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National Fisheries Authority Leads Taurama Plastic and Rubbish Catchment Project to Safeguard Marine Resources and Mangroves

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Port Moresby- In a promising endeavor to safeguard critical marine habitat and resources, including vital mangrove ecosystems, and combat pollution, the National Fisheries Authority (NFA) is taking the helm in the construction-in-progress of the Taurama Plastic and Rubbish Catchment Project, a visionary initiative championed by former Parliamentarian, Michael Nali.

Mangroves play a crucial role in supporting vibrant functional marine ecosystems, serving as nurseries for various marine species, protecting coastlines from erosion, and sequestering carbon dioxide. Recognizing the immense ecological value of mangroves, the NFA has been a staunch advocate for their protection and restoration, aiming to ensure their preservation for the benefit of current and future generations.

Michael Nali's brainchild, the Taurama Plastic and Rubbish Catchment Project, is specifically tailored to address the pressing issue of marine pollution threatening not only the pristine waters of Tuna Bay but also the fragile mangrove habitats along the coast. By preventing plastics and rubbish from entering these ecosystems, the project seeks to safeguard the interconnected web of life that thrives in these biodiverse environments.

Through innovative waste management strategies, community engagement initiatives, and environmental education campaigns, the Taurama Plastic and Rubbish Catchment Project is paving the way for a cleaner, healthier marine environment. By partnering with the NFA, a leading authority in marine conservation, this project is poised to make a significant impact in preserving the natural beauty of Tuna Bay and ensuring the long-term sustainability of marine resources and mangrove ecosystems.

As the Taurama Plastic and Rubbish Catchment Project progresses under the auspices of the National Fisheries Authority, it underscores a shared commitment to environmental stewardship and the protection of our oceans and coastal habitats. Together, we can work towards a future where marine resources and mangroves are safeguarded, thriving, and resilient for generations to come.

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