

Annex: SPREP Programme and Project COVID-19 Impact Response

Colour Codes	IOE	EMG	WMPC	CCR
Action achievable directly	43.1%	21%	8%	29.4%
Action achievable virtually/remotely	46.5%	73.7%	28%	53%
Postponed to 2021	7%	5.3%	60%	5.9%
Uncertain/partial	3.4%	-	4%	11.8%

Island and Ocean Ecosystems				
Current Work Plan and Budget Commitments	Achievable	Modified Delivery	Postponed	Budget Implications
Biodiversity				
ABS consultation and workshop for A'opo community, Savaii	Yes			-
ABS Webinar	Yes	Virtual		-
Re-printing of awareness materials (PIPAP promo posters)	Yes		Yes	-
Procurement of PIPAP On-site server	Yes			-
ABS 3 rd Oceania Biodiscovery Forum, Brisbane, Australia	No		Postponed to Q2 2021	Travel/DSA costs for three SPREP staff \$5,000 estimated budget delayed
BIOPAMA In-country training for FSM and RMI	Confirming if possible	In person for GIS consultant + virtual	From earlier in the year	-
ABS Webinar	Yes	Virtual		-
PIPAP GIS Specialist – final contract payment and wrap up	Yes	Wrap up session now expected to be done virtually		\$21,571.20 budgeted – 40% of total contract value
ABS Upolu Workshop Faleaseela Community, Apia	Yes			-
ABS Noumea Workshop	No		Cancelled	Travel/DSA costs, publications and travel/DSA costs for three SPREP \$5,000 unspent

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10 th Pacific Island Nature Conference	Yes	Virtual event	Postponed - rescheduled for 23 November 2020	Reduction in cost from \$1.3 million to \$500,000 estimated budget
Threatened and Migratory Species				
TREDS upgrade commences	Yes			-
Turtle Database and Conservation Officer (TDCO) Induction and training on TREDS	Yes			-
DOC secondment 2.5 days/week in place, Induction remotely and working on reviewing RMSAPs	Yes			-
BIEM ongoing advice	Yes			-
Finalise draft Seabird Action Plan and share with countries	Yes			-
Attend WCPFC Technical and Compliance virtual meeting, the EM & ER working group meeting (21-29 September)	Yes			-
Review of RMSAPs completed	Yes			-
Review document shared with countries	Yes			-
Participate in WCPFC Technical and Compliance meeting and EM & ER working group meeting	Yes	Virtual		-
Review of RMSAPs completed	Yes			-
Review document shared with countries	Yes			-
TREDS completed upgrade	Yes			-
Finalise draft RMSAPs (Karen and Hannah)	Yes			-
Year of the Whale – capacity building for Tonga in NZ	Depends on travel restrictions and willingness of people to travel		From November 2019	-
Invasive Species - NZMFAT Climate Change and Invasive Species Project				
Support one research PhD, recruit two more	Yes	Students based remotely until travel to Apia is possible		-
Predator Free Pacific and Resilient Ecosystems PRISMSS Regional Strategies	Yes			-
Invasive Species Mainstreaming Strategy	Yes			-
Invasive Species - EDF-11 OCT PROTEGE				
Predator Free Pacific	Yes	Remote technical assistance to be provided until travel can resume		-
Natural Enemies	Yes	Remote technical assistance to be provided until travel can resume	Workshop postponed	Delay in agreement signature

