

11th Pacific Islands Conference for Nature Conservation

**7 – 11 September 2026, Tjibaou Cultural Centre
Noumea, New Caledonia**

Background:

1. The Pacific Islands Conference for Nature Conservation has become the principle conference for government agencies, NGOs, community-based organisations, donor agencies and individual experts concerned with conservation science and practice in the Pacific islands region. The conference is the key opportunity to set a Pacific based and initiated agenda for Pacific conservation for the next four-seven years. Its importance is reflected in the increasing participation by stakeholders at each event over the past decade.
2. The 10th Nature Conservation Conference hosted by New Caledonia, was held virtually in 2020 due to the global pandemic outbreak. The event had more than 1,800 people registering, and nearly 1,100 active virtual participants, as well as local hubs, and an interactive event platform, which allowed the virtual event to achieve conference goals and to provide strong opportunities for engagement and interaction.
3. The 10th Nature Conference concluded with the endorsement of the Vemööre Declaration and the adoption of the Pacific Islands Framework for Nature Conservation 2021–2025.
4. At the 31st SPREP Meeting of Officials, the Government of New Caledonia announced their hosting of the 11th Nature Conservation Conference in New Caledonia and to be held towards the end of 2026, noting that the Conference represents an important milestone in regional collaboration for nature conservation.
5. The K Ora consultancy team, composed of Aurélie Thomassin and Noémie Bardaro, (French Polynesia), as well as associate consultants Caroline Vieux (New Caledonia), and Seema Deo and Etika Qica (Fiji) have been selected to support the organisation of this Conference, in close partnership with SPREP, PIRT and the host country.
6. An update of the 11th Pacific Nature Conservation Conference was presented and discussed during the PIRT Annual Meeting in December 2025 where it was agreed that the Conference had to be both dynamic and impactful with meaningful and effective youth engagement. A conference centered on action and the implementation of the regional Nature Conservation Framework.

Objectives of the Conference:

- To endorse and launch the:
 - Framework for Nature Conservation and Protected Areas in the Pacific Region, 2026 – 2030 and
 - State of Environment and Conservation Report.
- To adopt a political declaration on a common vision of nature and biodiversity conservation of Pacific Leaders.
- To produce a set of practical guidance, recommendations and actionable pathways to support the implementation of the Framework.
- To celebrate and share success stories and best practices to encourage donor engagement and mobilise additional financing for conservation action.

Conference Programme:

The draft conference daily programme agenda is outlined below.

- **Day 1:** Traditional ceremony and opening remarks, followed by presentations on the State of the Environment Conservation Report and the Nature Framework, a high-level ministerial segment, the Indigenous Voices Platform for Nature, partners and practitioners, and the Youth in Biodiversity Action Dialogue.
- **Day 2:** The conference will continue through thematic working groups aligned with the Pacific Framework for Nature Conservation.
- **Day 3:** Nature conservation financing roundtable will take place, alongside field visits to the North and locations within Noumea.
- **Day 4:** Field trips will showcase biodiversity actions and their multiple benefits through thematically guided visits.
- **Day 5:** Participants will reconvene for endorsement of the SEOC and the 2025–2030 Framework, followed by discussion of the roadmap for the next five years and a restitution of the indigenous platform, youth in biodiversity action roundtable and high-level outcomes.

7. It is anticipated that participation will be between 350 to 400 people from a very wide range of stakeholder groups including Pacific Island governments, intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, donors, development partners, community groups, private sector, youth groups and interested individuals. It has been agreed that priority should be given to youth professionals and individuals directly engaged in field-based conservation work.

Conference Website

The PICNC11 Conference website is hosted on PIRT website. Registration and further information and Conference Programme is available on the website.

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