
NA VANUA CONSERVATION HUB



A Centre for Implementing Environmental Tourism

The *Na Vanua* Conservation Hub at Likuliku Lagoon Resort, will be the home of the **Ahura Resorts Conservation Foundation** – a unique, interactive and immersive space showcasing the environmental and community programs and projects being managed and delivered by the Foundation Team.

Na Vanua translates to "the land" in Fijian, and holds significant cultural and ecological meaning, because in Fijian culture, "vanua" encompasses more than just the physical land; it also includes the people, their traditions, customs, and the natural environment. It represents a deep connection and respect for the land, acknowledging its role in sustaining life and community.

The mission of *Na Vanua* is:

- Advocating and promoting the conservation of natural and cultural resources
 - Increase awareness and understanding of conservation among resort guests, staff and the indigenous resource owners
 - Support the resource owners through sustainable tourism
 - Advocate to minimize negative impacts on the environment and society from tourism.
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Na Vanua will represent a journey of discovery extolling the three key pillars of the Foundation being: **Above the Sea, Below the Sea and Community.** It will be where Likuliku resort guests participating in the various citizen science activities on offer, will initially gather for a project overview, before heading out into the field. There will be tactile displays featuring snapshots of key projects such as: a sample herb garden, the dry forest sapling group, a fully-constructed reef star, an observation bee hive and a mini Fiji Crested Iguana cage.

Hub and field activities will include presentations and talks on: Terrestrial Species Conservation including Reforestation and the Iguanas, General Conservation, Responsible Tourism, Marine including the Reef Star Project and Planting, Night Iguana Spotting, Garden Tours, Night Snorkelling, Mangrove Restoration Tour, Nature Trails and Historic Walks, Up-cycling Activities, Themed Movies, Back-of-House Waste and Recycle Tour, and Primary Stakeholder Discussion Panels.

Na Vanua will also be meeting place where resort guests can interact with the Foundation Team and learn more about ways in which the Foundation operates - how it derives its funding and ways to assist with patronage through donations and sponsorship of projects and initiatives.

The *Na Vanua* Conservation Hub celebrates Ahura Resorts' ongoing commitment to preserving and protecting the local environment and culture.

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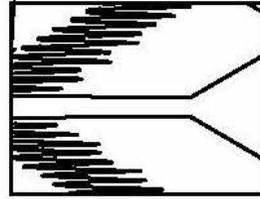
The 14 Symbols of Likuliku

At the heart of **Na Vanua** lies a powerful visual story — **14 symbols** etched into operable panelled walls, each representing a vital piece of the land, sea, and culture that define the spirit of Likuliku. These symbols connect guests to the deep roots of Fijian heritage, the wisdom of ancestral legends, and the commitment to conservation.



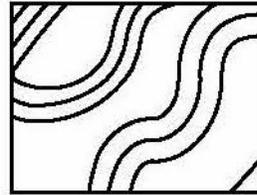
1. The Calm Lagoon

A sacred place of serenity, Likuliku Lagoon represents peace, protection, and the ancestral blessings that keep its waters forever calm.



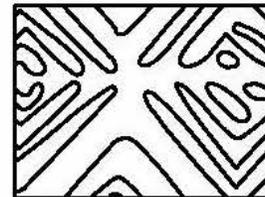
2. Connection to Ocean and Culture

The resort's overwater bures mirror the deep relationship between the Fijian people and the sea — a life-giving force and cultural foundation.



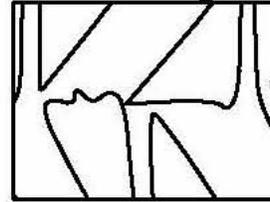
3. The Banded Tulip Shell

Rare and revered, this shell symbolises unity, prosperity, and the enduring gifts of the ocean that bring communities together.



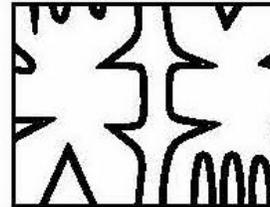
4. Tavuki the Turtle

Guided by moonlight and memory, Tavuki leads sacred journeys of renewal – a guardian of the sea and symbol of ancestral wisdom.



