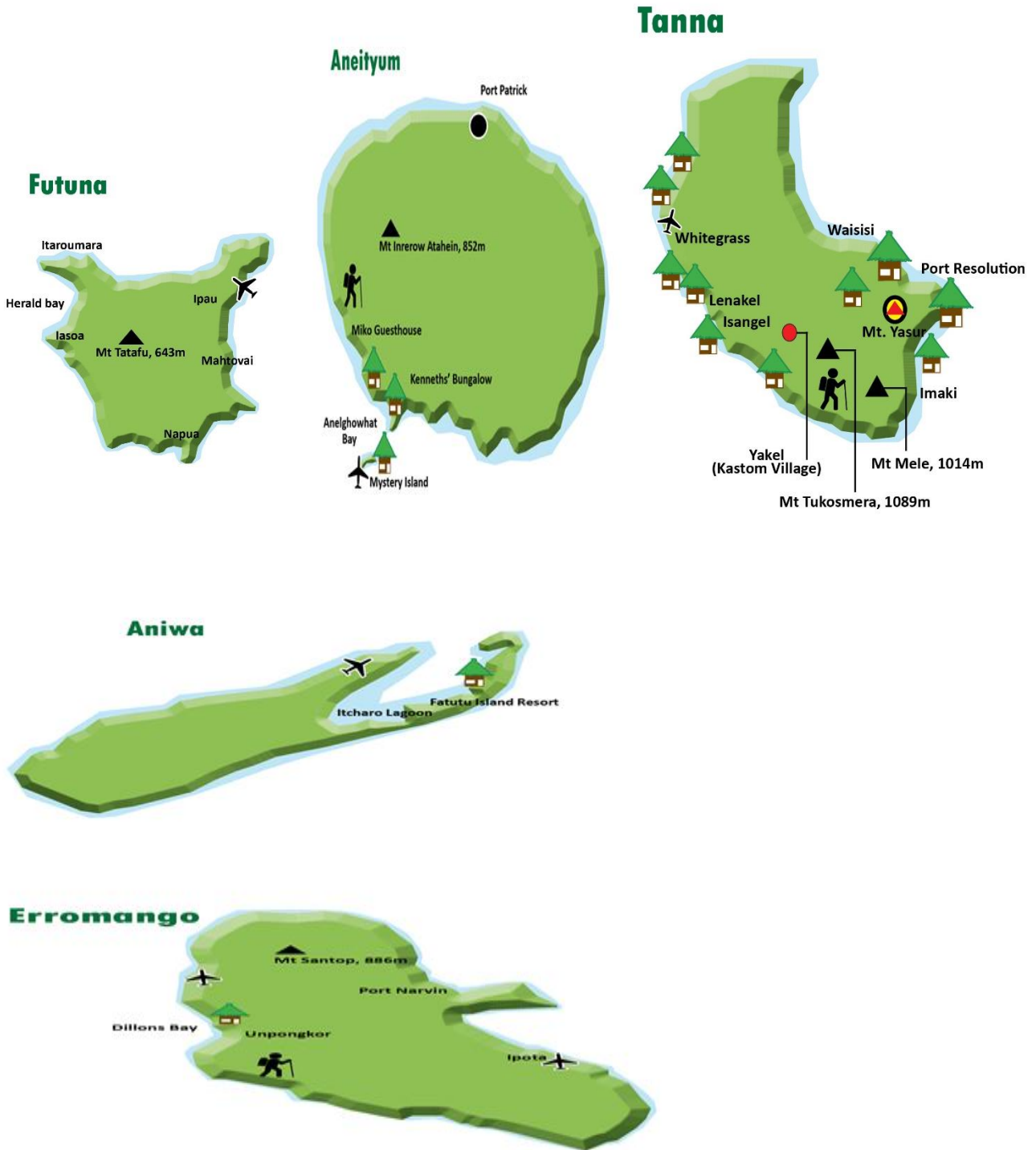


TAFEA PROVINCE



“Decentralization policy is implemented, the people will enjoy the developments through the people’s requests”

