Harnessing Vanuatu’s Tourism to enable local consumption and exports
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• The total contribution of tourism (including travel and transportation) to GDP was VUV 44,204 million, about 65% of GDP in 2013.

• The tourism sector is forecast to rise about 4.5% per annually to reach VUV 74,014 million by 2024 (70.9% of GDP).

• Most tourists are concentrated in the Port Vila area, Efate.

• The tourism sector has a significant impact over employment.
Upstream or backward linkages

Basic infrastructure services:
water, energy, telecom, sanitation & solid waste management services

Goods and services needed to build primary tourism facilities:
construction services, manufactured supplies

Goods and services needed to meet operational requirements:
agriculture and manufacturing, passenger transportation, hospitality, maintenance & repair and business services

Tourism Sector

- financial
- local transportation
- telecommunications
- cultural & entertainment
- recreational
- retail / shopping
- personal security
- health
- IT
- ... services

Downstream or forward linkages
The purpose of the visitors are:

- 82% for holydays,
- 7% for business and conferences,
- 7% for family visits, and
- 3% for other purposes

Tourists’ spending in Vanuatu

Source: Based on Koema Atlas and UNWTO statistics (2013).
How tourists spend their money in Vanuatu?

Source: Derived from 2007 sample surveys, National Accounts, NSO

IUCN (2012). Fishing and Tourism in the Vanuatu Economy
Linking Fishing to Tourism

Global tourism trends show that visitors are increasingly interested in authentic experiences that connect them to the people and places they visit.

Tourists want to meet local people, learn about how they make a living off the land and sea, and taste the fruits of that labor.

Tourists increasingly want to feel good about where they spend their money, they want to support businesses that match their values.

Fishing with local fishermen, eating in a fishing cooperative restaurant are exactly the kind of activities today's tourists are looking for.
Top Tourist Fishing Companies in Port Vila

Harbour Fishing Charters
#12 of 43 Outdoor Activities in Port Vila

Wild Blue Fishing Charters
#22 of 43 Outdoor Activities in Port Vila

Crusoe Fishing Adventures
#25 of 43 Outdoor Activities in Port Vila

Topless Fishing Charters
#39 of 43 Outdoor Activities in Port Vila

Aquavana Spear fishing Adventures
#43 of 43 Outdoor Activities in Port Vila
Can we develop this?

We have this already
Top Seafood Restaurants in Port Vila

Elan
#3 of 77 Restaurants in Port Vila
Ripples
#4 of 77 Restaurants in Port Vila
The Beach Bar
#5 of 77 Restaurants in Port Vila
Aquana Beach Resort
#6 of 77 Restaurants in Port Vila
Restaurant le Jardin des Saveurs
#9 of 77 Restaurants in Port Vila
Bungalow: Ate
#10 of 77 Restaurants in Port Vila
Mangoes Resort Restaurant & Bar
#21 of 77 Restaurants in Port Vila
Vila Chaumieres Restaurant
#26 of 77 Restaurants in Port Vila
Shiki Restaurant
#30 of 77 Restaurants in Port Vila
The Waterfront Bar and Grill
#31 of 77 Restaurants in Port Vila
L'Houstalet Restaurant
#36 of 77 Restaurants in Port Vila
Starfish Cove Restaurant & Bar
#40 of 77 Restaurants in Port Vila
Aqua on Erakor
#42 of 77 Restaurants in Port Vila
La Mer Restaurant
#44 of 77 Restaurants in Port Vila
Fish and Chips

Lobster Rolls

Fried Clams
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<td>- Extraordinary Natural endowments (strong ecotourism profile).</td>
<td>- Long distances from Western markets</td>
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<td>- Cultural richness</td>
<td>- Poor air access</td>
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<td>- Tourist demand will continue and has a tendency to increase</td>
<td>- Limited qualified labour</td>
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<td>- Several of the products discussed are highly demanded by tourists; especially in value added ones (e.g. coconut foods and chocolates, personal care products from coconut oil and cocoa butter, sandalwood sticks, etc.)</td>
<td>- Low internet penetration infrastructure (from 3G to 4G)</td>
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<td>- Efforts toward internal island travel facilitation (e.g. air pass packages and island bungalows)</td>
<td>- Limited and costly inputs</td>
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<td>- Low quality standards and packaging</td>
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<td>- Poor distribution and marketing channels</td>
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<td>- Sporadic difficulties in importing capital goods through transit ports</td>
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<td>- Tourist purchases demand higher standards that can also help in traditional exports</td>
<td>- Over dependency of Australian and New Zealand tourists</td>
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<td>- Links purchases with cruise visits, sailing boats routes and other related services</td>
<td>- Most of the expenditure is in Port Vila and surrounding</td>
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<td>- Create and expand local traditional markets: foods, textiles and crafts</td>
<td>- Lack of access to credit and technical support for small producers to meet standards</td>
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<td>- Expand the eco, agro and cultural tours offer</td>
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<td>- Promote minimum supply contracts with hotels and restaurants for key goods, cultural entertainment and personal care services</td>
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<td>- Potentially expand air travel routes to key Asian destinations</td>
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<td>- Reach untapped Asian markets (e-marketing)</td>
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