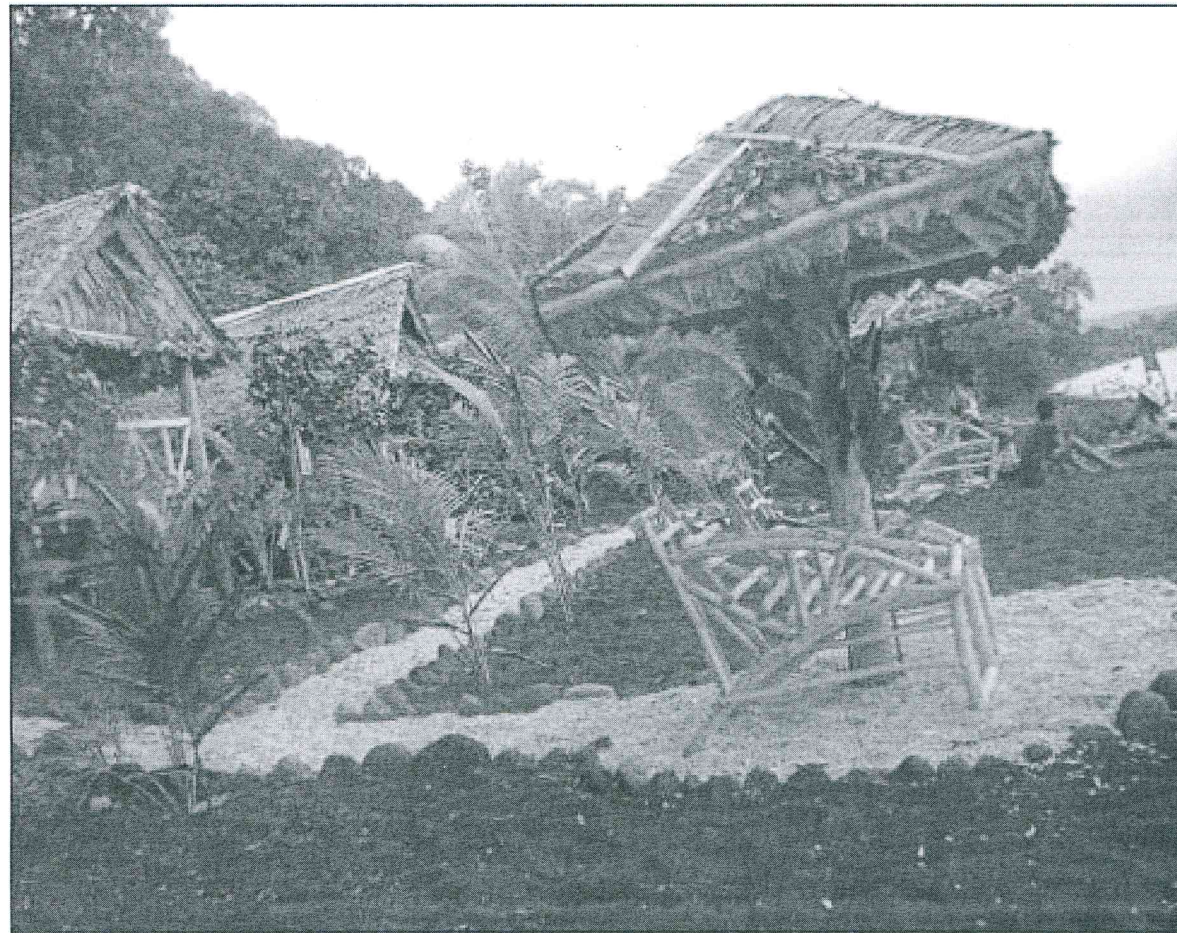


Bungalow reopens after relocating twice



Ranon Beach Bungalow, Ambrym

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IN THE YEAR 2000 IT WAS RELOCATED from the beach up the hill because it had been damaged by waves, but, it has been re-opened for a second time at the ideal location of the black sand beach of Loporkor in North Ambrym.

Traditionally built and beside a slope, next to the bungalow there is a board that reads: "Welcome to Ranon Beach Bungalow", from where you are escorted along a decorated path to the romantic restaurant, around its two peaceful guest houses and to two wooden shelters for freshly poured island-tea, reading or sunbathing.

Tourists who wish to visit Ambrym's Marum and Benbow volcano can now dream of resting up at the traditional accommodation after their long-distance trek from the volcano. The shortest route to the volcano is from Ranon, in the north of the island.

Overseas visitors will soon be able to book directly from the 'Malampa Travel Call Centre': the first web-based call center of its kind in Vanuatu that provides direct telecommunications and booking support to

local entrepreneurs from Malampa.

For the past few years the guest house was located up on the hill and holiday-makers found it disappointing to have to walk down the hill for a swim in the sea and trek once more up to their lodgings.

Unlike before, the bungalow now has everything the tourist could need: all the basic necessities with trained chefs and waitresses from the village who will attend to both domestic and international visitors.

Ranon Beach Bungalow is owned by Douglas Laan from Ranon village. His achievement has been made possible through the TVET (Technical Vocational Education and Training) tourism training and coaching programs. The fresh planning, design and management of his revived business now meets the required professional standards of the tourism sector.

Ranon Beach Bungalow, for the second time, was officially launched by the director of the Tourism Department, George Borugu, on October 3, 2013.

Completion of the bungalow is still underway