Tafea Province has a population of 37,050. TAFEA is one of the six provinces of Vanuatu. TAFEA is the southernmost province of Vanuatu. The name is an acronym for the five islands that make up the province Tanna, Aneityum (also Anatom), Futuna, Erromango and Aniwa. Tanna is where you can walk up the most accessible Live Volcano in the world. It is also Vanuatu’s third most developed Island. Tanna's economy is based primarily on Agriculture and Tourism. Tanna's main town is Lenakel although the administrative centre is nearby Isangel.

Aneityum is a tropical Island paradise and is Vanuatu's southernmost inhabited island. The interior is mountainous and covered with wet, dark forest. Along the coast, pine plantations contrast with coconut palms, white sand beaches and second largest coral reef system in Vanuatu. Aneityum is a good island for walking, not too large and with a cooler climate. Mystery Island is all beaches and reefs and a popular cruise ship destination especially large Carnival Cruise line.

Futuna is an Island in the Tafea Province. It is the easternmost Island in the country. It was formed by the uplift of an underwater volcano, which last erupted at least 11,000 years ago. It reaches a height of 666 m. It is sometimes called West Futuna to distinguish it from Futuna Island, Wallis and Futuna. It is a Polynesian outlier.

Erromango is the largest island in Tafea, the southernmost province of Vanuatu. Its largest villages are Port Narvin and Dillon’s Bay (Upongkor). Erromango is largely unpopulated and undeveloped. Since early 1800s people have been buying, trading and stealing sandalwood from Erromango to take to other countries for processing to essential oil for perfumes and other products. For the first time ever sandalwood oil has been produced on the sandalwood rich island of Erromango. Upongkor village, eight kilometers south of Dillon's Bay airstrip, has the island's only guest house. Erromango is also renowned for its forest resources including abundance of wild game and hardwood forests.

Aniwa is a raised coral atoll 24 km NE of Tanna Island in the Tafea Province. The highest point is only 42m above sea level. Most of the island's residents live in the south. Aniwa was the first island in the archipelago to have missionaries. The lagoon has become a new addition to the Vanuatu Ocean Swim 2010 event. Long beach walks on the secluded lagoon are a feature of your stay on Aniwa - guides are available to point out plants, shells and fish indigenous to the island. They will also take you to the newly created Turtle Sanctuary.

PROVINCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Air and
Shipping
Transportation

Improvement
in
infrastructure

Diverse array of
Geographical
and Climate
Location

Wide range of
high
development
sectors

Advantages of Investing in Tafea Province

Key Features



Agro-Business

Tafea Province is rich with Agriculture crops, particularly high value crops such as Coffee planting, Coconut, Kava, Citrus, Noni spices and root crops and root crops. The Islands within Tafea Province are popular based on the value crops planted by the people. Tanna Island is famously known for its Tanna Coffee which grown under the shadows of the still active Yasur Volcano. It is the active Volcano's influence that makes the Tanna Coffee so unique. The deep, rich soils, abundant sunshine and plentiful rainfall are the very essence of this truly natural and excellent product. Traditionally Tanna is also well known for its fertile soil where it's hard working population farm peanut, potato, onion, carrot, round cabbage, lettuce, tomato and capsicum. On the other hand, Erromango Island is well for its Sandalwood which later process into essential oil for perfumes and other products. Fishing activities on the Island of Aniwa play an important role in maintaining the supply of seafood protein for the communities. Both men and women are active fishers, contributing to the household fish consumption and profitable purpose. The Government encouraged local businessmen to joint-partnerships with foreign investors and create local industry associations depending on the require policy and agreement under the sector responsible.