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Protect our Islands	Yes	Remote technical assistance to be provided until travel can resume	Implementation delayed as FP redirected activity	-
War on Weeds	Yes	Remote technical assistance to be provided until travel can resume		-
Resilient ecosystems	Yes	Remote technical assistance to be provided until travel can resume		-
Invasive Species - GEF 6 RIP				
Predator Free Pacific	Yes	Carry out baseline surveys for rodents and predators on priority islands		-
Natural Enemies	Yes	Complete upgrade of facility and infrastructure for Natural Enemies and Natural Solutions Programme		-
Protect our Islands	Yes	Carry out biosecurity legislation review for countries		-
War on Weeds	Yes	Develop War on Weeds Operational Plans and necessary procurement		-
Resilient ecosystems	Yes	Remote technical assistance to be provided until travel can resume		-
Pacific Island Learning Network meeting	No	Postponed 2021		Delayed spending
Coastal and Marine Ecosystems – EDF-11 PEUMP BIEM				
Support for marine spatial planning in Fiji and Solomon Islands	Yes	Remote technical assistance to be provided until travel can resume		-
Integrated ecosystem strategies and coastal zone management planning	Yes	Virtual meetings conducted where possible	Field work activities postponed	Delayed spend on travel, DSA and workshop costs
Climate change adaptation strategies integrated into coastal community plans	Yes	Virtual meetings conducted where possible	Field work activities postponed	Delayed spend on travel, DSA and workshop costs
Endangered species bycatch assessed and extinction risk evaluated	Yes	Virtual workshop to be conducted		Reduced spend on travel, DSA and workshop costs
Bycatch mitigation strategies developed and rolled-out		Virtual meetings conducted where possible	Field work activities postponed	Delayed spend on travel, DSA and workshop costs
Capacity development through research grant	Yes			-
Support for community monitoring and protection of endangered species		Virtual meetings conducted where possible	Field work activities postponed	Delayed spend on travel, DSA and workshop costs
Capacity development on non-detrimental findings (NDF) process for CITES partners		Virtual workshop to be conducted		Reduced spend on travel, DSA and workshop costs
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Current Work Plan and Budget Commitments	Achievable	Modified Delivery	Postponed	Budget Implications
Pacific Coral Reef Action Plan	Yes	Remote Consultations	Regional Workshop	Delayed spend on Workshop including spend on consultant
BBNJ Negotiations	No	Remote work with PIFS and PSIDS	UN IGC4	-
30x30 MPA project	Yes	Remote engagement with members	CBD meetings	Delayed spend on travel
CBD Post 2020 Framework Development	Yes	Remote engagement / virtual meeting/ written submissions	SBSTTA 24, OEWG3/ COP 15	Reduced spend on travel
UN Oceans Conference	No		Yes	-
Our Ocean Conference Palau	Uncertain	Postponed to December	Depends on lifting travel restrictions	-
Engagement with Regional Forums	Yes	Remote/virtual	All face to face meetings	-
PIFS 2050 Regional Strategy	Yes	Remote Engagement	Workshops	-
Moata'a Village ICM project	Yes	Remote Engagement	Village engagement (UoN managing this with Waste	-

Environmental Monitoring and Governance				
Current Work Plan and Budget Commitments	Achievable	Modified Delivery	Postponed	Budget Implications
Monitoring and Reporting: Inform Project				
Capacity building and training on SoE, data portals, indicator reporting, data collection, and MEA reporting	Partial	Redesigned training activities and approach; virtual training of trainers who will then carry out in-country training; joint Inform and GCF Readiness training for RMI and Niue; develop and upload training materials, manuals, tools and resources on Data portals	Some training which was planned for 2020 will be pushed to 2021	Travel expenditure low
National State of Environment Reports	Tonga, PNG, Solomon Islands, Cook Islands and Niue SoE Reports completed and approved in the first quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SoE technical guidance and advice are provided remotely and virtually. • PNG - local consultant continues to work on SoE. • Vanuatu - explore hiring a local consultant to assist with the initial activities • Tuvalu - technical advice is provided remotely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vanuatu initial phase planned to start in third quarter 2020 • Nauru SoE moved to 2021; Tokelau move to 2021; Fiji private consultancy company hired by DoE. SPREP provides technical assistance and data portal. 	Travel expenditure low

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nauru - explore hiring a local technical assistant to collect data • Tokelau - on hold 		
Regional State of Environment Report	Yes	Work and liaise remotely with the consultant	Timeline for completion extended to end of the year.	-
Data portal	Partial (national data portals) Pacific Environment Portal – ongoing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical assistance to be provided remotely and virtually • Tonga local consultant hired • Solomon Islands technical assistance supported through an existing government position 	Some aspects of the portal management assistance will be moved to 2021	Travel expenditure low
Indicator Reporting Tool	Partial (national) Regional activities on target for example the development of the regional indicator guide	Technical assistance provided remotely and virtually for all 13 PICs except for Samoa - face to face training and technical assistance	Some aspects of the indicator reporting tool training will be moved to 2021	Travel expenditure low
GIS	Yes	Continue to work on GIS server and liaise with the PIPAP GIS consultant		-
Publications including printing and dissemination	Yes			-
Inform Communication products and outreach (press releases, email blast, data stories, brochures, posters etc); Inform Project communications consultant advertised	Yes			-
National and Regional meetings, exchanges and information sharing	Yes	Virtual regional meeting		-
Overall implementation of 2020 work plan	Partial Work plan updated in 4 th quarter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote and virtual assistance from the Project Team at SPREP • National activities continue as planned implemented by national counterparts 	Some activities moved to 2021	Yes
SPREP-SPC partnership on the Pacific Data Ecosystem	Yes	Continue to work remotely with SPC on Pacific Data Ecosystem		-
Environmental Planning				
EIA capacity building and training	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual EIA training via Zoom. Not able to deliver site visits to project sites 	Some EIA training postponed to 2021	Low impact

