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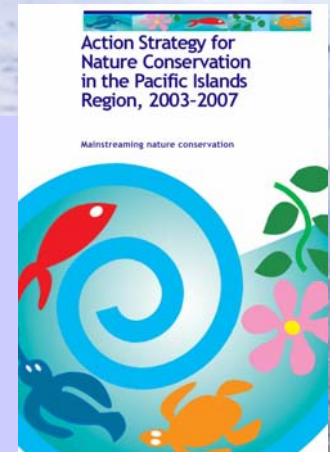
From Rarotonga to Alotau –
Progress on the Action
Strategy for Nature
Conservation

Presentation Overview

- Report on the past five years of the Action Strategy
- Achievements
- Things to build on.
- Where next?

Regional Conservation

- Action Strategy for Nature Conservation
 - From Cook Islands Conference 2003
 - Represents a consensus on priority concerns for the region and the ways in which they can be addressed.
 - Endorsed by SPREP members in 2003



Roundtable for Nature Conservation



- Launched in 1998 to focus on the Action Strategy:
 - Brings together regional and international conservation organisations, donors and governments
 - Promotes implementation
 - Encourages greater regional ownership
- Mandate from 2003 conference:
 - Improve coordination and collaboration
 - Monitor progress in implementation
 - Link to NBSAPs
 - Strengthen linkages to CROP/NGOs

Report from Roundtable to Conference

- Reports came from chairs of Roundtable working groups responsible for each of the objectives:
 - Input only from working group members.
 - Working group membership limited.
- A reflection of activities and actions:
 - Not measuring impact.
- The report is based on the objectives and targets in the 2003 – 2007 Action Strategy.

Limitations

- First time for targets in the expectation they would apply across the region: (77)
 - Did not work as well as expected.
 - Implementation was likely hampered by the volume of targets and very ambitious timeline.
 - Some targets not clearly formulated and left open to interpretation.
 - Difficult to apply each specific target equally to all Pacific Island Country and Territory.

Limitations

- Objectives were too numerous (18)
 - Some overlapped.
 - Too specific and made it difficult to apply them to the variety of circumstances in countries.
 - System available for reporting progress is not strong or comprehensive enough
 - Need contacts at the country/territory level
 - Information base may not be entirely reliable.
- This has impacted on the extent possible of satisfactory progress
- It has made it difficult to assess progress

Grading

- **Highly Satisfactory**

Objective achieved as targeted

- **Satisfactory**

Objective achieved in many PICTs, but short of targets

- **Marginally Satisfactory**

- Objective achieved in a few PICTs but with good potential to achieve targets in future

- **Unsatisfactory**

Very little or no progress with Objective

Environment

The **Environment** goal –

The biodiversity and natural environment of the Pacific region are conserved

Environment Goal

1.1 Establish and strengthen conservation networks and partnerships

Implementation has been **highly satisfactory** in that the targets have been met and exceeded.

1.2 Increase the number of areas under effective conservation management

Implementation could not be assessed accurately but it was thought to be **marginally satisfactory**

Environment Goal

1.3 Bring each PICT's priority invasive species under effective control, and prevent new introductions of marine and terrestrial alien, invasive species and regulate genetically modified organisms

Targets were very ambitious and while a great deal of excellent work on invasive species has occurred in the region, overall progress has been **marginally satisfactory**

Environment Goal

1.4 Safeguard and restore threatened species of ecological and cultural significance

Progress towards this Objective is considered to have been **marginally satisfactory**

1.5 Safeguard and restore threatened areas of ecological and cultural significance

Implementation could not be assessed accurately but it was thought to be **marginally satisfactory**

Environment Goal

1.6 Address the impacts of climate change on the natural environment and biodiversity

Not addressed by the Roundtable and no assessment of progress

1.7 Improve knowledge and understanding of the state of the Pacific's natural environment and biodiversity

Progress towards this Objective has been **marginally satisfactory** which means it has been achieved to a limited extent

Economy

The **Economy** goal -

Nature conservation and sustainable resource use are integral parts of all island economies

Economy Goal

2.1 Develop multi sector partnerships for sustainable resource use and management

While little progress has been achieved with this Objective, this is considered to have been **marginally satisfactory** since there appears to be good potential for further progress

2.2 Develop and enforce integrated environmental, economic and social planning, policy and legal frameworks

Progress overall towards this Objective is **marginally satisfactory**

Economy Goal

2.3 Foster economic instruments that create incentives for conservation and remove those with negative impacts

2.4 Strengthen resource and environmental valuation for effective decision making

2.5 Engage business in environmentally sound practices and support for conservation

Progress with each of these three Objectives is considered to have been **unsatisfactory**

Economy Goal

2.6 Create sustainable financial mechanisms

Progress with this Objective is considered to have been **highly satisfactory**

2.7 Promote sustainable livelihoods to eradicate poverty

Insufficient progress has been achieved against the targets and it is assessed as being **marginally satisfactory**

Society

The **Society** goal -

Pacific peoples, their governments, and institutions are leading activities for the sustainable and equitable use of natural resources in the Pacific region

Society Goal

3.1 Empower local people, communities and institutions to effectively participate in decision making and action

Progress on very specific targets was unsatisfactory. But progress overall can be said to have been **satisfactory**

3.2 Recognize and integrate customary structures and processes in natural resource and environmental governance systems

The overall conclusion of the Working Group for this Objective is that progress has been **unsatisfactory**

Society Goal

3.3 Safeguard and strengthen traditional knowledge and practices

Progress towards this Objective is considered as **unsatisfactory**

3.4 Raise awareness and promote conservation values

Progress towards this Objective has been **marginally satisfactory**

Conclusion

- 17 Objectives assessed
- Progress:
 - Satisfactory or highly satisfactory for only three Objectives.
 - Eight Objectives were marginally satisfactory
 - Six were considered unsatisfactory

The End

- So that's looking backwards
- Now lets look forwards.....

