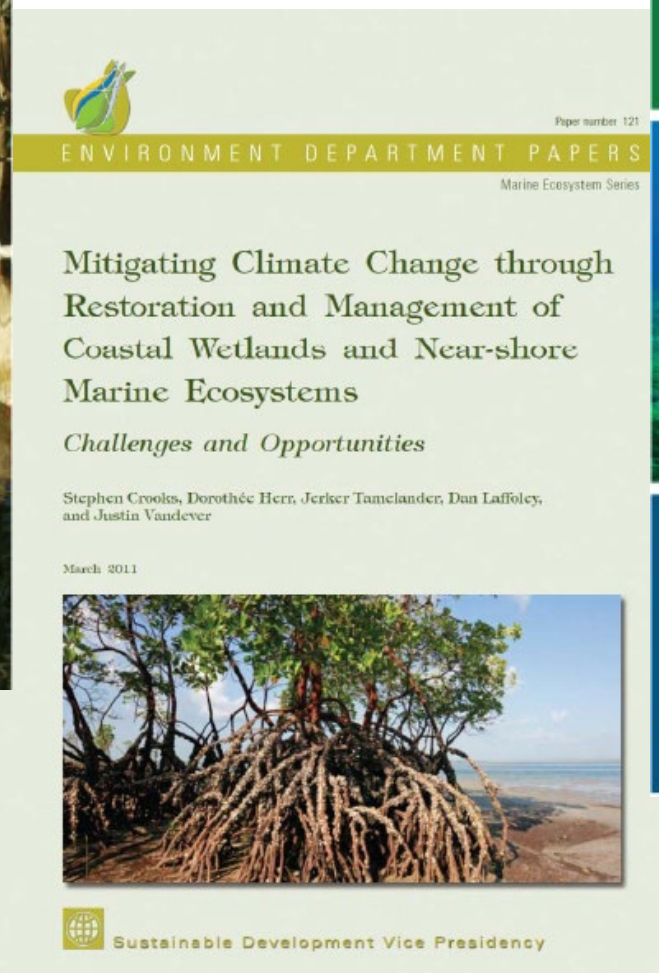
The Agreement includes a mechanism for parties to review their nationally determined contributions every five years, with increasing ambition.

**The Paris Outcome includes a work program and measures for enhanced action prior to 2020, as well as recognition of the importance of non-state actors, including business and sub-national governments in addressing climate change.**

The Paris Outcome along with the series of innovation announcements and commitments made during COP21 will increase focus on clean energy technology, energy efficiency and

# International Blue Carbon WG (CI, IUCN, UNEP, World Bank)

## Mangrove Conservation





# *Manus Blue Carbon Project Overview*



TEM



# Methodology

## Conceptual Framework - Manus Sustainable Development Framework




# Governance: Where do we begin?



## BOTTOM UP APPROACH

### BUILDING GREATER AUTONOMY

1. CLAN LAND BOUNDARY MAPS
  2. CLAN/TRIBE PROFILE
  3. SOCIOECONOMIC PROFILE
  4. BIODIVERSITY/ ENVIRONMENT PROFILE
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5. RAPATONA LLG SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2022 -2032







## *Agenda*

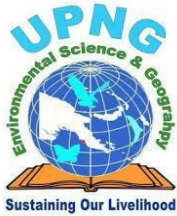
1. Introduce the team
2. Importance of mangroves and status on Manus Island
3. Project stages
4. Project concept
5. Discussion



# Project Partners



Project Lead - design, approvals,  
funding and implementation



Stakeholder  
Engagement  
and  
Blue Carbon  
Research



Blue  
Carbon  
Science &  
Project  
Design

ADATOS.AI

Advanced  
Remote  
Sensing  
Applications



Support from the Manus Provincial  
Government





# Tasman Environmental Markets (TEM)

- There is rapidly growing demand by big organisations to act on climate change
- TEM empowers businesses and consumers to achieve carbon emission reductions and make extraordinary impact by connecting them to life-changing carbon reduction projects
- TEM partners with iconic brands to achieve their carbon neutral and net zero emissions goals

# Our Partners

“With the help of TEM to make careful project selections, offsets provide a way for us to take immediate action to slow climate change while we partner with our clients and suppliers on the challenging and material task of removing emissions directly from our construction activities and materials.”

