

# **INTEGRATING INDIGENOUS KNOWLEDGE, PRACTICES AND VALUES FOR SUSTAINABLE AND REGENERATIVE TOURISM DEVELOPMENT IN SMALL ISLANDS**

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This thesis seeks to understand how Indigenous Knowledge, beliefs, values, and practices related to the environment, resources understanding, uses and management can be harnessed so to improve the way in which tourism is developed in the Solomon Islands. The study will widen and enhance our understanding of how indigenous communities of the Solomon Islands can play a key role in determining how tourism and other sectorial development takes place, and how their indigenous knowledge that sustained their way of living for centuries by understanding and respecting their environment, resources and living side by side with nature, can ensure long-term beneficial outcomes.

The thesis will employ a case study approach where communities and relevant stakeholders will be surveyed and interviewed. The Arnavon Islands and communities and Tikopia Island offers a suitable site for this study.

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