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Protected Areas Working Group



SPREP
Secretariat of the Pacific Regional
Environment Programme



Natural Solutions
for Island Resilience

Objective 3

Identify, conserve, sustainably manage and restore priority sites, habitats and ecosystems, including cultural sites

Target 5

By 2020, the rate of loss of **all** natural habitats, including forests, is at least halved and where feasible brought close to zero, and degradation and fragmentation is significantly reduced.

Target 6

By 2020 **all** fish and invertebrate stocks and aquatic plants are managed and harvested sustainably, legally and applying ecosystem based approaches, so that overfishing is avoided, recovery plans and measures are in place for **all** depleted species, fisheries have no significant adverse impacts on threatened species and vulnerable ecosystems and the impacts of fisheries on stocks, species and ecosystems are within safe ecological limits.

Target 7

By 2020 areas under agriculture, aquaculture and forestry are managed sustainably, ensuring conservation of biodiversity.

Target 11

By 2020, at **least** 17 per cent of terrestrial and inland water, and 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas, especially areas of particular importance for biodiversity and ecosystem services, are conserved through **effectively** and **equitably** managed, **ecologically** representative and **well-connected** systems of protected areas and other effective area-based conservation measures, and integrated into the wider **landscape** and seascape.



American Samoan Government
Birdlife
Convention on Biological Diversity
Conservation International
FAO
Fiji Department of Environment
Fiji Locally Managed Marine Areas
Forum Sec./Office of the Pacific Ocean Commissioner
FSM – Department of Resources and Development
GIZ
Island Conservation
IUCN Oceania
Locally Managed Marine Areas
Palau - Natural Resources, Environment & Tourism
Pew Trusts

Protected Areas Learning and Research Collaboration
US Embassy in Fiji - Environ. Office for the Pacific
Samoa – Department of Environment and Conservation
SEAWEB
SPC
SPREP
Tenkile Conservation (PNG)
The Nature Conservancy
UNDP – Small Grants Program
UNEP – Sub regional office (Samoa)
US Geological Survey
University of the South Pacific
Wildlife Conservation Society-Fiji
World Wide Fund for Nature - Fiji



PIRT Species working group
PIRT Invasive Species working group
Coral Triangle Initiative
Oceanscape Framework

Micronesian Challenge
Pacific Islands Conservation Course
BIOPAMA
MACBIO

Achievements

- Reinvigoration of working group in 2015
- Growth in active members and partnerships
- Terms of Reference – endorsed July 2015
- Action Plan 2014-2020 – endorsed July 2015
- Assisting countries to establish marine and terrestrial protected areas, collecting data and building capacity
- Pacific Islands Protected Areas Portal
- Capacity development plan and data hub (BIOPAMA)

Focus over the next 5 years

- Data and information gaps
- Capacity development
- Categories/typology for conservation areas and community based resource management
- Advocacy
- Monitoring of management effectiveness
- Sustainable financing
- Governance of PAs – aligning regional with local
- Realities, challenges and opportunities for conservation in the Pacific region.

Requests to PIRT

- Side events and displays at regional fora (SPREP meeting) and global events (World Conservation Congress 2016)
- Support for:
 - Regional snapshot to assess how Pacific is tracking in terms of PAs and other effective conservation measures