*Ann Austin, National Sustainability Manager  
Lendlease Building*





# April Salumei REDD+, PNG



Reduced Emissions from Deforestation and Degradation (REDD)

Agriculture Forestry and Other Land Use (AFOLU)



Crediting period  
38 years



Project area  
603,712 hectares



Biodiversity



> 380 species of birds and mammals



Avoided emissions  
(Second verification period 2014-18)  
1,848,434 tCO<sub>2</sub>

UN Sustainable Development Goals



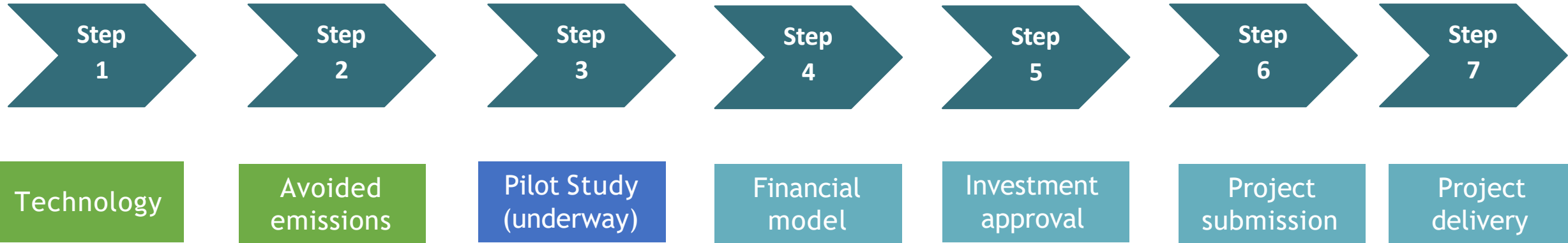


# Cookstoves Project, PNG



Installation of high efficiency firewood cookstoves (VMROO06)

UN Sustainable Development Goals



Avoided emissions  
Estimated 5-7 tCO<sub>2</sub> per ICS/annum

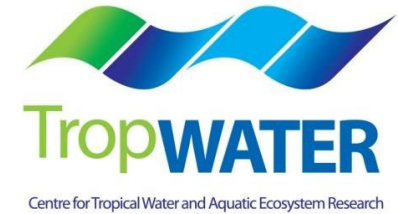


- Prof. Chalapan Kaluwin and Dr. Lavong Balun (UPNG team)
- In 2014 commenced research on Climate Change linked to the Blue Carbon market in PNG, the Pacific, and now the Manus Island Province
- Started Blue Research in RAPATONA LLG in 2020 measuring Blue Carbon stocks of mangrove and seagrass, and estimating Biodiversity abundance and conservation status

