

# Our Natural Heritage



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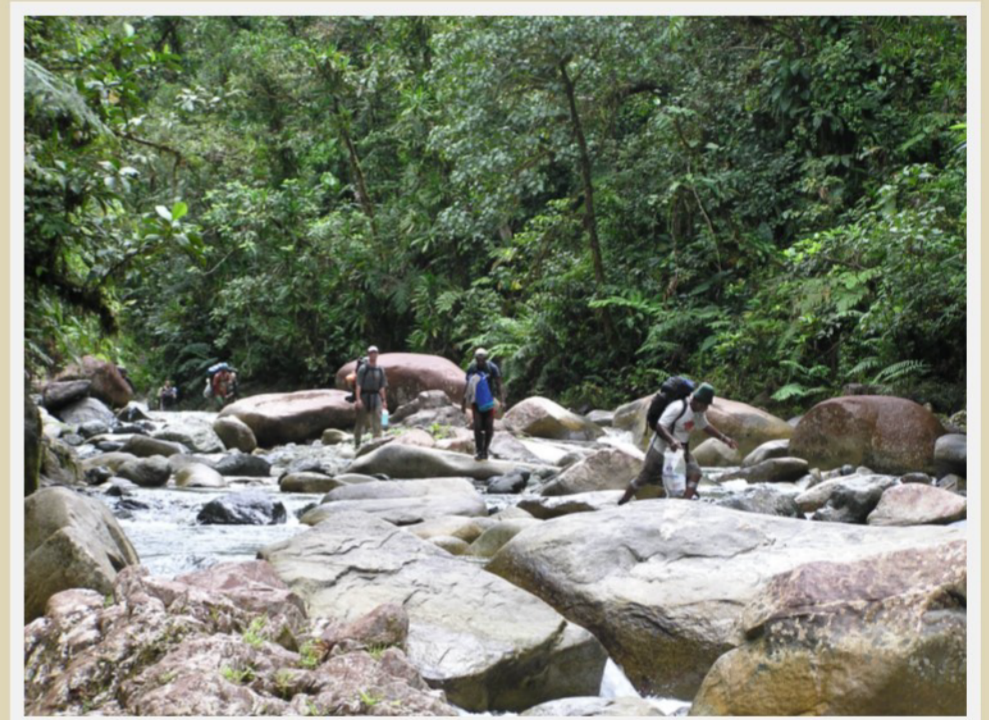
**SOVI BASIN**



The Sovi Basin Protected Area (SBPA) is the largest protected area in Fiji with 16,344 hectares of conservation leased land. The entire basin is filled with undisturbed tropical forest vegetation, native wild life and freshwater fauna. The SBPA is owned by 9 landowning units who reside in 5 villages within the Naitasiri and Namosi provinces.

In 2012, the site was leased to the National Trust for 99 years as a conservation lease through the iTaukei Lands Trust Board. The SBPA was listed on the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List in 1999. It has also been designated as a Key Biodiversity Area by Conservation International and an important Bird Area by Birdlife International.

13 species of plants and animals that occur in Sovi are globally classed as “threatened with extinction”.



**HIKING THE SOVI BASIN**



**Long Legged Warbler (Manukalou) - *Trichocichla rufa***

The Manukalou was rediscovered in 2003 after a century ever since it was last recorded in Viti Levu. It is globally listed as Critically Endangered in the IUCN Red List in 2006. The bird has been recorded in suitable habitats in small upland streams throughout the SBPA. This bird is a very secretive species with its song. Their main threats are deforestation and mongooses.



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