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	(Samoa and Kiribati)	<p>which are normally included as part of EIA training.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training materials redesigned and shared with countries on the PNEA. 		
Policy advice and support	Yes (NEMS Tonga, Niue, Solomon Islands, PNG and Kiribati KIEP)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remote policy advice on NEMS, Environment Policy, etc. • Consultant recruited for Kiribati Integrated Environment Policy working remotely and virtually in collaboration with SPREP and ECD. In country consultations facilitated by ECD • Tonga NEMS will be submitted to Cabinet for approval in July • Niue NEMS being finalized. • PNG NEMS will start as soon as the SoE is launched. • Tokelau National EIA Policy will start in 3rd quarter 	Palau NEMS process started but slow progress - activity might be moved to 2021.	Low impact
Finalise SEA Guidelines	Yes	Mainly carried out in-house; final Guidelines will be presented to Executive Board for endorsement.		-
Regional EIA Guidelines for coastal tourism	On-going	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual training planned for SPTO staff • Webinar series will focus on the guidelines and will engage SPTO, Samoa STA and private operator in Fiji. 	Country focus training moved to 2021	-
Pacific Network for Environmental Assessment (PNEA)	On-going	PNEA is online platform - supports information sharing and dissemination.		-
Pacific Learning Partnership for Environmental and Social Sustainability	Partial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Virtual activities with limited face to face interactions except for Samoa • Partners continue with its normal virtual meetings 	Activities linked to the EIA training	-
ACPMEA Phase 3 project	Delayed implementation	Virtual discussions with UNEP	Due to delayed start most activities planned for 2020 will be moved to 2021	To be assessed when Project Cooperation is signed.

Waste Management and Pollution Control				
Current Work Plan and Budget Commitments	Achievable	Modified Delivery	Postponed	Budget Implications
Technical, direct policy, technical capacity				
Support to PICTs	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where applicable that training can be carried out remotely, develop virtual materials, resources and modules. Provide policy and technical advice remotely through email and if required via conference calls. 	Delayed	Low expenditure due to travel restrictions
Communication with donors and partners particularly EU, UNEP, IMO, Australia, NZ, USA	Yes			-
EDF-11 PacWaste Plus Programme				
Country project missions	No	Virtual meetings with project focal points	Delayed	No expenditure due to travel restrictions
Legislation review and assessments	Yes	Some country missions completed before lockdown. Virtual consultation with countries not visited.	Delayed	Reduced. Travel component of contract not expended
Waste Audits	No	Phased approach with final verification of in-country waste audit once border opens.	Delayed	Delayed expenditure due to the travel restrictions
Monitoring and Evaluation systems development Decision support tool Small Scale Tech Review Impacts on Landfills Human rights assessment Vocational and tertiary stock-take Needs assessment	Yes	Minimal impact – continue as planned		-
Capacity Needs Assessment	Yes	Minimal – task can be conducted remotely		-
Asbestos – Niue	No	Await lifting of travel restrictions for contractors to carry out in-country works	Yes	Significant
Incinerator replacement/repair (contractor)	No	Phased approach with in-country mission when border reopens	Delayed	Delayed expenditure
Timor-Leste Health Care Training	No	Delayed delivery due to travel restrictions	Delayed	Delayed expenditure
Timor-Leste and Kiribati incinerator inspections	No	Delayed delivery due to travel restrictions	Delayed	Delayed expenditure
Pacific Ocean Litter Project (POLP)				

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Current Work Plan and Budget Commitments	Achievable	Modified Delivery	Postponed	Budget Implications
Recruitment of POLP staff	No	Delayed recruitment due to travel restrictions	Delayed	Delayed expenditure
Legislative review	Yes	Some country missions completed before lockdown. Virtual consultation with countries not visited.	Delayed	Reduced. Travel component of contract not expended
Samoa schools single-use plastic education programme	No	Delayed implementation due to SOE restrictions	Deferred	Postponed to 2021
Regional Marine Tourism Standards to inform Model National Tourism Policy development	No	Delayed implementation due to SOE	Delayed	Delayed expenditure
Tourism Industry - Voluntary Single-use Plastic reduction pilot studies	No	Delayed implementation due to SOE	Deferred	Postponed to 2021
Pacific Region Assessment of Alternative Products	Yes	Delayed implementation due to SOE. Possibility of implementation through and in partnership with CCOA.	Delayed	Delayed expenditure
POLP M&E Implementation Plan	Yes	Minimal – task can be conducted remotely	No	-
Develop standardised Marine Litter Survey Tool, marine litter survey standards & undertake Baseline Coastal Litter Surveys	Yes	Minimal – task can be conducted remotely	No	-
Workshops and Conferences				
Clean Pacific Roundtable	No	Deferred to 2021	Deferred	Postponed to 2021
Shipping related IMO/SPREP Workshops – Regional Oil Spill Workshop, GloFouling National Workshops, PSSA workshops, London Dumping Convention Workshops	No	Deferred to 2021	Deferred	Postponed to 2021
AFD – Sustainable Waste Actions in the Pacific (SWAP)				
Recruitment of SWAP staff	No	Delayed recruitment due to travel restrictions	Delayed	Delayed expenditure
Inception Workshop	No	Delayed recruitment due to travel restrictions	Delayed	Delayed expenditure
Marine litter coastline assessments	No	Deferred to 2021	Deferred	Postponed to 2021
Used oil technical workshops	No	Deferred to 2021	Deferred	Postponed to 2021