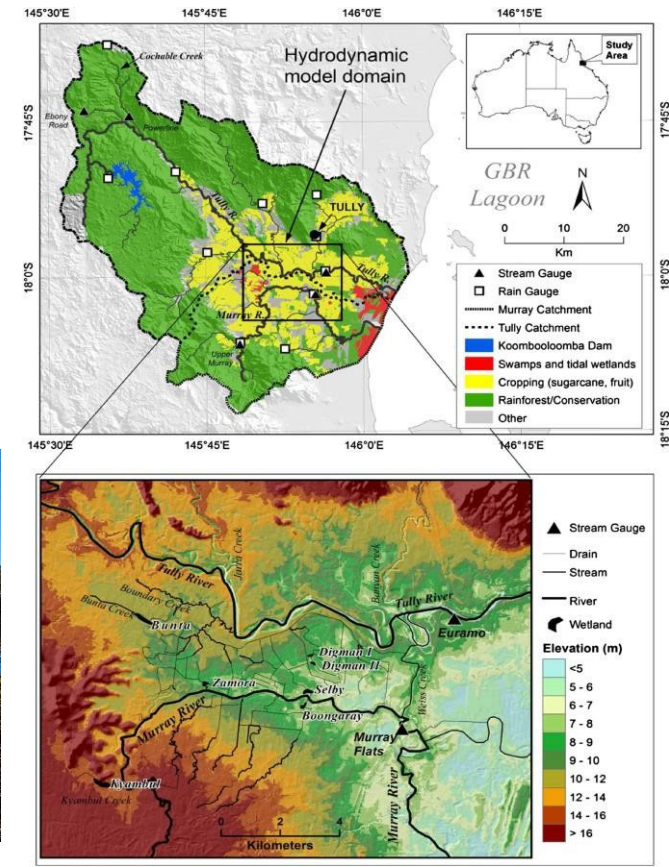




# James Cook University

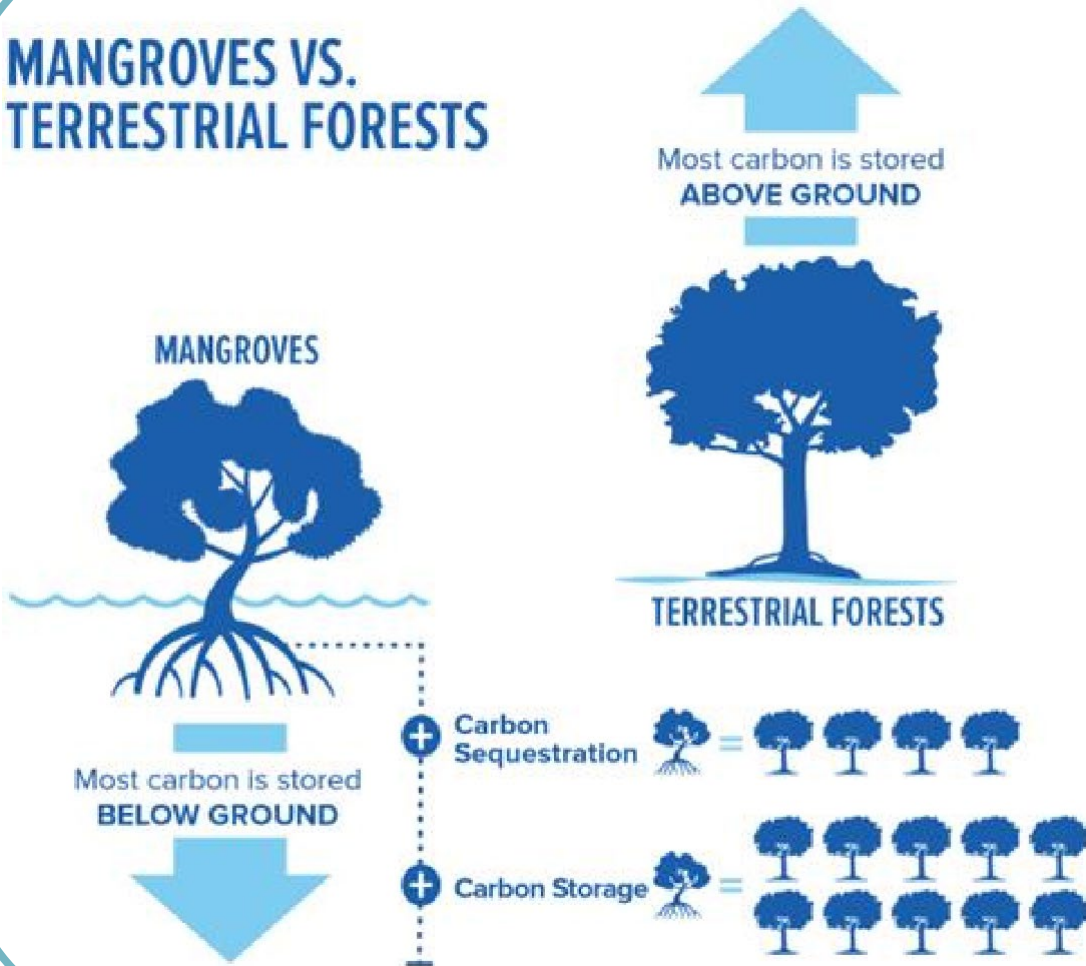


- JCU ranked 1 in the world for marine science
- Cutting edge restoration research with impact
  - 15 fisheries habitat restoration
  - 4 large blue carbon research projects (>1000ha)
  - 10 restoration projects for water quality
  - 5 spatial habitat modelling
- Latest technology and artificial intelligence
