

Preliminary national diagnostic for environment statistics

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National vision

- The Overarching Vision (NDS 2016-2035) for Solomon Islands is:
“Improving the Social and Economic Livelihoods of all Solomon Islanders”.
- Our national vision for sustainable development, biodiversity, green economy and ecosystems for [Solomon Islands](#) is:

NDS Objective Four: Resilient and environmentally sustainable development with effective disaster risk management, response and recovery

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Policy priorities and policy tools

- Sustainable development policy priorities:
 - **Medium Term Strategy 10: Improve disaster and climate risk management, including prevention, risk reduction, preparedness, response and recovery and adaptation as part of resilient development**
 - **Medium Term Strategy 11: Manage the environment in a sustainable way and contribute to climate change mitigation**
 - Links to National Stats Dev Strategy - Priorities for data: water and wastage data (linkages to: SDG 6: Ensure availability/sustainable management of water and sanitation (water))
 - Links to National Stats Dev Strategy - Priorities for data: on energy resources (linkages to: SDG 7: Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all (energy))
 - Links to National Stats Dev Strategy -Priorities for data: on generation and management of waste (linkages to: SDG 12. Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns- food loss (waste))

Policy priorities and policy tools

- Policy tools in place or planned:
 - National Climate Change Policy 2012-2017**
 - **National Adaptation Program of Action (NAPA) 2008**
 - **National Biodiversity strategy & Action Plan 2009**
 - **National Disaster Risk Management Plan 2010**
 - **Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral reefs ,fisheries & food security national plan of action (CTI NPOA),2010.**
 - **Along with the respective Acts**

Institutions

- Key Stakeholders in environment sustainable development and green economy policy:

Ministry /Agency	Legislation/Institutional Mechanisms
Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Development	Biosecurity Act 2014
Ministry of Communication and Aviation	Civil Aviation Act (2009 Amendment)
Ministry of Environment ,Climate Change ,Disaster and Meteorology	Environment Act 1998, Wildlife protection & management Act 1998, Protected Areas Act 1990, Metrology Act , National Disaster Act 1989.
Ministry of Forestry & Research	Forestry Act
Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification	Mines & Mineral Act 1990,Petroleum Act, River Water Act
Ministry of Fisheries & Marine Resources	Fisheries Act 2015

Institutions

Ministry /Agency	Legislation/Institutional Mechanisms
Ministry of Lands, Housing and Survey	Land Titles Act, Land Survey Act ,Land Valuation Act, Town and Country Planning Act.
Solomon Islands Ports Authority	Ports Act, State Owned Enterprise Act 2007
Solomon Water	Solomon Island Water Authority Act, State Owned Enterprise Act 2007

Institutions

- The role of the National Statistical office:
 - **The NSO is a central official statistical agency of government, whose mandate is to collect, process, analyse and disseminate core official statistics for the purposes of policy and planning, decision making and public debate.**
 - **NSO is currently overseeing the implementation of the first ever National Statistics Development Strategy (NSDS) 2015-16 to 2035**

Knowledge

Key documents and data sources:

- **National Provident Fund Employment Data (SINPF)**
- **Government Finance Statistics (Finance and Treasury/National Planning –MDPAC)**
- **NSO Business Surveys (SISO),**
- **NSO Non-Profit Institutions Survey (SISO)**
- **NSO Trade Statistics (SISO/Customs)**
- **CBSI Balance of Payments (CBSI)**
- **CBSI Annual and Quarterly Economic Review (CBSI)**
- **NSO Household Income and Expenditure Survey 2005/6 (SISO)**
- **NSO Census Population Growth Rates (SISO)**
- **NSO Consumer Price Index (SISO)**
- **NSO Selected Volume and Price indexes (Various sources/SISO)**
- **Admin Records of various government ministries**

Websites: www.mof.gov.sb ; NSO: www.statistics.gov.sb

Existing compilations

- SEEA Central Framework Accounts
 - No compilations to date.
 - According to NSDS, SSEA is planned for 2025
- SEEA Ecosystem Accounts
 - No compilations to date
 - According to NSDS, SSEA Ecosystem/Accounts is planned for 2025
- Other FDES indicators
 - No compilations to date
 - According to NSDS, SSEA related FDES is planned for 2025

Context

- Other national statistical development activities
 - Development of the first ever National Statistics Development Strategy (NSDS) 2015-16 to 2035
 - NSDS is now deliberated in Cabinet (for Cabinet Endorsement)
 - Roll-out of NSDS in 2017
 - International activities focused on environment, sustainable development, biodiversity or green economy
- Solomon Islands is also a Party to the ;**
- United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD),
 - United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity (UNCBD)
 - United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

Priorities

Short- term: Priority accounts (provisional) and indicators

- **National Accounts (GDP – Expenditure and Production)**
- **Indicators: CPI, Merchandise Trade, Business, Population and demography; visitor arrivals; education stats; Balance of payments (CBSI); government finance stats**

Medium – Long-term:

- **SEEA Accounts (Sub-Accounts – Water, Energy, Waste and others)**

Constraints

- Ready to test
 - Accounts/indicators:
Current efforts: Rebase of the GDP (national accounts) and CPI weights - recently completed HIES – (ABS/DFAT Support)
Expansion of the Honiara CPI to national CPI (ABS/DFAT support)
- Need capacity building
 - Accounts/indicators:
Capacity required in: Rebase of the GDP (national accounts) and CPI weights - recently completed HIES – (ABS/DFAT Support)
Expansion of the Honiara CPI to national CPI (ABS/DFAT support)
– SEEA – capacity needed in compilation and analysis
- Need data development
 - Accounts/indicators:
– **GDP Income ; labour market indicators; population projections –others mentioned in NSDS report**
– SEEA - clearly defined and specific source data needed in SEEA Accounts
- Need institutional coordination or financing
 - Accounts/indicators: **All areas of official statistics identified in NSDS report – for e.g., data sharing restrictions (Tax Office and NSO etc) – different acts;**
– SEEA data sharing arrangements within scope of NSDS

Opportunities: Priority Actions

1. Account/Indicator: **National Accounts (GDP)**

Actions: **Currently Rebase of the GDP and GDP ref year: 2004 (input from recent HIES)**

2. **Account/Indicator: SSEA & related Sub-Accounts**

Actions: **Implement NSDS Strategy on SSEA feasibility /actions leading up to 2025**

3. Account/Indicator: CPI

Actions: **Rebase of the CPI weight/ref. year (input from recent HIES)**