



WISHING YOU A JOYOUS MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2023 CELEBRATIONS

It is this time of the year that we pause from all our daily schedules to share the peace, and love in celebrating the birth of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ who came to this earth on Christmas day and offered his life, so we can have life eternal. A living example that we may share with all our hearts in this profound mystery of Christmas.

FROM:

The Minister of Forestry and Research, Honourable Dickson Panakitasi Mua, Permanent Secretary Dr. Vaeno Wayne Vigulu, Commissioner of Forest Resources, Deputy Commissioners, Directors and staff of the Ministry of Forestry and Research, including their families wish to extend their warmest Blessed Christmas Festive Season's Greetings

TO:

The Governor General of Solomon Islands His Excellency, Sir David Vunagi and Lady Mary Vunagi, Honourable Prime Minister Manasseh Damukana Sogavare and Madam Sogavare,

Speaker of the National Parliament – Hon. Patterson Oti, Ministers of Crown, Chief Justice – Sir Albert Rocky Palmer, Deputy Prime Minister – Honourable Manasseh Maelanga, Leader of the Opposition Group Honourable Matthew Wale, Leader of the Independent Group, Honourable Members of Parliament, Provincial Premiers and Members of Provincial Assemblies, Mayor of Honiara City – Councillor Siapu, Constitutional Post Holders, Excellencies', and Heads of Diplomatic Missions, Stakeholders and Development Partners;

The Private Sector Business Houses and Organizations – Solomon Islands Chamber of Commerce, Solomon Forest Association, PHAMA, VATA, SITPEA, Rural Forest Resource Owners including the non-Government Organisations, Faith Based Organizations – SICA and SIFCA, Representatives of Civil Society and Community – Based Organization, Senior Government Officials, Traditional Chiefs and Community Leaders, friends, and all good citizens of Solomon Islands.

The Ministry wishes you all the warmest Blessings and Christmas Greetings as we enter this year's joyous festive season!

Yes, a Christmas tree is something we cannot do without during this season. Because a tree is a significant symbol for this festive season in celebrating the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Even without all fancy decorations, Christmas trees are special because they remind us of this season, that we shall love one another and stay together in peace and prosperity.

So, as we celebrate, let us reflect on its symbol and remind ourselves of the importance that tree provides for us traditionally, economically, socially, and the ecological services that a tree did for us collectively in our forests, and embrace the good deeds we've achieved and learn from our mistakes.

Let us also remind ourselves that, our forests with its biodiversity have been created as a sustainable resource for our benefit and the benefit of our future generations.

In this regard, we will continue to have oversight over its management in partnership and collaboration with all stake holders and our resource owners for better and improved forestry services that will benefit all now and in the years to come.

Let us continue to work together hand in hand in 2023, in advancing our beautiful nation Solomon Islands towards peaceful co-existence and economic prosperity.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS ALL AND MAY THIS JOYFUL SEASON GREET YOU WITH
GOOD HEALTH AND HAPPINESS AS WE STAND TOGETHER FOR 2023.**

