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One Week Left to Name Kolombangara Conservation Area

There is only one week to go for people to get their nominations in to name the conservation area on Kolombangara that will be launched at a big Festival in June.

“The conservation area covers the mountain areas of Kolombangara above 400m altitude and covers 28% of the island. This would make it the largest recognized conservation area in the Solomon Islands,” said Mr Vaghi.

“Landholders on the island have agreed to protect this area from logging and mining.”

“The person that nominates the winning name will be given the choice of two great prizes: either 3 cartons of Chilli Taiyo (donated by Soltai Fishing and Processing at Noro) or a mobile phone, SIM and \$500 of credit (donated by bemobile),” said Mr Vaghi.

“Nominations for the name for this conservation area must propose a Kolombangara language name (a Nduke language name). The name will then be added to the type of conservation area, eg ‘national park’ or ‘protected area’.”

“The new name will be announced by the Prime Minister at the official dedication ceremony on 15 June at the Kolombangara Biodiversity and Cultural Festival. The festival will run from 13 and 17 June.”

“The KIBCA Executive will meet at the start of the festival to screen the nominations and a naming committee will meet the next day to select the best name.”

“This conservation area is special to Kolombangaran people because it is centred on the Kolombangara crater where our ancestors came from. A name for the area will give our efforts greater meaning,” concluded Mr Vaghi.

Rules and Entry Details:

Only one entry is permitted per person, and must be received by KIBCA by Fri 3 June 2011. Entries must have your name, village, the suggested conservation area name and the reason why you have chosen it. Send your entry to PO Box 199, Gizo, Western Province, email info@kibca.org or fax 60 020.

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