

# San Sebastian Hotel: Progress Report

## 1 September 2011

Please find below a summary regarding the development of the San Sebastian Hotel, as some investors are still not clear of the overall status and current progress on site.

During July 2011 the Hotel paid compensation to a group of community members wishing to relocate outside the Sanctuary's boundary, as part of the Chingonguene Community Relocation Program – these community members resided on the site where the hotel will be built.

The builders are currently on site and started construction of the school in the community village ( Photos 1 and 2). Please see the design of the community village in Map 2.

The Hotel's key dates are:

### ACTIVITY

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| - Payment to Community               | 26 July 2011      |
| - 1/3 Game Introduction by           | 30 November 2011  |
| - Completion of school by            | 31 October 2011   |
| - Move northern community by         | 30 December 2011  |
| - Completion of community village by | 30 July 2012      |
| - 2/3 Game Introduction by           | 30 September 2012 |

### HOTEL and AIRFIELD

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| - 2 villas and community fishing village by | 30 December 2012 |
| - 4 villas and <u>Airfield</u> by           | 30 December 2013 |
| - 6 villas and central facilities by        | 30 December 2014 |
| - 8 villas by                               | 30 December 2015 |
| - 14 villas by                              | 30 December 2016 |



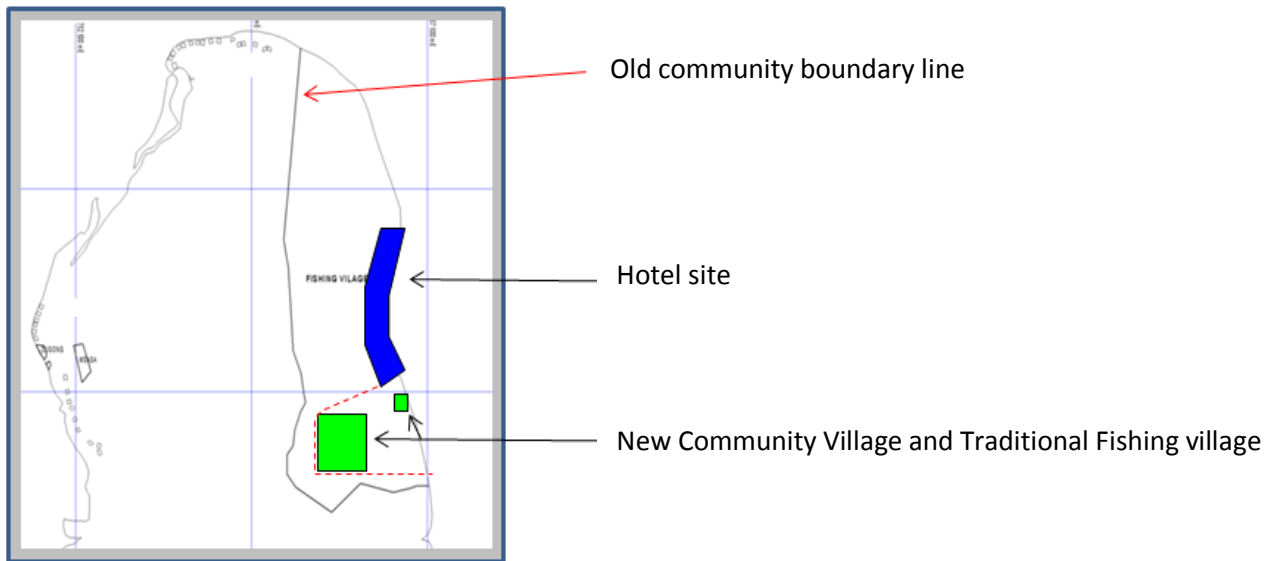
**Photo 1.** School, 25 August 2011



**Photo 2.** School, 1 September 2011

### A reminder of the benefits of the Hotel development to the Community and Reserve

- Not dealing with this community was a development oversight;
- Unusable community land becomes available to be incorporated into the reserve, approximately 507ha ( Map 1).
- Benefits to the environment, ie enhance Sanctuary's terrestrial and marine conservation efforts ( see photos 3 and 4);
- Job creation for 200+ individuals, with the aim of reducing reliance on marine resources by the community and lessen / do away with habitat destruction due to existing agriculture practices;
- Creates space for the relocation of existing residential sites, that could further stimulate development and job creation in the area;
- Creates access to eastern seaboard, and *visa-versa*.



**Map 1.** Approximate location and size of new “Developments”



**Photo 3**

Reverse habitat destruction caused by means of substance agriculture



**Photo 4**

Protect marine resources, specifically sea grass beds that is food for the endangered Dugong

The design of the community village has been accepted and approved by the community, Government and The Sanctuary ( Map 2).

**Map 2.** Design of the Chingonguene community village

