



GLOBAL YOUTH BIODIVERSITY NETWORK PACIFIC CHAPTER

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PACIFIC CHAPTER FRAMEWORK,
ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND
6 MONTH ROADMAP

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Global Youth Biodiversity Network Pacific Chapter Framework

The Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN) Pacific Chapter is a Youth-led movement dedicated to addressing biodiversity issues within Pacific communities, nations and regions.

As a regional chapter of the Global Youth Biodiversity Network (GYBN), Pacific Chapter will empower young people (ages 18-35) to advocate for urgent biodiversity challenges, promote youth inclusion in decision-making, and take action to address Pacific key issues under the Convention on Biological Diversity. The Network's primary goal is to provide a platform that connects Pacific Island youth with the Global Youth Biodiversity Network, aligning Pacific Youths advocacy efforts and ground action with relevant regional frameworks as well as the Global Biodiversity Framework.

This Network will bring together youth from across the region to champion biodiversity, engage in decision-making, and amplify their voices. Additionally, the Network will foster collaboration and provide a platform for members to align their work with national priorities, the Pacific Islands Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas, and the Global Biodiversity Framework.

Vision

Empowering Pacific youths to engage in biodiversity conservation, honoring traditional knowledge, and fostering inclusive, innovative actions for resilient communities and ecosystems.

Mission

To empower Pacific youths in biodiversity conservation through education, leadership, and community engagement while coordinating efforts across Pacific Island nations.

Our Values

Celebrating Pacific Diversity- We embrace the richness of our Pacific identities, cultures, languages, and environments, recognizing that our strength lies in our uniqueness and shared heritage.

Inclusivity & Unity – We value every voice in our communities, ensuring that all young people, regardless of background, identity, or ability, have a place in shaping our collective future.

Partnership & Collaboration – We believe in working together with our elders, communities, and global allies to drive positive change, rooted in respect and mutual support.

Innovation with Tradition – We blend traditional knowledge with modern solutions, ensuring that the wisdom of our ancestors guides us in addressing contemporary challenges.

Stewardship of Biodiversity– We are committed to protecting our lands, oceans, and ecosystems, recognizing that our environment sustains our cultures, livelihoods, and future generations.

Community Rights- We respect our communities and their rights to own, use, manage and conserve their natural resources and wider environment.

Objectives:

1. Increase Awareness and Education

- Enhance knowledge and understanding of biodiversity among Pacific youth.
- Promote the cultural significance of biodiversity in Pacific Island communities.
- Enhance the understanding of biodiversity loss in relation to climate Change, development and livelihood amongst youths.

2. Foster Youth Leadership and Participation

- Develop young leaders who can advocate for biodiversity conservation.
- Encourage youth-led initiatives and projects.
- Engage youths in Pacific Islands RoundTable for Nature Conservation (PIRT) working groups. Involve more youths in biodiversity advocacy and conservation efforts.
- Strengthen young negotiators in the Pacific region .

3. Strengthen Community Involvement

- Build strong connections between youth, elders, conservation practitioners and experts.
- Promote intergenerational knowledge transfer and collaboration.

4. Enhance Access to Resources and Opportunities

- Enhance access to resources, training, and funding for youth-driven conservation activities.
- Facilitate opportunities for youth to participate in local, national, and regional conservation efforts.

5. Enhance Partnership and collaboration

- Partner and collaborate with environmental organisations working in the pacific who share similar values and goals.

6. Promote Traditional Knowledge

- Integrate Indigenous and local knowledge into conservation strategies, fostering respect for cultural heritage and sustainable practices.

Organisational Structure

1. Executive Board members

The executive Board will be the responsible for strategic planning and decision making regarding the network. Any major decision above coordinators will have to go through the executive board. First Board members will be elected on the first meeting of the Network Annual Meeting.

- Chairperson
- Deputy chairperson
- 4 x Executive members

2. Coordination Team

Coordination team will be responsible for day to responsibilities of the network. They will be the focal point for all communication for the network as well as GYBN point of contact.

Coordination team will work closely with the executive board regarding the matter of running the network.

3. Working Groups

4. Country Representatives

5. Members: Volunteers within the Group

Core Actions

1. Education and Awareness

- **Workshops and Training**
 - ✓ Organize workshops and training programs focusing on biodiversity key thematic areas relevant to our Pacific region and in alignment with the Pacific Islands Roundtable for Nature conservation Framework.
 - ✓ Promote and support the participation of Pacific Youths at regional and international forums, meetings, workshops, etc.
- **Awareness Campaigns**
 - ✓ Launch social media campaigns, youth-led documentaries, and public events to raise awareness about biodiversity issues in the Pacific.

- ✓ Use social media, documentaries, and storytelling to highlight the importance of Pacific biodiversity and the role of youth in its preservation.
- ✓ Develop campaigns to influence biodiversity-related policies, ensuring youth representation in decision-making platforms.

2. Youth Leadership Development

• Youth Network

- ✓ Establish networks within the Pacific to ensure youth activities are coordinated and voices are represented in decision-making processes.
- ✓ Encourage the establishment of National Chapters of respective Pacific Island Countries to be part of GYBN.

