

The thriving agricultural industry of Taveuni can attribute its success to the Taveuni Forest Reserve which was established to ensure unlimited water supply and free ecosystem services to the people of Taveuni.

While the Taveuni FR currently provides little monetary benefit to landowners, combined with the Ravilevu NR and Bouma National Heritage Park, the Taveuni National Park will build a strong imperative for ecotourism development.

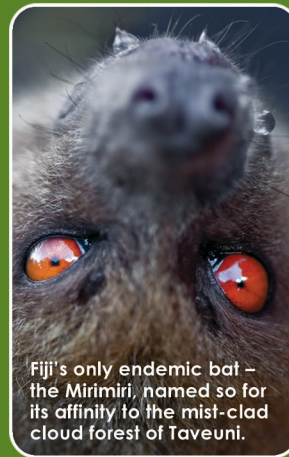
Waterfalls, rivers and clear water streams abound on the island, and the forests are unusually lush with their abundance of ferns and epiphytes. The Ravilevu NR has particularly high landscape values. There are a number of spectacular waterfalls near the coast and some fall straight into the sea.



Waterfall: Photo by Stuart Chape

SPECIAL SPECIES ON TAVEUNI

Taveuni is of outstanding heritage value in terms of its biodiversity values.



Bat: Photo by Jörg Kretschmer

Fiji's only endemic bat – the Mirimiri, named so for its affinity to the mist-clad cloud forest of Taveuni.



Lizard: Photo by Clare Morrison

Pacific blue-tailed skink. A little-known species that is abundant on Taveuni

Frog: Photo by Clare Morrison.



The Fiji ground frogs of Taveuni vary in color. Listen out for their low whistles after an evening drizzle in the rainforest.

THE CRITICAL ECOSYSTEMS PARTNERSHIP FUND

Founded in 2000, one of the goals of the Critical Ecosystem Partnership Fund (CEPF) is to enable the "protection of biologically rich, yet threatened areas in developing countries." CEPF aims to "improve economic well-being by supporting people to benefit from the ecosystem they depend on."

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The tagimaucia flower, Taveuni's iconic plant – found only in cool Tropical Montane Cloud Forests.

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