

Biodiversity Trust Fund for Vanuatu

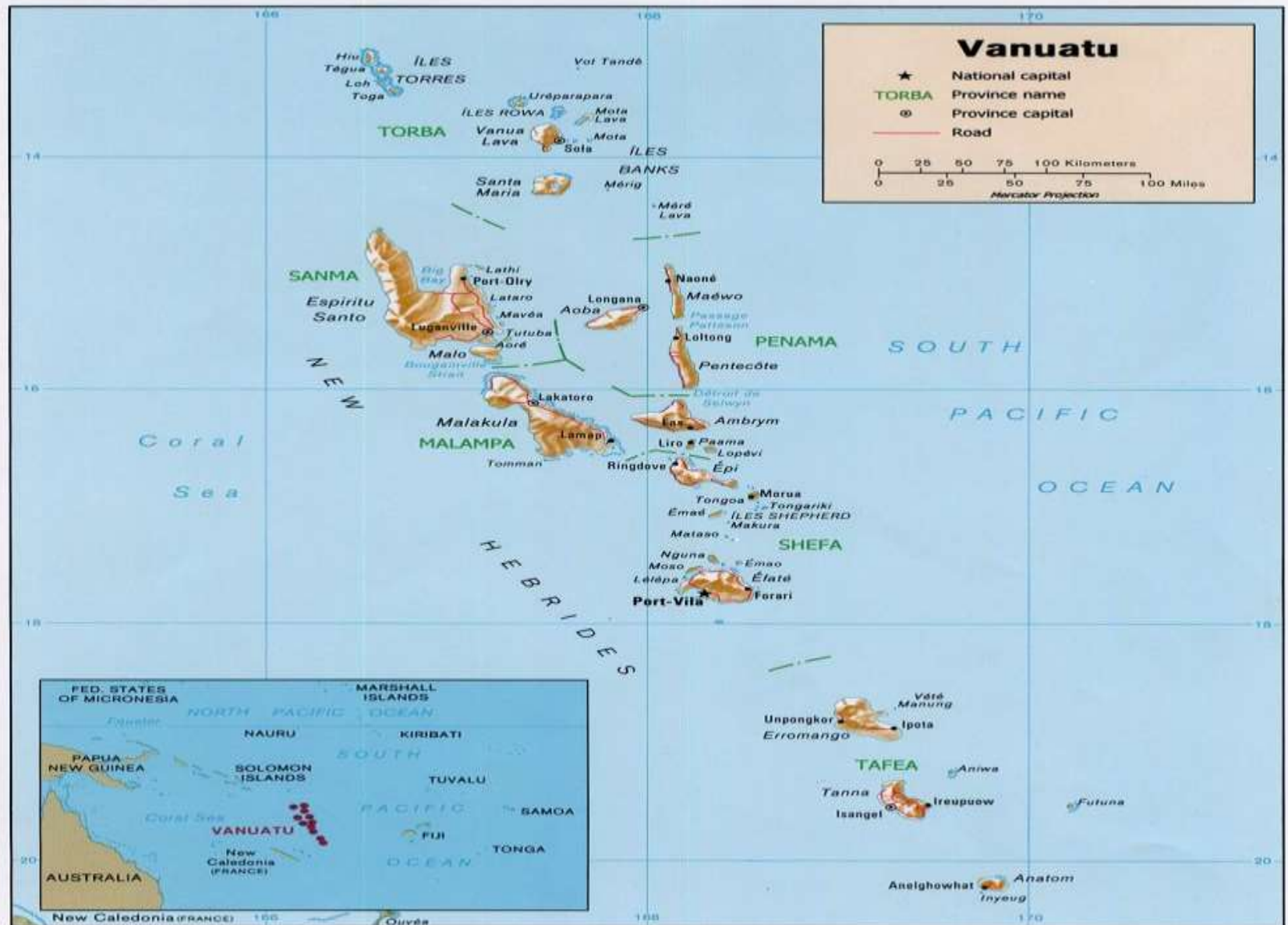
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Presentation Outline

