



SECRETARIAT OF THE PACIFIC REGIONAL ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME

Nineteenth SPREP Meeting

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Agenda Item 4: Action Taken on Decisions Made by Eighteenth SPREP Meeting

Purpose of Paper

- To report on action taken on the decisions of the 18th SPREP Meeting as outlined below.

Agenda Topic	Report Paragraph Number	Matters Arising	Action Taken / Required
<p>Agenda Item: 5.3: Financial Reports</p> <p>5.3.1: Report on Member's contributions</p>	116	<p>The Meeting:</p> <p>a) noted the status of unpaid membership contributions;</p> <p>b) heard commitments from members with unpaid contributions on that these would be settled promptly; and</p> <p>c) adopted the proposal by NZ for an options paper by the Secretariat on the issue for consideration at the 19th SPREP Meeting.</p>	<p>Seven members – American Samoa, Cook Islands, FSM, Tonga, USA, Vanuatu and Wallis and Futuna paid in \$247,212.07 by 31 December 2007.</p> <p>As decided, a paper will be addressed under the Corporate Issues agenda item on this.</p>
<p>Item 6: Members' Issues</p> <p>6.2: Options to Streamline Reporting by Pacific Island Countries to MEAS</p>	162	<p>The Meeting endorsed Option 1 and further agreed for Australia to report on the results of the trial to the 19th SPREP Meeting.</p>	<p>Australia will report on this.</p>
<p>6.3: Genetic resources in the Pacific Region</p>	175	<p>The Meeting accepted Australia's proposal to form an email network of relevant officials amongst SPREP members to continue the discussion and information exchange on ABS of genetic resources in PICTs.</p>	<p>Australia might update the meeting on the work via this network.</p>

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<p>Item 7: Staff Remuneration Issues</p> <p>7.1 Sustainable Financing for Periodic Staff Salary Increases</p>	206	<p>The Meeting therefore requested the Secretariat to take note of the Meeting's tendency to support Option 1 and building on its current paper also include other financial considerations including a review of the scale of membership contributions, a plan for collecting unpaid contributions, streamlining programmes etc. and resubmit the paper back to the 19th SPREP Meeting in the context of the Internal Corporate Review for consideration and decision.</p>	<p>A revised paper will be tabled under the Corporate Issues agenda item on this matter.</p>
<p>Agenda Item 8: 2008 Work Programme and Budget</p> <p>8.1: Island Ecosystems Programme Issues</p> <p>8.1.1: Regional Marine Species Programme Framework and Regional Arrangements for the Conservation of Marine Species of Special Interest</p>	233	<p>The Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Endorsed the revised Marine Species Programme Framework for 2008-2012; • Directed the Secretariat to collaborate with other relevant regional IGOs, in particular, the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), SPC, and FFA in progressing an appropriate approach in developing a Regional Action Plan for sharks, noting the decision 2006/05 by the Third Regular Session of WCPFC on Conservation and Management Measure for Sharks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean 	<p>Collaboration has been initiated with the request to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), and the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) suggesting a working group of relevant technical staff to work on this subject and recommend an approach. A response has yet to be received from one, but further communication has been initiated with the recommended technical staff recommended.</p>
<p>8.1.3: Pacific Year of the Reef 2008: A Plan of Action</p>	250	<p>The Meeting then endorsed the proposal for 2008 to be the Pacific Year of the Reef and noted that the initiative would be officially launched during the Conference on Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in Alotau, PNG in October 2007.</p>	<p>The Pacific Year of the Reef has been officially launched in Port-Vila on February 27th, 2008 instead of Alotau. Material has been disseminated in all PICTs and a grant scheme has been developed to support national activities. Two regional school competitions were started in February and will end in September. 4 Newsletters will be produced as part of PYOR to promote PYOR activities as well as CRISP programme products and outcomes.</p>

