


SOCIAL IMPACTS OF EXTRACTIVE INDUSTRIES: A CASE STUDY OF TEOUMA BAY SAND EXTRACTION



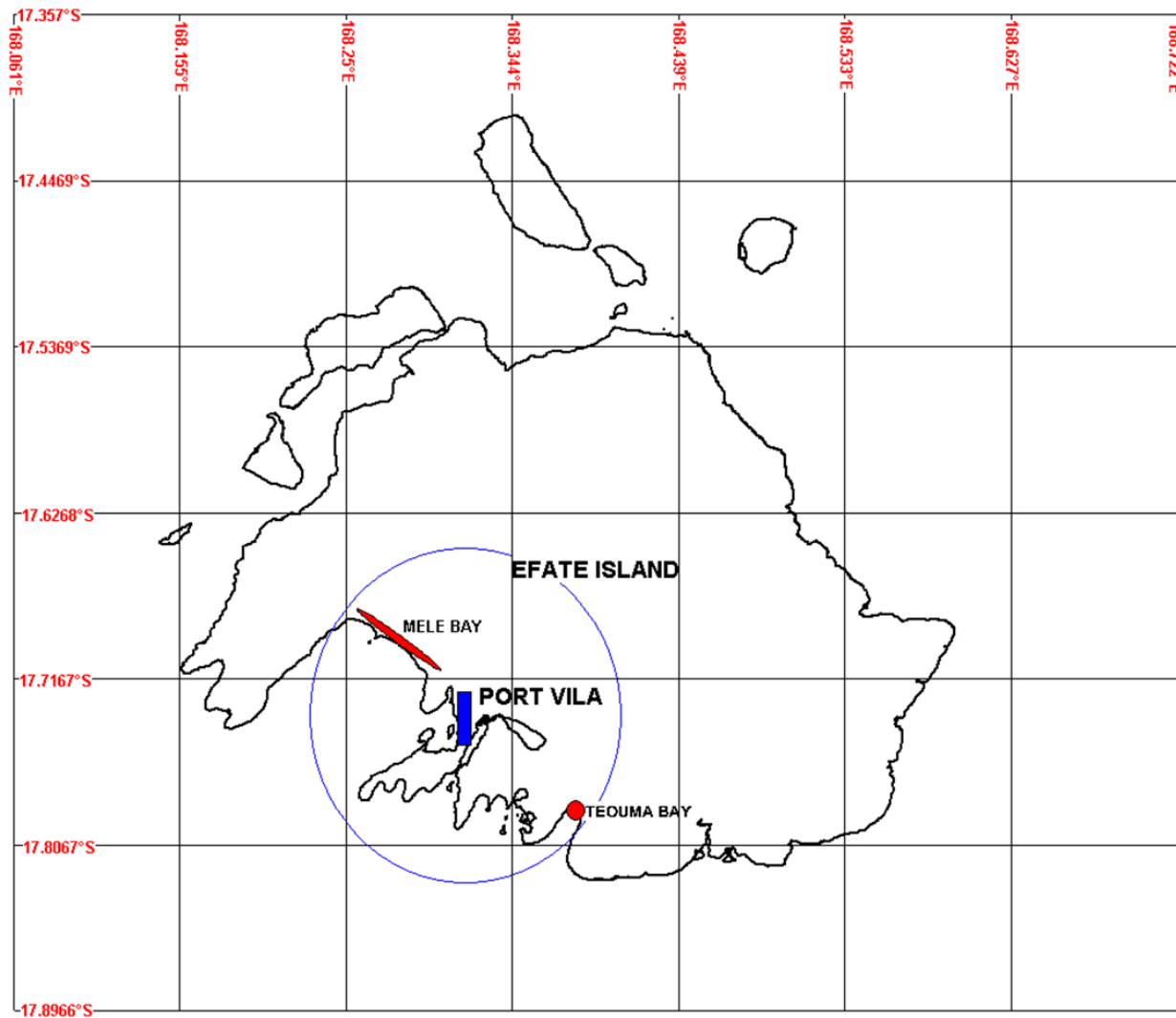
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Brief Introduction






Background

- Teouma bay sand mining commenced but at rapid rate, controls put but illegal activity continued
- Existing dispute - 9 parties involved in the appeal case
- Supreme court order in 2006 gave Eratap Community Chiefs Area Council (ECCAC) managerial powers, pending final determination of custom ownership.



Positive Social Impacts

- 1. ECCAC set up an office space with funds from sand mining
 - 2. Sales of sand, through ECCAC, helped to build water supply system and electricity for Eratap community
 - 3. Contribution to infrastructure development of a French primary school
 - 4. Contribution towards community development eg. Church community initiatives
 - 5. Government Royalty shares
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Negative Social Impacts

1. Constitution is silent on the issue of mineral ownership. Mines and Minerals Act [CAP 190] stipulates the vestment of the properties of minerals in their natural state to the republic. Thus conflict and misunderstanding of ownership of minerals within customary land.



2. Disputes among Eratap community members (9 parties to the Teouma-Rentapao appeal case)



3. The legal system undermines the local community authorities



4. Youth dealing with 'fly by night' operators, who have contributed significantly to coastal erosion at Teouma Bay






5. Lack of communication leading to fear.

- Youth and Children Appealed for the protection of their environment on Children's Day 2012





Way Forward

- New Quarry Bill – to empower custom owners by giving them the exclusive rights to be the only applicants for a quarry permit.
 - Provision for wider consultations prior to aggregates prospecting
 - Spot fines introduced
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