**TOPIC:** *Changing and Preserving Traditional Fishing Methods of Moukele of Vulaa in the National Capital Province of Papua New Guinea.*

**ABSTRACT**

This is a project funded by the Indigenous Peoples of Taiwan focused on two fronts. Firstly, it researches and studies the old traditional fishing methods of Moukele of Vulaa in the National Capital District (NCD) of Papua New Guinea (PNG), and how they have changed over the years. Secondly, the project attempts to house and preserve some aspects, materials, etc. of these traditional methods of fishing.

Moukele commonly known as Daugo, or Fisherman’s Island is located south of Port Moresby with a distance of about 20 kms. With a population of about 2000 Moukele is classified as a settlement in Ward 3 of Moresby South electorate.

Moukele is also the biggest of the Vulaa settlements in Port Moresby. There are small but significant pockets of Vulaa settlements in and around Badili, Taikone and Gereka. The main Vulaa villages are in the eastern coast of Central Province. They are Kapari Viriolo (Kaparai Vulaa) in Marhall Lagoon and Alukuni, Keapara, Karawa, Hula (Iru Vulaa), Alewai, Irupara and Kaparoko in Rigo. The collective population hovers around 30,000.

The outcomes of the study thus far and among others, are the construction of a mini museum in form of Aluraikau Drifters Fishing Hut on Moukele and near completion of publication of the first of the 10 books on changing of different fishing methods targeted for the young Vulaa school children and others. Hence writing history for the children of PNG.

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