

Preliminary national diagnostic for environment statistics

Country: Vanuatu

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National vision

- ▶ Our national vision for sustainable development, biodiversity, green economy and ecosystems for Vanuatu is:

- ▶ “A Stable, Sustainable and Prosperous Vanuatu”
(draft Vanuatu National Sustainable Development Plan (VNSDP))

Vanuatu’s Green Growth aspiration is to simultaneously achieve social inclusion, environmental sustainability and economic growth by carefully and comprehensively addressing the environmental challenges faced by the nation.

Policy priorities and policy tools

- ▶ Sustainable development policy priorities:
 - ▶ National Sustainable Development Plan (draft)

- ▶ Policy tools in place or planned:
 - NSDP M&E framework
 - Draft M&E policy and strategy

Institutions

- ▶ Stakeholders in environment sustainable development and green economy policy:
Environment, Energy, Climate Change, Fisheries, Agriculture, Forestry, Ports & Marine, Geology and Mines, Lands, Water, Tourism, Internal Affairs, Foreign Affairs, DPPPAC, Private Sector, URA Utilities Regulatory Authority, NGOs and Donor partner, VNSO.
- ▶ Institutional mechanisms in place to make sustainability and green economy decisions:

Draft National Sustainable Development Plan
Oceans Policy Implementation
Vanuatu National Environment Policy & Implementation Plan (draft)
Productive Sector Policy

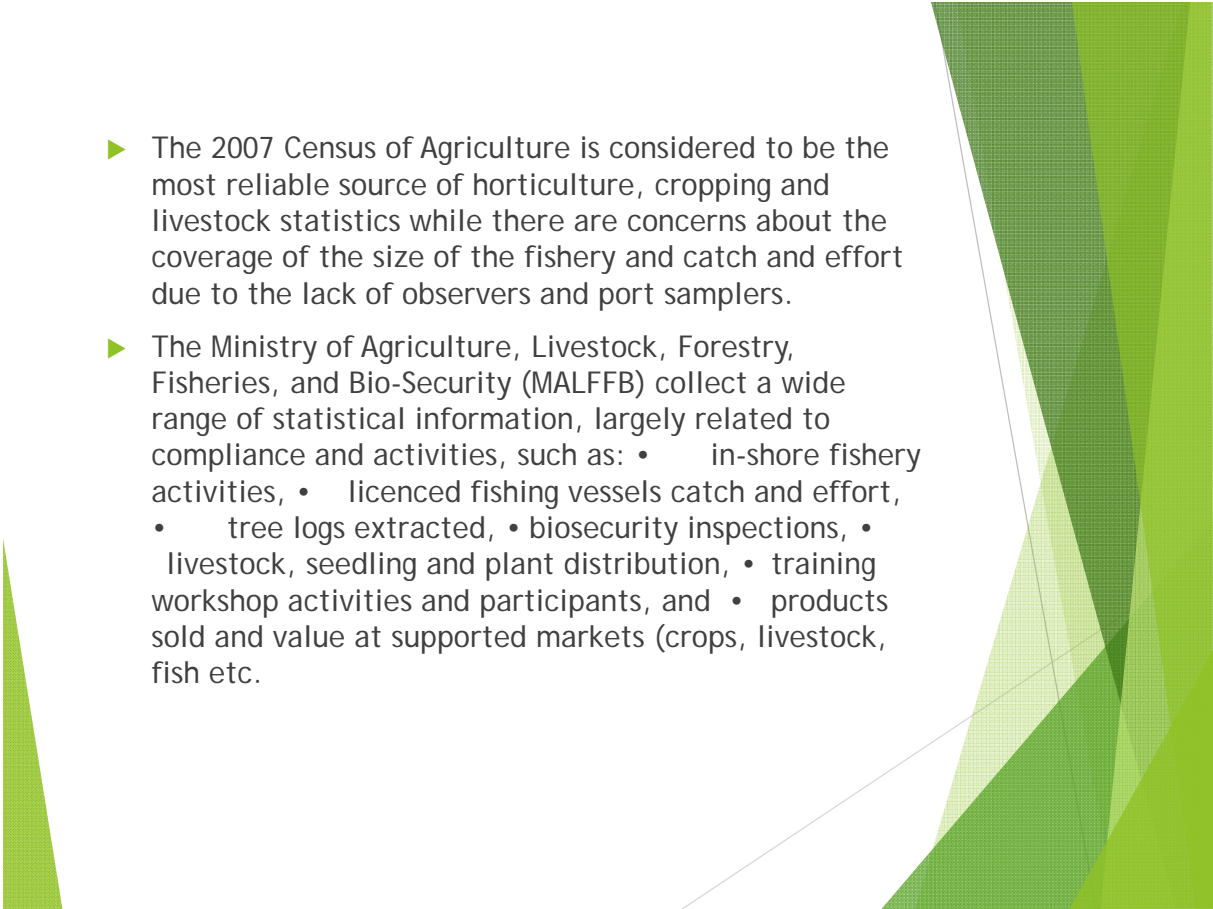
- ▶ The role of the National Statistical office:
Implementation of census activities and collection of statistical data/production of census reports on Economic indicators. Currently no reports produced for Environment indicators.

