To promote the audit of extractive industries
SAI Fiji Update

Activity 2 Information sharing in extractive industries

Sub Activity 1 Mapping & requesting other relevant EI materials that address user’s needs are provided

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OAG Restructure

- There is now a dedicated team to audit EI's at OAG.
- The team is headed by an Assistant Auditor General with an Environment Audit Manager and two (2) member team.
- The team is currently developing an internal EI Auditing Guideline based on the AFROSAI-E 2019 guideline which is being customized to Fiji’s context. For example, inclusion of quarrying and sand dredging.
- The guideline is planned to be forwarded to the OAG Executive Management for final approval.
Contribution to Sub-Activity (1): Mapping & requesting other relevant EI materials that address user’s needs are provided

- Initial survey was distributed to PASAI member countries in March 2019.
- Responses were very low with only 6 of the 26 member countries responding.
- Forward Plan:
  - We intend to take a different approach.
  - We are considering other means of collating the same information such as an awareness workshop.
Progress on Audit of Extractive Industries by OAG

Compliance Audit

Compliance Audit Report on Commencement of Quarry Development Projects & Appointment of Certified Foreman-In-Charge was tabled in Parliament on 02 December 2020.

Copy of the report as well as Link to the report has been sent to the WGEI Secretariat on 06 July 2021.

Conclusion from the Audit

- In the absence of proper record keeping, we were not able to determine whether all twenty (20) quarry developments from 2016 to 2019 met all the requirements before approvals were provided by the DMR. There is an opportunity for the DMR to update and digitize records in relation to quarry operations.

Performance Audit

Performance Audit on Licensing and Monitoring of River Gravel and Sand Extractions – Draft report has been sent to the Ministry of Lands and Mineral Resources on 19 August 2021.

Motivation for the Audit - Media coverage on illegal river gravel and sand extractions which have contribute to environmental degradation as they are not monitored as well as underestimated contributions to Fiji’s economy.

Comments from the Ministry have yet to be received, though informal communication with the Ministry indicate how appreciative they are of the report as their operations have not been delved into before.

Planned tabling of report is October 2021.
Recommendations for way forward in implementing Activity 2, Sub-Activity 1

- Forward guideline to the OAG Executive Management for final approval.

- With due regard to the low responses from PASAI member countries to the survey questions that were issued in March 2019, outline options and decide on the best alternative way to encourage participation from the PASAI member countries. This may even mean to revise the questions initially sent through the 2019 survey.
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