The University of Queensland Solomon Islands Partnership is proud to present a seminar on:

Frogs of the Solomon Islands – Implications for Rainforest Conservation

When: Friday 26 February 2010
Time: 12:00 - 1:00pm
Where: Sir Samuel Griffith Room (1-W341), Forgan Smith Building, UQ, St Lucia campus

Solomon Islands is one of the most bio-diverse regions of the world. The land area has one of the highest densities of endemism amongst vertebrates on earth. Species are still being discovered especially in remote forests. And yet, relentless logging, other anthropogenic impacts, and natural climate phenomena are threatening the islands and the ecosystems that support this amazing diversity. Mr Patrick Pikacha’s study aims to determine the taxonomy, abundance and distribution of frogs in the Solomon Islands. The paucity of this knowledge is hampering current conservation efforts.

Presenter: Patrick Pikacha

Mr Patrick Pikacha is coordinator of the program of Conservation International in Solomon Islands. He has conducted biodiversity research in the Solomon Islands, with a focus on frogs and small mammals and is co-author of the book 'Frogs of Solomon Islands'. He currently coordinates conservation efforts and works with communities on different islands in the Solomons, on achieving conservation outcomes by working through the local land tenure systems. His passion for the Melanesian environment led him to founding a local grassroots magazine called Melanesian Geo and website www.melanesiangeo.org This grassroots initiative has received support from both communities and institutions. (from IUBS BioEd 2009 Conference Session Speakers’ Bios)

All welcome. No RSVP required. Please forward this invitation on to anyone who may be interested.

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