Opportunities in Livestock

Vanuatu beef is considered one of the best in the world. Cattle farming is a great opportunity in Tafea Province. The Government of Vanuatu implemented the National Cattle Restocking Program supporting all province for this initiative business platform supporting small scale farmers. This will contribute towards the Government's national target to register a total of 500,000 heads of cattle by 2025. The Island of Tanna, Erromango and Aneityum have been register cattle restocking program with high potential. The importance of the distribution of improved herds to rural farmers means that in the future, people expect heavier and meaty cattle on rural plantations to maintain a high quality of organic beef at all times.



Timber Business

Timber is popular in the Tafea Province meaning there is a high value especially in Sandalwood. Vanuatu's own Erromango sandalwood is committed to improving the livelihoods of farmers, landholders & communities through sustainable production and value adding of essential timber. The Government of Vanuatu support local communities by distributing Sawmills, particularly in the Tafea Province. With records indicating that there some 1,400 hectares of woodlot established in Tafea Province. The current activity for forestry investment in Tafea Province is the Sandalwood Joint Ventures, under the name of Erromango Sandalwood Limited. This business activity involves Joint Ventures with Sandalwood growers on Erromango Island and Foreign Investor from New Zealand. The Joint Ventures were initially established under the Sandalwood futures then moved to Erromango Sandalwood Limited. This initiative provide a platform for local Sandalwood growers to have the opportunity to sell their sandalwood to any foreign investor who is interested in conducting business in this particular category.



Invest in Eco-Tourism

Tourism is the main source of income in Tafea Province. Tanna Island received the highest number of visitors due to its Toka ceremony is considered the most impressive traditional dance. It is held every 3 to 4 years. This includes Tanna's most famous attraction and is regarded as the world's most accessible active volcano. Over the centuries, ash rain from Yasur has built up huge black sand dunes, creating a stark moonscape. With routes road where visitors can climb up to the crater rim, where they are treated to a magnificent fireworks display. Eco-Bungalows built in line to support the surrounded natural environment and traditional cultures perform by local communities to welcome visitors. Tanna has a variety of Accommodations from luxury variety to smaller traditional style Island Bungalows located throughout the Island with the majority found close to the Volcano for easy access to visit the Volcano. The adventure begin once you landed in Tanna and with its unique cultural experience, visitors can choice where to stay.

Mystery Island is an uninhabited Island and is 10 minutes away by boat from the big Island called Aneityum situated in Tafea Province. The Island itself has remained virtually untouched. This incredibly beautiful conglomeration of pure white sand, palm trees and coral reefs provides the perfect place to relax and unwind. Mystery Island can be reach only via Cruises ships, local boats and by planes (Air Vanuatu) 3 times a week. This is one stop journey for everyone to enjoy local foods, local coconuts, local coffee and taste of cooked spiny lobster. The surrounding areas from Mystery Island has been secured as a Marine Protected Area. However, there are other hidden investment opportunity apart from spending time in sand and cave snorkelling, ship wrecks, turtle touching and fish feeding surrounded by clear blue waters and sheltered by coral reefs.

WHO HAS INVESTED IN TAFEA PROVINCE?



WHITEGRASS AIRPORT

White Grass Airport is Vanuatu’s third international Airport and is owned and operated by Airports Vanuatu Limited (AVL). White Grass Airport is under the responsibility of Airports Vanuatu Limited (AVL) Operations and has an Airport Manager that ensures Civil Aviation Rule are in compliance at all times. This is a good investment opportunity especially having both companies registered as local business enterprise and with its own shareholders and providing genuine service to the people of Tafea. Infrastructure plays an important role in regards to the recent upgrade of the terminal. The terminal provide easy accessible route for foreign investors with a lot to choice from when it comes to investment opportunity.



LOCAL BUSINESS SERVICE

Tafea Province continues to receive supports from the Government and Private Companies for better services allocated to the people and communities. There are two Commercial Banks on Tanna. National Bank of Vanuatu and Bank South Pacific (BSP). Other business household name includes Western Union, Post Office and Air Vanuatu. The two biggest Telecommunication companies which is DIGIGEL and TVL are the main communication which office located in Tanna Island and coverage through reaching other Islands in Tafea Province. However, with high increasing number of visitors to Tafea Province by yachts and plane, Customs and Immigration Office is also located in Lenakel Town. Travel by domestic shipping, the main port is at Lenakel and this includes outer islands within Tafea Province.