• Leadership Training

- ✓ Offer training sessions in leadership, project management and advocacy skills tailored for young people.
- ✓ Train young nature/environmental ambassadors for the Pacific Islands
- ✓ Collaborate with experts to provide mentorship to the Pacific Youths.

3. Community Involvement

• Intergenerational Dialogues

- ✓ Support dialogues between youth and elders to share traditional knowledge and conservation practices.
- ✓ Host forums that bring together elders, community leaders, and youth to share and document traditional conservation practices.

• Community Project

- ✓ Support youth-led community projects and/or initiatives that address local biodiversity issues, fostering a sense of ownership and responsibility.

- **Volunteer Opportunities**

- ✓ Create and promote volunteer opportunities for youth in ongoing conservation projects.

4. Access to Resources and Opportunities

- **Funding and Grants**

- ✓ Create a platform that enhances access to micro-grants or scholarships for youth to develop and implement conservation projects.

- **Exchange Programs**

- ✓ Organize or coordinate exchange programs and internships for youth to gain experience and knowledge from other regions or countries.
- ✓ Facilitate annual gatherings or virtual meetings for Pacific youth to share progress, challenges, and success stories in biodiversity conservation.

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Membership Eligibility

Purpose of Document

Thank you for your interest in becoming a full member of the GYBN Pacific Chapter. This list serves to inform prospective members of the guidelines which must be adhered to become a full member. Please read each section carefully

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Eligibility Criteria

1. Age

Prospective members must be between 18-35 years old, as defined by the Global Youth Biodiversity Network Pacific Chapter.

2. Citizenship Status

Eligible applicants must be citizens of countries within the Pacific region, as listed in Appendix 1.

3. Interest and engagement in Biodiversity Conservation

Individuals must demonstrate a keen interest in biodiversity conservation, environmental sustainability, youth development and related fields, which can be demonstrated through academic pursuits, professional involvement, community engagement or voluntary activities. Though it is not mandatory that prospective members be solely involved in academic, professional and/or voluntary pursuits in the environmental field, demonstration of an understanding of environmental matters and/or interest in learning these matters.

4. Availability and Commitment

Prospective members should be committed to actively engaging in initiatives and projects related to youth involvement in biodiversity conservation and environmental advocacy. Members must be available to participate in a minimum of 4 monthly meetings for a period of six months after completing the application form. Prospective members must also be available to participate in a minimum of 3 Chapter activities for eligibility as a full member. It is recommended that members join an active working group under the Chapter.

5. Communication Skills

Members should possess effective communication skills, as they will be expected to collaborate with other members, participate in discussions, and potentially represent the organisation in various capacities.

6. Diversity and Inclusion

The Global Youth Biodiversity Network Pacific Chapter values diversity and inclusion. Membership decisions will be made without discrimination based on factors such as race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, religion, or socioeconomic status.

7. Adherence to Code of Conduct

Prospective members must agree to adhere to the code of conduct and ethical standards set forth by the GYBN Pacific Chapter. Failure to adhere to these standards will be addressed in accordance with the GYBN Code of Conduct.

Annex1: List of Pacific Islands Countries and Territories

1. Fiji	2. Cook Islands
3. Papua New Guinea	4. Niue
5. Solomon Islands	6. French Polynesia
7. Vanuatu	8. Wallis and Futuna
9. Nauru	10. Guam
11. Kiribati	12. Northern Mariana Islands
13. Republic of Marshall Islands	14. Tokelau
15. Federated States of Micronesia	16. New Caledonia
17. Palau	18. American Samoa
19. Samoa	20. Tonga
21. Tuvalu	

Roadmap for the GYBN Pacific Chapter

1. Meeting to Finalise Documents (1st Month)

Working Group to meet and finalize the current Framework, eligibility criteria and the roadmap planning.

2. Launching of the Chapter (Second Month)

- ✓ Plan a launch event to introduce the GYBN Pacific Chapter to the community.
- ✓ Create promotional materials (flyers, social media posts, press releases) to generate interest.
- ✓ Invite local leaders, environmental activists, and community members to participate.
- ✓ Highlight the goals of the Chapter and how individuals can get involved.
- ✓ Set up a membership registration process for interested participants.
- ✓ Election of the board of members

3. 1st Board Members Meeting (3rd Month)

- ✓ 1st Board Meeting- **hybrid**
- ✓ Schedule the first Board meeting to discuss the operation of the network and acquitted with coordination team with our Board members.
- ✓ Identify key roles and responsibilities for Board members.
- ✓ Set a timeline for upcoming activities.
- ✓ Discuss potential partnerships and collaborations with local organizations and stakeholders.
- ✓ Establish communication channels and strategies for outreach.

4. Webinar Series on Biodiversity (3rd, 4th 5th Month)

- ✓ Schedule monthly webinars focusing on various aspects of biodiversity, including conservation, sustainable practices, and local ecosystems.
- ✓ Identify and invite expert speakers from academia, NGOs, and government agencies.
- ✓ Promote the webinars through social media, newsletters, and community boards.
- ✓ Record sessions for future access and create a resource library for members.

5. Evaluation and Feedback (6th Month)

- ✓ After each event, gather feedback from participants to assess the effectiveness and areas for improvement.
- ✓ Regularly review the progress of the Chapter's initiatives and adjust plans as necessary.
- ✓ Celebrate successes and recognize contributions from members and partners.