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The Pavilion of First Light

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5:50 AM

Marou Village, Naviti Island

17°07'10" S, 177°15'17" E

Today, the morning arrives in Fiji Islands earlier than most parts of the world just like any other day, turning a new page on the calendar. Red, orange and gold slowly wash over the beach, slip over the hills, and wake the village in a hush of light. This daily miracle is more than beauty; it is a rhythm, a signal, a beginning of a new cycle. But as climate change threatens these remote shores, the sunrise now asks more of us. Can light become protection? Can nature power resilience?

Siga Siga – The Pavilion of First Light answers with an energy harvesting site that is deeply contextual, responding to light and water, and simultaneously spiritual, celebrating every sunrise as a special event. Rather than introducing a foreign monument, the design weaves itself into the fabric of Fijian life and landscape. The soft skin made from locally sourced plant-based ropes wraps the installation, neutral on the outside, vibrant within. This woven skin folds open each morning, not only to shade and shelter, but also to resonate the intertwining of traditional Fijian culture and the cycle of nature. These installations offer both immediate function and long-term resilience: clean energy, water harvesting, irrigation, and flood mitigation. But just as importantly, they offer presence—spaces for ceremony, conversation, and connection.