UNELCO EXTENSION

It has been a great achievement for the people of Tanna and Tafea province to officially witness for the first time, lights being switched on at White grass

Airport as one of the major development conducted by Unelco. Electricity & Power Unelco provides electricity throughout the town of Lenakel and some rural areas closer to town. Most remote villages and Bungalows run on generator or solar power and may be switched off at night.



ROCKWATER RESORT

With its overlooking view pointing directly to the Pacific Ocean, Rockwater Resort is simply one of kind crafted out of the limestone cliffs of the stunningly beautiful, undiscovered North Tanna coastline. Three years of labour with handmade bricks fully style with Mediterranean restaurant along with coral gardens, overlooking sunsets, Rockwater Resort surely is breathtaking. The Resort is built for a purpose and that is to attract visitors to the Island of Tanna. Rockwater Resort opened its doors on the 4th of April 2018. Whilst embracing the location’s natural environment in its architecture, Rockwater also introduced a new level of guests comforts and leisure in the southern islands of Vanuatu. Employment opportunity is definitely a must were locals recruited to work at Rockwater Resort.



PACIFIC ENERGY

With three fuel stations opened at Louanatom and two in Lenakel, Pacific Energy is already seeing beyond the horizon of economic beacon that is beckoning both locals and foreigners to partner to develop Tanna, by assuring the people that depending on the current positive economic climate, they may open more fuel station on Tanna in near future. The cost of fuel on Tanna is now the same as in Port Vila supporting communities in Tanna and other Islands in Tafea Province. The three fuel stations are owned 100% by indigenous Tanna owners and their families. This clearly shows the interest of small and medium enterprise in

partnership with its supplier for implementing the Government's Energy Road Map by setting up business on Tanna.



TANNA COFFEE

With its famously high value coffee production, Tanna Island continuously set standard when it comes to business endeavours. Established in Tanna in 1982, Tanna Coffee Development Company operate to assist Vanuatu after its Independence. Due to severe climatic conditions, the company stop operating until it was sold to a private investors, who later introduced stronger varieties. With high rich volcanic soils, Arabic Coffee is genuinely the consumer type and natural quality product for its investment. Production from over 750 farmers has increased which lead to earning capacity and provide accessible for oversea market. Approximately 500,000 coffee trees have been on Tanna and 100,000 planted on other adjoining Islands. The aim of creating a viable and sustainable industry capable of satisfying international demands will continue but more importantly maintaining the unique quality that the 100% organically grown Tanna coffee possesses. All coffee is sold in roasted and packaged form through Tanna Coffee's facility which locate in Port Vila with 70% being distributed locally and is currently exporting to Australia, New Zealand and Fiji and supplies seedlings to two certified organic coffee growers in Samoa. This is a milestone for Vanuatu local product to be recognised in International Market and also encouraging farmers throughout the country to make use of their land.

TAFEA PROVINCE

*Working together to improve developments and
livelihoods of the people*

Tafea Provincial Council is the authorize body for the purpose of making sure that the decentralization policy is implemented in full. This is the main vision to make sure that the power must reach the people, especially in service delivery to make sure that the process of that decentralization policy is implemented. Tafea Provincial Office also serves to provide support in the implementation of specific programs, policies incentives, strategies and disseminate information on export and imports procedures and requirements. And the marketability of specific products within the primary processing industries. It will also facilitate the establishment of cottage, small, medium to large scale manufacturing industries and facilitate market access of value added products in the Tafea province. Foreign Investors who interested in seeking information on land rates, Joint Venture Business Investment and Investment opportunities must liaise directly with the Tafea Provincial Council in order to get full assurance to conduct any type of business in the province.

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