



Advocating for gender  
inclusion in natural  
resource management  
and livelihood projects in  
Solomon Islands

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# ABOUT US



- Ecological Solutions Foundation (ESF) is our **non-profit NGO branch**, and Ecological Solutions Solomon Islands (ESSI) is our local consulting arm. As a leading provider of **environmental services** in the Solomon Islands, we take our responsibility to offer the best environmental solutions meeting both national and international standards to ensure sustainability seriously.

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# What we do



**Ecological**  
Solutions Foundation

Provide ecological and scientific services (e.g., scientific research, biodiversity surveys)

**Gender Inclusion and advocacy in all projects**

Support community conservation initiatives  
Social and community engagement projects

Environmental services and auditing,  
Agroforestry and forestry rehabilitation

Food security and livelihoods

Produce environmental awareness materials (e.g., Melanesian Geo magazine)

Basic GPS training and GPS mapping of customary land REDD+ service

Climate change adaptation and advocacy

# Who we are

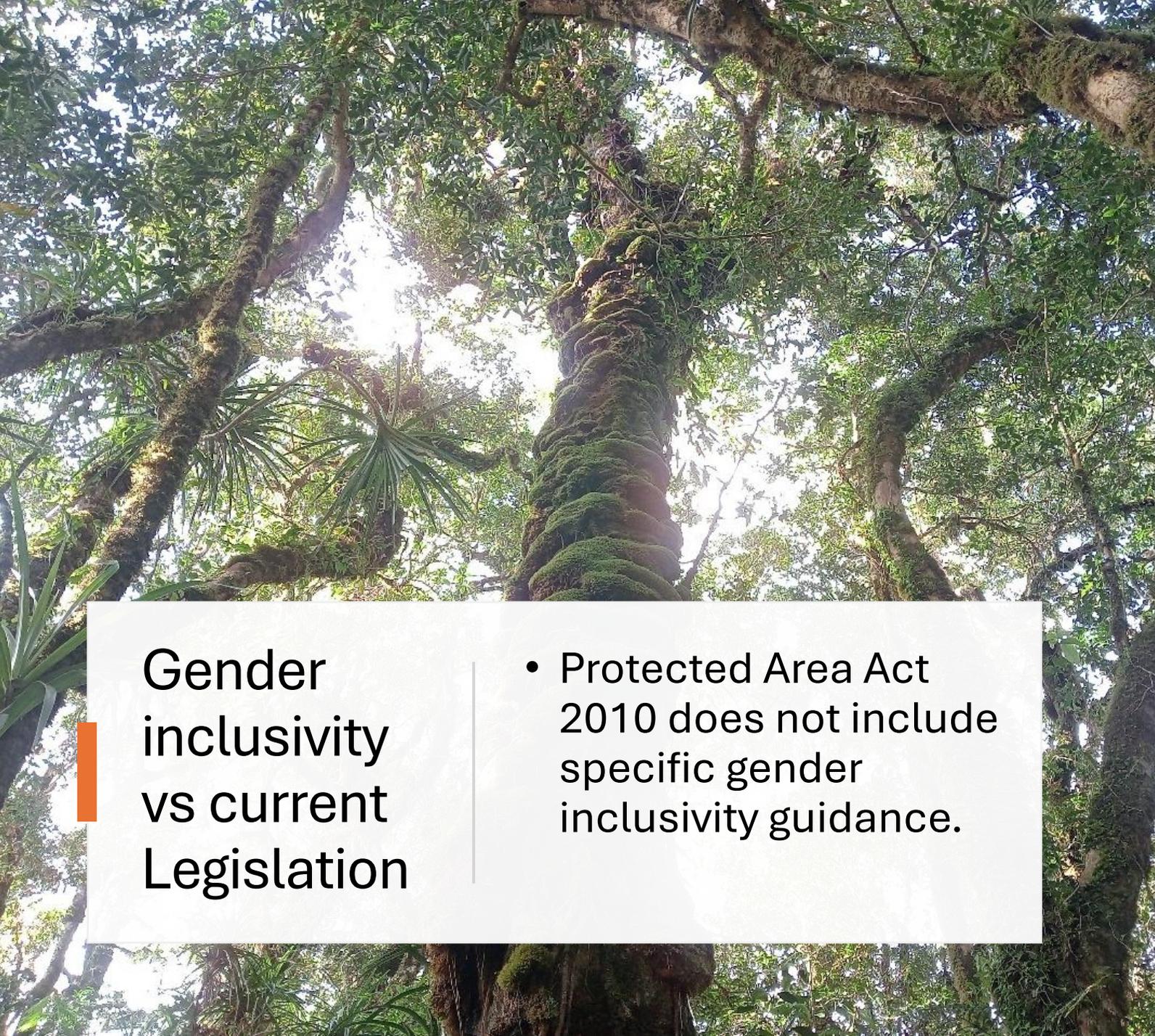
Our team consists of local Solomon Islanders who are qualified, **leading ecologists, botanists, and environmental project managers** with decades of experience in conducting environmental projects, including Climate Advocacy in the Solomon Islands





**BACKGROUND:  
BARRIER-  
PATRILINEAL/ MATRILINEAL  
CULTURES**

- Most land tenure decisions are led by male tribal members



## Gender inclusivity vs current Legislation

- Protected Area Act 2010 does not include specific gender inclusivity guidance.



# Lessons learnt

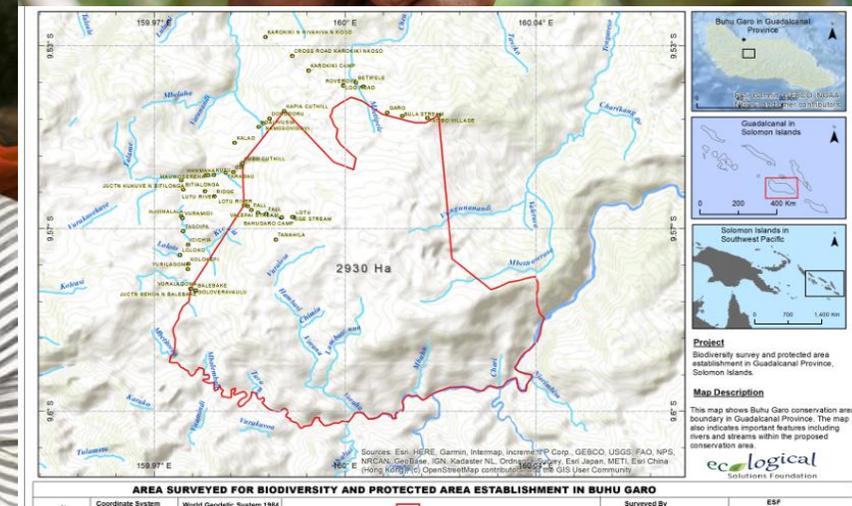
- Raise awareness of the importance of the inclusion of women, youths, and people with disabilities.
- Provide specific spaces to raise their voices, e.g., in workshops, dialogues, and group discussions
- Choice of venue
- Inclusion in management committees
- Inclusion in tribal protected area ranger membership





## Outcomes

- **Consideration** in the choice of venues
- Increase **inclusion** of women, youth, and people with disabilities in management committees
- Increase **understanding** of the importance of including vulnerable groups of people in such committees
- **Allowing space and time** for women, youth, and people with disabilities to voice their inputs and concerns
- Increase **inclusion** of women and youth representatives in tribal protected area ranger membership



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