



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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List of the Key Priority Activities under the ACP MEA Phase III Programme supporting the Noumea Convention.

1. As the existing mechanism of the Pacific's Regional Seas Convention, the Noumea Convention and its Related Protocols will be reinforced through the promotion and facilitation of ratification, adoption and its implementation.
2. Increase the capacity of the Secretariat of the Noumea Convention to effectively implement its main functions.
3. Develop guidelines on monitoring and reporting systems and training on reporting to the Conference of the Contracting Parties to the Noumea Convention.
4. Fully developed dialogues between the Regional Seas Programmes and the relevant regional fisheries bodies based on the shared lessons learnt on the cross-sectoral cooperation from the ACP and other regions.
5. Pilot national level policy dialogues among relevant ministries and departments for the development of, and agreement on integrated national ocean policies.
6. Development of partnerships between relevant agreements of the Convention on Migratory Species and the Regional Seas conventions such as the exchange of scientific, technical and legal information necessary to coordinate conservation measures among signatories, experts and collaborating partners to support the implementation of the Cetaceans MOU.
7. Capacity development in relation to marine genetic resources, environmental impact assessments, development of area-based management tools, including marine protected areas.
8. Reduction of the influx of waste (plastics and other forms of human and industrial liquid and solid waste) entering the marine environment of the 4 regions.
9. Targeted awareness-raising activities for target audiences, particularly decision makers/leaders/ministers on the selected cluster of the Regional Seas conventions.