Climate Change Resilience				
Current Work Plan and Budget Commitments	Achievable	Modified Delivery	Postponed	Budget Implications
VanKIRAP Project (Green Climate Fund)	Partial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VanKIRAP – Funds for Executing Agencies available third quarter but travel restrictions impact on ground implementation. • Virtual planning in anticipation of border opening 4th quarter. • Reviews conducted remotely where possible with PMU in-country with most of activities to be implemented once borders open. • Workplans have been updated to move activities back that require travel. 	Some missions	Travel expenditure low Awaiting second partial disbursement Activity expenditure low
FSM Adaptation Fund Project	Partial In-country activities to continue as programmed with PMU based in-country	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Once disbursement made by AF Secretariat to SPREP disbursement will then be made to FSM National Government. • If necessary will continue with remote support and guidance to the FSM PMU. • Planned trainings for FSM PMU will depend on travel restrictions but can potentially be delivered virtually. • Re-programmed activities to 2021. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-country missions can continue by the PMU when the four states can be visited. • Engagement of M&E consultant • Training on ESS, M&E and project reporting for the FSM PMU (SPREP to deliver as an IA) 	Partial Travel expenditure low
RMI and Niue Readiness 1 Projects	Yes	Consultancies for remaining activities are to be sourced locally.	RMI and Niue Readiness 1 Projects	Yes
Intra-ACP GCCA Pacific Resilience (PACRES)	Yes	PACRES activities under country MOUs are being implemented through focal points in-country.	Regional workshops	Limited budget implications
GCCA Scaled Up Pacific Adaptation (SUPA)	Partially	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In-country work by consultants or country teams. • SUPA has looked to co-opt in-country support of USP centres to implement consultations in selected PICs 	GCCA Scaled Up Pacific Adaptation (SUPA)	Partially
Pacific Meteorological Desk	Yes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ministerial meeting for Pacific Met Council has been deferred to 2021. 	Pacific Meteorological Ministerial Meeting	Yes

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Current Work Plan and Budget Commitments	Achievable	Modified Delivery	Postponed	Budget Implications
All PMDP projects		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All activities that can be implemented remotely have been re-programmed Virtual steering committees. Pacific Meteorological Council will be held out of session. 		
Pacific Meteorological Desk (PMPD) & associated 18 projects	Partial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All other meetings will meet virtually and out of session where necessary. Projects with partner agreements in-country will implement activities revised under those partnerships. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large meetings of the PMC and Ministerial moved to 2021 or when border restrictions are lifted. Revised CREWs workplan with WMO to restructure and realign activities to ensure some continuity. Developing training module internally with IT to implement virtual regional training. 	<p>Yes: delayed travel and in-country activity implementation.</p> <p>On -site training for ROKPI CLIPS (climate prediction services) in person therefore all moved until restrictions lifted. No cost extension requested.</p>
Pacific Climate Change Centre	Yes		Recruitment of technical advisors	-
Pacific NDC Hub	Partially	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Virtual support Finance role to support the hub. NDC Hub Technical Advisor under recruitment. 	Pacific NDC Hub Regional Workshop Travel of experts & Regional workshop Re-programmed for 2021	Partial
Adaptation	Partial	NAPS now in remote phase and due for submission		-
Framework for Resilient Development	Yes	All major tasks associated with Communications and Engagement Subcommittee done by committee and remotely		-
Climate Finance/Readiness	No	Recruitment underway	Travel PICs deferred	-
Pacific Climate Change Portal	Yes	Information continues to be uploaded, virtual meetings to support the Information Knowledge Management and close collaboration with IRC to manage and share information.	IKM regional meeting	-
Climate Change Negotiations (UNFCCC)	Partial	Virtual meetings, with dedicated topics to be discussed, circulation of briefing materials	Preparatory workshop	Irish Fund and IMPACT will have to re-programme funds to 2021

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Current Work Plan and Budget Commitments	Achievable	Modified Delivery	Postponed	Budget Implications
Pacific Islands Climate Change Insurance Facility (PICCIF)	Partial	Expert review team working remotely, as is team collecting loss and damage repository	Pacific Islands Climate Change Insurance Facility (PICCIF)	Partially
Irish Fund	Partial	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support for in-country systems for NMSs affected by TC Harold • Support for CESC FRDP Products 	Regional workshops	High
IMPACT	Partial	Virtual workshops	IMPACT	Partially