



Sixteenth meeting of the Noumea Convention

Sixteenth ordinary meeting of the contracting parties to the convention for the protection of the natural resources and environment of the South Pacific Region and related protocols (Noumea Convention)

Virtual - Apia, Samoa
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Agenda Item 4: Report of the Secretariat

Purpose of paper

1. To table the Report by the Secretariat under Rule 12(vi) of the Rules of Procedure of the Noumea Convention outlining work achieved for the period July 2019 to June 2021 in fulfillment of the provisions of the Noumea Convention.

Background

2. The Noumea Convention was negotiated under the framework of UNEP's Regional Seas Programme and was adopted in 1986. The Convention and its two related Protocols (Protocol for the Prevention of Pollution of the South Pacific Region by Dumping; Protocol concerning Co-operation in Combating Pollution Emergencies in the South Pacific Region) entered into force on 22 August 1990.
3. The Convention provides a comprehensive umbrella agreement for the protection, management, and development of the marine and coastal environment of the Pacific Islands' region, and addresses pollution from all sources and the need for environmental impact assessments.

Recommendation

4. The Parties are invited to:
 - 1) **adopt** the report of the Secretariat (attached as WP.4.1).