

EU_Pacific Regional Waste Project

Summary of Country and regional prioritisation of waste streams and strategic actions

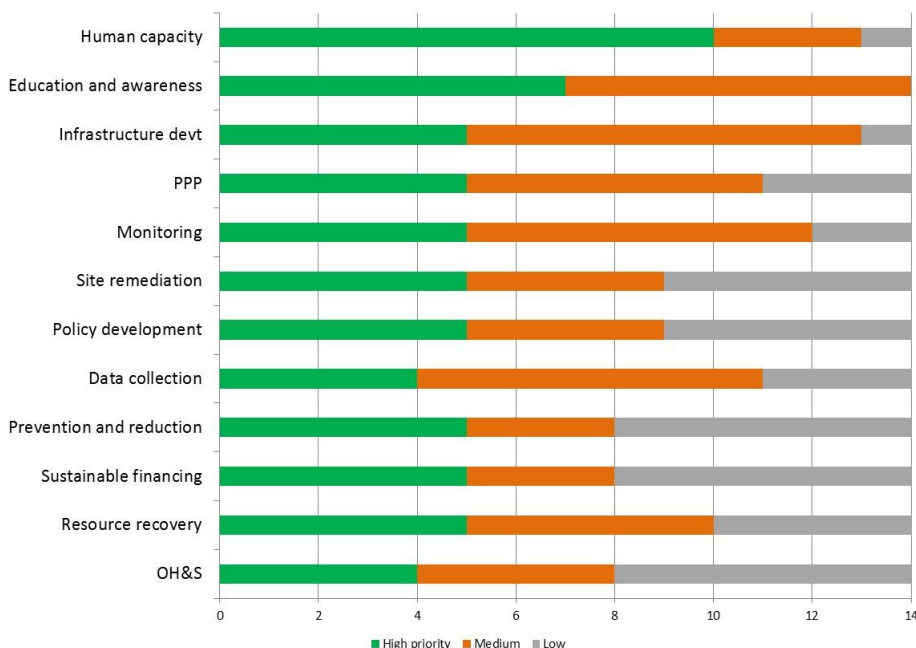
The waste streams and strategic actions proposed for the EU-Pacific Regional Waste Management Project were identified through the *Cleaner Pacific 2025 – Pacific Regional Waste and Pollution Management Strategy*. Significant Pacific island country and territory consultation was undertaken as part of the development of the strategy and *Cleaner Pacific 2025* was, itself, endorsed by SPREP Member countries and territories at the Twenty-sixth SPREP Meeting (2015) of Officials in Apia, Samoa.

While the priorities and strategic actions were developed in consultation with Pacific island states, an important additional step in the formulation of the EU-Pacific Regional Waste Management Project is to establish a clear understanding of the relative prioritisation of these eight waste streams and twelve strategic actions at both a country and regional level. As such, SPREP conducted a range of consultations to gather data from participating countries on the relative importance of the proposed priority areas at a national level. This data was collected, tabulated, analysed and referred back to country counterparts for comment.

The consultation process used to collect the country prioritisation data was multi-faceted and incorporated both written and face-to-face modes of communication. The central method of data collection was through the completion of a Country Prioritisation Matrix. The study was conducted in early 2017.

Priority strategic actions varied between countries in the region with three notable exceptions – which were also the three highest ranked regional strategic action priorities (see Figure 1). These were human capacity (ranked 1 with a value of 37), education and awareness (ranked 2 with a value of 35), and infrastructure development (ranked 3 with a value of 32). The insights gained from this analysis will be used to inform the detailed design document and will impact on project activities, budget allocation and resourcing for PacWaste Plus.

Figure 1: High, medium and low prioritisation of strategic actions, by region



Source: EU-Pacific Regional Waste Management Project, SPREP 2017.