

**NAME OF CROP AGENCY:** SPREP

TYPES OF ASSISTANCE/SUPPORT PROVIDED TO SMALLER ISLAND STATES (SIS) - JULY 2016 TO MAY 2017							
	TOTAL FINANCIAL VALUE	PRIORITY THEMATIC AREAS OF ASSISTANCE ***	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE				
			Work Attachment	Workshops	Consultants	Other (please specify)	Area of Assistance (policy, legal drafting, etc.)
Cook Islands	US\$449,111	Climate Change Health Marine Others		US\$70,263 US\$926 US\$2,568 US\$40,146	US\$313,200  US\$22,008		Review of JNAP
FSM	US\$146,284	Climate Change Others		US\$46,569 US\$44,888	US\$42,235 US\$3,600	US\$8,992 (publication)	Technical assistance provided for development of US\$ 9 million Adaptation Fund project
Kiribati	US\$259,274	Climate Change  Marine Others		US\$56,960  US\$29,308 US\$42,984	US\$8,935  US\$84,742	US\$35,095 (equipment)  US\$1,250 (publication)	Abaiang work completed
Nauru	US\$206,941	Climate Change Health Marine Others		US\$7,808 US\$4,668 US\$3,558 US\$41,407	US\$141,000  US\$8,500		Technical assistance through RTSM for readiness proposal
Niue	US\$201,340	Climate Change Others		US\$14,301 US\$107,226	US\$79,289	US\$524 (publications)	Advice on projects for GCF
Palau	US\$95,037	Climate Change Marine Others		US\$39,843 US\$994 US\$54,200			Kayangel solar water pump installed
RMI	US\$307,612	Climate Change Marine Others		US\$48,861 US\$14,336 US\$166,041	US\$78,374		Technical assistance for project development
Tuvalu	US\$270,013	Climate Change  Marine Others		US\$52,019  US\$3,549 US\$26,236	US\$120,220  US\$9,977	US\$53,674 (equipment)  US\$4,338	Technical assistance on mainstreaming under PPCR

\*\*\* Please indicate if assistance was/is in direct support of the SIS Regional Strategy 2016-2020

