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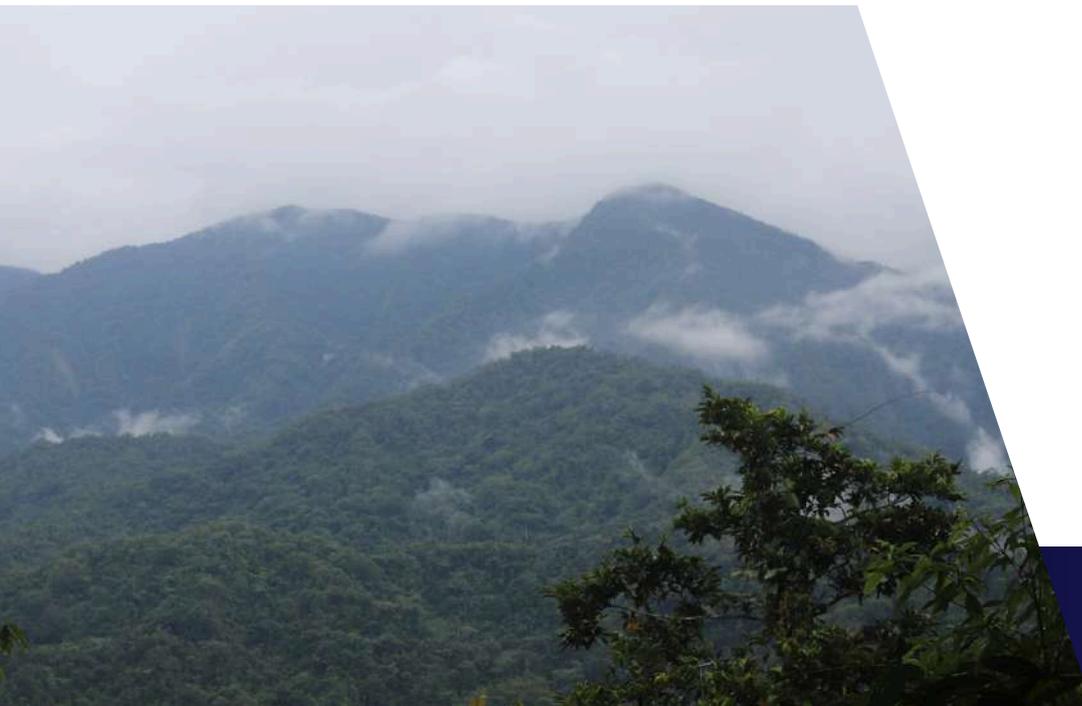
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# Message from the Chairman

As we look back on the year 2024, I am filled with pride and gratitude for the impactful strides IKI has made in preserving the cultural heritage and the natural environment of the Solomon Islands. This year has been a testament to our unwavering commitment to empowering local communities, fostering environmental stewardship, and bridging indigenous knowledge with sustainable solutions. We are truly honored to be part of the transformative changes taking place in the regions we serve.

Our work in the communities and territories of *Maasina, Tolo, WaiHau, Ferafolia, Soli, Savulei and Heihe Lavo* stands out as one of the highlights of this year. We have empowered local youth, engaged them in vital environmental and cultural preservation activities, and ensured the long-term sustainability these special places. Our Centre for Islands Futures and Indigenous Constitutionalism initiatives, have been significant milestones, with regional and global impact.

Looking ahead, IKI remains dedicated to strengthening these initiatives and expanding our reach. We are committed to building stronger partnerships, deepening our engagement with local communities, and continuously innovating in the pursuit of sustainable solutions that honor both people and planet. I extend my deepest thanks to our dedicated partners, donors, and the resilient communities we work with. Your unwavering support is instrumental in driving the change we seek to create together. We are excited for the continued journey ahead as we work toward a sustainable and prosperous future for the Solomon Islands.