- Team of 10 staff (Scientists and field techs)



# The Importance of Mangroves

## MANGROVES VS. TERRESTRIAL FORESTS



© Reef Resilience



Blue  
Carbon



Verified Carbon  
Standard

Terminology for carbon captured by oceans and coastal ecosystems

Mangroves are 10 times more efficient than forests in storing CO2

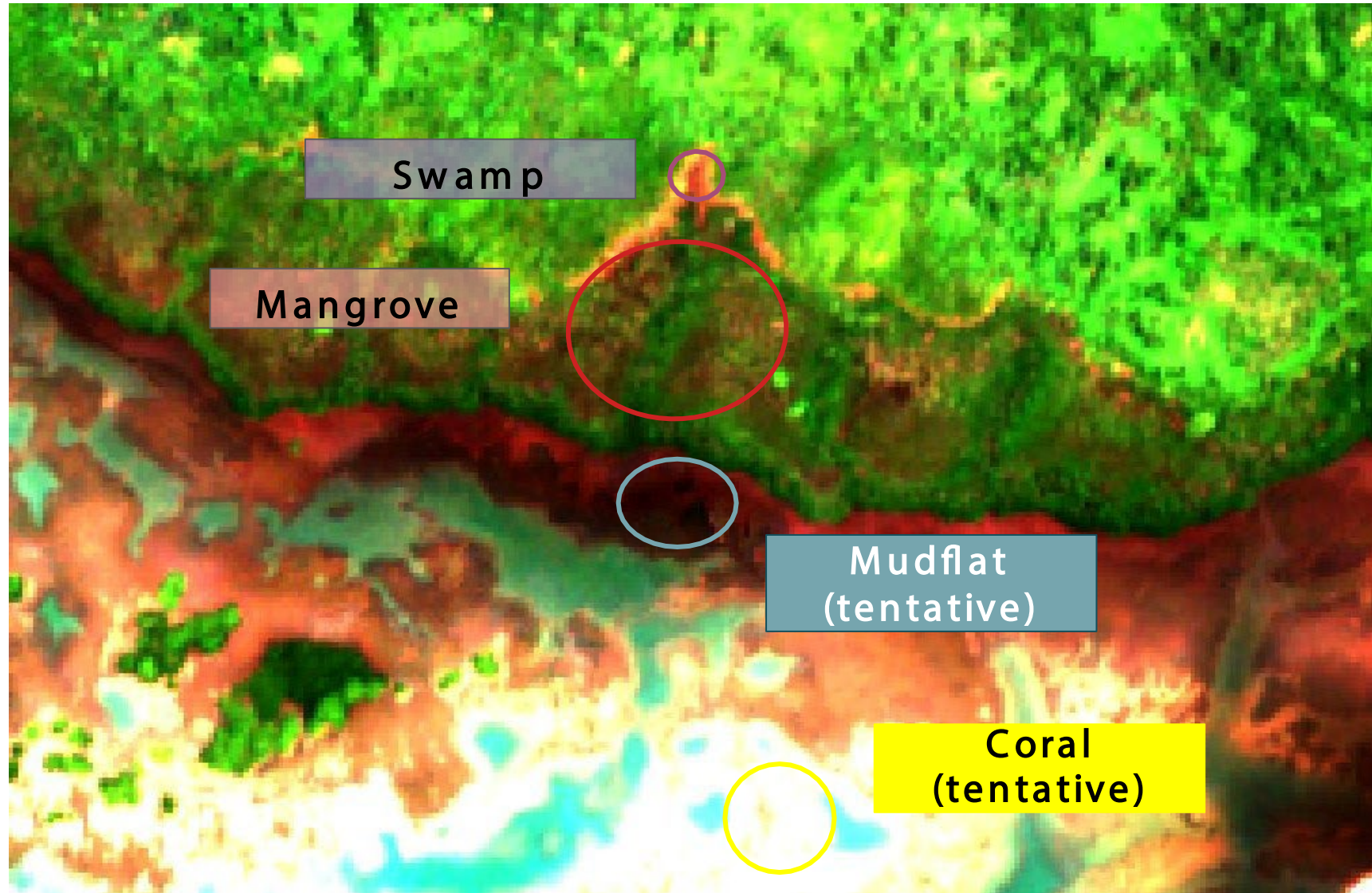
Mangroves damaged by human activity release their accumulated CO2 contributing to Climate Change