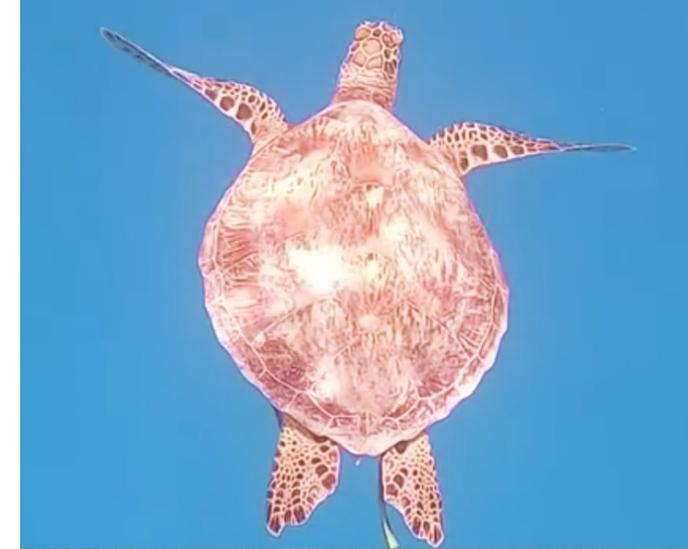
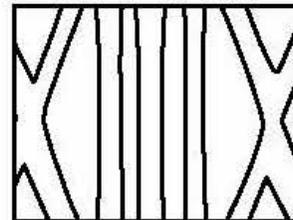
5. The Ancestral Village

Likuliku is built upon the spirit of a once-thriving village. Its design honours traditional life, ensuring the past lives on through place and people.



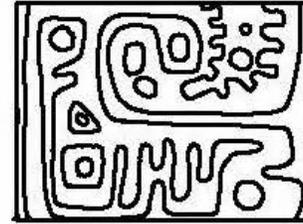
6. Legacy of Vunilagi

A symbol of heritage and resilience – the enduring promise that culture, spirit, and place remain strong in the hearts of all who visit.



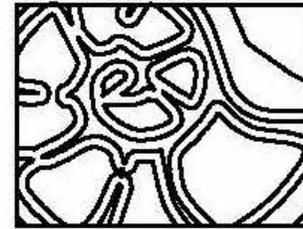
7. The Underwater Fish Highway

Invisible yet vital, this sacred marine path reflects balance and guidance, showing harmony between sea creatures and ocean currents.



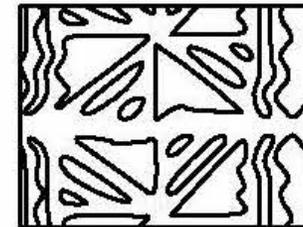
8. The Sacred Shell of Wisdom

The Qase-ni-Matanikau shell holds the knowledge of the tides, reefs, and rhythms of the ocean – a symbol of listening to nature and learning from it.



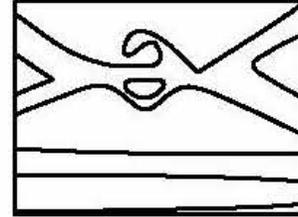
9. The Return of the Iguana

Once thought extinct, the island's iguanas have returned – a symbol of restoration, resilience, and the power of ecological healing.



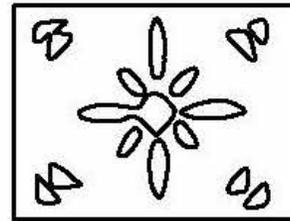
10. The Rebirth of the Forest

With 24 native tree species replanted, the dry fore revival represents long-term commitment to land restoration and future generations.



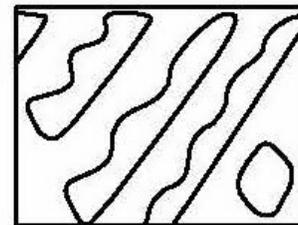
11. Coral Regeneration

Through innovative reef structures, life beneath the surface is returning – a symbol of stewardship and care for marine ecosystems.



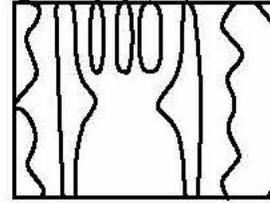
12. The Mangrove Path

Vital to coastal protection and biodiversity, mangroves represent shelter, strength, and the interconnectedness of land and sea



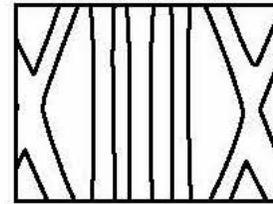
13. The Harmony of Ecosystems

Where vibrant reef meets tropical forest, this symbol celebrates biodiversity and the natural balance that sustains life in Fiji.



14. Spirit of Vanua

At the core is *vanua* – more than land, it is identity, community, tradition, and the sacred duty to live in harmony with all life.



These 14 symbols are more than designs – they are stories, reminders, and calls to action.

They ask us to remember where we've come from... to honour the land and sea... and to carry these values forward in everything we do.

Vinaka vakalevu for taking this journey with us through the spirit of Na Vanua.

