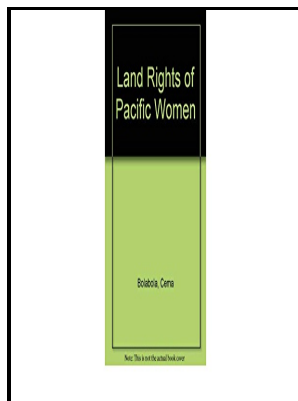


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It has to be clear and comprehensible in the Kwara'ae language and, equally important, it must be approved by the Kwara'ae people as represented by their chiefs.

### Women and Land Rights

This episode examines this issue, following the WRI report. The obvious answer to this is that in the Solomons traditional land rights still determine who should control land and natural resource and, by implication, who should not, In the context of the traditional economic and political system, however, Kwara'ae land rights also seem like a system for ensuring that everyone has access to the natural resources they need to support themselves - not so much a way of dividing land among people as a way of distributing people over land. Due to unequal access to land, women in Pakistan are often obligated to live in poverty, under deprived economic conditions and inequitably treated.

### Pacific Women Shaping Pacific Development

Of course, the system is already changing in practice as some people - individually, as groups of relatives, or as cooperatives - take control of large areas of land by developing it for their own use.

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Should the policies of development be revised as well as the land rights system, and could this help preserve the forest ecosystem that has supported the Kwara'ae people for so long? The vulnerability of people, specifically women, with insecure land rights increases exponentially in a disaster situation. Women in Africa and Asia who live in rural areas are often doubly affected by discrimination. Solomon Star 1989 Registration of Customary Lands.

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And what about the values of community life and sound resource management, which the traditional land rights system upheld? It is the forest which gives the land its fertility, allowing people to make their temporary gardens of root crops and vegetables in forest clearings, to plant nut and fruit trees, and so to feed themselves and their pigs. However, it needs to be pointed out that this area of the law is undergoing some changes.

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