Knowledge


- ▶ Key documents and data sources:
- ▶ Vanuatu National Strategy for the Development of Statistics
- ▶ Draft National Sustainable Development Plan(NSDP)
- ▶ Draft Vanuatu National Environmental Policy and Implementation Plan.
- ▶ Vanuatu National Oceans Policy
- ▶ Productive Sector Policy
- ▶ National Energy Roadmap (NERM)
- ▶ National Waste Management strategy

Existing compilations

- ▶ Currently none.
- ▶ Policy framework in place -NSDP and NSDS
- ▶ Need more assistance (Institutional strengthening-Capacity, Co-ordination and funding)
- ▶ Energy production statistics are available from the two private sector providers, but there is no information about 'off the grid' household production and provincial government based distribution systems.
- ▶ Water consumption statistics are available for the urban areas from utilities providers, but there is no information about household water catchments or provincial based systems.

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- ▶ The 2007 Census of Agriculture is considered to be the most reliable source of horticulture, cropping and livestock statistics while there are concerns about the coverage of the size of the fishery and catch and effort due to the lack of observers and port samplers.
 - ▶ The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry, Fisheries, and Bio-Security (MALFFB) collect a wide range of statistical information, largely related to compliance and activities, such as:
 - in-shore fishery activities,
 - licenced fishing vessels catch and effort,
 - tree logs extracted,
 - biosecurity inspections,
 - livestock, seedling and plant distribution,
 - training workshop activities and participants, and
 - products sold and value at supported markets (crops, livestock, fish etc).

Context

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- ▶ Vanuatu's most recent National Assessment Report for the implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action (BPoA) and the Mauritius Strategy for Implementation (MSI) contains no statistical information about the environment.
 - ▶ International activities focused on environment, sustainable development, biodiversity or green economy

Priorities

- ▶ Priority accounts (provisional) and indicators- To be determined.
- ▶ Coordination of all relevant Government departments in supporting national statistics office on data source.
- ▶ Areas included in the VNSO framework include biodiversity, extractive industries, green growth, chemical use, water resources, conservation areas, waste management, emissions, and erosion. Data

Constraints

- ▶ Clear policy direction in Environment related sectors.
- ▶ Lack of funding's on the Policies to be implemented.
- ▶ Limited Capacity in NSO
- ▶ Need data development
- ▶ Need institutional coordination or financing

Opportunities: Priority Actions

1. It is envisaged that the final environment policy along with the national sustainable development Plan, to be released in late 2016, will incorporate a much stronger emphasis on statistical indicators.
2. Development of SEEA framework for the VNSDP (and M&E policy).

