
AGENDA ITEM 8.2:

Update on EU EDF-11 Programme Engagement

Purpose of Paper

1. Update Members on progress in the development of SPREP programmes funded through EU EDF-11.

Background

2. SPREP is implementing three programmes supported by European Union EDF-11 ACP funding:
 - Pacific-European Marine Partnership programme (€45 million), which is managed and implemented by a consortium comprising SPC, FFA, SPREP and USP. SPC is responsible for overall management through a Programme Coordination Unit (PCU). SPREP is implementing KRA-5: Bycatch and Integrated Ecosystem Management (€6.2 million).
 - Implemented by SPREP in collaboration with other partners, PacWaste Plus (€16.5 million) focuses on improved management of priority waste streams in four key result areas: (i) improved data collection, information sharing, and education and awareness; (ii) policies and regulatory frameworks developed and implemented; (iii) best practices, including enhanced private sector engagement and infrastructure development, implemented; and (iv) enhancing human capacity. The PacWaste Plus project has been designed to align with regional priorities identified under Cleaner Pacific 2025.
 - Intra-ACP GCCA+ Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience Building (PACRES) (€12 million), being implemented jointly by SPREP, PIFS, SPC and USP. PACRES aims to ensure better regional and national adaptation and mitigation responses to climate change challenges facing Pacific ACP countries. SPREP is responsible for overall coordination of PACRES and funding for SPREP amounts to €4.5 million.
3. SPREP is also implementing the invasive species component ((€5.5 million) of the EDF-11 OCT programme ((€36 million) 'Pacific Territories Regional Project for Sustainable Ecosystem Management' (PROTEGE). OCTs participating in the project are French Polynesia, New Caledonia, Pitcairn Island, and Wallis and Futuna. The programme, managed by a SPC PCU, addresses four thematic areas: 1) agriculture; 2) marine resources; 3) water and 4) invasive species.

Progress:

4. Financing and delegation agreements for all four EDF-11 programmes including SPREP components were signed with the EU in 2017 and 2018.
5. All four programmes effectively started implementation in 2019, with:
 - a. Receipt of funding.
 - b. Inception and planning meetings.
 - c. Recruitment of management and support staff for all programmes. The invasive species component of PROTEGE is currently in the process of signing agreements with territorial services and directorates to allow the recruitment of territorial invasive species coordinators.
 - d. Development and implementation of work plans.
6. Ongoing engagement with programme steering committees and reporting processes.

Recommendation

7. The Meeting is invited to:
 1. **note** the commencement of implementation of EDF-11 ACP and OCT programmes.

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