

# SPREP PACIFIC ENVIRONMENT PORTAL AND SPC PACIFIC DATA HUB PARTNERSHIP

Implementation of the Inform Project: strengthening data management to support planning and decision making

## Background

SPREP and SPC have agreed to work together for the benefit of Pacific Island Countries on a partnership that creates an ecosystem of Pacific data. SPREP and SPC have complementary online data tools called the Pacific Environment Portal (PEP) and the Pacific Data Hub (PDH) respectively.

The PEP is being developed by SPREP with support from GEF/UN Environment under the Inform project, which focusses on establishing a network of national data portals with the PEP as the collation point for all public data. The project sets out to improve the monitoring, evaluation and analysis of environmental conditions to support environmental planning, forecasting, and reporting requirements.

The PDH is a regional data and knowledge platform being developed by SPC that serves as a central access point for data and knowledge products about the Pacific, improving accessibility for variety of audiences. Its aim is to improve access, use, and management of pacific data and knowledge products in the pacific.

The ecosystem is the collection of technologies, services, and organisations that work together in a coordinated way to improve access to Pacific data and knowledge products, regional data management practices, and support evidence-based policymaking.

## Benefits to Countries:

By working together to ensure a well-coordinated ecosystem for these two complementary projects and a joint approach to the member priority of dissemination of data, SPC and SPREP are demonstrating true CROP collaboration.

SPREP members benefit from this partnership in the following ways. The partnership:

- showcases leadership in a shared initiative in data management in the Pacific;
- strengthens the sustainability and extensibility of data management and sharing;
- promotes the use of **open data**, to ensure that public data is available, accessible and reusable;
- maximises the limited resources provided by development partners for the greatest good of the Pacific Countries;
- builds complementary systems to avoid duplicate investments;
- leverages each organisations lessons learned and investments for the greater Pacific public good;
- presents a consistent and united message to member countries, funding partners and other interested stakeholders on the intent and purpose of the ecosystem to avoid setting up similar or competing initiatives;
- ensures that public data and knowledge products will be open and harvested between the PDH, PEP and national data portals so that national data portals will have an expanded resource base to use and call upon;
- will develop a consistent user experience across the PDH and PEP so that users searching Pacific data experience a single approach;

- promotes the use and compliance of widely accepted data standards and management practices;
- The partners will

SPREP and SPC will:

- support each other in efforts to improve access to regional data and knowledge;
  - work towards building complementary systems and avoid duplicating investments;
  - leverage each other's lessons and investments for the greater Pacific public good;
  - present a consistent and united message to member countries, funding partners and other interested stakeholders on the intent and purpose of the ecosystem;
  - ensure that public data and knowledge products will be open harvested between the PDH and PEP;
  - develop a consistent user experience across the PDH and PEP so that users searching Pacific data experience a single approach;
  - develop consistent data standards and management practices;
  - support each other in efforts to improve access to regional access to pacific data and knowledge.
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