- General information on Vanuatu
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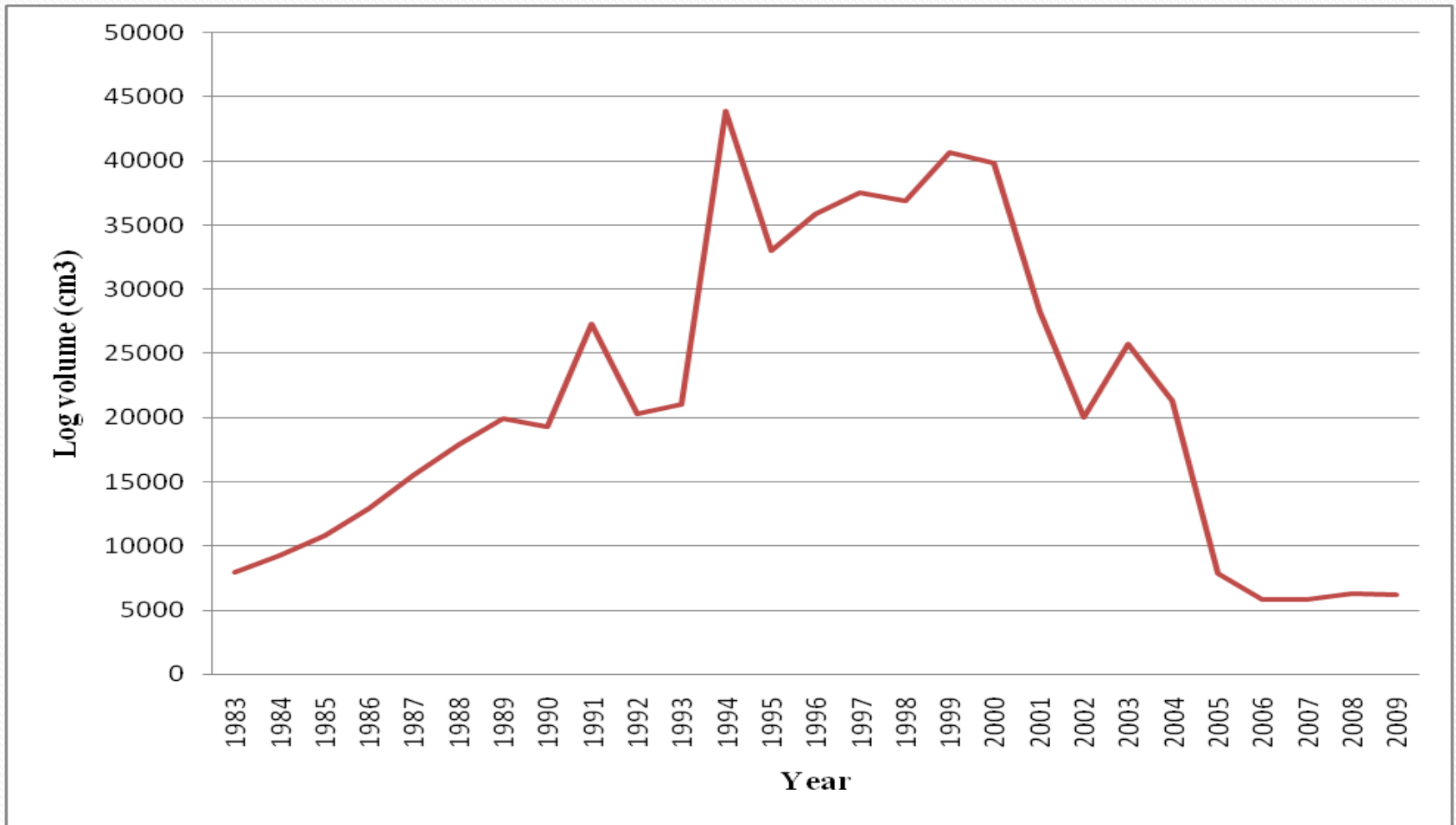
Vanuatu Map



General Information on Vanuatu

- Land Area = 12,270 sq. Km
- Forest Area = 1,226,905 ha
 - *2% proposed & protected – aim is 30% protection*
- Population = 256,000
- Islands = 83
- All land traditionally owned
- Official language = English, French, Bislama
- Home of the famous “Land Diving” & world’s friendliest active volcano on earth (*Yasur Volcano*)

Log Production – Timber Industry



Background of Biodiversity Trust Fund

- B&CTF – established & launched in 09/1998;
 - Specifically for mgn't of the Kauri Reserve – 3,025 hectares
- Trust Fund managed by a private finance company;
- Only USD100 was deposited into the fund during its launch;
- Fund advertised locally and on the web;
- Not operational since its launch.



Development and status of the Trust Fund

- Interest in operating the Trust Fund continue to live, despite being non operational;
 - National Biodiversity Conservation Strategy for Vanuatu, 1999,
 - Environment and Conservation Act in 2002,
 - Coral Triangle Initiative of the Pacific Phase II project, 2012 – 2015,
 - GEF-PAS-Forest Protected Area Management project, 2012 – 2016.

Future Perspective for the Trust Fund

- A strong will still exist to operate the Trust Fund;
- Investigating innovative financial options (eco-tourism),
- Global financial perspective might change (MDGs – SDGs),
- Learn from successes by others,
- This expert meeting might provide funding options and new avenues for the Trust Fund.

Thank you