Sincerely,

Peter Lokay  
Chair person  
Islands Knowledge Institute (IKI)



# About Organisation

Islands Knowledge Institute (IKI) was incorporated in 2008 under the Charitable Trusts Act. Islands Knowledge Institute was founded to build knowledge created by island peoples and within island spaces. Knowledge is social so we create Islands Knowledge by growing a community of islands knowledge thinkers, creators and workers. A central emphasis is building the capacity for knowledge creation set within islands ontologies. We are headquartered in Solomon Islands, but have an active presence in Hawaii, Vanuatu and Aotearoa/New Zealand.



IKI aims to contribute to the advancement and well-being of the Solomon Islands by promoting education, leadership, and development across diverse sectors. A key focus is fostering a new generation of leaders who are capable of guiding their communities with integrity and vision. Additionally, the Institute is committed to encouraging the development of practical skills and industries that can drive economic growth and resilience. In pursuit of these objectives, the Institute actively collaborates with like-minded organisations and agencies to amplify its impact and align with shared goals.

# Meet Our Team

IKI has 1 part-time and 5 current full-time staff, with a breadth of experience across project management, coordination and communications.



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# Vision

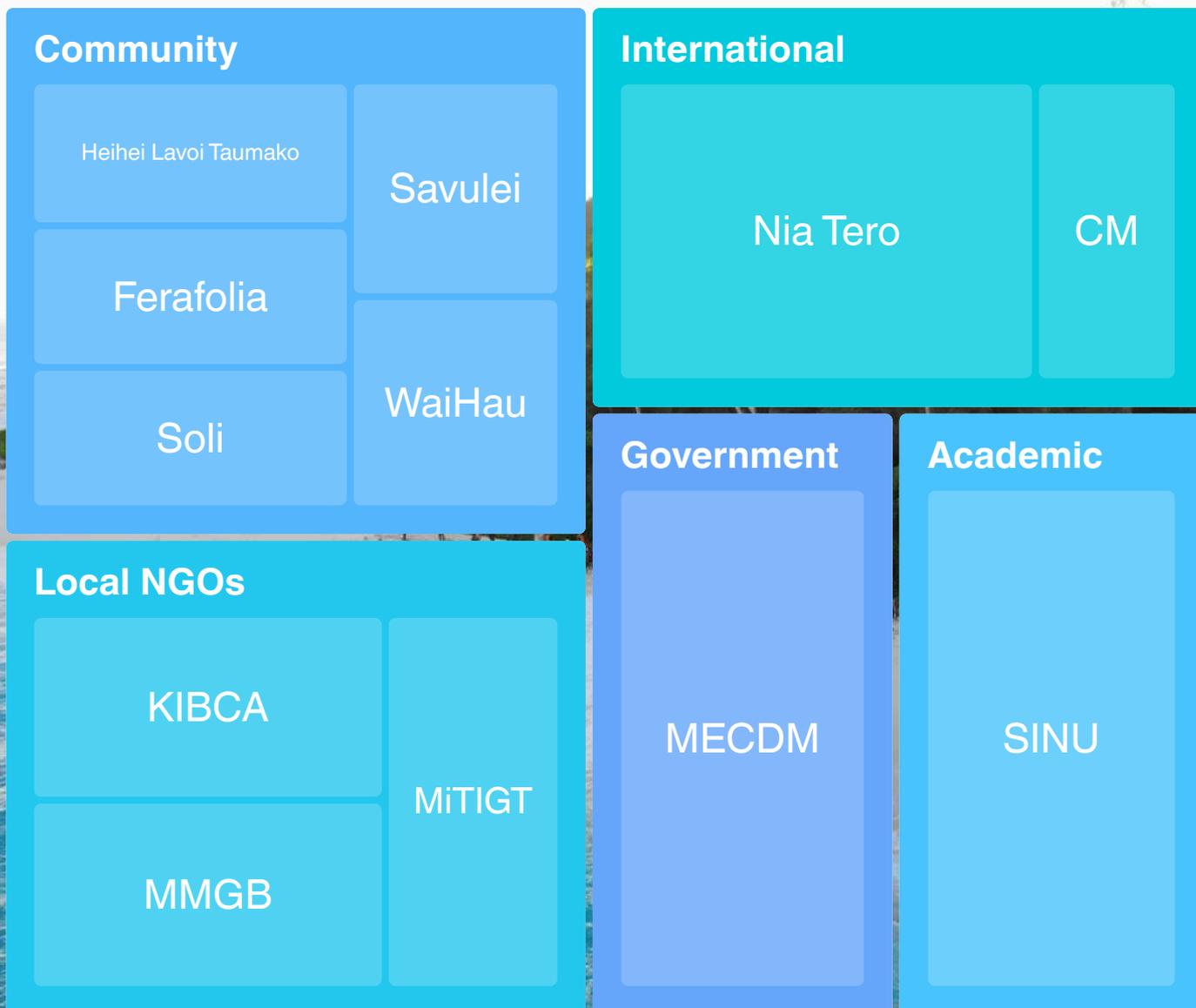
Our vision is to be a globally recognized center for Islands Knowledge, empowering island peoples to lead in the creation of knowledge that uplifts their communities, preserves their unique ways of life, and contributes to solving global challenges through island perspectives. We envision a future where island societies are resilient, innovative, and deeply rooted in their cultural values, shaping sustainable solutions for themselves and the world.