IMPLEMENTATION OF SIS LEADERS' DECISIONS 2016		
Decision	Corresponding Item	Update on implementation by CROP agency
<i>Requested CROP agencies to integrate key actions of the SIS Strategy into their programme frameworks</i>	9(b) – Summary of Decisions, SISL, 7 September 2016, Pohnpei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPREP has adopted a new Strategic Plan, which mirrors the priorities of the SIS Strategy. SIS Members participated actively in the formulation of the Strategic Plan and will provide inputs to the 2-year Programme Implementation Plan.</li> <li>• SPREP has successfully developed a GCF project with Vanuatu focusing on Climate Information Services that will begin in June. The intention is to later replicate this in all interested PICs, in particular SIS, on a rolling basis. SPREP is currently developing a Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Resilience proposal for the GCF with IUCN and SPC, and the PI Marine and Ocean Services Panel is exploring developing a coastal inundation Early Warning System proposal. In addition to this SPREP is working with countries to access GCF readiness funds and working with them to access the ability and capacity to access finance.</li> <li>• SPREP is also assisting Palau to develop a project proposal to the GCF on water security and renewable energy. The development of the concept is being finalized. The project will replicate a successful project undertaken in one of the remote islands in Palau.</li> <li>• SPREP and IUCN are developing a Coastal and Marine Ecosystem Resilience program for the GCF that includes Cook Islands, Niue, Marshal Islands and Kiribati. The program aims to build resilience in coastal communities and ecosystems to climate change and ocean acidification. SPREP has successfully provided an Online Climate Prediction Tool known as the CLIKP <a href="http://clikp.sprep.org/">http://clikp.sprep.org/</a> (or Climate Prediction Toolkit for the Pacific) with SIS National Meteorological Services (NMSs) to allow them to generate seasonal climate (rainfall and temperature) forecasts 3-months in advance to support decision making in sectors and communities. In September 2017, a downscaled prediction system will be introduced to SIS NMSs and localized (village specific) seasonal climate forecasts will be available. Technical trainings for NMSs were conducted to build the capacity of officers how to operate the prediction system and supported by the Republic of Korea-Pacific Islands Climate Prediction Services Project (ROK-PI CliPS). See <a href="https://www.pacificclimatechange.net/project/republic-korea-pacific-islands-climate-prediction-services-project">https://www.pacificclimatechange.net/project/republic-korea-pacific-islands-climate-prediction-services-project</a></li> <li>• SPREP also provides seasonal climate products and information for variables such as rainfall to some of these SIS countries using statistical forecasting. Products such as the rainfall outlook, coral bleaching and ENSO outlook provides decision making information for different sectors.</li> </ul>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Through the Climate traditional knowledge project, SPREP has been providing support to Niue to collect and store traditional knowledge related to weather and climate forecasting. SPREP will also provide assistance to Niue's national meteorological service to integrate traditional knowledge with contemporary seasonal forecasts to improve communication of weather and climate information, to increase the uptake of information by communities and increase their resilience to impacts of climate change.</li> </ul>
<i>Tasked CROP agencies to provide more specific report on targeted SIS work undertaken at regional and national level, including challenges and constraints on implementing the SIS Strategy</i>	9(d) – Summary of Decisions, SISL, 7 September 2016, Pohnpei	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SPREP is assisting SIS in accessing GCF readiness funding to increase their capacity to manage and access climate finance.</li> <li>SPREP has provided technical input into the development of environmental management and legal frameworks for deep seabed mining (DSM), through the SPC-EU Deep Sea Minerals Project and through the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction Preparatory Committee meetings. SPREP's input has included the identification of actions required to strengthen the EIA process in Pacific island countries, for effective management of DSM.</li> <li>SPREP is leading on the NZ Pacific Partnership on Ocean Acidification, which aims to build resilience to climate change and ocean acidification in coastal communities and ecosystems. This project is operating in 4 PICTs, 2 of which are SIS (Kiribati and Tokelau)</li> <li>SPREP is supporting science and research through PI-GOOS (ocean observing and support for the Argo and Tropical Pacific Observing System programs), the PI Marine and Ocean Services Panel and the PI Education, Training and Research Panel of the PMC. SPREP is also submitting a voluntary commitment, along with regional partners, to the UN Oceans Conference, to develop a Pacific Ocean Research Alliance</li> <li>SPREP provides coral bleaching and sea surface and sub-surface temperature information to the Pacific islands. This information are provided on a monthly basis through the Online climate Outlook Forum.</li> <li>On marine protected areas, SPREP has provided web-based updates to the regional MPA database, technical assistance to MPA managers through practitioner networks and exchanges, training in use of SPREP's Environment Spatial Information System (ESIS Geonode platform), SPREPs information hub (the Pacific Islands Protected Area Portal and interactive email listserve), regional workshops on integrated ocean management, training in coral reef management, advice to Pacific SIDS UN Missions on area based</li> </ul>

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		<p>management tools in the high seas, rapid biodiversity assessments, technical guidance on establishment of MPAs and marine sanctuaries, and learning-by-doing-workshops in marine spatial planning.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SPREP contributed to marine science and research through several regional capacity building workshops on the Pacific Global Ocean Observation System and Met Services for DRR, Safety of Life at Sea, and assistance to countries on responding to Ocean Acidification.</li> <li>• SPREP has developed the Pacific Regional Reception Facility Plan which brings the SPREP Pacific island members into compliance with the MARPOL. The plan identifies several waste reception remedial actions for the five ports that are included in the plan – Suva, Port Moresby, Noumea, Papeete, and Apia, and is working to assist countries improve port waste reception infrastructure.</li> </ul>