

Advocacy Factsheet

Solomon Islands



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ABOUT US

The **Marist International Solidarity Foundation** (FMSI) is a non-governmental organization committed to promoting the rights and welfare of children, especially those living in vulnerable situations. FMSI works closely with the Marist Brothers and partners worldwide to implement programs focused on education, child protection, healthcare, and emergency relief. By leveraging its presence in various countries, FMSI advocates for **child rights** and supports local communities in their pursuit of social justice, dignity, and sustainable development. Through its engagement in international mechanisms like the United Nations, FMSI seeks to raise awareness and influence policies that ensure a better future for children across the globe.

EMPOWERING YOUNG VOICES

The UPR report was prepared with the active and meaningful **participation of children and young people from Solomon Islands**, ensuring that their voices and recommendations are placed at the center of these human rights discussions. This statement reflects the concerns and priorities they themselves identified in the UPR process.

ISSUE IDENTIFIED

Children identified the protection of natural resources as one of the most urgent issues affecting their lives and their future. They expressed deep concern about illegal and destructive fishing, the use of dynamite in the sea, and the impacts of logging and mining on their communities.

Environmental degradation is not an abstract issue. It directly affects food security, access to clean water, family livelihoods, and their ability to attend school. When reefs are destroyed and land is degraded, children see fewer fish, poorer living conditions, and greater poverty in their villages.

Young people repeatedly called for conservation, an end to destructive fishing practices, and stronger protection of marine and land ecosystems. They want natural resources to be managed responsibly, so that future generations can survive and thrive.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We therefore encourage Member States to recommend that Solomon Islands:

1. Strengthen enforcement against illegal and destructive fishing practices, including the use of explosives and prohibited nets;
2. Increase transparency and community participation in decisions related to logging and mining, including environmental impact assessments;
3. Expand community-based natural resource management, ensuring meaningful participation of children and young people;
4. Ensure that environmental protection policies explicitly consider their impact on children's rights, including food security and education.

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