# Objectives

The objectives of the institute shall include but are not limited to the following:

- Instructing the public through the organising of lectures, seminars and research in whatever field necessary and useful to the country,
- Fostering the development of a new generation of Solomon Islanders as good leaders of their societies,
- Encouraging skill and industry development.
- Supporting, liaising and cooperating with like-minded organisations and agencies for the promotion and implementation of common objects and goals

# Partnerships



In 2024 IKI has engaged with various partnerships from international to community, government to non-governmental and academic entities.

\*Conservation Metrics (CM), Ministry of Environment, Climate and Disaster Management (MECDM), Solomon Islands National University (SINU), Kolombangara Island Biodiversity Conservation Association (KIBCA), Mai Maasina Green Belt (MMGB), Mala-I-Tolo Indigenous Guardianship Trust (MiTIGT)

# Financial Statements

	2023	2024	2025 (targets)
Income	4,514,568	8,725,880	10,000,000
Expenses	3,240,413	8,273,052	9,000,000
Surplus/Deficit	1,274,155	452,828	1,000,000

In 2024, IKI's annual budget doubled 2023 amounts as IKI establishes as a national coordinating body for the Sky Islands Vision across the Solomon Islands and the region. The increased responsibility has also seen an increase in HR personnel as well as a dedicated team of consultants guiding key programmatic areas. IKI now has also grown with the number and scale of sub-grant agreements and support given to fellow CSO and NGO groups in the Solomon Islands. IKI has progressed developing further governance and financial systems and policies to cater for this increased responsibilities and looks to further diversity and increase its overall portfolio and impact.

# Workstreams

Our workstreams supported initiatives aligned with the Sky Islands vision, honoring indigenous values and fostering partnerships, through engagement in Partnerships with indigenous organizations like MiTIGT and MMGB. Through engagement in places, where support was provided to indigenous communities in Guadalcanal, Western Province, Malaita, and Temotu to reclaim and manage their land and sea. And also through engagement in policies as IKI continued to promote dialogue and action to advance indigenous rights and governance following successful events in Honiara and Honolulu.



The investment achieved four key outcomes:

- Strengthened indigenous institutions to lead initiatives aligned with Sky Islands values.
- Empowered communities to manage their territories in various regions.
- Enhanced indigenous education through subgrants and collaboration with universities.
- Coordinated sessions on indigenous constitutionalism and education, fostering community engagement.
- Supported dialogue on indigenous governance and reform in the Pacific region.

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