# Classification Based on Remote Sensing

## True Colour

Note: Corals are not part of the proposed land cover classification but an alignment on the differentiation of corals and mudflats would be required for accurate classification of mudflats



# *Current Status of Mangroves*



Estimated 67% of loss of historical mangrove forests worldwide



Degradation of mangrove forests occurs faster than tropical rainforests



Mangrove forests clearing for fuelwood



Frequent erosion and flooding by King tides (e.g., 2008, 2021 in the Pacific)



Lack of monitoring systems



Absence of policies to support sustainable coastal management



# Mangrove Ecosystems in PNG



Mangroves surface  
417,229 hectares



Mangrove surface Worldwide  
Ranked 4<sup>th</sup>



Estimated tonnes of C Storage  
223,096,105



Global C storage Worldwide  
5.32%



# Manus Island Mangroves – *Preliminary assessment*



**Mangroves in Manus and  
Los Negros Islands**

**Remote sensing data**



**2000-2022  
Landsat 7, Sentinel 1 & 2**



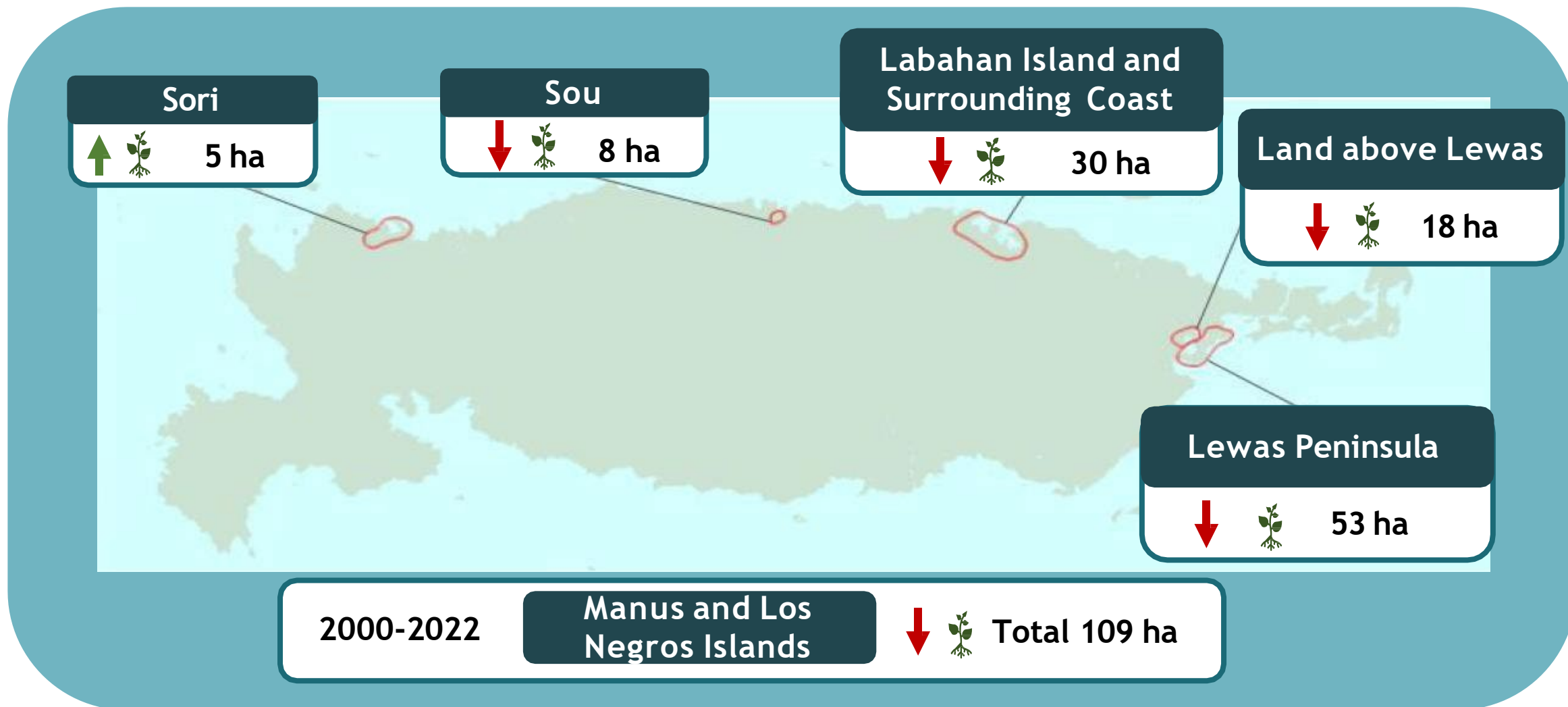
**Mangroves  
5,760 hectares**



**Estimated tonnes of CO2 stored  
9,881,424**

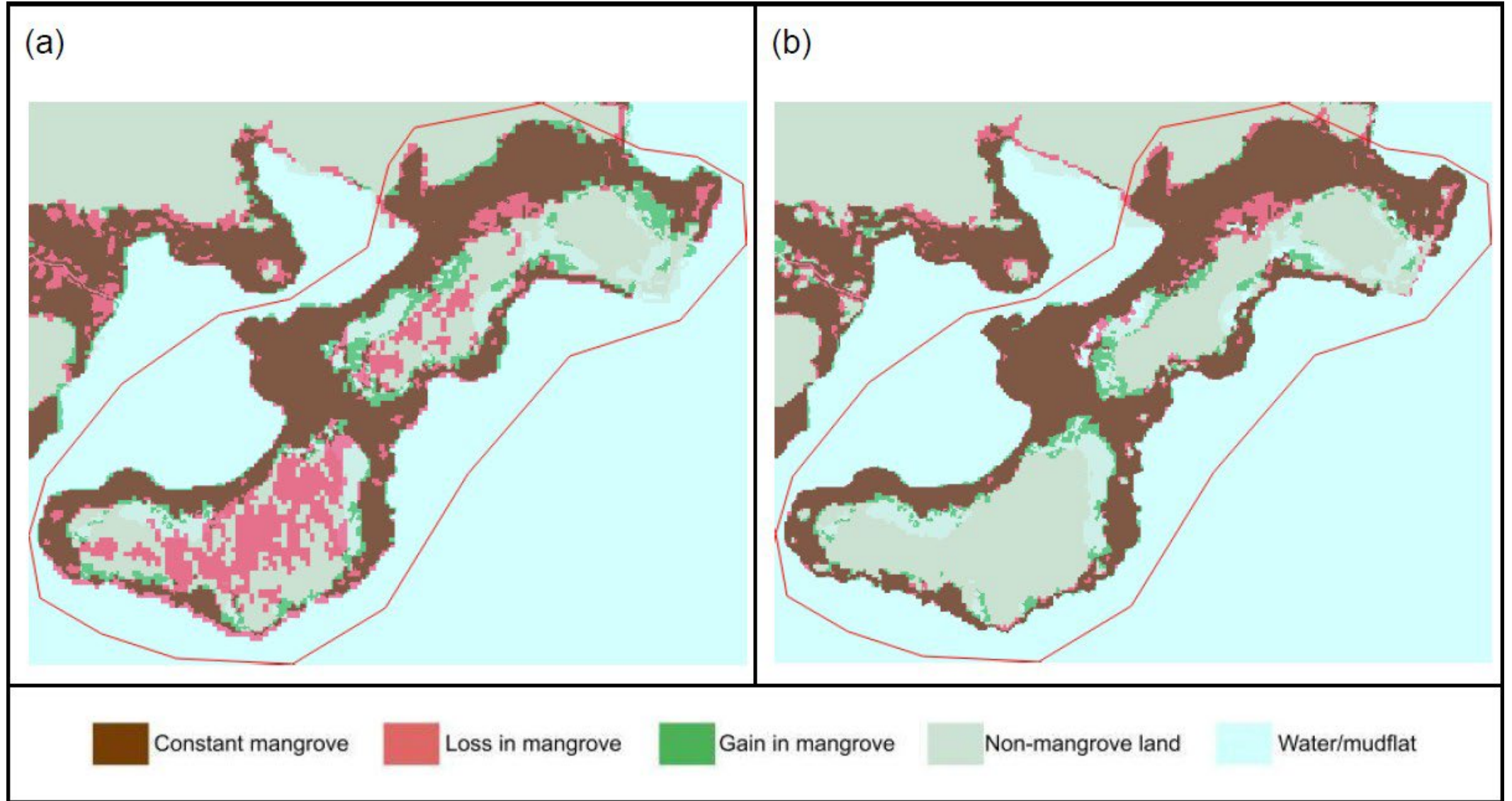
*Hamilton & Friess 2018*

# *Preliminary analysis - Manus Island mangroves 2000-2020*





# *Preliminary analysis 2000-2020 (Lawas)*





# *Impacts on Manus (Lawas)*







# *Impacts on Manus (Lobahan and Airport Rd)*





# ***Integrated Blue Carbon Project First in PNG (- model project)***



Education of the local communities on mangrove protection, conservation and integrated agriculture



Address human induced impacts on mangroves - clearing for housing, firewood, agriculture, infrastructure (eg road design, drainage)



Develop a management plan to establish areas for mangrove protection and restoration (eg Rapatona, Labahan) with partners (UPNG, TNC)



Work with the National and Manus Provincial Governments, LLGs, ward and clans to develop policy for coastal management



# *Key Stages for a successful Manus Integrated Blue Carbon Project*

1. Prepare the Project Concept and undertake preliminary research
2. Sign an MOU with Manus Provincial Government
3. Undertake a Feasibility Study
  - a) Stakeholder Engagement – MPG, CCDA, LLGs/landowners, etc
  - b) Project Design Document
  - c) Project Cost & Finance
  - d) Investment Plan (community benefit and mangrove restoration)
  - e) Project Approvals
4. Sign a Project Development Agreement with MPG
5. Project Implementation (team based on Manus)
6. Project Monitoring & Evaluation









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