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AGENDA ITEM 10.1.2 : Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Island region 2014-2020

Purpose of Paper

1. To seek endorsement of the new Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Island region 2014-2020.

Background

2. The new Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Island region 2014-2020 (regional framework) was adopted as one of the key outcomes of the 9th Pacific Islands Conference for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas (9th Nature Conference) in December 2013 in Suva, Fiji. Refer Annex 1 for copy of the final draft Framework. Final copies will be circulated at the SPREP Meeting. The process for formulating the new Framework started in April 2013 with input from SPREP Members and partner organizations including assessment of feedback from a questionnaire survey and the side event which was convened at the 24th SPREP Meeting in Apia. Additional discussions were held during the 9th Nature Conference, including a final round of comments post-conference.

3. The Framework provides guidance to all partners, organizations, governments and donor communities that are working together to achieve the global Aichi Biodiversity Targets through the implementation of National Biodiversity Strategies and Action Plans (NBSAPs) in the Pacific region. It also provides a link between global, regional, national and local conservation actions and aims to strengthen coordination and cooperation among key conservation partners.

4. Key features of the Framework include the 30-year goals which were developed at the 7th Nature Conference in 2002; six objectives which were developed during the 9th Nature Conference, which are aligned with the global Aichi Biodiversity Targets and NBSAPs; a Code of Conduct and guiding Principles which have been updated and revised to reflect key messages of the 9th Nature Conference; a matrix that shows the correlation between the objectives of the Framework and the Aichi Biodiversity Targets with examples of possible Performance Indicators to help assess progress. The Framework is for a period of six years from 2014 to 2020 which is aligned to the global CBD Strategic Biodiversity Plan 2011-2020.

5. The new Framework is now ready for implementation and all key organizations, governments and partners are encouraged to endorse, sign and commit to the implementation of the Framework.

Recommendation

6. The Meeting is invited to:

- **endorse** the Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Island region 2014-2020; and
- **encourage** Members and partners to support the implementation of the Framework.

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